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2014 A year to put an awful lot of thought in!

A sombre start with the funeral of a much thought of ex-bagman of 1985/6;1991/2 until 1996/7,A good friend to all that met him.

10th Jan with a Kirmington Plough Jack's Play tour to Holton-le-Clay, Marshchapel,Fulstow and North Thoresby.Too busy to get"Comments".

Sunday 12th and the first Waes-hal!' at Grimsby's Vanson Centre. Greatly recieved,lots of folk.Two sets of dances plus Plough Play.

Monday 13th:Plough Monday at the Gaslamp Lounge,Louth with a Plough borrowed from Ludborough.Pleasant night "Good atmosphere","Love it!".

Onto the 32nd Lincolnshire Waes-hal!(8th at Skidbrooke).so many happy people - 4 pages of good "Comments" inc."Absolutely wonderful".

After a quiet few weeks covering the GMM 'Big Bag','Presentation of Cheque/collection','Day of Practise' and the 'Annual Feast at East Halton, we re-emerge for the last dance-out in Boarder kit visiting Swinhope, Binbrook,Tealby and Ludford."A wonderful & colourful tradition".

GMM performed/taught lively Keelby Scouts Group/Cubs.17th March.

St.George's Day,23rd April,St.George & Dragon and the first time out in our new Top Hats.They looked magnificent.Part of our new kit.

Saturday 26th.It's Rhubarb Tarts 10th Anniversary Weekend of Dance. Two days starting at Cannon Hall(two spots) then to the White Horse, Emley. Sunday:National Mining Museum & Reindeer,Overton.Kirklees.

May 1st.Holton-le-Clay,Waltham & Barnoldby-le-Beck."Shame about the weather" - "Roll on Summer!"

Eighty years of the Morris Ring and 90th Anniversary of the Cambridge Morris Men celebrated in Cambridge with over 500 morris dancers and about 200 musicians in the City centre.

A poor.damp.dark evening on Monday 12th May visiting Toothill, Stallingborough and Keelby. Very few onlookers.

Weekend 24/25th May and it's the Cleethorpes Folk & Cider Festival. Usual good fun, great guest sides! Sunday the better day with crowds, GMM, Witchmen, Flagcrackers of Craven, Rhubarb Tarts, Lizzie Dripping, Wakefield Morris, Tatterfoals and Alford Morris.

Friday 30th and a Music & Beer Weekend, Heneage Arms, Hainton.

Summertime Evening tours start in June with a trip to East Halton and Ulceby.Next to 'Water-pump Blessings' at Brigg on Saturday 7th - wet and thundery. North Kelsey and Caistor pump blessings on Monday 9th - fine, warm night.

Evening tours continue, Monday 16th at Fulstow, Marshchapel and Tetney Lock. Barrow Carnival, Monday 23rd, "Another splendid evening" then into July (7th) 'Station to Station' Under the Clock, Willy's to the Planets smallest pub - the Signal Box, Cleethorpes.

A gorgeous sunny hot day on the 12th for the Coach Tour around northern Lincolnshire travelling from Brigg to Scunthorpe Museum,Scotter and Blyton for a welcoming ice-cream - needed that!

The last Evening Tour of the summer season took us to Swinhope, Binbrook and Rothwell. It shouldn't have been the last one but the one scheduled for the 21st of July to Saltfleetby had to be cancelled at the last minute and apologies sent.

Now onto August Bank Holiday Weekend (Sunday 24th) with the Alford Arts & Crafts Festival. Always popular and with a trip to Strubby Airfield to watch the fly-over of the last two remaining Lancaster Bombers was an extra thrill. Very hot; very crowded airfield. Wow.

September 1st (Monday) for the "Big Willy Night in" at Brighton Slip.

The 9th Lincoln BIG Morris Festival on Saturday 6th, gains popularity each year, particularly when the weather is favourable - it was!

After the AGM on Monday 8th, Thursday 11th sees a visit to Welton on the north bank of the Humber to perform with Green Ginger Garland

The Festival of the Plough at High Burnham proves again why it is one of our favourites. Wonderful venue, an agricultural high point.

Saturday 27th Sept for our Day of Boarder Practise, followed the week after (11 Oct) in our quest "In search of John Barleycorn" visiting real-ale pubs by mini-bus a distance away (Lincoln) Welton & Bracebridge (Boston) Heckington & Hubbert's Bridge. Finding a calling-card' a self-named bottle or so at the eight-sailed windmill gift shop.

The 18th October was the "Apple Day Harvest Festival" at the Vanson Centre - their first, with craft stalls, apple tastings etc. "Lovely".

Halloween on Friday 31st October was a fantastic night. Disguise was great - even frightened own children. Some unrecognisable?

Tuesday 18th November "Festival of the Leaves" at Rothwell then onto the Blacksmith's at Rothwell for a Reely Grim inside dance spot.

From mid-December we give the 'Elsham Plough (or Wooing) Play' another airing. Friday 12th in Brigg - quiet, cool and damp - two venues busy two not so, final venue with a fist through the window, called it a day:

Tuesday 16th back to Nettleton and Rothwell. "Xmas officially here"

Thursday 18th around Cleethorpps - last year Friday too busy, this year Thursday so quiet (yet again) but excellent reception at the Punchbowl, and everyone came out to watch on the station concourse.

Boxing Day on a Friday, our 47th, Lots of folk along the promenade. A well established Christmas tradition. Friends out to watch us again as part of their festivities.

Monday 29th, plough playing for the last time this year. Green Man at Stallingborough were so receptive and enthusiastic, photo-call etc., then down-hill for the rest of the night to find our last call/pub shut. Well that's that then!

Overall a fantastic year with a record breaking 124 venues covered, come good weather or duff; magnificent crowds or so very few.

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