

The Morris Ring in the North West, on behalf of the Joint Morris Organisations, welcomes you to

# CHESTER

on **SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023** for the

# DEVA DAY OF DANCE

*The Joint Morris Organisations' North West Area Day of Morris Dance*

## **JOINING INSTRUCTIONS PART THE SECOND**

This is the concluding set of joining instructions for the Deva Day of Dance, which is one of a series of regionally-focused events marking twenty years of co-operative endeavour by the Joint Morris Organisations: the Morris Ring, the Morris Federation and Open Morris.

As well as an updated and heavily revised schedule, you'll find more information about the content of the day, possible refreshment opportunities and whatever else we thought might entertain, astonish or reassure.

Note that there have been a number of changes since we issued the first set of instructions, such as this:

Please register at the **Commercial Hotel** ([///scarf.likely.dice](http://scarf.likely.dice); CH1 2HG) **from 09.00**; here you can get changed, leave belongings, collect maps and buy badges.

Assemble\* in **Town Hall Square** ([///robots.mild.fired](http://robots.mild.fired); CH1 2HJ) **by 09.40**.

Eddie Worrall, Saddleworth Morris Men & Past Squire of the Morris Ring, will introduce Cllr Susan Little, Lord Mayor of Chester. The Lord Mayor will welcome the dancers and say a little about her Charitable Appeal which our street collection is supporting.

\*representatives or the whole side – as you prefer.

Saddleworth Morris Men will perform following the Lord Mayor's welcome. Thereafter the visiting sides will disperse to their designated performance venues; the first displays will start around **10.20**.

***In extremis, phone 07708 221 905.***

### **GETTING HERE EXTRA**

*By rail to Chester Station, then...*

#### **TAXI**

- Taxi rank is immediately outside main station exit.
- Ask t'cabbie for **Chester Register Office** ([///learn.caring.proven](http://learn.caring.proven); Goss St, off Hamilton Place, CH1 2BG). This places you within a stone's throw of the Commercial Hotel.
- On alighting, Walk away from the Register Office along the short roadway immediately ahead (small pay/display car park on left, rear of Sainsbury Local to right).
- At the road end turn right, then left, to enter Commercial Hotel. DevaDoD HQ is down a short corridor on your right.
- The fare for a cabful (5, 6 or 8 seats depending on vehicle) should be around a tenner, so this might be a cost effective way of speeding up your journey into the city centre.

### **EARLY RISERS' FOOD & DRINK**

The map will give you an idea of possible early eateries. Close by is Cafe Gate, which serves breakfasts from 7.30, but limited seating makes this venue unsuitable for a whole morris side. The Storyhouse Kitchen should be open for a dainty breakfast from 8.00 and is fairly capacious, as is (most certainly) Wetherspoon's Bull and Stirrup on George Street (open 7am). Chester's new Market Hall offers a variety of eating opportunities, but most of the food stalls don't get underway before 11am. If you're travelling via the Bus Exchange at Gorse Stacks, Arista Coffee opens at 7am for beverages and snacks. Other coffee shops and the like abound on Northgate Street and the surrounding thoroughfares.

### **LUNCHTIME O'BOOZE**

Plenty of options, including outlets unhealthily close to all dance locations (other than poor old Addleshaw Bell Tower). See map.

### **KNIFE-AND-FORK JOB**

As above. The Cathedral Refectory serves good value fare, though seats just 90 and is very popular. All the (busy) pubs in the locality will be open by noon for meals. Chester Market food stalls should also be in full swing, as will the countless cafes, fast fooderies and speciality outlets in the locality.

### **PERFORMANCES**

- Your first performance should begin at **10.20**.
- You'll usually be with one other side, occasionally two, so expect to do two or three dances at each location. At those locations where you're performing alone (not many), you can do more. You have about 25 minutes to fill at each spot, but play it by ear.
- Move promptly to the next location; the map and the *What3Words* app will keep you on track.
- Always keep passageways and pedestrian pathways clear.
- **THE SAFETY OF YOUR BELONGINGS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** Don't rely on the marshal – s/he has other duties on which to concentrate.
- Marshals are responsible for organising the street collection and will greatly appreciate help with this.
- **DON'T BLOCK PATHWAYS.**
- **DON'T STAND BETWEEN THE AUDIENCE AND THE DANCERS.**
- The marshal will keep a friendly eye on proceedings and his/her directions should be acted upon promptly and cheerfully, but otherwise please proceed as you would on a conventional dance-out, with the same close attention to good humour, exemplary dancing and great audience rapport.
- If you encounter a problem (inc. personal injury), consult the marshal; s/he can seek assistance from the event organisers.
- We've tried to minimise how far you have to walk between locations- most are just a short stroll apart. Once your side has completed its dancing quota, get on the move – your fellow dancers won't mind if you drift away. This will give you more time to cover the ground or (fingers crossed) pause to grab a quick drink on the way round.

