

June 2014

The June dance programme kicked off with the side venturing into unknown territory. Never before had we ventured onto Hamble Quay. However, with Bells and Arrows to hold our hands, we found the natives friendly and even prepared to watch for a while. A group of 'lads' out for a quiet drink at the Victory Inn may have regretted their need to be outside for a smoke when cajoled into joining us for a dance. With borrowed bells and hats I think they enjoyed it!



The first Saturday in June saw the side celebrating the significant birthday of one member at a ceilidh. Thanks everyone for a fantastic evening.



Ceilidh dance music was provided by The Black Bear Band and very good they were too.

The following Thursday evening we were at The Cricketer's Arms, Eastleigh as guests of King John's Morris Men. Given the slightly restricted dance area it was probably a good thing that we are a small side, although such considerations did not prevent our much larger host side giving a great display. We are looking forward to another evening with them before too long.



A warm and sunny Saturday saw us mingling with the large crowds at



Wimborne. It was a good day although we were beginning to suffer from injuries and absences which were to blight the rest of the month. Part way through the day one dancer had to retire and later another, leaving a small but gallant band (with lesser injuries) to dance the very prolonged procession.



Still it was an enjoyable day in which to meet old friends and make new ones, soak up the atmosphere and watch some extraordinary displays.



The following Tuesday a slightly larger side danced at the Lord Nelson in Hythe. There was a small but appreciative audience and the evening sun was pleasant. Avoiding the drain, noticeboards and bench just added to the interest of the evening and the generous supply of beer lubricated the joints.

Unfortunately injuries had a very bad effect on the side from this point on with damaged tendons and steroid injections meaning that only a few dancers were fit when we met up with Bourne River Morris Men at the Royal Oak at Fritham. We still managed to put on a show and had a very pleasant evening with old friends



(Spot this month's refreshment picture!)

Sadly injury and unavoidable trips abroad meant that we had to withdraw from Folk On The Quay. Hopefully next year

Let's hope a short rest will mean we are able to fulfil our commitments in a very busy July.