

Traditional Morris at Bampton.

Sources: AW Arnold Woodley FW Frank Woodley
 ST Sonny Townsend

c.1880: AW has an undated photo which shows a youthful Dick Butler on fiddle. Jinkey said that Dick first played about 1880. Could the fool be Alfred Taylor, who according to Jinkey danced c.1881-1885? Comparing this photo with one dated 1887, Harry Radband looks at least ten years younger.

Harry (Sarah) Radband - Cake Carrier

George (Chackler) Wells

Joey Rouse

Bob (Grank) Dixey (Jinkey's great uncle)

Fool

Philip Dewe

George (Nipper) Dixey (Bob's brother)

Thomas (Buscot) Tanner (Squire)

Dick Butler

1887:	(Standing, left to right)	(Seated, 1 to r)
	George (Nipper) Dixey	Philip Dewe
	Jinkey Wells - Fool	Harry Radband - Cake
	Bob (Grank) Dixey	George Wells
	Joey Rouse	Thomas Tanner
	Dick Butler	
	Charles (Cocky) Tanner	
	(Identified by AW)	

?Date: Harry Radband - Cake

?c.1910's

George Dixey

Philip Dewe

Bob Dixey

Arthur Dixey

Thomas Tanner (AW's great uncle)

Joey Rouse

David Edgington - Fool (Took over when Jinkey started
fiddling)

Fiddle player (Does not look like Jinkey or Butler)

1922: David Edgington - Fool

Frank Tanner (Buscot's son)

Frank Wells (Jinkey's son - Kept a papershop)

Billy Flux ('Little Foot-up)

Ted Lay

Bob Wells (Jinkey's son)

Bertie Hunt

Jinkey Wells- Fiddle

Walter (Brannan) Brooks - Cake Carrier

1925: On the saturday one of the dancers was ill.(Frank Tanner?) His grandfather told Sonner that he would dance on the Monday; he refused and got a clip round the ear. He went into the cellar where his father asked him what the trouble was. When he told his father he was clipped round the ear again, and told to get into the yard to practise. Previously, Sonner hadn't been interested in regular dancing; although he had (like Frank Woodley) often stepped in for the odd dance.

On returning home on the Whit Monday, they were in their cups, and had an argument over something

(perhaps the dancing or Jinkey's fee?) and Nipper
Dixey broke Jinkey's fiddle. AW has it now and has
repaired it. (ST)

1929: The Old team in Stratford.

Freddie Hudson

Victor (Buller) Tanner

Arthur Dixey

Sam Bennett - Fiddle

Bertie Clarke - Fiddle

Frank Tanner is on the side in civvies.

?late

1920's: The Young team.

Jinkey Wells - Fiddle

Bill Brown

Bill Dewe

Reg Whitlock

Opey Whitlock

Bert Whitlock (Three brothers)

Jim Buckingham

Arnold Buckingham - Fool (AW's uncle)

1928: Danced in London.

Sam Bennett - Fiddle

Joe Smith - Fool

Reg Tanner

Buller Tanner

Billy Flux

Fred Hudson

Sonny Townsend

Ted Lay

Brannan Brooks - Odd Carrier

Wally Buckingham - Coat Carrier

1920's: General notes.

The Old team practised from the Friday before Easter, six nights a week for half an hour a night. Then had a couple of hours on Whit Saturday in the Elephant, which local people could watch if they paid to come in.

Sam Bennett was kept and fed at the Elephant.

The odd man - usually 'Cocky' Tanner - carried the coats, pipes, pins, needles, etc.

The Fool then collected as well, including chasing cars.

On Whit Monday, the team was ready to start at 8a.m. (ST) was ready at 6 a.m. in 1925). They had a pint at the Elephant, all the dancers put a shilling in the ~~hat~~ to start it rattling, then went off down the Weald bottom. Back to the Elephant at 10 or 10.15 for a half hour eat. By now the crowds had been brought up from the station to the Elephant. After eating (i.e. 10.30 or 10.45) they went into town. In the afternoon they danced at the big gardens. Back to the Elephant at night to share out the money (Sam Bennett got an equal share as the others). Outside of the pub car lights were rigged up and there was barn dancing until three or four o'clock in the morning.

