

ONE OF THE TRADITIONS retained by the team is passing round the clog for collection during the dances. We often dance for charity but the collections are usually used to cover our expenses as it costs several hundred pounds a year to keep a team of this size "on the road." In helping towards these expenses your donation is a valuable contribution towards our efforts to uphold and display the unique dance tradition of our area which is also part of our English heritage.

ANOTHER FORM of collection is very important to us. We are anxious to gather details of earlier teams who danced North West Dances. Any scrap of information which you may have about these earlier traditional teams, however trivial it may seem to you, could greatly assist us in our endeavours to preserve local dance traditions. If you can tell us anything at all about these dancers we would be delighted to talk to you as it is vitally important that this information is collected before it is lost forever.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED OUR PERFORMANCE

If you have a special interest, we would be pleased to welcome you as either a dancer or musician. To become a full team member requires dedication and regular practice, but the rewards and satisfaction are well worth the effort. We practise every Thursday throughout the winter at Deane Memorial Church Hall, Junction Road (just off Wigan Road), Deane, Bolton. Do come along one evening and see if you enjoy it, or get in touch with one of the contacts given below.

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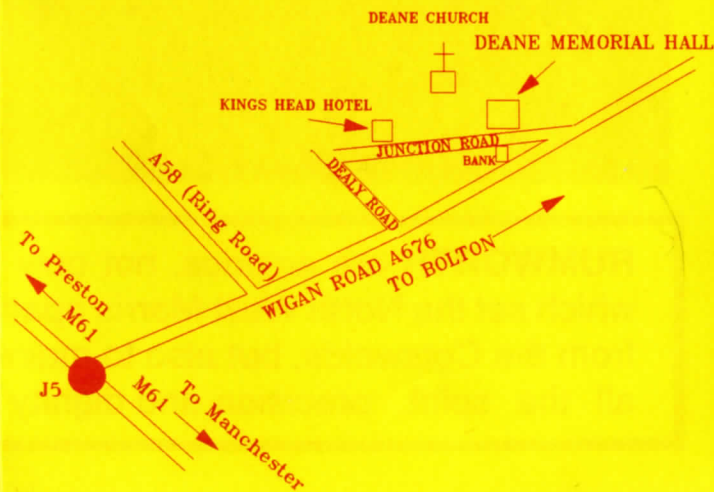
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THE RUMWORTH MORRIS OF BOLTON



DEDICATED TO THE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL DANCE TRADITIONS

RUMWORTH MORRIS perform regularly at both local and national events such as festivals, carnivals, Rushcarts, processions, County Shows and ceilidhs etc. We were invited to dance during the Queen's visit to Bolton and have appeared in a popular series on BBC TV. If you wish to discuss the possibility of booking our team we would be pleased to hear from you.

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THE PRESENT RUMWORTH MORRIS was founded in 1976 to dance the North West style of Morris in its traditional setting and as closely as possible to traditional style. Before the team performed in public, members carried out extensive research into the details of dances, costumes and customs related to earlier North West teams. As a result of continuing research the team is developing an ever expanding repertoire of dances which are performed both locally and at a wide range of events about the country. Our dances originated as a processional accompaniment to the rush bearing ceremonies of the last century when rushes were carried to church for use as a floor covering. In the past, dozens of teams throughout the area established their own distinctive style of dress and dance, but all teams aimed for a high standard of disciplined performance.



RUMWORTH are anxious, not only to retain the traditions and features which set the North West Morris apart from the more widely danced Morris from the Cotswolds, but also to maintain these traditions by dancing with all the spirit, precision and dignity of the traditional Lancashire Morris.