

MANCHESTER MORRIS MEN (Members Past & Present)

(compiled by K Ashman 2002, & 'matches' 1986 list. Updated 2025 by John Alexander)

| | SURNAME | Joined | Left | Notes |
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| John | Alexander | 1975 | current dancing member | |
| Keith | Ashman | Oct 1969 | Moved to Sheffield Sept 2014 | (away April '70 – Jan '72) Still dances in Knutsford May Day parade (May 2019) |
| Tim | Baker | | | Played accordion. On address lists of 1977 & 78 |
| Julian | Barber | 2008 | Gave up dancing 2020 due to hearing loss | |
| Roy | Battersby | Oct 1968 | 2020 | |
| Tony | Battilana | 1971 | Bandmaster since 1999, also dances | Left Oct 73, returned Oct 76 |
| Norman | Bearon | 1971 | 1977 | Moved to Rumworth Morris |
| Peter | Bearon | 1973 | 1977 | Moved to Rumworth Morris |
| Bernard | Bentley | Pre 1940 | | Deceased 2003 |
| Jim | Bolam | Pre 1940 | Deceased Nov 79 | |
| Alec | Bradley | Pre 1969 | | |
| K. Lascelles: “ He had been with the side for a number of years, but his job moved to Stafford about the time I joined. He danced with Stafford and/or Uttoxeter, but came back for some events or if we were short. He went on the trip to Sweden in 1970, where he was badly bitten by insects, ballooned up like Michelin man and spent a day in hospital having blond Swedish nurses rub calomine on all the bites whilst the rest of us sweated it out dancing.” | | | | |
| Roy | Brierley | | | On address list of 1976 |
| Bill | Brice | c.1955 | Deceased 2007 | Life member Archivist 1969-79. Obituary: https://www.theguardian.com/news/2007/aug/27/guardianobituaries.obituaries |
| Dave | Broughton | | | On 1971 tours list, as a dancer. Keith Ashman thinks he was a fiddler from Bury |
| Ian | Browne | Post 1945 * | 'Deceased late 60s / early 70s' – Bruce Taylor | * From 'MMM – The Early Years' by K. Ashman |
| Roger | Bryant | 1973 | Dancer; now occasional only | Life member |
| Barry | Caress | Mid 1950s * | late 1970s * | * from Bruce Taylor. Photo Nov 61. Deceased |
| Ted | Carter | Pre 1988 | Aug 2000 | To Bristol area |
| Bill | Chadband | c. 1971 | c. 1988 Deceased April 2020 | Named in AGM Minutes for 1972 |
| George | Clapton | 1988 | current dancing member | |
| Allan | Clarke | 1982 | ceased playing [concertina] in 2007 | Deceased 2013. Life member. (Also played for Britannia Coconut Dancers.) |
| Eric | Clarke | | | |
| Denis | Cleary | Pre 1960 | Deceased 1995/6 | Archivist 1979 – 1995/6 Life member |
| Jem | Cooper | | | Named in AGM Minutes for 79 |
| From Bruce Taylor: “Jem fooled (and danced and sang) for us for a few years, then suddenly was no longer around. We caught up with him some years later at a Durham Ring Meeting. He explained that he'd unexpectedly lost his job in the Manchester area, but managed to get another one in Durham, which required an immediate start. He had been dancing with Durham Rams since then.” | | | | |
| Harry | Corser | Pre 1940 | Deceased Feb 1969 | Harry's bequest to MMM was used to buy the Squire's Badge and the silver ends on the Squire's Staff. |

