

# The Legend of The Buckland Shag

The Buckland Shag was a monstrous horse which lived in the Shag Brook at Buckland, on the Reigate - Dorking road. It would drag travellers from the coaching road and devour them on the Shag stone, a large boulder in the brook with a blood red vein of iron ore running through it.

Such was the local dread of The Shag that the local parson, Willoughby Bertie, in 1757 had the stone removed from the brook and thrown into the sea from a cliff in Devon.

The Buckland Shag disappeared from local Folklore.

Then at dawn on Mayday 1987, something appeared from Buckland Pond. Sightings were reported around Surrey every Friday evening through the summer, but only at selected licensed premises.

Now in its 25th season, the tradition continues....

We wish you all health, wealth, a long life, and most of all, fecundity

# Probably the fecund best Shag in the world



## At a loose end on Fridays?

The side is based in the Reigate area and dances traditional Cotswold Morris at pubs in Surrey and north Sussex, throughout the summer. After dancing they retire to the pub to sing, play music and enjoy a well earned drink.

We are always looking for new members, any age, 8 to 108; if you play an instrument, sing, can put one foot roughly in front of the other, or would like to know more, please phone David at 01293 782777 (a sense of humour is essential, beards optional; an aversion to pubs or being categorized could be a hindrance....).

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# 2011 Calendar

They strike up the Devil's  
Dance withall: then  
march this heathen  
company towards the  
church and churchyards,  
their pypers pyping, the  
drummers thundering,  
their stumpes dancing,  
their belles jynghing, their  
handkercheefes fluttering  
about their heads like  
madde men.

Philip Stubbes, Anatomie of Abuses 1583



April 29th	Nutley Lane street party (14:00 and 15:00) The Three Horseshoes, Ironsbottom (17:30)
May 1st	Buckland Pond (dawn) Hever Castle (11:30 and 12:30)
May 6th	The Diamond, Hurst Green
May 20th	The Farmhouse, Horley
May 21st	Welton's Brewery, Foundry Lane Horsham (11:00)
May 27th	The Surrey Oaks, Parkgate spring beer festival
June 11th	Moor House School fete (13:15) Royal Oak, Staffhurst Wood (14:45)
June 17th	The Plough, St John's, Redhill
June 24th	The Three Horseshoes, Ironsbottom
July 1st	The Crown, Turner's Hill
July 8th	The Royal Oak, Friday Street, Rusper
July 15th	The Garland, Redhill
July 22nd	The Fox and Hounds, Tilburstow Hill (provisiomal)
July 29th	The Fox Revived, Norwood Hill (provisiomal)

further dates will be added when we can be certain of a suitably impressive performance - keep an eye on the website programme page; future regulars are:

Aug 26th	The Surrey Oaks, Parkgate
December 26th	The Skimmington Castle, Reigate Heath, Mummers play (13:00)

All performances 8pm (approximately) unless noted

We may have a surprise in store; for particular event information, or to avoid disappointment if travelling long distances, please check with David at 01293 782777 - or if you have the technology:

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