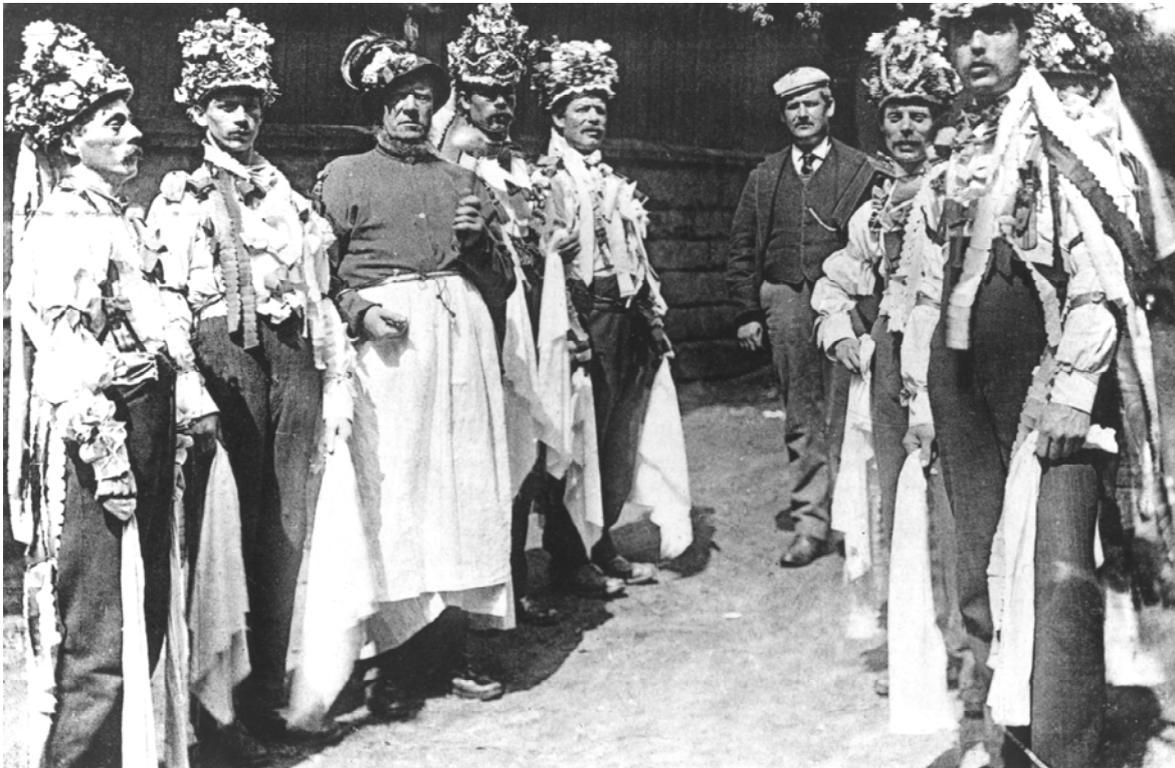


A Pictorial History of The Lymm Dance



Earliest known illustration is a 1840 Oleograph of Lymm Rushbearing



Oughtrington Morris Team¹ - c.1899

¹ At the turn of 1900 Lymm boasted two teams - one based in Lymm itself and the other at Oughtrington.



The 1907 Lymm Rushbearing at Lymm Cross in the village centre



Lymm Morris Men - c.1910, Location unknown

The last known performance of the Lymm Dance was at Statham May Queen in 1923, where it was danced by a boys team who had been taught by Ned Rowles, one of the former Lymm Dancers.



The Statham Boys Team at the 1923 May Queen

In the mid 1970s the dance was researched and collected from some of the Statham dancers by Geoff Bibby², and in 1980 Thelwall Morris Men began to dance the Lymm Dance on special occasions. Since 1986 a team has danced at the Lymm Rushbearing in kit as close as possible to that of the original Lymm/Statham teams.



Lymm Revival Team at the 1986 Rushbearing Ceremony

² See <http://www.thelwallmorris.org.uk> for more details on the collecting and revival of the Lymm Dance

Morris Dancers, Lymm - 100 Years Apart
- A colourised post card (No 1815) and a modern digital photograph -



Lymm. Morris Dancers. No. 1815.
The 1904 Lymm Morris Dancers at Henry Street³, Lymm



The 2005 Lymm Team at Henry Street, Lymm

³ This street corner was demolished in 2006 to make way for modern apartments