There was some casual dancing on the day after.

Everybody just took the time off of work; ST never remembers anyone getting the sack - it was an accepted practise.

On the Saturday after Whit, the team went out to

Clanfield to dance.

On the Saturday following that, they danced at Alvescot; then at Stafford-Cripps' house at Filkins, where they had tea. Then onto the 'Lamb and Flag' in Filkins.

1931: Frank Woodley first danced this year; previously disinterested in dancing regularly. Only danced this and the following year.

Either this year or 1932, 'Brannan' Brooks shit his trousers at Stratford. (FW)

1932: At 3 a.m., the brook started rising, and by morning the lower end of the town was under water. The old team turned out and were carried over the water to dance in the centre of town.

ST danced in the afternoon. Jinkey's side didn't go out at all.

Frank Woodley

Ted Lay

Billy Flux

Jim Buckingham

Fred Hart - Fool

1937: Although the town had bonfires, etc., the Morris team didn't dance at the Jubilee celebrations.

Old team at Whit.

'Brannan' Brooks - Cake Carrier

Sam Bennett - Fiddle

Bill Brown

Billy Flux

Sonny Townsend

Arnold Buckingham - Fool

Opey Whitlock

Charlie Buckingham

Ted Lay

1938: Arnold Woodley first danced.

War: Jinkey's team not out in war.

The old team went out for an hour at night in civvies outside the Elephant.

Reg and Buller Tanner led the old team. They were in the army; as were Ted Lay and Fred Hudson. All four danced when they could get leave. Sonny only missed one year - 'on blackout duty'. Bertie Hunt and other old dancers came out to make up a team.

Bertie Clarke played during the early years of the war.

1944& No team came out in these years.

1945: Arnold Woodley had arthritis.

1946: Arnold got Jinkey out and this was his last year with the Morris.

1947: Bertie Clarke played.

c1950: Headington Quarry team came over with Kimber.

In the Bampton side that year -

Francis Shergold

Roy Shergold

Reg Whitlock

Bob Whitlock

Arnold Woodley

George Hunt - Fool

Bobby Wells - Cake Carrier

Bertie Clarke - Fiddle

c1951: Arnold Woodley broke away from the side and formed a new team of boys.

David Brown (Bill's son)

Frank Daniels

Gene Harper

Colin Knight

Andrew Hornsby

George Shears (one of the first boys AW taught)

1952: Sonny first fooled for the boys.

James Townsend, Son's son, first danced .

1953: Arnold Woodley - Fiddle

Sonny Townsend - Fool

Frank Daniels

Robin Connaughton (First time out)

James Townsend

Michael Bowden

Colin Knight

Gene Harper

1955: Alec Wixey

Robin Connaughton

Michael Bowden

Colin Knight

Ben Tanner - Cake Carrier

early

1960's: Arnold's team had fallen off for some reason.

1965: Sonny fooled for Francis, 1965-1968.

1968: At the Ock Street Election Sonny couldn't get the team

out of the pub. Became dissillusioned and went back to Arnold.

1972: Arnold Woodley - Fiddle

'Plod' - Fiddle

Martin Hewitt

Trevor Hewitt

Richard Buckingham (Now a policeman)

Clive Tanner (Not related to old Tanners)

Anthony Collett - Fool

'Curly' - Cake Carrier

1973: Arnold's presentation plate -

Frank Purslow

Alister Cook

Sonny Townsend

Graham Cook

Ken Adams - Cake

Anthony Collett

Don Fidler - Collector

Matthew Green

Julian Fidler

Geoffrey Adams

Jonathon Pearman

Lawrence Adams

Mark Willis

Paul Wixey

Clive Tanner

John Buckingham

Colin Leach

Richard Buckingham

1975: Sonny's 50th. anniversary card -

Arnold Woodley

Matthew Green

Frank Purslow

Jonathon Pearman

Clive Tanner

Richard Buckingham

Andrew Pearman

John Buckingham

Lawrence Adams

Malcolm Willis

R(?) Adams

D.C.Julian?

Geoffrey Adams

Colin Read?

