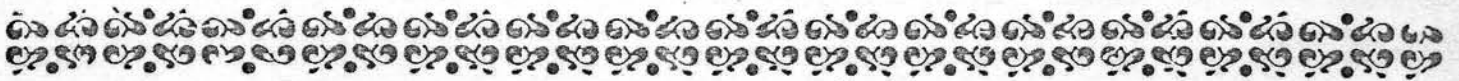
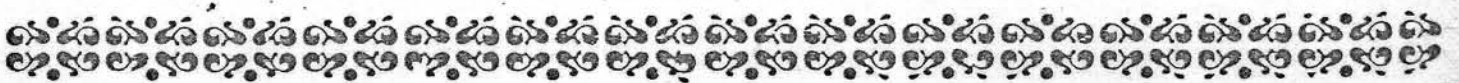




STRAND-ON THE-GREEN



MORRIS DANCERS



will be here



at 12 NOON

on SAT. 30TH JUNE

Saturday, June 30

I left from Windsor around 10³⁰ and plunge into
 London traffic. Meet Strand on the Green, New Exeprance
 and Hammersmith Morris outside the Cricketers pub on
 Richmond Green. Strand on the Green, a side which
 has been dancing about 4 years, wear purple jumpers with
 white long-sleeved shirts, yellow sneakers (!) with ankle bells
 and have red & blue ribbon trim on the jumpers & rosettes
 on the sleeves. They dance Shmington, Hadenyton, Wheatley
 and Upton on Seven. New Exeprance wear brown shirt & skirt,
 variously colored floral aprons, straw boaters, and brown
 stockings with high-heeled shoes. They also dance Shmington and
~~Stanton Harcourt~~ Whently & Stanton Harcourt & Badby as
 well. Both these women's sides have, what appears to
 be, after seeing Windsor, a rather tentative and delicate
 style of dancing. Hammersmith Morris, a team noted for
 being one of the first good revival sides, and one of the
 first to be tossed out of the Ring for ungentlemanly
 behavior, dress in black knee breeches, white shirts (usually
 on discrepancy) with yellow and blue rosettes on front and
 back, blue and yellow striped socks and black top hats with
 yellow & blue ribbon band. Their main tradition is
 Longborough, which they dance quite well, though unfortunately
 we were unable to see much of their dancing as they
 danced only the first stop with us before moving off
 to other commitments. After finishing at the Cricketers
 we progressed to the City Barge Pub on the Strand on the
 Green, & put on Chiswick where we were treated to lunch
 by our hosts, a school fete in Chiswick, and from thence
 to ~~the~~ another pub where the 3 teams had arranged a
 delicious dinner & drinks for us. We are privileged
 to see Hammersmith at the top of the form that won

BELMONT SCHOOL.

SUMMER FAIR.

