

Bathampton



Morris Men
2026

Bathampton Morris Men

*Dancing in Wiltshire, Somerset & Beyond
for 90 years*

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Cover photo of BMM with Dave Duncan, our first Squire, courtesy Carolyn Gilman



Morris Dancing

We would love more men to join us and keep the tradition alive. Come to our friendly practices in Winsley Church Hall on Thursday evenings, and be ready to enjoy dancing on those long summer evenings with a new purpose in your life. Morris dancing, a long-standing part of our English cultural heritage, is enjoying a revival which is not surprising because it's fun, friendly and sociable. Based around Bradford on Avon, Bathampton Morris Men dance throughout northeast Somerset and west Wiltshire in the summer, and occasionally further afield, keeping this age-old tradition alive.

Our side was founded by a Bathampton village school teacher in 1934 and we have danced continuously since then. In June 1968 we danced into the Morris Ring, an association of more than 150 Morris sides formed to encourage performance of the Morris, maintain its traditions and preserve its history. We dance in the street, on the village green, outside the pub (and inside) and we have taken the Morris all over Britain and to more than a dozen countries in Europe. We dance because we enjoy it and believe these old dances still have a place in the modern world.

Where to find us in 2026

April

St George's Day

Thursday 23/04/2026

7:30pm Nunney

Market Place BA11 4LY

8:45pm Witham Friary

The Seymour Arms, BA11 5HF

(with Bounds of Selwood)



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Dancing with Tractors

Morris has often been associated with paganism and thus has been met with attendant hostility. For followers, paganism as a theology does focus on a variety of aspects of nature but by no means does this extend into anti-christian sentiments. If demonstration of this was ever to be needed, then it can be found in Bathampton Morris Men's annual 'pilgrimage' to Horningsham Parish Church, therein to partake in the venerable service of Plough Sunday, an English tradition marking the start of the agricultural year.

The service welcomes the local farming community to the church and brings the communal plough to the church for blessing. This celebration is held on the Sunday after Epiphany in the 2nd week of January. Along with the plough and its farming attendants, the service also brings with it Bathampton Morris Men whose role includes dancing down the aisle of the church to the altar where a number of morris dances are performed.



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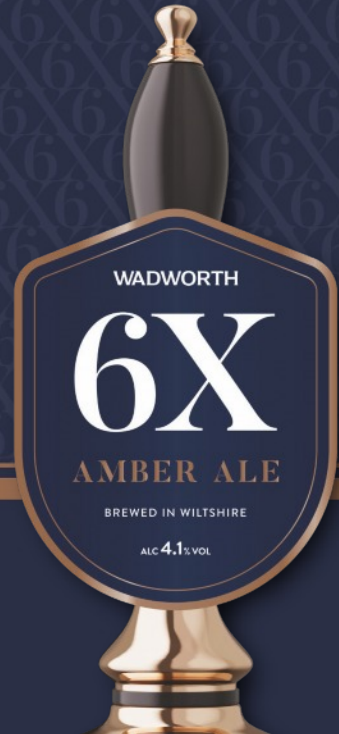
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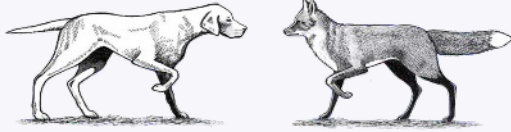


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May

May Day

Friday 01/05/2026

2:30pm Bathampton

Bathampton School BA26TQ

5pm Bath

Sydney Gardens

7:30pm Bathampton

John Nutt's Seat BA26TQ

8:30pm Bathampton

The Mill BA26TS

Thursday 07/05/2026

8pm Bath

Pulteney Weir

Morris Taster — All welcome

9:15pm Wellow

Fox & Badger BA28QG

Saturday 09/05/2026

10an ~ 2:30pm

Bradford on Avon Day of Dance

Wednesday 13/05/2026

Senior Discovery Tours

8pm Bath

Bath Royal Hotel BA11JP

Thursday 14/05/2026

7:30pm Midford

Old Midford Road BA27BZ

8:45pm Midford

Hope & Anchor BA27DD

Thursday 21/05/2026

7:30pm Corston

St Teresa's Care Home BA29AE

9pm Compton Dando

Compton Inn BS394JZ

Thursday 28/05/2026

8pm Chelynch

Poachers Pocket BA44PY

9pm Evercreech

The Bell Inn BA46HY



June

Thursday 04/6/2026

8pm Bath

Pulteney Weir

Morris Taster — All welcome

9:15pm Southstoke

The Packhorse BA2 7DU

Thursday 11/06/2026

8pm Rode

(with Mr Wilkins Shilling)

The Green BA11 6PB

9pm Faulkland

Tucker's Grave BA3 5XF

Thursday 18/06/2026

8pm Beckington

The Foresters' Arms BA11 6SS

9pm Chapmanslade

Three Horseshoes BA13 4AN

Saturday 20/06/2026

10am (All Day) Lacock

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Thursday 25/06/2026

(with Bells Angels)

8pm Northend

Seven Acres Lane BA17HE

9pm Larkhall

Bladud's Head BA16TA



July

Thursday 02/07/2026

8pm Bath

Pulteney Weir

Morris Taster — All welcome

9:15pm Saltford

The Bird in Hand BS31 3EJ

Saturday 04/07/2026

White Horse Morris 75th Anniversary

All Day

Venues in Westbury &

Warminster

Thursday 9/07/2026

Frome Festival Walking Tour

(With Bounds of Selwood)

8pm Market Place

10pm Three Swans BA11 1BH

Saturday 11/07/2026

Frome Festival

11am Dance Workshop

(with Bounds of Selwood)



Thursday 16/07/2026

Castle Combe

White Hart SN14 7HS

Performances at 8pm & 9pm

Thursday 23/07/2026

8pm Turleigh

The Street BA15 2HQ

9:30pm Ashley

The Dog & Fox BA15 1RT



August

Sunday 02/08/2026

Sidmouth

The Sea Front

(opposite Dukes)

Thursday 13/08/2025

8pm Monkton Combe

The Wheelwrights Arms BA27HB

9pm Limpley Stoke

The Hop Pole BA27FS

Thursday 20/08/2025

8pm Batcombe

The Three Horseshoes BA46HE

9pm North Brewham

The Old Red Lion BA10JL



Thursday 27/08/2025

Bradford on Avon Walking Tour

7:30pm Start at

Three Horseshoes BA151LE

10:30pm Finish at

The Plough BA151EG



Saturday 29/08/2026

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September

Wednesday 09/09/2026

Senior Discovery Tours

8:pm Bath

Bath Royal Hotel BA11JP

Saturday 12/09/2026

3pm Bathampton

Village Day

Saturday 26/09/2025

All Day

Fool's Tour

October

Thursday 01/10/2026

8pm Winsley Church Hall

First Winter Practice

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