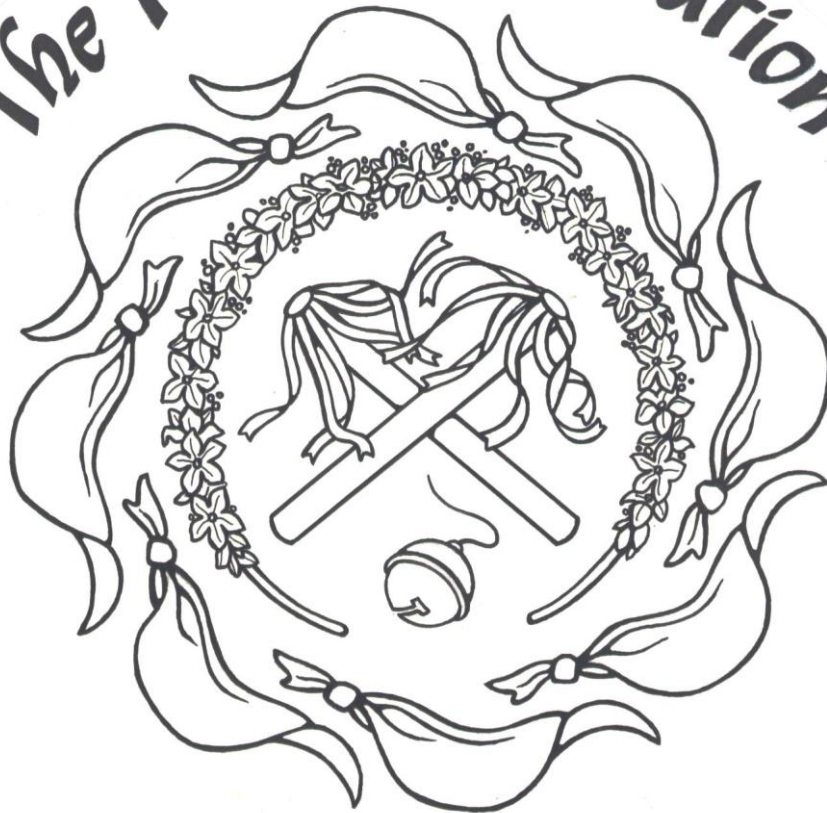


*The Morris Federation*



**NEWSLETTER**

*Autumn 1985*

Welcome to the Autumn M.F. Newsletter. Any contributions for the next edition, or any comments on the Newsletters generally, are always most welcome.

Four of the five Days of Dance celebrating our 10th Anniversary have now taken place (the latest two, hosted by Chester Ladies and Somerset Maids are reported on later in this Newsletter) and there's not long now till the A.G.M. in Bradford. It's all set to be a great weekend, organised by Persephone - Bradford Women's Morris.

While you're at Bradford, don't forget to have a look through the M.F. scrapbooks. Apart from the ones covering M.F. events, there are also the general books for our members' sides. If you want to be included, dig out some photos or newspaper cuttings or anything interesting about your side and send them to me. If you don't send stuff in, it won't get in the scrapbooks!

See you in Bradford,

Sally Wearing  
President

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Address List Amendments  
\*Annual General Meeting - Voting Sheet  
Advert for M.F. Publications

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MISCELLANYANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

No further proposals, nor any nominations, have been received since the last Newsletter was circulated. This means that the provisional list of items enclosed with that Newsletter will be that used at the meeting.

In the light of the fact that no nominations have been submitted, may I remind you all that Sue Marshall, our Publicity Officer, and Lynne Downes, our Events Officer, are definitely standing down. I would also like to take this opportunity to warn you all that, since the Summer Newsletter was issued, I have discovered that I am expecting a second child early next year. I am prepared to stand again, but on the strict understanding that any small oversights, slow responses etc. are accepted with good grace by the membership, and that if things come to the crunch, it will be my children that come first! However, if there is anyone who would like to try their hand at the job, I would be more than happy to give them all the support I could. In the meantime, let's have some nominations - even if they are for the current incumbents. Anyone standing for office might like to know that a weekend has been set aside for a Committee Meeting of all outgoing and incoming Officers. This is the weekend of 12th/13th October. If you are prepared to stand for office, but would be unable to make the meeting, please do not let it worry you - other arrangements could be made for you to be initiated into the job.

