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- M = Men's side; W = Women's side; Mx = Mixed side;
- Jt = Joint side (separate male & female sides
- days of the week = M, Tu, W, Th, F, S, Su (notes
- year side was founded.
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From the Editors

On April 14, 1934 the Morris Ring was instituted at the tenth annual feast of the Cambridge Morris Men. Saturday October 20th, 1934 marked the formal inauguration of the Ring at the Cecil Sharp House in London. The original clubs were 13 in number, including Cambridge, Chelmsford, Clifton, Lads of Southwark, Letchworth, Liverpool, Greensleeves, Bovingdon, Oxford, St. Albans, East Surrey, Thaxted, and Wargrave. Alec Hunter was elected the Ring's first squire. Fifty years have followed and much of the current explosion of interest in morris is a direct result of the Ring's efforts. AMN wishes all the best as the Ring celebrates its golden jubilee.

The Editors want to thank all the teams who responded to our mailing of team data sheets. Processing all of that information and reorganizing our production process on a word processing system took extra time, but we are happy with the outcome. The Summer issue will also be coming out somewhat later than usual due to the participation of all three editors in the English tour by the Minnesota Traditional Morris. A fine summer of dance to all our readers!

Happy Anniversary Wishes in 1984:

50 years -- The Morris Ring
20 years -- Finwoods Morris Men
10 years -- Greenwich Morris Men (NY)
Hollytree Morris (Victoria, B.C.)
Marboro Morris and Sword (VY)
Minnesota Traditional Morris (MN)
Ring O' Bells (NY)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Bloomington Quarry Morris: The 1984 Widweat Morris Ale is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-28, in the Quarry District, Bloomington, Indiana. It proffers to be a bonnie good gathering. The Quarry Morris men and women plan a
weekend that plans to live up to, if not surpass, the fests staged by Hadison and Ann Arbor, including indoor buses, five (count 'em) catered meals, and music from some of the best dance musicians to be found. An additional feature will be a specially brewed ale, made by some of Bloomington's top brewers.

As Bloomington is situated a fair bit further south than previous fests, we hope to offer warmer and drier weather for the weekend. Good weather or no, though, we all look forward to this gathering of Morris dancers to see your new dances, to share news of the past and plans for the future and to renew these dear and once-a-year dancing friendships.

From dancers in need of music! Enthusiastic musician wanted to play for a spirited midwinter morris team. We are centered in Worcester, MA and we rehearse every Wednesday. Fiddle, accordion, concertina, or pipe and tabor preferred. If interested please contact Baird Martha for further details; 41 Summer St., Westborough, MA 01581. Home phone: 617/366-0225. Work phone: 617/276-4137.

From England, two important publications:

Morris and Matachin, A Study in Comparative Choreography by John Forrest, published by Sheffield University. "Precisely reasoned and closely documented, this presents the case that Cotswold morris and certain North American Indian dances had a common origin in the 16th century courtly dancing fed known as 'matachin.' John Forrest makes his case plain with use of a model for comparing dances on a point-by-point basis." The book is available for $2.50 plus 60p postage and handling addressed to: The Publications Secretary, Centre for English Cultural Tradition and Language, The University, Sheffield S10 2TN.

An Index to Cecil J. Sharp, "The Morris Book" (5 vols. 1911-1925). By E.C. Page. This index is also available from the Centre at Sheffield University for $1.50 plus postage and handling.

Letter to the Editors

In response to Arthur Knovles' in The Bag article in Vol. VII No. 6 of the AHN, I humbly offer the words of the bandito in the classic film "Treasure of the Sierra Madre": 'Badges?! Badges?! We don't need no stinking badges!'

Jim Conroy
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TEAM NEWS

Bloomington Quarry Morris (Bloomington, IN)

Amy Novick is serving her second term as Squire and she's a good one in spite of her soft voice. We are a small team that practices Sunday evenings. This year we picked up longwords and learned a routine, but didn't get a summer's play put together until too late. The lure of the MWM Sword Dance Ale in the North last January just didn't work, even for a former Minnesotan. Rehearsals are in full swing as we are plans for the Ale. We have two very promising new dancers this season, having lost noted Halladear Don Togo to a chemistry lab in Switzerland. So we remain one ahead and are hoping to learn a new tradition to prepend at the Midwest Ale.

Mary Beth Rokka, 118 1/2 East 6th St, #3, Bloomington, IN 47401

Bouwerie Boys Morris Dancers (New York, NY)

Bouwerie Boys Morris Dancers is perhaps unique in that it has a complete log of the team from the first organizational meeting in 1979 to the present day, including precise and often very funny descriptive information not only of every tour but of most practices as well. This document is bound in leather and updated by computer entry at regularly prescribed intervals throughout the year.

