



Membership Secretary's Report to the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Note – Statistics are reported to the end of the Open Morris Financial Year, i.e., 31st August 2023, to accord with the Treasurer's Report.

NB the current Open Morris Membership Year runs to 25th January 2024.

Statistics at Year End (31st August 2023) – Membership Categories

Category	Current year, to 31/08/2023	<i>Previous year, to 31/08/2022</i>
Adult sides	114	116
Non -UK sides	1	1
Associate Member sides	1	1
Junior sides	2	2
Total sides	118	120
Individual Members	8	8
Total	126	128

UK Member Sides (117 No.)

[114 adult, 1 associate & 2 Junior)

Most payments were received by Bank Transfer (66%) or Standing Order (24%). In total, just 13 cheques were received, mostly from members whose multi signature accounts precluded electronic payments. However, 18 No. Adult sides did not update their Standing Orders to pay us at the lower subscription rates set at the 2022 AGM. The OM Treasurer offered to reimburse these £5.00 overpayments; 3 members sides asked for reimbursement, plus one payment that had been duplicated. We are contacting all members with 'old rate' standing orders to advise them what action they should take.

Arrivals

We have welcomed:

- New Adult side Rheda's Dream from 01-Oct-22
- Beacon Morris from 18-Dec-22
- The Wad from 08-Feb-23
- Mayday Morris from 06-Apr-23
- Raggedstone Border Morris from 05-May-23
- Fleet Folkloric Forum from 19-Jun-23



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Departures

The following members left Open Morris in 2023:

- Far Side Morris
- Mud Molly Morris
- Ragged Heroes Mummers
- Stevenage Sword Dancers
- Seven Stars Sword & Step Dancers
- Rattlejag Morris
- Thackray Sage Morris
- Rossendale Clog Heritage

John Scholey

Open Morris Membership Secretary
2nd November 2023