### **FINALLY...**

- Return to Exchange Square by 15.30 for an informal farewell gathering.
- Simon Newman (Earlsdon Morris Men & Immediate Past Squire of the Morris Ring) will oversee performances by any side with sufficient energy remaining.
- The event ends by 16.00. Collect any belongings from the Commercial Hotel.
- Have a safe journey home – thank you for taking part.

### **DAVE & TONY**

### **THANKS TO...**

David Barker and colleagues (Cheshire West and Chester Council), Jason Davitt and staff (The Commercial Hotel), Isabel Robertson (Chester Visitor Information Centre), Stuart Robinson (Photography) & the management and staff of Chester's pubs, cafes, shops and transport services, to name but a few.

# Deva Day of Dance CHESTER 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023: side and location schedules v.0915 E&OE

<i>By SIDE</i>	10.20-10.45	11.00-11.25	11.40-12.05
<b>Adlington Morris Men</b>	Gorse Stacks	Exchange Square	Commercial Hotel
<b>Chester City Morris Men</b>			
<b>Earlsdon Morris Men</b>		[Town Hall Square]	Town Hall Square
<b>Earl of Stamford Morris</b>	Commercial Hotel	Bridge Street	Eastgate Street
<b>Green Man Morris</b>	Bridge Street	Eastgate Street	Addleshaw Bell Tower
<b>Malkin Morris</b>	Exchange Square	Gorse Stacks	Eastgate Street
<b>Manchester Morris</b>	Town Hall Square	Exchange Square	Gorse Stacks
<b>Mersey Morris</b>	Eastgate Street	Addleshaw Bell Tower	Gorse Stacks
<b>Milltown Cloggies</b>	Commercial Hotel	Town Hall Square	Exchange Square
<b>Newburgh Morris</b>	Bridge Street	Commercial Hotel	Town Hall Square
<b>Rivington Morris</b>	Eastgate Street	Bridge Street	Commercial Hotel
<b>Saddleworth Morris Men</b>	Town Hall Square	Eastgate Street	Bridge Street
<b>Southport Swords</b>	Exchange Square	Commercial Hotel	Bridge Street
<b>Waters Green Morris</b>	Gorse Stacks	Exchange Square	Commercial Hotel