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| Martin | Critchley | c. 1983 | c. 1985 | Dates from Martin, June 2020 |
| Peter | de Clerke | | 1983 | On 1981 address list |
| David | Doolin | 1978 | current dancing member | |
| Bernard | Doyle | | | Named in AGM Minutes for 78 |
| John | Edge | 1984 | Gave up dancing 2015 | Treasurer until 2019 |
| Bill | Emery | | Named in AGM Minutes for 76 | (played cornet) |
| Julian | Eyre | Named in AGM Minutes for 71; on 1977 address list K. Lascelles: "He had left before I joined [1968], moving to Derby, but he also made the occasional come-back." | | |
| Joe | Fisher | Pre 1969 | Deceased 1969/70 | Played concertina |
| Tony | Fisher | 1971 | 1981 | |
| Andy | Follis | | | On 1976 and 77 address lists |
| Dave | Ford | Pre 1969 | 1970/71 | Named in AGM Minutes for 1970 |
| Peter | Fox | c. 1967 | 1976 | Played accordion & danced. Moved to Rumworth Morris |
| Frank | Frankel | 1981 | Dancer, turned concertina player | Worked for British Council. Organised tours for us in Paris, Cologne and Berlin. |
| Derek | Froome | mid-1950s * | 1976 * (to Rumworth) | Deceased 2008 * Dates from his obituary: http://www.guardian.co.uk/theguardian/2008/may/09/highereducation N.B. The obit. implies that Derek founded Rumworth Morris. This is not the case, – see Appendix in "Members' Histories" document, which is held by the Bagman. |
| Paul | Gee | | | On 1976 address list |
| Richard | Hampar | 2015 | current dancing member | |
| Roger | Hare | | current playing member | |
| Phil | Heming | Sept 1968 | June 1971 | |
| Marguerite | Hill | 2002 | Deceased June 2020 | Our first female musician |
| Tony | Hill | 1984 | Dancer & musician. Stopped dancing ~2015 | Deceased August 2023 |
| Peter | Holmes | 1984 | | |
| Velson | Horie | Late 1978 | current dancing member | |
| Derek | Howard | | Mossley MM | Named in AGM Minutes for 82 |
| Dan | Howison | c.1955-7 | Moved to Oakham 1961 | Collector. Squire 1958–1960. Deceased 2024 |
| Tim | Huggins | | | On 1977 address list |
| Geoff | Hughes | 1973 | 1977 | Founded Rumworth Morris |
| Chris | Jackson | | Moved to Germany, early 1980s | On 1977 address list |
| Tim | Johnson | 2000 | | |
| Brian | Kay | | He says he left in 1971 (saw him at Hebden Bridge, July 2011 – KA) | Named in AGM Minutes for 70 |
| George | Knight | Pre 56 | | Played concertina |
| Dominic | Knowles | | | On 2011 address list |
| Keith | Lascelles | Oct 1968 | Late 1971 | |
| Phil | Lingard | | | On 1977 address list |
| David | Lloyd | | 1967, to join Colne Royal MM | Bagman in 1961 (+?) |
| Jim | Mainland | Pre 1969 | | Deceased |
| Sean | Mangan | | | On 1981 address list |

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| Dave | Matthews | Appears in newspaper dated May 1972 | | “Plumber Dave” |
| Ron | Mathews | Shortly after the war * | c. 1981 * | Deceased late 1999 / early 2000 |
| | | * both dates from the M/cr District EFDSS Morris Newsletter Vol.1 No.1 | | |
| Peter | McLoughlin | c.1950 | Deceased 2011 | Life member |
| Howard | Mitchell | 1987 | Left Manchester 1999, for Derby. | Honorary member. Still occasionally plays for us. |
| John | Mitchell | | | Member of Medlock Rapper |
| Steve | Mitchell | Oct 1969 | Left Manchester 1996, for Worcs. | Honorary member. Still occasionally plays for us. Member, Ilmington Morris |
| Peter | Morris | c. 1987 | c. 1992 | |
| Marjorie | Morris | 2015 | current playing member | Musician / started dancing 2019 |
| Brendan | Morrison | | current dancing member | |
| John | Murphy | | Last danced in 2000 | On 1981 address list |
| Leo | Nolan | | | On 2013 & 14 address lists |
| Colin | Oates | | | On 1977 address list. Deceased 2016 |
| Peter | Pendlebury | 1982 | c. 1987 * | Fiddler. *AGM minutes of 1987 say not available for an event later that month |
| Brian | Pennell | | | Photo Nov 61 |
| Chris | Phelan | | 1981 | |
| Howard | Pilkington | Pre 1969 | | Named in AGM Minutes for 70 |
| Julian | Pilling | c.1960 | 1967? * | Dancer, collector. Deceased |
| * Bruce Taylor: “I have a copy of the programme for the Britannia Coconut Dancers’ Year 2000 celebration, in which there is a pen-picture and photo of Colne Royal, provided by the club itself. This states that they “were reformed in 1967”, so I conclude that this would be when Pilling left MMM.” | | | | |
| Eric | Pollitt | Pre 1969 | | On 1977 address list |
| Ian | Porter | 2019 | current playing member | |
| Graham | Proctor | Pre 1961 | * | Son of Les Proctor |
| * K. Lascelles: “He had moved to Chester before I joined [1968]. He made the occasional come-back, and MMM danced at his wedding in Chester.” | | | | |
| Les | Proctor | Pre 1969 | | |
| Bryn | Pugh | 1972/3* | | * Between K.Ashman’s return and B.Taylor’s joining. On 1976 address list |
| Dave | Rabson | 1965? | 1966? | Name and dates from K Lascelles |
| Andy | Reed | Pre 1969 | 1970/71 | |
| John | Reed | On 1981 address list. Was in the USA 1989 – 90. Deceased 1993 | | |
| Jim | Reilly | Pre 56 | | Played fiddle. Life member (when?). Deceased 2001 |
| Dick | Rendell | c. 1973/4 | Left the area 1981 | Deceased 1999. Honorary member |
| Helen | Rich | 2014? | c. 2019 | Musician |
| Alex | Richardson | pre 1957 * | | Played accordion |
| Bruce Taylor: “I remember him playing on the 1957 Manchester/Leeds joint tour, and he is to be seen in the photo of that tour published in the Manchester Guardian on July 1st that year. He was often present at the Leeds Whit Tours in the following years, and was still based in Manchester and playing for the morris in the mid to late 1960s, as he had occasion a few times to visit Durham and came along to some of our practices.” [BT was in Durham at that time] | | | | |

