

Hook Eagle



Morris Men

April

Fri 22 evening Farnham Beerex 94
 Sun 31 to Mon 1st May Sweeps Festival, Rochester, Kent

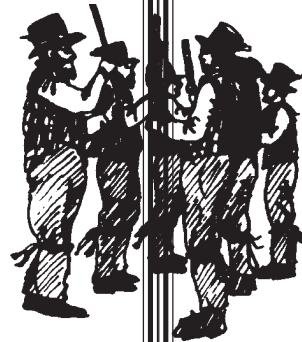
May

Fri 6th 8.00 pm The George, Odiham
 9.00 pm The Bell, Odiham
 Sun 8th 2.00 pm Hook Village Fete
 Fri 13th 8.00 pm The Swan, Hartley Wintney
 9.00 pm The Phoenix, Hartley Wintney
 Fri 20th 8.00 pm The White Hart, Hook
 9.00 pm The Raven Hotel, Hook
 Fri 27th 8.00 pm Blue Ball, Kintbury
 with Kintbury May Maids and
 Westerley (from the USA)
 Mon 30th 1.00 pm The Bull and Butcher, Sandhurst
 2.30 pm Sandhurst Donkey Derby

June

Fri 3rd 8.00 pm The Golden Pot, Shalden
 with Alton Morris
 Wed 8th 8.00pm The Fox and Hounds, Fleet
 with Mayflower Morris
 Fri 10th to Sun 12th Wimborne Festival
 Fri 17th 8.00 pm The Old House at Home, Newnham
 9.00 pm The Crooked Billet, Hook
 Sat 18th 2.00 pm Hurstborne Tarrant Church Fete
 4.00 pm St John's Church Fete, Hook
 8.00 pm An evening with Basing Clog
 Fri 24th 6.30 pm Odiham Victorian Festival Parade
 8.30 pm 2nd Hatch Warren Beer Festival
 Mon 27th 8.00 pm Venue tba
 with Jackstraws

Programme 1994



This programme is
 subject to change
 without notice

July

Fri 1st 8.00 pm The Lamb, Hartley Wintney
 9.00 pm The Waggon and Horses, Hartley Wintney
 Sat 2nd 1.00 pm Old White Hart, Hook
 2.00 pm Hook School Fete
 Thu 7th 7.30 pm Crooked Billet, Honeyhill, Wokingham
 with Berkshire Bedlam
 Tue 12th 8.00 pm Hoddington Arms, Upton Grey
 with Fleet Morris
 Fri 15th 8.00 pm Bartons Mill, Old Basing
 9.00 pm The Red Lion, Waterend
 Sat 16th 6.30 pm Whitewater School, Rotherwick
 The Falcon, Rotherwick
 Fri 22nd 8-10 pm La Forêt, Odiham
 Sat 23rd to Sun 24th Iffy Morris Moment of Dance

August

Sat 6th - Sun 7th Isle of Wight

September

Fri 2nd 8.00 pm The Anchor, North Warnborough
 9.00 pm The Swan, North Warnborough
 Sun 4th Afternoon The Crown, Badshot Lea
 with Hart and Sole
 Fri 9th 8.00 pm The Raven Hotel, Hook
 Fri 16th 8.00 pm The Crooked Billet, Hook
 Fri 23rd 8.00 pm The Coach and Horses, Rotherwick
 Fri 30th 8.00 pm The Dorchester Arms, Hook

October

Fri 21st-Sun 23rd Hook Eagle's French Tour



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Morris dancing is an ancient tradition which has been practised in England for centuries, and perhaps, thousands of years. Neither the place, the time, nor the reasons of its origins are known, although there are many theories. One of these is that Morris Dancing is all that remains of some pre-Christian fertility rites and the word "Morris" is a corruption of the word "Mores" (those established, traditional customs or folk-ways regarded by a social group as essential for its welfare [from Latin, plural of *mos*, *moris* meaning custom]). Another is that the Moors brought Morris Dancing from North Africa via Spain, hence "Morris", a corruption of "Moorish".

We know from historical archives and religious paintings that Morris Dancing was well known in England in the Middle Ages, and that even then it was considered to be an ancient tradition. Will Kemp, one of the leading lights of William Shakespeare's theatre company spent nine days Morris Dancing from Norwich to London (the origin of *nine-days wonder*). He then wrote a pamphlet to publicise his exploits.

Morris Dancing has developed in several different styles over the years. Each style carries the name of its region of origin. For example, there is the Cotswold style which originates in the Cotswold hills near Oxford and the North-West style from the North-West counties of England. There are also forms of Morris Dancing performed with swords. All forms of Morris Dancing have one thing in common: they are traditionally danced exclusively by men. During this century women have started to take part, because they couldn't see why the men should have all the fun.

The dances which Hook Eagle perform are in the Border style which originates from the counties along the border between England and Wales. We believe that this is the oldest form of Morris Dancing. It is characterised by its simplicity, the use of sticks and the dancers' black faces.

There is, among ancient records, a story of a group of Border Morris Men causing a disturbance outside a pub in Broseley in Staffordshire in 1596. That was not Hook Eagle Morris, but we have heard rumours that Ed, our Squire, was in the pub at the time.





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Information

For further information contact:

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- Publicity** - John Ellis 0256-768740
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Practice Night

Every Friday from 8pm - 10pm during the winter at St John the Evangelist Parish Church, London Road, Hook.

We always welcome new members. No experience is required. Please come and join us.

Notes

Hook Eagle Morris Men, as always, assure our spectators of health, wealth, happiness and fertility. (Strike out those which do not apply)

Please note that, as our dance is performed under the open skies, our venues may be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. We will, however, make every effort to satisfy you - sometimes even to the extent of wearing wellies and carrying umbrellas.



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