

# Anstey Morris Men

## MARCH

March 16th Everards Pubs Tour and Beer Festival LE1

## APRIL

April 23rd St. George's Day (Venue TBC, see Facebook)

## MAY

May 1st The Bull & Lion, Packington LE65 1WH (7pm)  
May 4th Upton-on-Severn Folk Festival, Worcester WR8  
May 8th The Plough, Hickling LE14 3AH  
May 15th The Black Horse, Braunstone Gate LE3 5LT  
Crow's Nest, Leicester LE3 5WQ  
May 18th Moira Canal Festival, DE12 6AT  
May 22nd The Wheatsheaf, Woodhouse Eaves LE12 8SS  
May 29th Sir John Borlase Warren, Nottingham NG7 3GD  
Room for a Brew, Nottingham NG1 5FD

## JUNE

June 5th Anne of Cleaves, Melton Mowbray LE13 1AE  
Beerheadz, Melton Mowbray LE13 1XA  
June 8th Hearty Goodfellow & Final Whistle  
(Southwell Folk Festival) NG25  
June 12th The Plough, Diseworth DE74 2QJ  
June 19th Elephant & Castle, Thurlaston LE9 7TP  
The Blue Bell, Desford LE9 9JF  
June 26th The Queen Victoria, Syston LE7 1GQ  
Gate Hangs Well, Syston LE7 1NH

## JULY

July 3rd Free Trade Inn, Sileby LE12 7RW  
The Swan, Mountsorrel LE12 7AT  
July 6-7th Blackheath Morris' weekender, London  
July 10th The New Inn, Peggs Green LE67 8JE  
July 17th The Anchor, Hathern LE12 5JB  
The Paget Arms, Loughborough LE11 5DP  
July 20-21st Newark Traditions Festival NG24  
July 24th The Griffin, Swithland LE12 8TJ  
July 31st Coach & Horses, Markfield, LE67 9RF  
Stamford Arms, Groby LE6 0DJ

## AUGUST

Aug 7th Queens Head, Billesdon LE7 9AE  
Aug 14th The Manor, Glen Parva LE2 9TL  
The Black Horse, Aylestone LE2 8NA  
Aug 16-18th Folk East Festival, Suffolk IP13 0BT  
Aug 21st Old Horse, London Rd, Leicester LE2 1NE  
Aug 28th Heathcote Arms, Croft LE9 3EG

## SEPTEMBER

Sept 4th Dog & Gun, Keyham LE7 9JQ  
Sept 7-8th Weekend in Somerset BA3 5XF  
Sept 21st End-of-Season Bus Tour & Party LE67

## OCTOBER

Oct 19th Lichfield Folk Festival WS13 6PW

## DECEMBER

Dec 18th Old Hare & Hounds, Anstey LE7 7AA  
Dec 26th Venue TBC (see Facebook)

Since details may change due to unforeseen circumstances, it's wise to check our Facebook page for up-to-date information

**Anstey Morris Men were founded in 1983, quickly earning an enviable reputation for their energetic stick dances. For over 30 years we have performed a full programme throughout Spring and Summer, drawing on dances originating in the Cotswolds. We've developed a repertoire which incorporates an individual style while retaining traditional elements of dances.**

During our performances, the ugliest member of the team is sent amongst the audience to collect. A proportion of our collections is donated to PROSTAD. For more information on this cancer charity, visit [www.prostaid.co.uk](http://www.prostaid.co.uk)

Anstey Morris Men are proud to be sponsored by Everards of Leicestershire, a local family brewery based in Leicestershire. We are also affiliated to the Morris Ring.

## Fancy having a go?

We practice every Wednesday during Autumn and Winter months, and are always keen to recruit new members. If you're interested in joining us, either as a dancer or musician, talk to one of the chaps or email us at [bagman@ansteymorris.com](mailto:bagman@ansteymorris.com). Alternatively, visit our website or Facebook page. **No prior experience is necessary!**

## Want to know more?

To find out more about Anstey Morris Men and where we're performing, make contact via:



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## History of The Morris

There are several styles of Morris dancing, including Cotswold, North-West and Border, some of which are at least 500 years old. There's plenty of evidence of its existence prior to the English Civil War, including documents from 1448 referring to payments made to 'Morrysh daunsers'. Locally, records refer to Morris Dancing at Bradgate Park as early as 1560 and Morris dancers at Leicester Magistrates Court in 1599.

Evidence suggests it was largely a pastime of working class people, most of whom would have lacked literacy skills. Since its history wasn't thoroughly recorded, no one knows for sure why it's even called Morris dancing.

The tradition almost died out during the industrial revolution, but was kept alive by Morris sides in places like Bampton in the Cotswolds and by Victorian-era collectors like Cecil Sharp and Mary Neal. Morris later experienced several revivals throughout the 20th Century.

## Everards Brewery: A history looking to the future

Founded in 1849 by William Everard, we are excited to be celebrating our 170th birthday in October this year still as an independent family business. Everards own over 175 pubs across the East Midlands which are all run as independent businesses as well as brewing a wide range of ales which include Beacon Hill, Sunchaser, Old Original and our much loved ale, Tiger. A local favourite, Tiger is a perfectly balanced ale with carefully selected British hops and premium Maris Otter malt. The Tiger is synonymous with Leicestershire after the Royal Leicestershire Regiment were nicknamed 'The Tigers' in 1825 following long service in India. It's also the name of our local rugby club, the Leicester Tigers and this is their official beer. We also have a diverse and vibrant range of Limited Edition Brews ranging from Session IPA's to rich stouts and porters.

We work with lots of local businesses and causes - from Leicester Tigers and Leicester Riders, for which Tiger is the Official Beer, to supporting local charities such as Warning Zone and ProstateAid.

We are now planning our next chapter, Everards Meadows; an exciting food, drink and leisure development next to Fosse Retail Park. Everards Meadows will be home to a new state of the art brewery and the team's offices. The site will also be home to Rutland Cycling as well as housing an independent café business in the 70 acres of greenspace that will be opened up to the public. Everards look forward to bringing this exciting destination to Leicestershire and hope to be welcoming visitors to the phase one opening in summer 2019.

For further information please visit [everards.co.uk](http://everards.co.uk)

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# Tour List

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