

March

Sat 7th **Kirtlington Morris** 11am
Walking tour of Woodstock.

Sat 28th **Fezheads Fig & Date Fayre** 12am
Tintern

May

Fri 1st **Painswick Beacon** 5:30am
Welcoming the Summer with Gloucestershire Morris Men

Fri 1st to Mon 4th **Hastings Traditional Jack-in-the-Green Festival** All Weekend
Old Town, Hastings

Mon 11th **Exmouth Arms, Cheltenham** 7:30pm
as guests of England's Glory Ladies Morris

Tues 19th **Crown Inn, Frampton Mansell** 7:45pm
as guests of Gloucestershire Morris Men

Stroud Morris Ale 2009

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June
Based at Oakridge Lynch Village Hall
with guests:

Great Western Morris

and

Het Utrechts Morris Team

Sat 27th	Stroud Sub Rooms Forecourt	10:30am - 12pm
	The Crown Inn, Uley	12:15pm - 1pm
	Tetbury	1:30pm - 3pm
	Lunch and Dance	3:15pm - 4:30pm
	Westonbirt Arboretum	12:00pm - 2pm
Sun 28th	In and Around Oakridge Lynch	

July

Mon 6th **The Black Horse, Amberley** 7:45pm

Mon 13th **The Ram, South Woodchester** 8:45pm
(tbc)

Fri 24th - Sun 26th **Warwick Folk Festival** All Week-end

Fri 31st **Sidmouth Folk Festival** From 6pm



August

Sat 1st **Sidmouth Folk Festival** All Week
- Fri 7th see www.sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk for programme

Sat 15th **Beths Wedding**
Private event.

Mon 17th **Kings Head, France Lynch** 7:45pm
The Crown at Frampton Mansell 8:45pm

September

Sat 5th **Windsor Day of Dance**
as guests of Windsor Morris

Mon 8th **AGM** 7:45pm
Private Event

Mon 15th **1st evening of 'A Taste of Morris' free course** 7:45pm
Five Valleys Scout Centre

October

Sun 4th **Obbly Onker competition** 12pm
England's Glory, London Road Gloucester



June

Mon 1st **Carpenters Arms, Miserden** 7:45pm
Butchers Arms, Sheepscombe 8:45pm

Mon 8th **The Rose, Paganhill (tbc)** 7:45pm
The Crown, Paganhill (tbc) 8:45pm

Wed 17th **Falfield Brownies** 5:30pm
The Huntsman, Falfield 7:45pm
with guests

Mon 22nd **Lassington Oak Morris Men**
to be confirmed

Dates & times are subject to variation - for up-to-date info, please look at www.stroudmorris.org.uk

Stroud Morris Dancers

The origins of Morris Dancing are lost in the depths of time, but references to it have been traced back as early as the 14th Century in England, and slightly earlier in mainland Europe.

There are many different forms of Morris Dancing, but in this part of the country it is Cotswold Morris that is most widely seen.

Stroud Morris Men started in 1978, with Stroud Morris Ladies being formed the following year. Sadly, due to members moving to other parts of the country, the men stopped dancing 3 years, but the Ladies are dancing stronger than ever before.

Stroud Ladies, whose repertoire and style are unique, were the first womens Cotswold side to be invited to dance at Sidmouth International Folk Festival and have once again been asked to perform there this year, as well as at Warwick Festival.

Stroud Morris Dancers don't just dance in England. In the last few years they've danced at festivals in Poland and Germany, and last year were guests of Cambrils Bal des Bastons - a Catalan (Spain) stick dancing team whose dances share a common origin with Morris.

Each Morris side has its own particular costume. Strouds red and green colours are taken from the Stroud town crest. The red symbolises the military cloth that it once produced and the green - the green hills that surround the town.

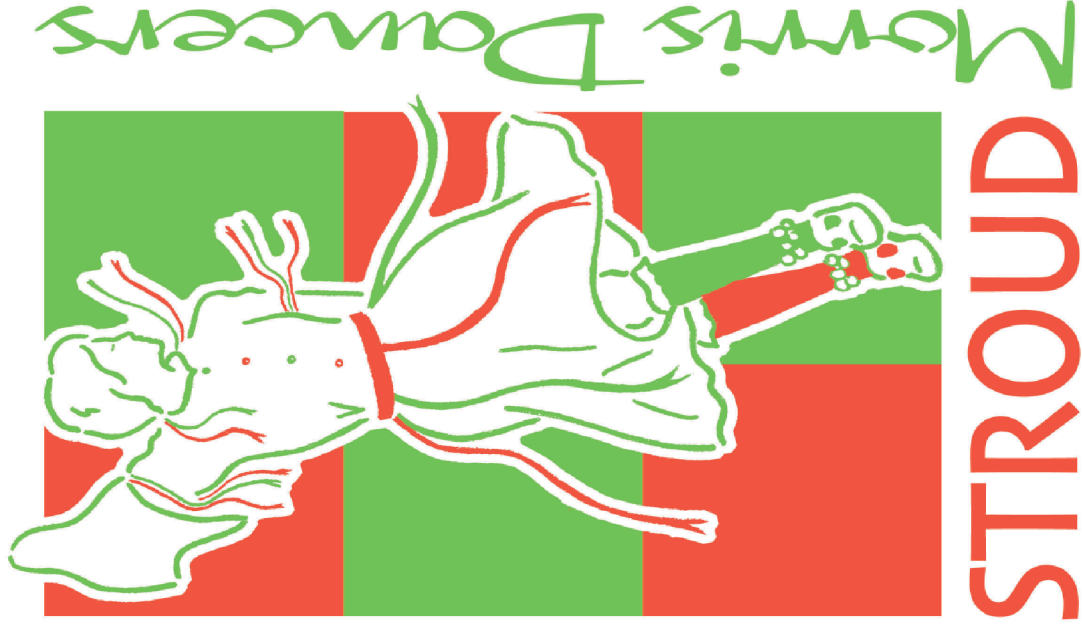
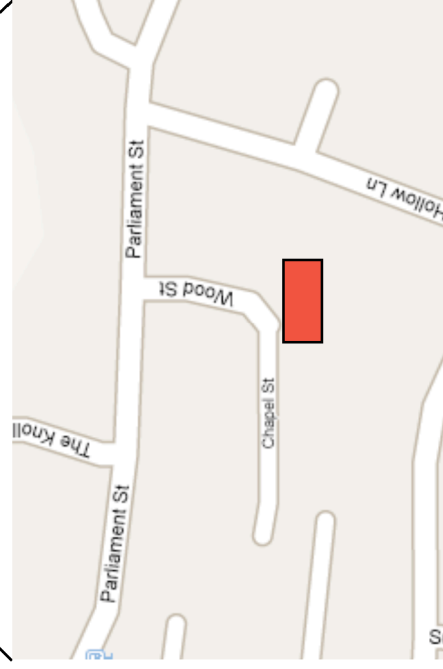
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How to find us

Stroud Morris Dancers meet on Monday evenings at the Scout Hut in Wood Street, Stroud from 7:45 to 9:30pm during the practice Season (September to end of April). The first practice for the 2010 season will be on Monday 14th September and we welcome new dancers and musicians. If you'd like to participate in our thriving folk tradition, why not come along? If you'd like further details, just have a chat with any member of the side when you see us performing, or phone or email either our Bagman (Mark & Lynn) or Squire (Pauline).



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Programme