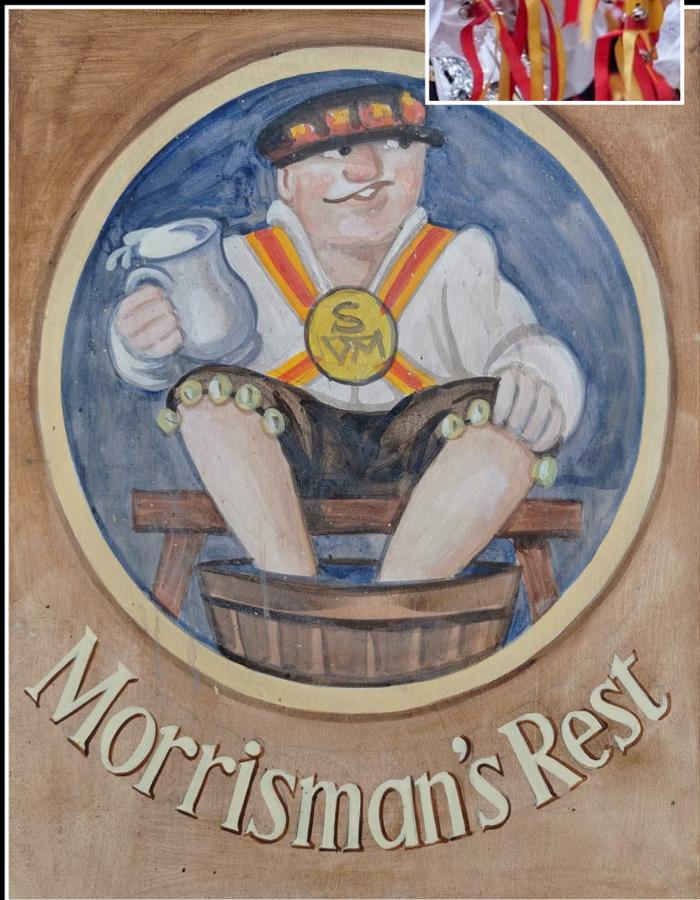


# Sompting Village



# Morris

# 2024



## Calendar of Events

### May

- Wed 1 7.00 a.m. **MAY DAY**, Shoreham Town, BN43 5DQ  
and afterwards in Shoreham Town centre
- Mon 6 10.30am **MAY Procession**, Tarring High Street, Worthing,  
and at the Vine, Tarring, BN14 7NN
- Wed 8 7.30 pm The Beach Green Hotel, Lancing, BN15 8AU
- Wed 15 7.30 pm The Spur, Slindon, BN18 0NE
- Wed 22 7.30 pm The Frankland Arms, Washington, RH20 4AL
- Wed 29 8.00 pm The Crown & Anchor, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5DD

### June

- Wed 5 8.00 pm The Fox Inn, Felpham, Bognor Regis, PO22 7EH
- Sat 8 **WORTHING DAY OF DANCE**  
Worthing Town Centre, BN11 3PX
- Wed 12 8.00 pm The Five Bells, Smock Alley, West Chiltington, RH20 2QX
- Wed 19 8.00pm The Henty Arms, Ferring, BN12 6QY  
with guests, the Berlin Köpenick folk dance group
- Thur 20 7.00 pm **SUMMER SOLSTICE**  
The Spotted Cow, Angmering, BN16 4AW, then onto  
Highdown Hill, Worthing, BN13 3UG (National Trust)
- Wed 26 7.30 pm The Stanley Ale House, Lancing, BN15 9AY
- Sat 29 8.00 pm 'Midsummer Revels' The John Selden, Worthing, BN13 2EN

### July

- Wed 3 8.00 pm The Murrell Arms, Barnham, PO22 0AS
- Wed 10 8.00 pm The Fox Inn, Patching, BN13 3UJ
- Wed 17 8.00 pm The Wilkes Head, Eastergate, PO20 3UT
- Wed 24 8.00 pm The World's End, Patching, BN13 3UQ
- Wed 31 8.00pm The Kings Head, Upper Beeding, Steyning, BN44 3HZ

### August

- Wed 7 8.00 pm The Richard Cobden, Worthing, BN11 4BD
- Wed 14 8.00 pm Ye Olde House at Home, Worthing, BN14 9AD
- Wed 21 7.30 pm The Kings Arms, Arundel, BN18 9DN (Arundel Festival)
- Wed 28 7.30 pm The Crabtree Inn, Lancing, BN15 9NQ

### September

- Wed 4 7.30 pm The John Selden, Worthing, BN13 2EN
- Sat 14 11 a.m. **FINDON SHEEP FAIR**, Nepcote Green, BN14 0SD

### October

- Sat 12 Noon **CONKER FESTIVAL**, Henty Arms, Ferring, BN12 6QY

### December

- Thur 26 11.30 am The Black Horse Inn, Findon, BN14 0SX
- Thur 26 1.30 pm The George, Burpham, BN18 9RR

### January 2025

- Wed 1 noon The Richard Cobden, Worthing, BN11 4BD
- Sun 5 8.00 pm **WASSAIL**, Tarring High Street, Worthing, BN14 7NN  
and at The Vine, Tarring, BN14 7NN

Please note that our performances may be rearranged or cancelled at short notice, due to unforeseen circumstances. It is recommended that you regularly check the SVM Website and our Facebook page for up-to-date information.

# Sompting Village Morris

Sompting Village Morris comprises both a men's and a women's dance team. The side began dancing in 1978, and we perform traditional English Morris dances from the Cotswolds, North-West, Sussex and Border traditions. Our enthusiastic musicians accompany the dancers with old English country dance tunes.

The group dances out during the summer between May and September at Sussex pubs, together with appearances at local community events, fetes and at folk music celebrations both home and abroad. In the past, the side has accepted invitations to dance at a variety of European dance festivals, including appearances in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Greece.

Sompting Village Morris dancers like to keep the old traditions alive, and our annual festivities include the Wassail Torchlight procession on 5 January in Tarring; our early morning May Day event in Shoreham; the Summer Solstice in June at Highdown Hill, Worthing (National Trust); and the "Battle of the Conkers" in October. At Christmas and New Year the Sompting Tipteerers join us to enact the famous Sompting Mummers' Play, whose local origins have been traced back to the 1800s.

Sompting Village Morris recruits new members every year in the autumn, and the group welcomes both dancers and musicians, including those with experience or without. Please check our website for details of recruitment evenings or "taster" sessions.

If you are interested in joining us, please talk to a member of the team, or email the 'Bag' (secretary)

**bag@somptingvillagemorris.org.uk.**

Check out our Website

**www.somptingvillagemorris.org.uk**

Or our Facebook page

**www.facebook.com/somptingvillagemorris**

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