We have also had no hint of an offer to host the 1986 Weekend, except possibly in Yorkshire once again! There must be sides in the South or in the Midlands who would be more than capable of taking this on. Let's hear from you.

+ + + NOTICE BOARD + + +

LIFTS TO BRADFORD

Somerset Maids have about 5 spare places in their minibus going to Bradford for the A.G.M. Weekend.

They will be leaving from Bristol Temple Meads Station at lunchtime

on the Friday. Anyone who would like a lift with them, sharing petrol and insurance costs, should ring Barbara Butler on Keynsham 5212 as soon as possible.

TRADITIONAL DANCE: VOLUME THREE

This volume contains a transcript of the proceedings of the Third Traditional Dance Conference, held in 1983. It costs £3.50 + 35p postage and can be obtained from:

Theresa Buckland 2 Carisbrooke Close, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 8JD. (Tel: Crewe (0270) 663041)

Cheques and P.O.s should be made payable to 'Traditional Dance'.

Volumes One and Two are still available, also at £3.50 + 35p postage, from the same address.

EVENTS

Lynne Downes

The 10th Anniversary Days of Dance have nearly all been held by now. The first ones were in May, hosted by Phoenix Morris and Mad Jacks Morris, a good time being had by all.

All the Days seem to have been very successful and enjoyable. We would like to keep a record of the Days for the Federation scrapbook, so please send in anything of interest - copies of newspaper cuttings and photographs etc. Thank you to all the host sides and good luck to New Esperance for their Day of Dance at the end of August.

I look forward to hearing from you.

NORTHERN DAY OF DANCE - Lynne Downes, Events Officer

On the 6th July, Chester Ladies hosted a Day of Dance attended by Crown Bank Jenny, Westmorland Step and Garland Dancers, Conwy Morris and Argarmeles Clog Team. The weather stayed fine and everyone seemed to enjoy the dancing and the trip up the river for their barbecue lunch.

WESTERN DAY OF DANCE - Sally Wearing, President

Longleat was the impressive setting for both the start and finish of the fourth 1985 M.F. Day of Dance, held on July 13th. The day had been organised by Somerset Maids Morris and was attended by a good turnout of sides: Red Petticoats, Mummer's Pride Rapper, Queen Emma's Morris, Liddington Hall, Glory of the West, Royal Manor Morris, Whiteladies and Green Garters.

The day started, hot and sunny, with two dance displays at Longleat. Then we all (except those who were late or who couldn't make it at the last minute) set off on coaches for the tours of local villages and towns. I had the good fortune to go out with Queen Emma's and Mummer's Pride, who must get fed up with people saying, "I've never seen a women's Rapper side before"! Now that I've seen my first female Rapper team, I'm very impressed and I'm still trying to work out why there aren't more of them.

After a relaxed tour round a few pubs in the sunshine, we all met up again at Longleat for a massed stand outside the front of the house. Everyone had their turn to perform and four of the sides joined in a massed dance, showing that, if they are well organised, massed dances can work, especially as the audience all seemed to enjoy watching it.

We may not have managed to see the lions (we had to make do with distant views of camels) but I and Sue Swift enjoyed our day out at Longleat and it was obvious that all the sides did as well. Many thanks to Somerset Maids for organising the day and for taking us to such a splendid site for dancing.

1985 A.G.M. WEEKEND

The A.G.M. Weekend in Bradford is getting nearer and arrangements must be finalised, so please send in your booking forms now. All bookings must be in by 1st September. Any new members wishing to attend the Weekend who have not received an invitation, please get in touch with the host side, Persephone, direct by telephone to speed things up. Their contact is:

Liz Moore The Secretary, Persephone-Bradford Women's Morris,  
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NORTH-WEST LEADERS' WEEKEND

Bookings for the weekend in October are coming in steadily. If you want to come, send in your booking form now, because as from 5th August, the event has been open to members of Open Morris and to anyone else belonging to a side which has already booked two places.