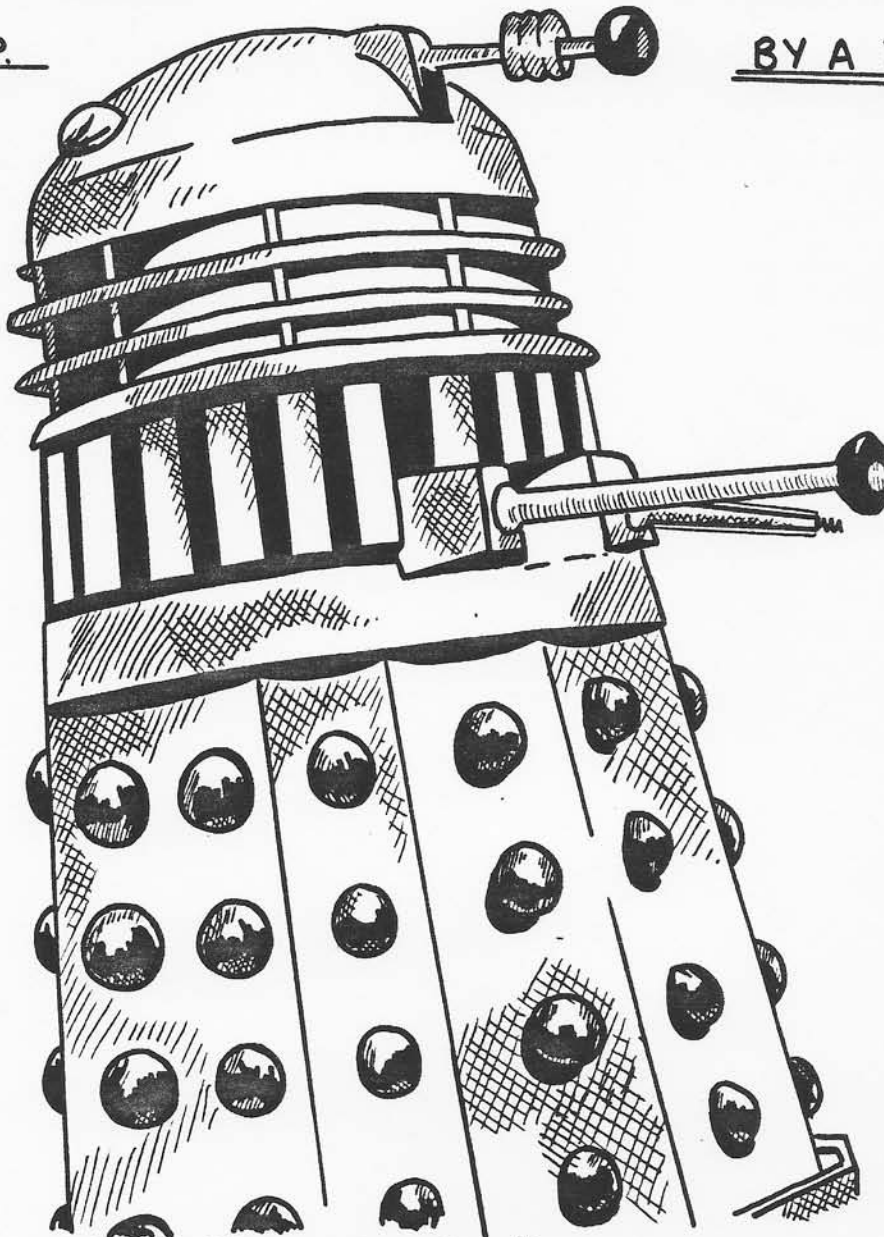
AT BELMONT ROAD, CHISWICK, W.4.

SAT. 30TH JUNE

TO BE OPENED AT 2 P.M.

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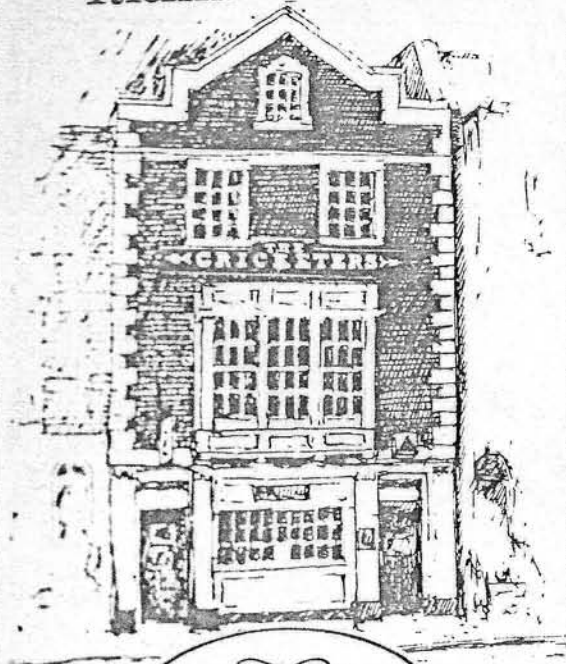
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MANY ATTRACTIONS: CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PARADE 2.15pm
BELL RINGING DISPLAY, MORRIS DANCERS ~ INCLUDING THE ~
"RING O' BELLS" ~ FROM NEW YORK, SIDESHOWS AND STALLS.

