

A Successful 65th Year

The 2023/24 season started with IW representing Britain at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom's International Day and ended with us doing the same thing at an International Conference in Oxford. In between we fitted in another nineteen displays and fifteen pub tours (joined by ten other sides) and used the winter practice nights to keep experienced men in trim and bring newer members up to speed. As usual the practices were rounded off with enjoyable music and gossip sessions in the pub.

Practices must have made us fit because at our first pub dance-out of the year, The Blue Boar at Aldbourne, we did nineteen dances! The last pub tour was also memorable – a wonderful night out as guests of Eynsham Morris with Old Speckled Hen and the Bampton Traditional MM also in attendance. To even things up we danced as guests of the Traditional Bampton MM on Whit Monday in Bampton.

A season highlight was the well attended Day of Dance (aka White Horse Folk Festival) where ten sides joined us, including two from the USA. The brilliant weather made performing on Dragon Hill a delight and there was scarcely room for everyone to do Bonny Green Garters in Wantage Market Place.

Throwing in various fetes, two wassails, the White Horse Show, three ales, two folk festivals and a few other bits and pieces made for a packed but very enjoyable year. We intend to enjoy ourselves just as much next year – anyone who wants to join in the fun is welcome, give us a ring or send an email.

