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| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>January 12.00 p.m.                                     | <b>The Pump House</b> , The Laines  | Hair of the dog                                    |
| Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup><br>January  | <b>Chailey Heritage</b>   | With the Scouts                                    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> February<br>to 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                             | <b>Inter Varsity Folk Dance Festival</b> , Sheffield                          | Educating the next generation.                     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup><br>March                                      | <b>Folk Roots; New Routes South Bank Queen Liz Hall</b>                       | 'Cos we love Shirley.                              |
| Wednesday<br>April 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>7.30 p.m.                                  | <b>Rose Hill Tavern</b> , Rose Hill Terrace                                   | <b>St George's Day</b> , with <b>Cuckoos Nest</b>  |
| Wednesday<br>30 <sup>th</sup> April 7:30 p.m.                                     | <b>Sir Charles Napier</b> , Southover St.                                     | May Eve <b>Cuckoos Nest</b>                        |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>May 4.30 a.m.<br>6.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.<br>1.00 p.m. | May Day <b>Hollingbury Camp, Breakfast, Middle St. School Brighton Tavern</b> | May Day: Dance anywhere we can until we drop.      |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>May All day   | <b>Rochester Sweeps</b>   | Morris Men clean up in Rochester                   |
| Wednesday<br>7 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30 p.m.  | <b>The Eclipse</b> , Montgomery St. Hove                                      | Harvey's with <b>Chanctonbury Ring Clog Morris</b> |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>May 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.                            | <b>Brighton Morris Day of Dance</b> , Brighton City Centre                    | Loads of Morris teams providing colour and gaiety  |

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| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>May 8.00 pm                 | <b>The Laughing Fish</b> , Isfield                                 | With <b>Shalesbrook &amp; Cuckoos Nest</b> Ladies Teams |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>May 8.00 p.m.               | The Greys, Southover St.   | <b>With Old Star Morris</b>                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> June                  | <b>Armaleggan Oxfordshire</b>                                      | Great bunch   |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup><br>June 12.00 noon             | <b>Kemp Town Carnival</b>  | Taking part in the rich tapestry that is Brighton       |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>June 8.00 p.m.              | <b>The Bugle</b> , St. Martin's St.                                | A musical Pub   |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>June 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon    | <b>St. Dunstan's &amp; Ovingdean Village Hall</b>                  | Down the posh end of Brighton                           |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup><br>June 8.00 p.m.<br>9.00 p.m. | <b>The Bell, Belfast St. Forager</b> , Stirling Place Hove         | To prove Hove is part of Brighton, actually             |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>June 3.00 p.m.                | St Peter's Church Preston Park                                     | Celebrating a renewal                                   |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>July 8.00 p.m.<br>9.00 p.m.  | <b>The Foundry Foundry St Basketmakers</b> Gloucester Rd           | North Laine Frolics                                     |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup><br>July 8.00 p.m.<br>9.00 p.m. | <b>Lion &amp; Lobster Sillwood St. Pull and Pump</b> , Clarence Sq | City centre busking                                     |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>July 12.00 noon               | <b>Hanover Day</b>   | A terrific Community Day                                |
| Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>July                        | <b>Ducklington Tour of the Cotswolds</b>                           | Back to our Morris roots                                |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>July 7.30 p.m.              | <b>Seafront Saunter</b>  | Hove To Kemp Town dancing on the Prom                   |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>July 8.00 p.m.               | <b>John Harvey Tavern, Lewes</b>                                   | Guests of <b>Knots of May</b> Ladies Morris             |

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup><br>September | <b>Boys' weekend Away</b>                                      | With the Lovely <b>Rockhopper</b> Herd  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept 7:30 p.m.                      | <b>Sir Charles Napier</b> , Southover St.                      | <b>With Ditchling Morris</b>            |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept 7:30p.m.                       | <b>Waggon &amp; Horses</b> , Church Street                     | Squire's Last Stand                     |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>September 8.00p.m.                  | <b>AGM John Harvey Tavern</b> , Lewes                          | Harvey's and lots of decisions ho ho ho |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>October 8.00p.m.                     | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Practice, Hanover Centre</b> , Southover St. | Your chance to give it a go             |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>October 11.30 a.m.                   | Harvey's Brewery yard, Lewes                                   | Dancing in the Old (Ale, not us!)       |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>December 7.00 p.m.                   | <b>Lewes, High Street</b>                                      | To entertain the Christmas shoppers     |

We aim to please and to turn up promptly (8p.m. unless stated) but the weather, alcohol and other dodgy factors may change this programme at short notice – sorry. But hey, all of the Pubs featured in this programme are brilliant, serving quality English ales, scrummy food, and they all have an individuality that stands out. So you shouldn't need us, the sparkle is already there.

## More Stuff



### Sir Charles Napier

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### To join & contacts

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Brighton Morris Men dance from St George's Day to mid September each year, we rehearse at the Hanover Centre Southover Street from October to April on Thursday evenings 8.00pm to 10pm. Practices are fun, informal and energetic and always end in a ritual bevy in the Sir Charles Napier. New recruits are always welcome at any time. No experience is necessary.

*Book us for your event via the web site*

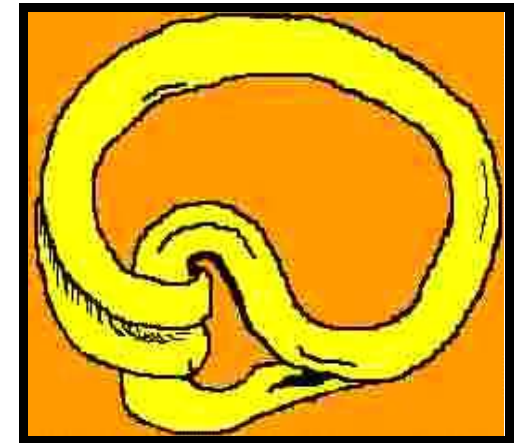
## The Back Page Blurb

When European explorers first came across the Kangaroo several thoughts went through their minds before they shot and ate it. Notably, was this animal some form of weird aboriginal, would it be friendly, could it speak? The reaction of the Kangaroo was typically to stop dead and eyeball the intruders for five minutes, then suddenly turn and scoot. In both cases there are similarities with the emotions you are probably experiencing since you chanced upon the spectacle before you. Your initial reaction may have been to ask, what are these strange creatures, what are they doing, why are they doing it, and are they edible? This will be rapidly followed by a strong desire to scoot as you notice a hat with a magnetic attraction to the Queen's currency advancing towards you. Intriguingly the practice of staring idiotically at something unexpected for long periods followed by a rash and inexplicable jump to conclusions was thought to closely resemble the behaviour of a jury, hence kangaroo court. You are indeed our judges and we the felons. To help plead our case here is some background information. You are witnessing a display of traditional English Dance known as Cotswold Morris. It is designed to entertain, excite, and raise the female hormonal levels to an exceptionally receptive level. Incredibly the mix of weirdly shaped, bearded men, skipping gaily with pretty hankies, tinkly bells, and sensuous sticks has been shown to do just that! The origins of the dance are ancient with records going back as far as the fall of Constantinople. Over the centuries very little has changed except the dancers now wash more frequently, tend to be literate, are less prone to falling foul of the Black Death, and most have tasted Kangaroo.

# Brighton Morris Men

*41 Years of Prime Dancing*

## 2008 Dance Programme



**“Improbably Nimble”**

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