The Cricketers

Richmond Green

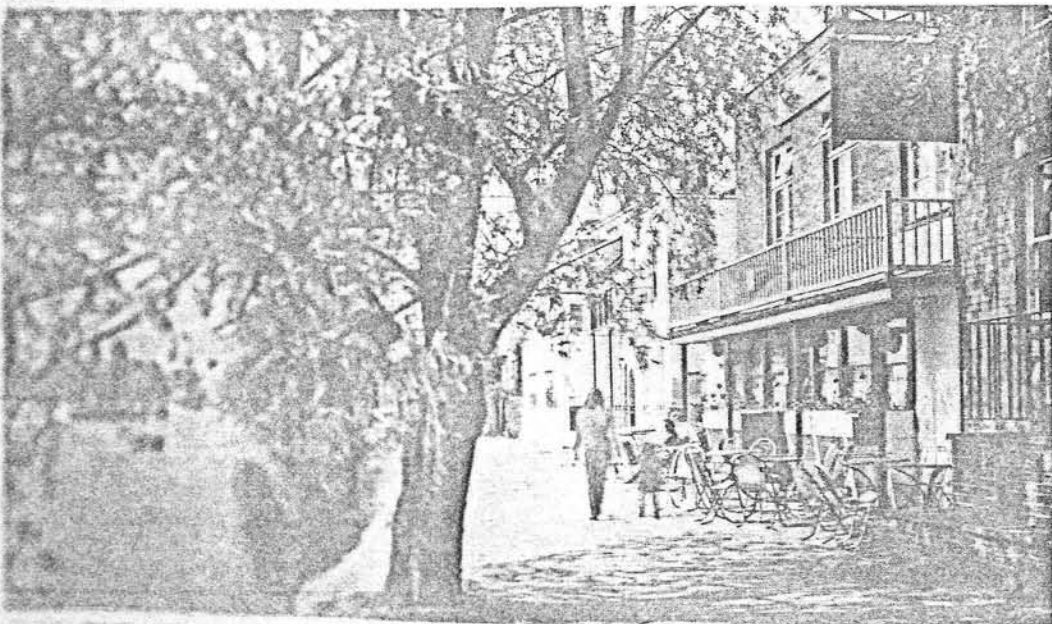


Vintage Inns

them exclusion from the Ring -
drunkenness and unhibited behavior
increased over the course of the night,
culminating in a performance of
"Jockey to the Zoo" an event which
is perhaps better left ~~undiscribed~~
undiscribed. In a more serious
vein, we also saw a Princess
Royal double jig performed by a
dancer from Bampton & a local
dancer, Bampton Bacca Pipes by
the same couple, and a longsword
dance by Hammersmith performed at
a very brisk tempo. Country dancing
tended, especially toward the end
of the night, to share certain

stylistic ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
points with "Jockey
to the Zoo". Evening
broke up around
11, with Ring & Bells
visibly sagging
around the corners.

P.S. Another
milestone in van
history passed today
as RCB gets its
first parking ticket -
windshield wipers
activated to alleviate problem.