Julian Fidler

Anthony Collett

Alister Cook

Robin Connaughton

1978: Meeting at George and Dragon. 12.11.78

Sonny Townsend

Don Fidler

Arnold Woodley

Brendan Cassiday

Ken Adams

Clive Tanner

Robin Connaughton

Matthew Green

Bill Fowler

Fred Cook

Biographical information.

(From ST 12.11.78)

DIXEY George - danced
 Robert - danced
 Henry - didn't

RADBAND Henry - brother of Tommy Portlock's wife.

HUNT Thomas (Tinker) - Stonemason
 Bertie - Danced up to c.1923 or 24, and on occasion
 afterwards. Lived in Swindon. Stonemason.
 George - Not a dancer.

FLUX Billy - From Alvescot - married ~~Bräher~~ and Reg
 Tanner's sister.

HUDSON Thomas - didn't dance.
 Fred - son of Thomas. Danced 1920's and 30's.
 Worked at Hampton Court Farm with Tommy
 Portlock.

LAY Thomas - Probably didn't dance.
 Ted - son of Thomas. Danced.
 Fred - son of Thomas. Danced. Died 1977.

PETTIFER Joseph - Didn't dance.
 Fred - son of Joseph. Danced for Jinkey.
 Cyril - son of Joseph. Didn't dance.

SMITH George (Punch) - danced. Died 1978.
 Alfred - son of George. Danced for Jinkey, around
 1928 or 29. Now lives in Worcester.
 Isiah, John and Thomas in B in 1903 didn't dance.

BUTLER Dick - died c.1917 or 18?

BROOKS Brannan danced one year all through.

DAFTER George - Fooled for Jinkey.

FIDLER Julian - Gave up for 12 months, just came back.

KERRY Mark - Carried coats, c. 1910's.

BROWN Bill- danced for Jinkey.

TANNER Reg - son of Buscot. Danced 1920's - c.1939.
 Victor (Buller) - son of Buscot.
 Frank - Danced for one or two years, c.1923 or 24.
 'Artful' Jack - never danced.
 Percy - Didn't dance? 'Away a lot'.

WOODLEY Frank - Born in Hailey in 1915. Moved to London
 then back to Bampton. Now lives in
 Ashcombe Close, Witney.
 Arnold - Born in Bampton in 1925, 14th. November.
 Danced 1938 -1943; had arthritis for two
 years. Then 1946 to date.

TOWNSEND Thomas Albert (Sonny) - Born 24th. May, 1914.
 James - son of Sonny. No longer dancing. Wife
 thinks it a bit strange.

CASSIDAY Brendan - Born London, now lives in Witney. Danced
 for two years now.

FOWLER Bill - Collected for two years now. (BF)
 Fred - brother to Bill. Collected before Bill took
 it up.(Neither danced)

PEARMAN Jonathon - Fiddles for Arnold.

WOODLEY's are related to - BUCKINGHAM's
 PRICKETTS
 EDGINGTON's
 HUNT's

BUCKINGHAM Wally - brother to Jim and Arnold Buckingham.
 Lived in Spring Terrace.

Other information gathered 10th-12th. November, 1978.

There were some cottages opposite Weald Manor Farm which were knocked down around 1916 or 17, where some of the dancing Tanners and Hunts lived.

1927: Sam Bennett brought over a team of women from Ilmington to dance at Bampton, in the evening. They wore black skirts and white tops, with a few bells on their arms and no ribbons. They 'looked like a morgue', said Sonny.

Sonny used to go over to Sam Bennett's orchards to get plums, and Sam would arrange for him to dance a few jigs for the other customers. Sonny got the plums free for this.

When Frank Woodley danced there was a 'regimented' style of dancing, with everybody coming off the same foot. When they finished a dance, they walked round in a circle until the next dance, unless a break was agreed upon. He thought that the Shergold side was a 'shambles'.

The team used to dance wearing boots; and Sonny did just that in his first few years.

Sonny's son Jim first danced in 1952 when 9 years old.

Jim Buckingham's sister, Kit (Kizzy) went to school with Sonny. She 'used to like a jig', and danced in civvies up to the late 1960's.

Arnold trained Bill and Frankie Danielâ, Jasper Walsh and Jim Buckingham. Francis tries to Poach boys; currently trying to get Anthony Collett, among others.