DIARYAUGUST

- 20 Old Meg - Dancing out
- 21 Betty Lupton's Ladle Laikers & Ripon City Morris Dancers - Whitby Folk Festival  
Old Mother Redcap's - Globe Inn, Linslade 7.30pm
- 24 Dublin City Morris Dancers - Dublin City Centre
- 24-26 Mayflower Morris - Towersey Folk Festival
- 25 Dublin City - Co.Dublin/Wicklow
- 26 Old Meg - Ledbury Carnival  
Mad Jacks Morris - N.S.P.C.C. Fete, The Ridge, Hastings
- 31 M.F. 10th ANNIVERSARY DAY OF DANCE hosted by New Esperance

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Old Meg - Dancing out  
Mayflower Morris - Minley, Crown and Cushion
- 7 Old Meg - Worcester City Centre  
Mad Jacks Morris - Burspins Farm Charity Open Day  
Fleur de Lys - River trip from Windsor. Guests: Minden Rose, Grand Union Rapper,  
Seven Champions & Stony Stratford
- 8 Betty Lupton's Ladle Laikers - Sowerby Bridge Rushcart  
Mayflower Morris - London Covent Garden Piazza, 12.00; St.Katherines's Dock, pm;  
Pub to be selected, evening
- 13-15 Mad Jacks Morris - Motley & Kent Korkers, Randy Wroughton, Kent
- 14-15 Windsor Morris - Seven Champions' Ale
- 17 Old Meg - Dancing out
- 20 Old Mother Redcap's - Yorkshire Chandelier Weekend at Sheffield
- 22 Mayflower Morris - Frensham, The Hollybush, 12.00
- 27-29 M.F. ANNUAL GATHERING AND A.G.M. hosted by Persephone - Bradford W.M.

OCTOBER

- 1 Old Meg - Dancing out
- 6 Mad Jacks Morris - Burspins Farm
- 12 Windsor Morris - Taeppa's Tump Ale
- 19 Windsor Morris - Rogue Ale  
Old Meg - Old Meg Ceilidh
- 26-27 M.F. NORTH-WEST LEADERS' WEEKEND, Knaresborough, N.Yorkshire

NOVEMBER

- 2 Mad Jacks Morris - Battle Bonfire

DECEMBER

- 14 Betty Lupton' Ladle Laikers - Christmas Day of Dance  
Dublin City - Christmas Charity Tour and Ale

INSURANCEPUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

We were dismayed to discover recently that our cover was not as wide-ranging as we had assumed it to be, in that cover only applied to mishaps occurring during and because of actual dancing, and not to any peripheral activities such as might be involved when catering for or accommodating people. Steps have been taken to put this right and the additional cost is relatively small. This should mean that those of you who might like to include a ceilidh as part of a morris weekend will not have to obtain a special extension to cover it specifically. Copies of the new policy wordings will be circulated to all members as soon as I have it. It should apply as from the next renewal of this policy, which is at the end of August.

GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Additions to the list of those covered, as from August 1st are as follows:-

	<u>Age 16-65</u>	<u>Under 16</u>
Betty Lupton's Ladle Laikers	24	-
Bourne Bumpers	24	2
Chip Off the Old	21	1
Holmfirth Morris	23	3
Kesteven Morris	25	-
Mad Jacks Morris	33	2
Mandrake Morris and Clog	26	4
New Esperance	18	-
Shrewsbury Lasses	18	-
Turn of the Tide	16	-
Wakefield Morris Dancers	38	2

Next chance February 1st 1985 - forms will be circulated with membership renewal

EQUIPMENT INSURANCE

Several more enquiries have been received on the subject of insurance to cover equipment, such as musical instruments, hobby-horses etc. In the past, this has been considered too complicated to organise but in the light of the increased apparent demand, it looks like the matter will have to be looked at again. It will depend on the Secretary being able to find the time to investigate it but you will be told the outcome as soon as possible. In the meantime, if anyone else is interested, or has any suggestions or comments to make on the subject, please let the Secretary know.

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