

# The Morris Ring Musicians' Weekend

## 30 Jan – 1 Feb 2015

### Calling all musicians!

Once again, The Ripley Morris Men extend a cordial invitation to all musicians to attend the Morris Ring Musicians' Weekend in Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. The weekend will coincide with Ripley's annual Ale Feast, which all attendees are cordially invited to attend.

Overall the schedule will be as follows but most arrangements are fairly fluid and can be adjusted to cope with specific requests,

### Friday evening 30<sup>th</sup> January:

Meet at the Church Hall for food and chat, followed by informal music session in the hall or the Duke of Wellington just across the road.

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January:

- Plenary session exploring the role of the musician, general aspects of playing for the dance, and specific features of dance tradition and style.
- Sessions related to interpretation of the music, making the most of your chosen instrument and studies of specific traditions

Participants will be able to attend the Ripley Morris Ale Feast on Saturday evening, when there will be the opportunity to play with the band for real live morris. Those who can resist the temptation will be able to eat at a local pub and stay on for the late-night music session at the Duke of Wellington (again!)

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

- Opportunity for individuals to play for dances performed by the Ripley Morris Men
- Session related to the special requirements of playing for massed dances, such as at morris organisation Hosted Meetings
- Session exploring and experimenting with ways of making the best use of multiple musicians at club level, while still providing the best support to the dance and dancers.

Squires and Foremen are encouraged to attend the weekend. Dance is a partnership between musician and dancer, and it is important that each understands the other's role.

Good and plentiful food, ale and company are guaranteed with Ripley as hosts. Accommodation will be at the Church Hall or at the nearby Scout hall, and will be suitable for both ladies and gentlemen.

The cost? Just **£50** for the whole event (including Friday evening meal, ale feast, lunches, teas, coffees and other beverages)

These weekends don't happen every year, *so don't miss this one!* **Please spread the word.**

Anyone wishing to attend please email Malcolm Frier (email [ripleymorris@btinternet.com](mailto:ripleymorris@btinternet.com)) with the following information

**Name:**

**Club or Organisation:**

**Instruments played:**

**Any special dietary requirements:**

**Contact email address:**

**Contact phone number:**

*Payment address will be provided (cheque preferred).*

*Further details, directions, etc., will then be sent out via email nearer the date*

***This is an event for all, including Morris Ring members, members of the Morris Federation, and the Open Morris***