

Morris Federation AGM weekend, 21st – 23rd September 2018

New Esperance Morris has secured the use of Cecil Sharp House in Camden Town for the whole weekend. We would like to run a 'Festival of Morris', rather than holding a single day of dance.

The EFDSS has agreed to 'indoor camping' in Cecil Sharp House for a number of people. We would appreciate an early estimate of how many people will need to take advantage of this arrangement, as we are aware that some people have friends and family in London who they would prefer to visit.

We would advise against bringing cars into London. There is some free street parking over the weekend, but Parkopedia suggests that you might have a 20 to 30 minute walk. Saturday tours will use public transport, and will be within zones 1 – 3, for which the daily price cap is currently £7.70.

We would like your help to decide on which of our many ideas we should pursue. Here is an outline timetable for the weekend, with several alternatives. Which ones interest you and your side?

Friday

- As this will be the third Friday in the month, there will be the regular 'Knees Up' ceilidh on the Friday night. We don't yet know who the band and caller will be, but this is a popular public series with a vibrant atmosphere. We have negotiated reduced-price admission of £8.00.
- Music session in the bar.

Saturday

- Daytime dancing. Each tour will visit an area of London, (e.g. Hampstead, Marylebone, London Bridge, Docklands), include one or more popular tourist venues, some proper local pubs, and possibly a food market for buy-your-own lunch. Tours which include sword dance teams or other 'indoor dancers' will include some pubs with wooden floors.
- AGM in Cecil Sharp House
- Food (centrally arranged or self-sourced?)
- Some or many of the following -
 - Another ceilidh
 - A 'Library lecture' on some aspect of morris history
 - A presentation on e.g. costume
 - A discussion on a contemporary topic, e.g. the public image of morris
 - A workshop on e.g. writing new dances into existing traditions
 - Music session
 - Song session
 - Cards and Board games

Sunday

- Breakfast
- Some or many of the following -
 - Taster session – e.g. rapper for those who want to try it
 - Experienced workshop – e.g. a specific Cotswold tradition, or a "swap shop" of techniques
 - Musician's workshop, e.g. tips on playing for dancing
 - Fools and Animals – ideas exchange
 - Dancing at a local pub

Please use the form below to help us plan, or contact Diane directly.
We're not asking for definite numbers, but a vague idea would be good!

We would also be interested in any other suggestions or (helpful!) comments.

Could you volunteer a workshop leader?

Name of side:

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Email address of bag:

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Number likely to attend

on Saturday only (approx.): for whole weekend (approx.):.....

Number interested in indoor camping at C#H

on Friday 21st: on Saturday 22nd:.....

We like the sound of:

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More ideas / comments / suggestions:

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