THE EPPY BARCL, 27, STRAND-ON-THE-GREEN, CHISWICK, LONDON, W.4



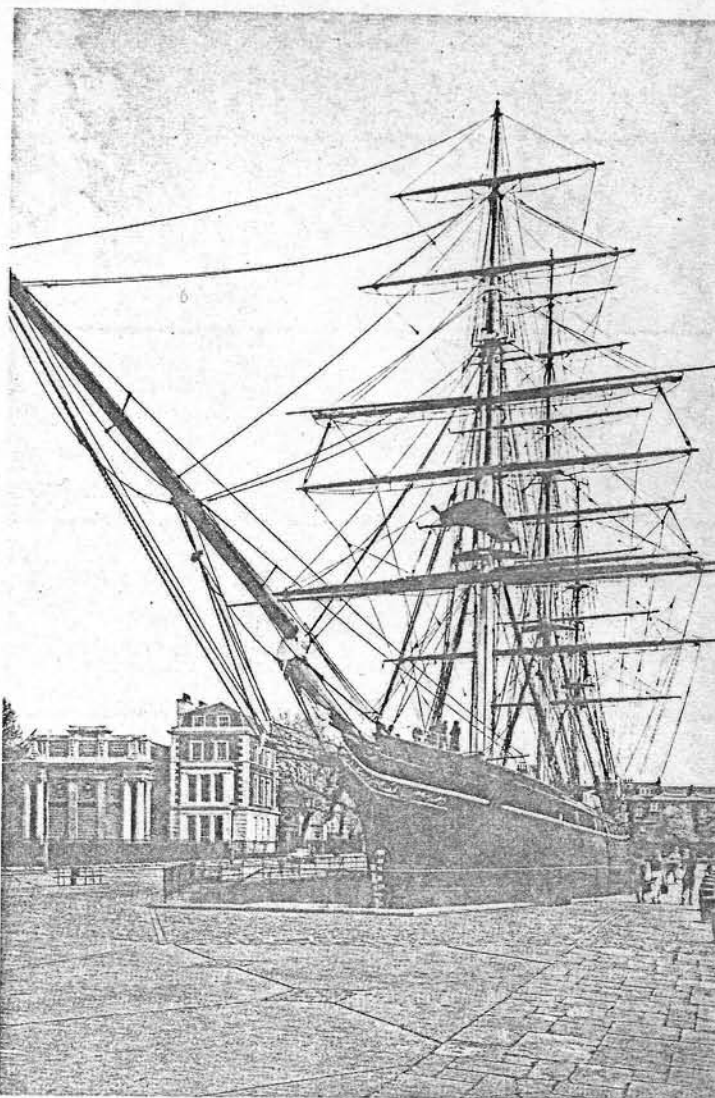
HERE

ON July 1st AT 12-1pm

with "Ring 'o' Bells" of the U.S.A.
2nd ...

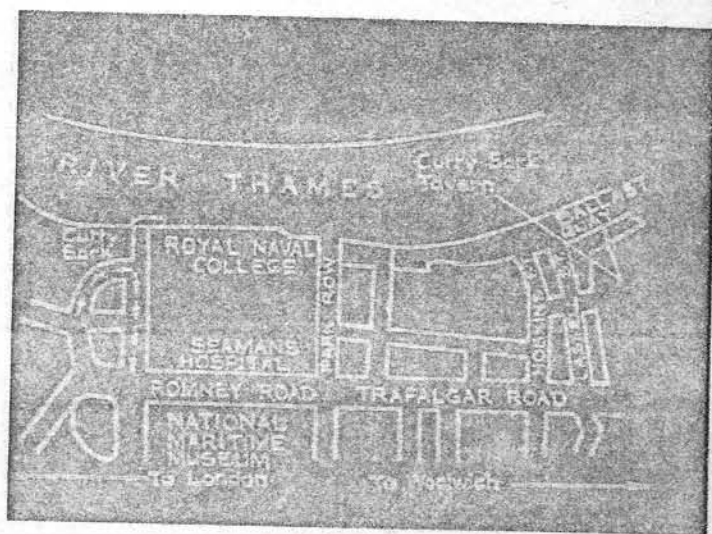
Sunday, July 1

Meet Greenwich and Meridian Morris at Greenwich rail station. Greenwich wear whites with brown and ochre baldric and brown vest with ochre anchors on the front and sailing ship on back. They also have a pig dressed in a tuxedo jacket who takes around the cake and a fool in a red and yellow jester's costume. Meridian wear white shirts, blue pinfords, nurse's belt, blue and white checkered waitress' apron dark stockings and black low heeled shoes. We are received very cordially, with many people asking after the Rowland's. We dance at two pubs on the Thames, drawing good crowds at both places. Greenwich men danced Bucknell and Fieldtown, and Meridian danced Adderbury (frequently in sets of 8) and Badby. Both