We meet at McFarley's Pub, East Seventh between Second and Third Avenues at 7:00 p.m. With practice around the corner beginning every Monday eve at 8:00 p.m. We practice from mid-September through early April (no Sundays accepted) and dance out from April through June, taking most of July and August off due to heat. In spring 1985 the team journeys to England following the path blazed by Pimewoods' New Eng-landers in 1973, New Cambridge in 1975, Binghamton in 1978, and countless others since.

If any of you guys are in town, you are welcome to come meet us and share our practice.

Cheers!

John Troite, 250 Elizabeth Street, New York, NY 10012

Bread and Roses Morris (Toronto, Canada)

We are a Toronto women's team. We've been together as a team for two years and several of us have been members of other Toronto and Guelph teams. Our main traditions are Headington and Bampton, but we have been working on Sher-bourne this winter and hope to be able to dance it out this...
spring. We'll dance out spring and summer and practise all fall and winter. Anyone in the Toronto area for a visit is welcome to join us and we welcome new members. Contacts are Eileen Markwick (416) 488-8129 and Alison Hilliboll, Foreman, (416) 535-2248.

Eileen Markwick, 119 Sherwood Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4P3A4

Greenwood Morris (East Lansing, MI)

Greenwood Morris was founded around 1979 by Amy Brewer from Connecticut. She has since left, but the side has continued. We practice on Wednesday evenings at Michigan State University, or outside on campus during the summer. We are a mixed side dancing Headington, Hedington and Hampton, and have recently added Upton-Upon-Severn to our repertoire. We currently have eight dancers, two of whom joined the side in January 1994, We have two musicians who both play fiddle, and also one of the dancers plays concertina. The musicians cannot always make it to practices, and so we have a portable tape recorder complete with dinner switch which serves as an adequate substitute. One of the dancers and one of the musicians is English imports, but otherwise the side is all-American. Kit in white shirt and pants, green vest, brown and green armbands, brown derby hat, when available, and a Greenwood Morris scarf. The pants are soon to be transformed into knickers and worn with brown socks.

We have frequently astonished the East Lansing public at shopping malls, schools, art fairs, and music festivals, and this Hay Day we are planning to initiate a traditional June dance. We are going to be attending some ales during the summer and hope to get to meet many other sides.

Teri Spevak and Dennis Burck, 4807 Leland Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 (517) 651-2045

Ha'penny Morris (Boston, MA)

Despite a recent news headline, the Ha'penny is not obsolete, but alive and dancing in new practice digs in Belmont. Lots of touring is planned for spring and early summer with our favorite guest teams, and plans continue for the third annual Ph'once, a must on the women's Morris calendar. For the uninitiated, the Ph'once has become a tradition of just three years of women teams dancing, drinking, singing, swimming, etc.—as "female," as one was put it, this year's event is in July somewhere in western Massachusetts.

Team goals this year are certainly lofty, but within reach: higher cappers, rounder rounds, and all of Fieldtown, not to mention Oxburgh and a resurrected obligatory dance of
Two. Three new members (former Spruce Hill, Heart of Oak, and Burundy Belles) have joined the ranks. Personnel changes include Robin Kynoch as Squire, Meg Ryan as Foreman. Eternal thanks go to Martha Roberto and Barbara Canam as former co-Squires, and Jan Arabas, as former Foreman. Gaan Thomas continues as Bag, and Susan Moriarty as Scribe.

Robin Kynoch, 300 Grove Street, Framingham, MA 01701

New Haven Morris and Sword (New Haven, CT)

New Haven Morris and Sword (NHMAS) has been busy plugging away at our busy schedule. We've been dancing year-around for the last few years, closing down only for holidays, when our practice space is locked up. Working with new team members on Cotswold morris has been number one priority these last few months, but now we've split our Wednesday practice to include teaching rapper sword basics (and review) for those who will. Since this leaves little time for the more advanced team members to work in performance sets, advanced rapper folks have started meeting on Tuesdays. Locally, we've been increasing the number of traditional events for our traditions: friends of Lighthouse Park Festival, Yale Day Care benefit, State Street Apple Festival, Oktoberfest, and St. Patrick's Day Parade (?). Another blessing of the last year was finding a pub-owner/chef who was very excited to have us around Bungalow's, since his old pub in London was frequented by morris teams. (Maggie's closed over a year ago and some of us were getting a bit thirsty.)