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| Phil | Ridgway | c. 1967 * | | Deceased Oct 2000 * "Joined maybe one year before me" – K. Lascelles. // Named in AGM Minutes for '70 |
| Nick | Roberson | 2013 | 2020 | |
| Andy | Sands | 2015 | 2018 | Moved from Manchestr |
| Alan | Seymour | 1968–71 * | | * "He joined during my time (he was from Bury, part of the Pace Eggers there and I believe migrated to Colne Royal)" – K. Lascelles |
| Colin | Shaw | | On 1977 address list, but not 1981 list | Named in AGM Minutes for 72 |
| Ian | Sidebotham | | | Named in AGM Minutes for 75 |
| Isobel | Singleton | Listed on 2006 and 2008 address lists | | Played recorder. Deceased. |
| Dick | Spenser | Listed on 1976 and 1977 address lists | | |
| Edwin | Spring | 1961 | July 1968 | |
| Allan | Stanniforth | | | Photo Nov 61 |
| Alistair | Sutcliffe | 1984 | | |
| John | Tallis | Pre 1969 | current member | Life member |
| Bruce | Taylor | 1973 | moved away 2021 | Life member |
| Vic | Thomas | c. 1990 | 2009 | Collector. Deceased July 2016 |
| Malcolm | Thomson | 1977 | current dancing member | |
| Alan | Tipping | 1982 | 1983 | |
| Geoff | Trewinnard | c. 1963 | 1971 (Deceased 2019) | Dates provided by Martin Trewinnard (Feb 2020) |
| Martin | Trewinnard | c. 1967 | 1971 | ditto |
| Phil | Trewinnard | | | On 1976 address list |
| Colin | Turton | | On 1977 address list, not 1981 | Named in AGM Minutes for 72 Deceased 24 Dec 2009 |
| George | Waterhouse | late 1980s | current dancing member | |
| George | Waterhouse #2 | 2018 | 2019? | Moved to Somerset |
| Brian | Waters | 1984 | | |
| Neville | Watson | | Oct 1976 | Fiddler, left to go to Sussex Univ. |
| Brian | Wedgbury | | Pre Oct 1968 (– K.Lascelles) | Deceased Nov 2002 |
| Bob | White | | Moved to Hamburg 1996/7 (– from AGM Minutes 1996) | |
| Roy | Whitfield | Pre 1940 | c.1970 | Deceased Nov 2005 |
| Ted | Williams | Jan 1987 | 1990 | Moved overseas (1990) |
| Peter | Wiseman | | | Bagman 1980 – 1983 Danced, sang, played concertina. Deceased Nov 2020 |
| Peter | Young | | | Named in AGM Minutes for 77 |