GREENWICH THE CUTTY SARK

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Meridian Ladies Morris

ANNE SEARLE
14 DARWIN ROAD
WELLING KENT

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will dance

Sunday, July 1

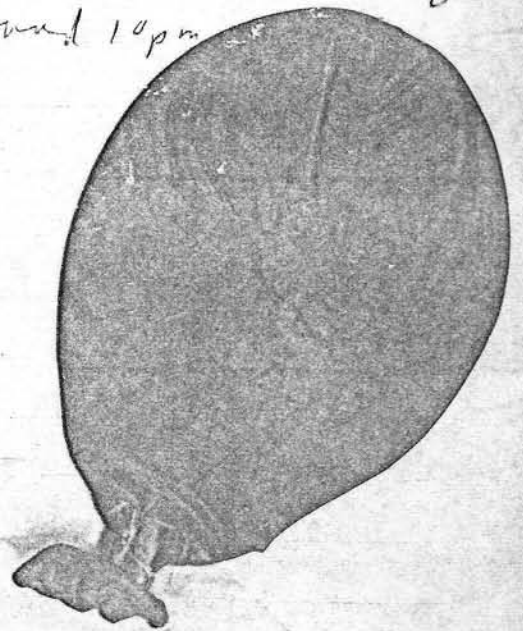
teams dance like experienced sides, energetic yet relaxed. Ring O' Bells are stunned, and in some cases even disappointed to find that the show ends after the second stop, but, as usual, we manage to find consolation in food, which was provided in ^{great} quantity and quality by our hosts at a picnic in Greenwich Park. Entertainment, in the form of a grass and beer fight is also graciously provided. Further diversion provided by the appearance of Tony Barrand, who has been ~~was~~ taping English sides, singing, and visiting for the past month. Several hours then allotted for digestion of food before moving onto a pub for sandwiches, sausage rolls and beer. New English game taught to Ring O Bells ^{before dinner} ("Old gud died" "ow did he die?" "e died like this:") who baffle their hosts with a return demonstration of "Kaiser Bill". Some attempts at singing and tunes made in pub, but rather feeble on all sides, with Greenwich & Meridian lamenting the loss of the Rowlocks and R.O.B. suffering from laryngitis and lack of desired instruments. R.O.B. kindly permitted to fade from scene around 10pm. Have an early day tomorrow.

Greenwich Morris Men



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RICHARD GRAVES
2 BANCHORY ROAD
BLACKHEATH
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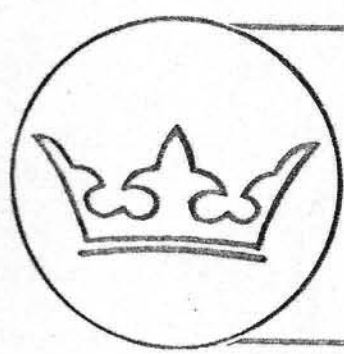
SQUIRE
STEPHEN GREEN
141 HOWARTH ROAD
ABBAY WOOD
LONDON S.E.2.
01 310 0353



Monday, July 2

The day begins rather disastrously with ominous news from the Airlines (stand-by queues of people left over from the weekend) prompting Linda and Judy McGeen gallantly to undertake the job of checking out the situation in London, and getting boarding chits if possible. Puppy escapes from host's house through ~~the~~ door accidentally left ajar, so other R.O.B.s stay to cope with that situation. A corporal's guard of 5 continues on to Tunbridge Wells in a van which is increasingly temperamental.

Sight-seeing during the day, R.O.B. divided up into manageable groups for feeding by hosts in evening. All meet at pub at 7.30! General relief on learning that Airline Expeditionary Force succeeded in its mission of procuring 5 stand-by seats for R.O.B. Another pleasant surprise is seeing Roy Dommett (camera in hand, of course), who followed us through to the last stop.

