

# FIRST STEPS IN MORRIS

Sunday May 24th

The Yelde Hall

2.15-3.30 pm



PRESENTED BY

## THE MORRIS FEDERATION

Now in our 51st year, we are the UK's largest association of morris and traditional dance teams, with around 500 member teams across the country representing a diverse range of dance styles. Each team brings its own distinctive style, energy and history, showcasing the rich variety that makes up the morris tradition today.

If you've been inspired by the teams performing around the town this weekend and want to find out more, join us for our dedicated introductory workshop. No experience required.



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# The Morris Federation – Celebrating 50 Years of Dance

Following the celebration of our 50th anniversary in 2025, the Morris Federation continues to look to the future, championing and supporting morris and traditional dance. From our early beginnings in 1975, the Federation has grown into the UK's largest association of its kind with around 500 member teams across the country.

Chippenham Folk Festival is a fantastic celebration of folk culture with morris dancing at its heart. We are delighted to be part of this festival, where a number of our member teams will be performing throughout the weekend. Each team brings its own distinctive style, energy and history, showcasing the rich variety that makes up the morris tradition today.

But morris is not just something to watch—it's something to experience.

We know that trying something new can feel a little daunting, especially when it involves stepping into a dance you may never tried before. That's why we're running a dedicated beginner-friendly workshop during the festival. No experience is needed, no special kit required—just a willingness to have a go and enjoy yourself.

You'll be warmly welcomed, gently guided, and perhaps surprised at just how quickly you can pick up the steps. More importantly, you'll discover that morris dancing is as much about community, creativity and connection as it is about bells, sticks, clogs or swords.

So if you find yourself tapping your foot as you watch, take it as a sign—come and join us! You might just find a new passion, meet new friends, and become part of a vibrant and evolving tradition.

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