Major away-events of last year were, of course, NEFFA, the Mixxed Team Ale in Woods Hole (where it DIDN'T rain), the Five Day Wonder with the wonderful Hearts of Oak, and the Greenwich Guard First Annual Beer Tasting (tie). We thank all those teams we've danced with, especially those hosting us away from home. We are trying to get our act together to host teams in New Haven this upcoming season. (Some of us think it's time to get rid of all female lawyers, so mayday dancers are welcome to ramp-off and see us sometime—perhaps for the Second Annual Mixxed Morris Ale on Memorial Day Weekend.

Gary B. Johnson, 31 Arden Street, New Haven, CT 06512

Putney Morris Men (Putney, VT)

The PMM are doing well. We have a couple of new men and are working on a secret weapon of a dance to be unveiled at selected locations in the month of May. We will report on it later. Our big news of the winter was sending a dancer to the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo (didn't anyone tell you that morris dancing has become an Olympic sport?). Actually, Condie went to cheer for his son Willie Conde who placed twentieth in the biathlon (skiing and marksmanship). Test readers scoot at this achievement, this was higher than any.
American has ever placed in that European-dominated sport.

Spring dates include: Mayday dawn at Putney Town Hall, May 12 or 13 the Sheep and Wool Festival (in New Boston, NH, with the Harrisville women's team), May 19 or 20 the Annual Connecticut River Valley tour (Molasses Falls, Westminster, Dummerston, VT), and, finally, attendance at the Marlboro Ale on May 26-28.

Bred Brunig, RD 1, Box 40, Putney, VT 05346

Rock Creek Morris Women (Washington, D.C.)

Rock Creek is surviving well in the metropolitan area, sometimes with more dancers wanting to play music than to dance at a Tuesday practice! Most of the first Tuesday of the month is given to singing and sharing tunes. We have been dancing Headington, Adderbury, Bampton, and Brackley, and are currently delving into Fieldtown.

To celebrate the cherry blossoms, which decided to bloom during National Library Week, we toured regional libraries in Maryland this April. We are planning our first Ale, the Quail Ale, on June 16th and 17th. It will be held at Quail Hill Farm, Brinklow, Maryland, and we will be dancing at schools, farms, and vineyards in the general area. We will be inviting our nearer "southern neighbors."

Dancers and musicians are always welcome to join our team. Folks from other teams (female or male) are also welcome to drop in on us when they are in the area.


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Last year we had the thrill of being invited to dance at the Marlboro Morris Ale in Vermont. We've found that we really enjoy dancing with and meeting other teams, and we hope to do a bit more of that this season (notably with Pokingbrook Team, whom we met at a Fieldtown workshop last month). Also...
Hello to all! Spring is around the corner in our fair but mainly corrupt city and it's time to hit the streets. Unless the city has found a way to tax street performers. A law was passed that any person performing in public must purchase licenses at ten bucks a head. That takes a big bite out of our beer purchasing power. If we do not comply, there's a $25 fine, which means even less beer. What's a Morris dancer to do?

We have worked hard all winter in preparation for the Midwinter Festival. Yes, that's right. We are excited, but also sorry we will be missing the Midwest Ale. To everyone attending—have fun, please do a jig, and guzzling some ale for us.

Two new members are on our team! Three cheers for Karen Schachtschneider, recently moved here from Milwaukee, and Laurie Gipe. They still haven't figured out why, but neither have most of us.

Some changes have been made as a result of Leslie Roberts stepping down from our Squire post. Thank you for Leslie for keeping things together last year and a half. Stepping up to fill those big shoes of hers is myself, Terry Wachtuch. Our tagperson is Teresa Savino, since she claimed to have balanced her checkbook once.

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The Woods Hole Morris is not at work preparing for the second annual mixed morris ale, memorial day weekend. In Woods Hole. In addition APEPA comes but once a year and our Fieldtown is miraculously coming into shape for it. We're hoping to debut as new dance by foreman Dally Ferguson to Martin Carthy's *Devil and the Feathery Wife,* but right at the moment, the various rouses of *The Rose* are challenging our slow galley.

Woods Hole, a scientific research village with two or three major labs in it, suffers the vagaries of federal funding and med student and post-doc life. Our membership reflects these fluctuations to such an extent that discussions of limiting traditions seem like a luxury. Our situation is self-limiting, in response, the foreman periodically
goes searching for the light at the end of the tunnel. This year’s search led her across the northern midwest. Visits with morris dancers in Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Chicago, Madison, and Minneapolis betrayed the truth about the tunnel. Even in the big cities there isn’t a lot of light, but when it shines, its warmth reaches to one’s very core.

Oats for the hoss, ale for the men!

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