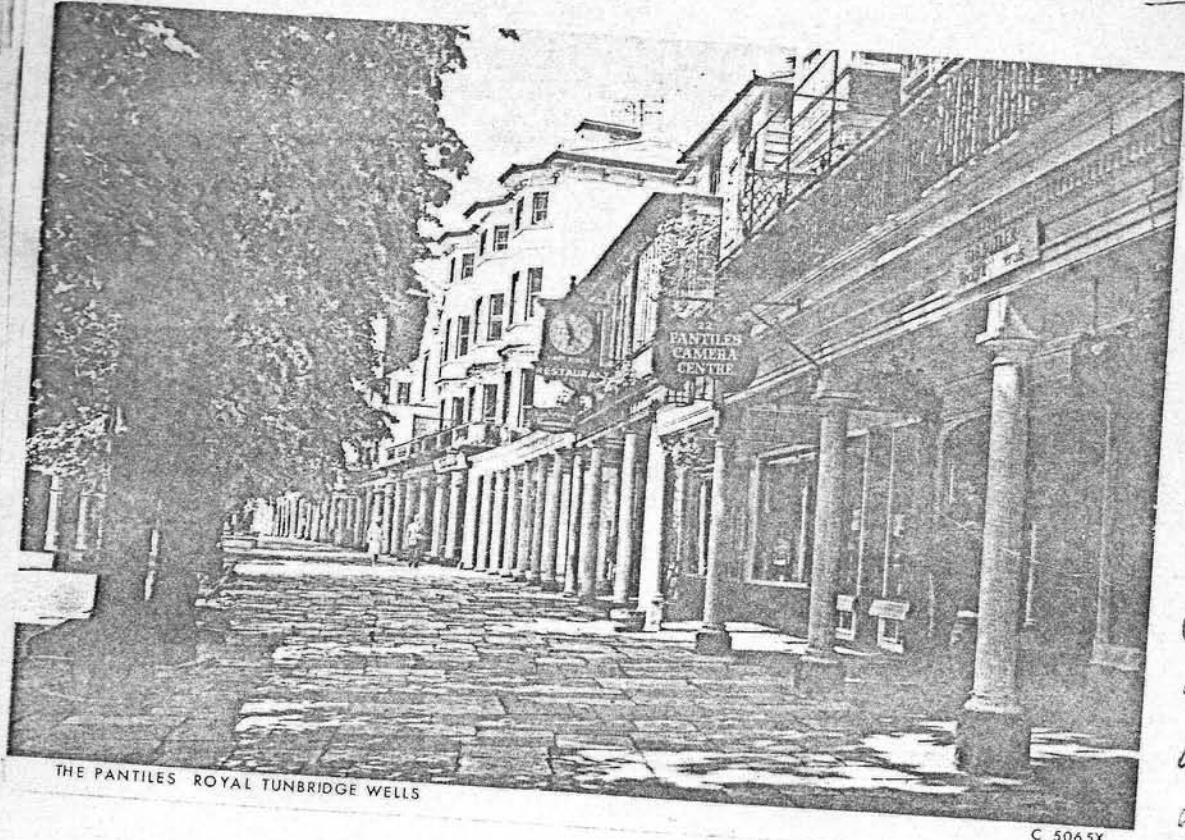


Royal Borough Morris

Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent

- Sue & Steve Evans - 128 Broadmead, Tunbridge Wells (no telephone)
- Sue Mullalley - 8 Court Road, Tunbridge Wells (tel. T.Wells 34906)
- Liz Spark - 18 Monson Colonnade, Tunbridge Wells (tel. T.Wells 39753)
- Jan Obey - Basement Flat, 12 Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells (no telephone)

Monday, July 2



THE PANTILES ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

C 5065X

Royal Borough
 men wear ~~grey~~
 steel blue knee
 breeches and
 yellow and red
 bodivicks with
 baked clay badges
 of a crown and
 wreath at
 front and back
 Women wear
 dusty blue

double row of ~~flounces~~ ^{flounces} at the bottom, yellow short-sleeved shirts, and red, yellow and blue rosettes and ribbons at shoulders and back. Black shoes and stockings are worn with the inevitable ankle bells. Both men and women dance a wide variety of traditions quite well. Women's stepping seems somewhat constrained due to choice of footwear (the omnipresent ankle straps and 3 inch heels) but they move well as a side and strike tapping is vigorous.

jumpers with

Second stop was a pub on the Pantiles, where we danced for a good crowd of tourists. Next stop of the tour (and in England) was at the Grape Vine bar, where Roy Blomsett was presented with an authentic American morris stick autographed by authentic American morris dancers and R.O.B. were presented with awards by...



Tuesday July 3

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(Swards not included in log due to sensitive nature of some material). Return home for a few hours of sleep before meeting for historic 7AM last van loading.

1679
£28

Tuesday July 3

Last bungee in place on schedule, huzzah! Off to London to dump van and have one last meal together. We are delighted that the dents in the van roof (left by our sun-footed Bungee women) evaded escape detection or fail to arouse the ire of Swan rental functionaries — no additional charge to R.O.B.

Total cost per person for group expenses has been an incredibly low £28, not bad for a country where gasoline runs £1.10/gallon. Total miles covered by the big white van = 1,677, not bad for a country the size of a breadbox.

