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Jigs Workshop!

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LOTTERY FUNDED November 23rd saw a one-off workshop session aimed at experienced dancers who wanted to challenge themselves by learning more complex dances - the Cotswold Morris Jig! We have run some of these sessions in the past so there was some experience of Morris Jigs within the group as members of Grimsby Morris Men were joined by three of our friends who are more often to be found dancing with a long sword team from Lincoln.

The session started with a (relatively) simple dance in the Wheatley style and then progressed to more complex dances from Bucknell, Bledington and Longborough (a village whose inhabitants seemed to have enjoyed jumping about a lot!). A great deal of effort was put in by all participants and refreshments were definitely earned! Handouts included a short description concerning what we know about the origins and development of the Morris Jig and included full dance notation so that participant may continue to practice at home. It was a lot of fun and further sessions will be planned for next year.

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