



# The Prancing Pony

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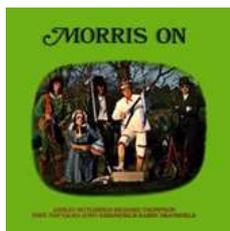
## White Horse Keeps Calm and Carries On

*The Prancing Pony* has received several offerings for publication which will be featured in next week's bumper issue, including an update on the resurrection of his alter-ego Hob-Nob, a quiz from Kate in Chilmark, and topical gardening tips from Donhead's own Rambling Sid Rumpo.



## Morris-on Tony

Have you ever had a secret desire to do something? Well, for some reason, for me it's always been Morris dancing. My Mum said I stood transfixed at the age of about eight when I saw my first dancers and Tony has been trying to drag me away from them ever since. Every folk festival, every May Fayre I would be found wistfully standing on the sidelines. It got worse whenever we visited Dartmoor where I stalked Beltane Border Morris. Tony's response to my heartfelt pleas - "I'm not morris dancing. No way."



Fast forward fifteen years and I'm still mad on Morris. Tony is recovering from a heart attack and is issued a stark warning, "Do some cardiac exercise or else." This warning coincided with a trip to Barrington Court for their "Day of Morris". On the way home Tony conceded that dancing would, indeed, be good cardiac exercise. I didn't need any further encouragement and the very next week we went along to WHM where we received a very warm welcome.

Our first dance out at Stourhead was, for me, so exciting. We love the music, the dancing, the costumes and the folk heritage. But most of all we love the banter. You're a great bunch of people and until we can meet again I will make sure that Tony will "Morris-on". Stay safe everybody.

Sharon x

## Songs

**South Australia** - Learn this Song – You know the tune. *In South Australia I was born!  
Heave away! Haul away!  
In South Australia, round Cape Horn!  
We're bound for South Australia!*

## Reasons to be cheerful

- ✓ The sun is still shining.
- ✓ Everyone is connecting with each other. Kind acts are springing up all over the world
- ✓ Like other soaps, The Archers is preparing for a lockdown.
- ✓ Ian Dury.
- ✓ We have more daytime to enjoy indoors.

## Caption competition

There was no winner last week so we have a roll-over and an increased first prize.



Entries by 06 April. First Prize – 20 pints in The Bell, Wylve (must be before end of April 2020. See small print for full list of terms and conditions). **Email your caption to Helen, Mark or Mike.**

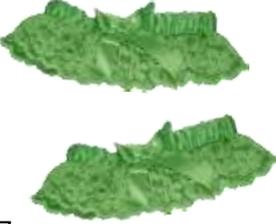
## On this day:

- 1951 – First floodlit match at County Ground, Swindon (Swindon 2 – Bristol City 1)
- 1977 – Red Rum won third Grand National
- 1978 – Velcro first put on market
- 1982 – Argentina seized Falkland Islands

## Springtime in an English Village -1944

A lovely little film, free on the BFI Iplayer <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-springtime-in-an-english-village-1944-online>

**Copy Deadline:** Please send contributions to Mike Perry by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Name that Dance			
1. 	2. 	3. 	4. 
5. 	6. 	7. 	8. 
9. 	10. 2 or 3 x 	11. 	12. Ken Kesey Jack Nicholson
13. 	14. 	15. 	16. 

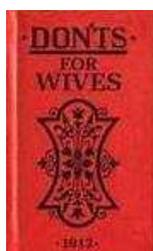
### Useful advice from the past

During this period of staying at home, here are some useful snippets from the past on maintaining domestic harmony and wellbeing, taken from "Don'ts for Wives" 1913.

Womenfolk of the side -

- ◆ Don't vegetate as you grow older if you happen to live in the country. Some women are like cows, but there is really no need to stagnate. Keep both brain and body on the move
- ◆ Don't omit to pay your partner an occasional compliment. If he looks nice as he comes in dressed for the opera, tell him so.
- ◆ Don't give your partner burnt porridge. It is not enough to possess a double saucepan; you must see that it is regularly used.

Chaps: As all local opera-houses are now closed please use your time well to research the past for advice for men.....and compliment her on the quality of the porridge.



### Problem Page - Deliverance?

Dear Editor,

I write to say that I have received the newsletter and have a contribution.



I believe that Mark had the best of intentions when he gave John a banjo on permanent loan however in these times of social distancing he is having to distance much further than most. He is now in the garden room at the back of the garage. I did wonder about leaving the banjo at the end of the drive in the hope that someone might decide they would also like to learn to play it. If anyone has a solution to this problem please let me know!

I have been listening to Hania Rani, a 20 year old Polish composer and pianist. I don't normally listen to ambient music but it was featured on Radio 4 by Mark Coles. It is keeping me calm and is worth a listen.

[https://youtu.be/10yRNQj2\\_tc](https://youtu.be/10yRNQj2_tc)

Carol