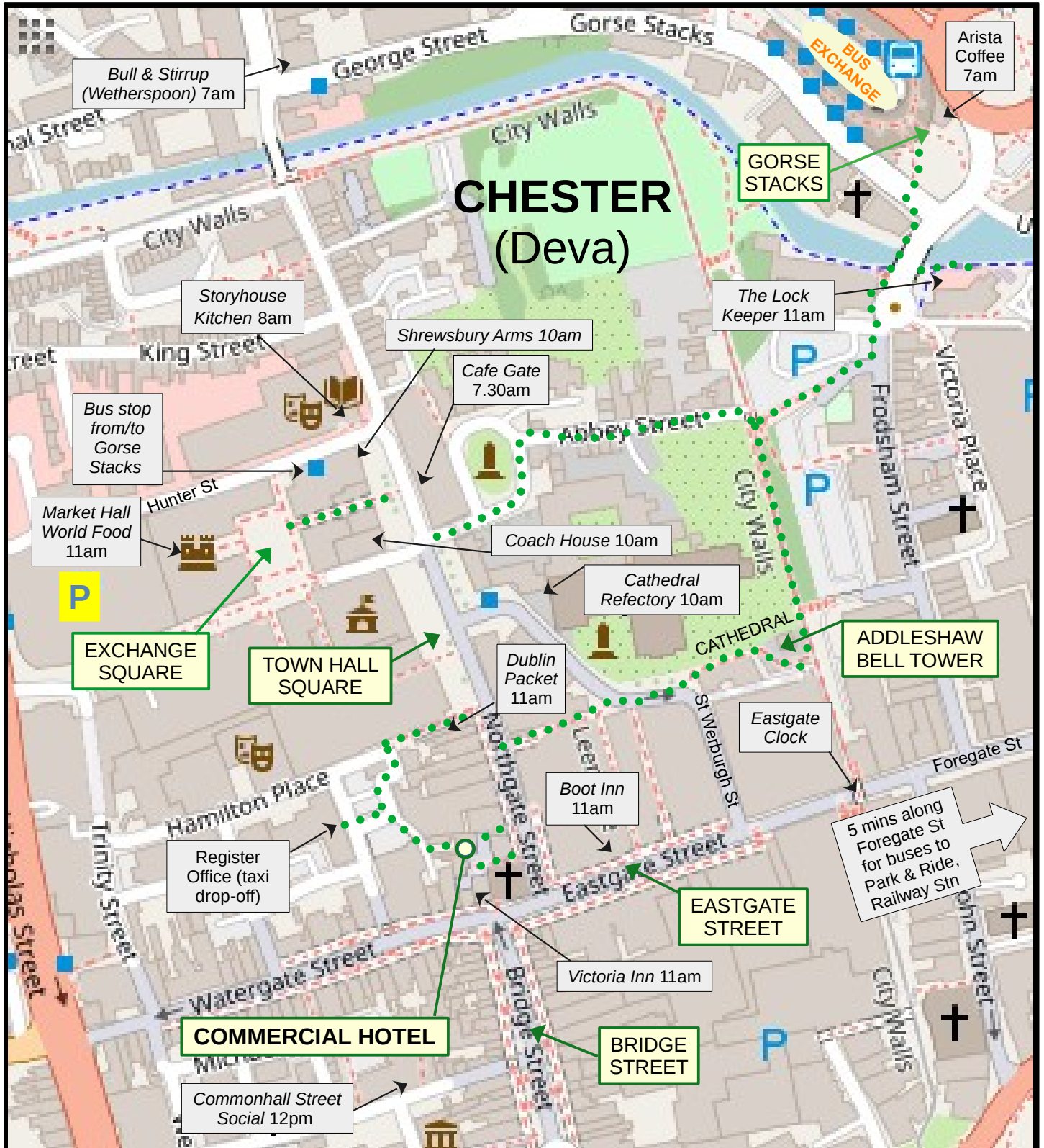
13.30-13.55	14.10-14.35	14.50-15.15
Bridge Street	Eastgate Street	Addleshaw Bell Tower
Commercial Hotel	Commercial Hotel	Eastgate Street
Town Hall Square	Bridge Street	Exchange Square
Addleshaw Bell Tower	Gorse Stacks	Town Hall Square
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<i>By LOCATION</i>	10.20-10.45	11.00-11.25	11.40-12.05
<b>Exchange Square</b> ///bars.tiny.atom 53.192068,-2.893471	Malkin Morris Southport Swords	Adlington Morris Men Manchester Morris Waters Green Morris	Milltown Cloggies
<b>Town Hall Square</b> ///robots.mild.fired 53.191745,-2.892256	Manchester Morris Saddleworth Morris Men	Earlsdon Morris Men Milltown Cloggies	Earlsdon Morris Men Newburgh Morris
<b>Commercial Hotel</b> ///scarf.likely.dice 53.190559,-2.891806	Earl of Stamford Morris Milltown Cloggies	Newburgh Morris Southport Swords	Adlington Morris Men Rivington Morris Waters Green Morris
<b>Bridge Street</b> ///bets.form.dips 53.189697,-2.891356	Green Man Morris Newburgh Morris	Earl of Stamford Morris Rivington Morris	Saddleworth Morris Men Southport Swords
<b>Eastgate Street</b> ///given.match.relax 53.190532,-2.890546	Mersey Morris Rivington Morris	Green Man Morris Saddleworth Morris Men	Earl of Stamford Morris Malkin Morris
<b>Addleshaw Bell Tower</b> //firmly.veal.jets 53.191529,-2.889286		Mersey Morris	Green Man Morris
<b>Gorse Stacks</b> ///prove.goats.bride 53.194036,-2.888206	Adlington Morris Men Waters Green Morris	Malkin Morris	Manchester Morris Mersey Morris

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# Deva Day of Dance CHESTER Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

## The Joint Morris Organisations Twentieth Anniversary



- Commercial Hotel for registration, changing, left luggage & badges FROM 09.00.
- Town Hall Square for Lord Mayor's welcome (for those that will) ASSEMBLE BY 09.40.
- Useful pedestrian routes/short cuts in heavy dots thus ●●●●●●●●
- Performance venues in UPPER CASE.
- Notable places (inc. opening times) in lower case. *Inclusion implies no endorsement.*
- Many fine pubs, bars and eating places close by.

**Bus 200** free Bus Exchange Stand J. > Hunter St 4 mins (for Town Hall) 0930 then 49, 04, 19 until 1600.

**Bus 200** free Hunter Street > Bus Exchange 5 mins (for Gorse Stacks) 0938, then 53, 08, 23, 38 until 1608.

City-Rail **Bus 40** £2 Rail Stn > Foregate St 7 mins via Bus Exchange 0900 then 15, 30, 45, 00 until 1700.

City-Rail **Bus 40** £2 Foregate St > Rail Stn 8 mins via Bus Exchange Stand C. 0907 then 22, 37, 52, 07 until 1707