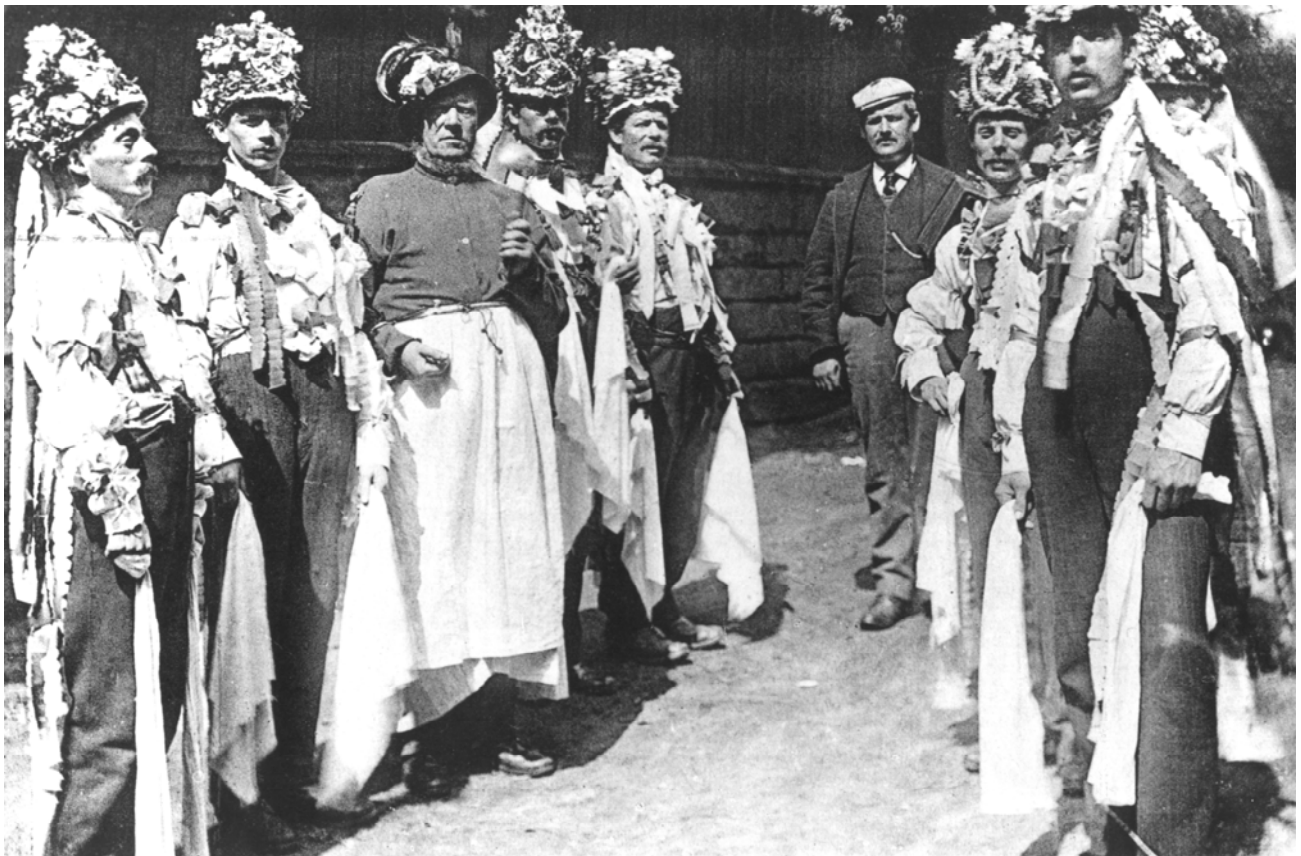


A Pictorial History of The Lymm Dance



The 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 (detail from a postcard of the event)

Other undated postcards / photographs have been discovered.
Some dancers are clearly common to these photographs taken around 1907 - 1910



Lymm Morris Men - Location unknown



The Rushcart with Lymm Morris Dancers in Maltmans Road, Lymm

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



Lymm Revival Team at the 1986 Rushbearing Ceremony

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 in kit as close as possible to that of the original Lymm/Statham teams at Lymm May Queen, Lymm Rushbearing and Lymm Dickensian Day,

² See www.lymm-morris.org.uk for details on the collecting and revival of the Lymm Dance

Morris Dancers, Lymm - 101 Years Apart
- A hand coloured post card (No 1815) and a modern digital photograph -



The 1904 Lymm Morris Dancers at Henry Street³, Lymm



The 2005 Lymm Team at Henry Street, Lymm

More information can be found at the Lymm Morris Dancers Archive: www.lymm-morris.org.uk

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