Where to see Dolphin dance during 2008

April

Wed 23rd	Soar Bridge Inn Barrow upon Soar	
	St George's Day Celebration	7.30pm

May

Thurs 1st	Jolly Sailor Hemington	7.30pm
	Plough Diseworth	8.30pm
Sat 3rd	Tissington (Well Dressing)	10.30am
	Dovedale	11.45am
	Alstonfield	12.30pm
	Watts Russell Arms	1.15pm
	Hartington	2.30pm
	The Royal Oak Wetton: Dance, Music and Song throughout the afternoon and evening.	
Sun 4th	Bakewell - Tourist Office	
	Old Market Hall Bakewell	11.00am
	Haddon Hall	12.00am
	Crich Tramway Museum Folk Festival 2008	Lunchtime onwards
Thurs 8th	North Sherwood Street Nottingham	
	The Orange Tree	8.15pm
	Lincolnshire Poacher	9.00pm
Thurs 15th	Private Function	
Thurs 22nd	King's Head Bonsall	8.00pm
	Barley Mow Bonsall	9.00pm
Thurs 29th	Red Heart Ruddington	8.00pm
	White Horse Ruddington	9.00pm
	The White Horse's famous beer festival runs from the 29th May - 1st June. Dolphin will perform dance, music and song on the opening night.	
Sat 31st	Meeting of the Morris Ring	
	Thaxted Essex	All Day

June

Thurs 5th	Martin's Arms Colston Bassett	8.00pm
	King's Arms Scalford	9.00pm
Sat 7th	Gate to Southwell	All day
	This is the 28th year since Dolphin Morris revived this ancient tradition of dancing from Nottingham to Southwell and collecting for charitable causes. There are always hundreds of guests dancing at pubs along the way. Details at www.dolphin-morris.co.uk	

This tours list was correct at the time of going to press.
For further details on any tours and any changes or additions please see www.dolphin-morris.co.uk

June continued

Thurs 12th	Kings Head Sutton Bonington	8.00pm
	A Morris extravaganza with many other traditional dancing teams including Cotswold Morris, Border Morris, Rapper, Longsword, North West Morris, Garland Dancing and Appalachian Clog.	
Thurs 19th	The Hop Pole Chilwell	8.00pm
	Riverside Bar Beeston Marina	9.00pm
Mon 23rd	The Green Thrussington	8.00pm
	as Guests of Man Friday Morris	

Weekend of Dance
June 27th - June 29th

A full weekend of dance to celebrate 40 years of Dolphin dancing in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire.
For full details of venues and of participating sides please visit
www.dolphin-morris.co.uk

July

Thurs 3rd	The Cross Keys Burton Joyce	8.00pm
	The Famous Lord Nelson Burton Joyce	9.00pm
Thurs 10th	Reindeer East Brigford	8.00pm
	Royal Oak Car Colston	9.00pm
11th-13th	Greensleeves' Weekend Chipperfield	
Thurs 17th	Waggon and Horses Bleasby	8.00pm
	Black Horse Caythorpe	9.00pm
Sat 19th	Folk Train	
	Derby - Crich Tramway Museum	All pm
Thurs 24th	Canal Inn Bullbridge	8.00pm
	The Cliff Inn Crich	9.00pm
Thurs 31st	Bradmore Village	8.00pm
	Generous Briton Costock	8.45pm
	White Lion Rempstone	9.30pm

August

Wed 27th	The Bell Frisby on the Wreake as guests of Anstey Morris Men	8.00pm

September

Sun 7th	Sutton Bonington Show from 12 noon	
12th - 14th	Spanish Tour Featuring appearances in many coastal and mountain villages of the Valencia region. Please ask any of the dancers for further details.	

Why Morris Dancing?

Morris Dancing has been a feature of English country life for several hundred years but no one knows for certain how it originated. Some say it has its roots in pagan fertility rites, acting as a device to chase away the dark spirits of winter and celebrate the re-birth of life in the spring. Others believe that the dances are from overseas and that 'Morris' is merely a corruption of the word, 'Moorish'. Indeed some teams in the north of England and the Welsh borders do black their faces. If you want more information ask any of the dancers and they'll be glad to talk to you. We all want to keep this tradition going not just for its own sake but because it is an important English tradition, it's fun and creates excellent camaraderie. If you like music, dance and possibly a pint of good ale then you probably will like The Morris.
If you can sing or play that's even better but not essential.

Dolphin Morris are members of the Morris Ring of England

If you fancy giving it a go chat to any of the dancers, contact Dave on 077 909 43893. Alternatively, we can be found at Kingston-on-Soar village hall on most Thursday nights after about 8.15pm from September to April .

Have you any memorabilia or photos of Dolphin Morris, especially the old Dolphin pub in Nottingham? If so please talk to Andy or email archivist@dolphin-morris.co.uk