After checking in at the Victorian airlines terminal we go for lunch at a near-by restaurant (pubs not being open yet, alas.) An ice-cream toast to the team and much mutual self-congratulation before final good-byes. Meg, Heidi, Nancy and Nancy set off for further adventures in Europe, the rest of us head home to resume life as civilians.

And that, boys and girls, is the story of Ring O' Bells in England.



← LAST BADGE OF ENGLAND TOUR
found on pavement
outside Victoria Station,
ENGLISH REACTION TO R.O.B.?

55.

Tuesday, July 3

As the past two weeks fade into the mists
of time, I just want to say: you done
good, gang.
Godly Evans
Squire

Nancy S. "What's to eat?"

A. Mounis Where are the peanuts? don't stick that
McVities under my nose.

It's been twenty minutes since the last
meal!

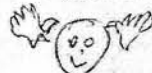
Nancy S. "We need WALLS ice cream!"

A.M. No its time for the pork NASTIES

Nancy S. "OH THE PORK NASTIES -

ISN'T THAT HOW OLD JUD DIDD?"

A.M.

NO! HE DID LIKE THIS 

Signing off, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ← ignore mistake

Love, Nancy, Nancy

Beverly

Carry on, you can't miss it, no, turn
right; no left, (where are we?), go
around this roundabout just once more.

Lillian

Seriously guys, thank-you all for making
it possible for me to come along. I'm
proud of how well we've worked as a
group + damn impressed with the Morris
dancing we brought to England.

Tuesday, July 3

56.

Sue - Two things the U.S. definitely does better -
ice cream + telephones. However, there's no need
to be deterred from partaking of either of or both!
(As proved (proven?))

Deirdre - Well, their vanilla ice cream is good....
After having watched a spectrum of
British morris teams on this tour,
I am glad I'm part of the R.O.B.;
no one else can compare. We're
good, folks!

Mag - Two towns back - I'm sure I saw a
cathedral, a castle and a Laura Ashley shop!
(Did you find a ^{badge} button?) ~ and I really enjoyed
both the dancing and being with all of you.

Judy M. - After three nights in Kennedy, bus ride into (us!y)
beautiful downtown Birmingham ^(Ha!), and the English
telephones ^(Boo) - I am so glad that I stuck it out!
We can now go home and really be a morris
side that is greater than it was before the trip.
And oh, I am in love - with walls, McVities,
Pork Pasties, & Rounda Darts.

Lesli - My happiest memory of the trip is of coming back from making an
advance call and seeing the whole team lift up together
and fly into The Keeper. No amount of work or worry
could ruin the pleasure I felt watching the team
do its high level best - and also being part of
the dancing. I always wanted Ring O' Bells to be an
exciting and special team - and thanks to England
we really did it.

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Tuesday, July 3

Janis -

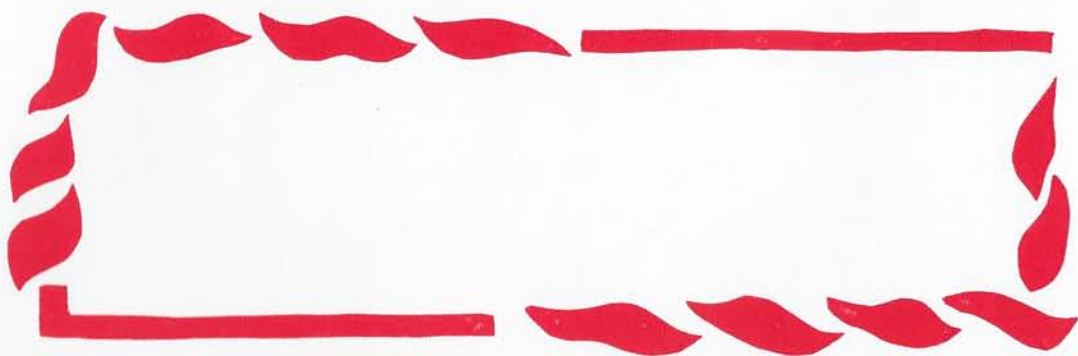
at last, a chance to editorialize! Good-bye to great beer and high-heeled movies dancers! Hello to wastepaper baskets and plumbing that works. Now what?



Geldeston Morris



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dance on**



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