



Figure 1 Victorious athlete holding branches and wearing fillets. Detail of red-figure amphora by Douris. Early fifth century B.C.

## THEORY OF MORRIS

Human behaviour is inordinately complex

### 1 WHY DO HUMANS ENGAGE IN SUCH ACTIVITIES?

No idea whether morris like activity or religion came first.

### 2 DOES IT ACCOUNT FOR ITS PERSISTENCE?

- through various stages of society's development.

It is essentially conservative.

### 3 EXPLAIN THE APPARENT DIVERSITY OF ACTIVITY?

- under the common title. What is the common element?

MORRIS IS A FORM OF SPORT

RITUAL ORIGINS APPLY TO SPORT IN GENERAL

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ANIMAL DISGUISE      HORN DANCE      MORISQUE  
 HOBBY HORSE      JIGGES  
 DRAGONS      VISITING HORSE      HORNPIPES  
 WILD MEN      GROTEQUES      MATACHIN      STEP DANCE  
 RITUAL FOOL      NOVELTY  
 MINSTRELS      COURT FOOL      FLOATS      CIRCUS      MUSIC HALL      MODERN CARNIVALS  
 TRAVELLING PLAYERS      PUNCH & JUDY      MUMMERS  
 CHURCH DRAMA      COMMEDIA DEL'ARTE      SABRE DRILL  
 SERVICE ABROAD      FLAG WAVING  
 SOME ELEMENTS WEAVE THROUGH      CROSSING THE LINE  
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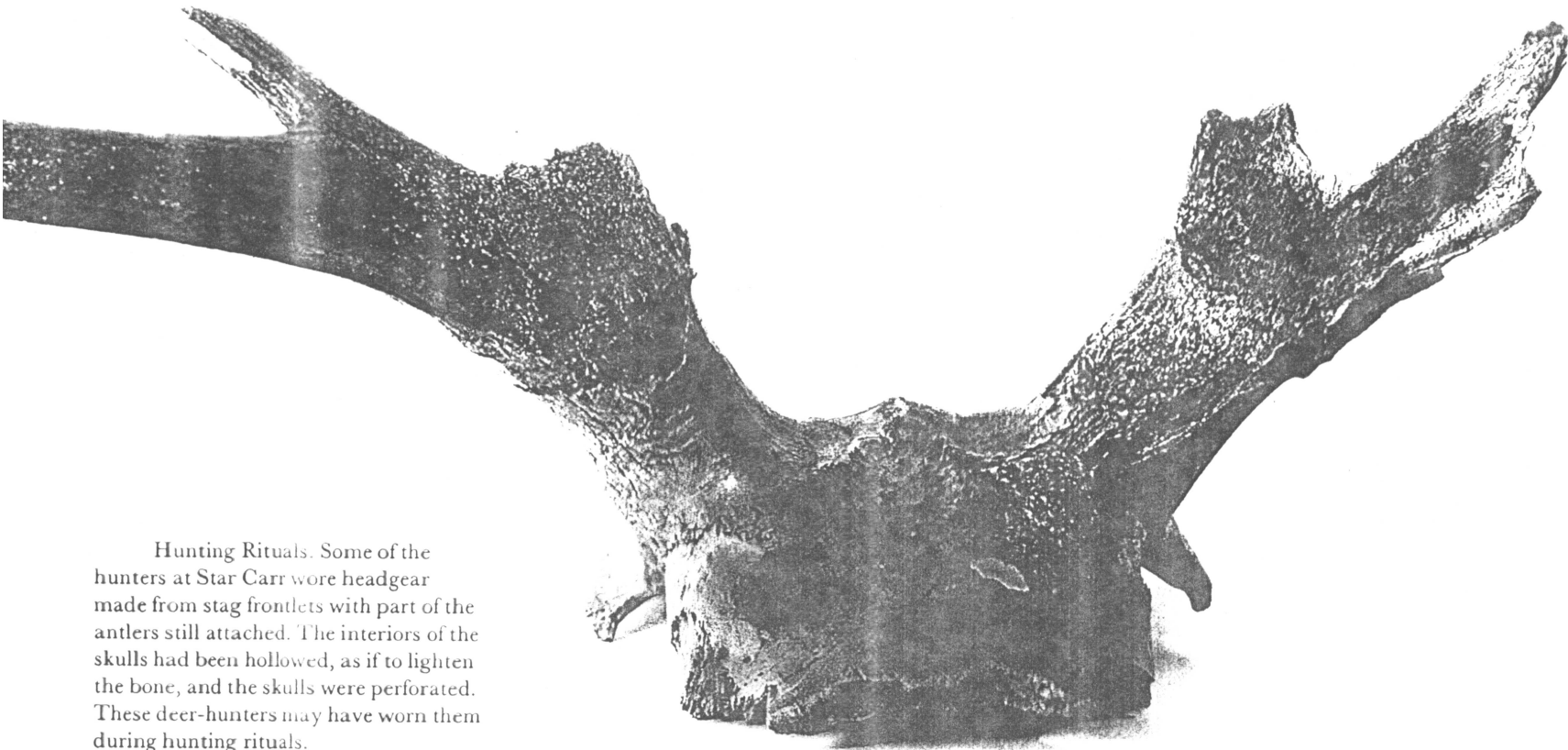
MODERN ENGLISH IMAGE





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Hunting Rituals. Some of the hunters at Star Carr wore headgear made from stag frontlets with part of the antlers still attached. The interiors of the skulls had been hollowed, as if to lighten the bone, and the skulls were perforated. These deer-hunters may have worn them during hunting rituals.



**fil+let** ('filɪt) *n.* 1. **a.** Also called: **fillet steak.** a strip of boneless meat, esp. the undercut of a sirloin of beef. **b.** the boned side of a fish. **c.** the white meat of breast and wing of a chicken. 2. a narrow strip of any material. 3. a thin strip of ribbon, lace, etc., worn in the hair or around the neck. 4. a narrow flat moulding, esp. one between other mouldings. 5. a narrow band between two adjacent flutings on the shaft of a column. 6. a narrow strip of welded metal used to join steel members. 7. *Heraldry.* a horizontal division of a shield, one quarter of the depth of the chief. 8. Also called: **listel, list.** the top member of a cornice. 9. *Anatomy.* a band of sensory nerve fibres in the brain connected to the thalamus. Technical name: **lemniscus.** 10. **a.** a narrow decorative line, impressed on the cover of a book. **b.** a wheel tool used to impress such lines. 11. another name for **fairing**<sup>1</sup>. ~ *vb. (tr.)* 12. to cut or prepare (meat or fish) as a fillet. 13. to cut fillets from (meat or fish). 14. to bind or decorate with or as if with a fillet. ~ Also (for senses 1-3): **filet.** [C14: from Old French *filet*, from *fil* thread, from Latin *fīlum*]



Bronze cauldron found at Cyme in Italy, inscribed, "I was set out as a prize at the games of Onomastus, son of Pheidilaus." Sixth century B.C.