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Practice Night

Every Friday from 8pm - 10pm during the winter.
Please contact one of us for details of venue. 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.

Hook Eagle Morris are members of the Morris
Federation



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Eagle Men

A top-down approach to recognising a Hook Eagle Morris Man

HAT: The Hook Eagle Morris Man wears a black top hat adorned with feathers. The hat serves the very useful function of keeping the rays of the sun from turning the top of his head red, which is a problem that affects most of us in the side. The feathers are lobster feathers, that come only from a particular variety of lobster that lives off the north coast of Norfolk. It is a tradition that the number of lobster feathers on each man's hat signifies the number of "romantic encounters" that he has had. It is also a tradition that Morris men are prone to wild exaggeration.

BLACK FACE: The question we are asked most often is "why do you black your faces?", although the question "would you like a pint?" also crops up very occasionally (although not as often as we would like). The answer to the first question is two-fold: (1), it leaves a very satisfactory mark on the faces (and other parts) of female members of the audience; and (2), when washed off again, it makes us harder to recognise by the male companions of the aforementioned female members of the audience. Oh, and (3), it's traditional.

The answer to the second question is yes, please.

DARK SUNGLASSES: These are a de-rigueur fashion accessory for the modern man-about-town. Also, certain members of the side find that they cannot face bright sunlight in the morning after the night before.

RAGGY WAISTCOAT: The dancing members of the side wear waistcoats covered in yellow and blue rag strips. A hundred years ago, Border Morris dancers used to pin paper strips to their ordinary clothes, but found this was too dangerous because children used to set the paper alight. Rags are less flammable. The musicians tend to wear black tail-coats without the rags. We think this is because they are too lazy to sew any on.

BLACK SHIRT: This is so we can wipe the sweat off our (blackened) faces onto the shirt sleeves without it showing.

BRACES: Some members of the side have to wear braces to keep their trousers up. This is necessary due to an absence of waist. The rest of us wear braces as well so that they won't feel self-conscious about this.



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BLACK TROUSERS: These are to avoid us being arrested - as might be the case if we were to wear no trousers at all. Also, I can assure you that you really would NOT want to see us without trousers.

BELLS: A single row of Morris bells is worn around each leg, just below the knee. The bells serve to frighten off evil spirits as they jingle merrily to the rhythm of the dance (the bells, that is). It is evil spirits that are sometimes the reason for having to wear sunglasses (see above). Bells also serve to warn of our approach which helps people to avoid us, in the same way that a bell is sometimes affixed to a cat to warn mice to keep out of the way.

BLACK BOOTS: Some Morris sides wear dainty dancing shoes. Some wear sporty trainers. Anybody can dance in trainers - that's no challenge at all. Real Men such as the Hook Eagles (stop laughing) wear big clumpy boots to dance in. This gives us an excuse for not getting off the ground.

STICKS: The Hook Eagle Morris man carries his stick erect, although to keep it out of the way whilst dancing he puts it over his shoulder. Some of our dances are for men who only have short sticks, and some are for men with long sticks. We even have one dance for men who have **two** sticks each! We don't have any dances for people without sticks, although such people are welcome to join the band.

The Old House at Home

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Morris Men

APRIL

- Sat 12 all day Icknield Way Ale, Oxfordshire
Fri 18 8:00pm Farnham Beerex, 1997 - The Maltings, Farnham
Sat 26 5:00pm The Four Horseshoes (of the Apocalypse),
Long Sutton
Sun 27 7:30pm Hart and Sole warmup, Wellington College, Crowthorne

MAY

- Thu 1 dawn Dancing in the Dawn by the plough in Hook car park
Fri 2 to Mon 5 Sweeps Festival, Rochester Kent
Sat 10 all day Broadwood day of dance
Fri 16 8:00pm The Coach and Horses, Rotherwick
9:00pm The Falcon, Rotherwick
Fri 24 to Sun 26 Leeds Morris Weekend of Dance
Wed 28 8:00pm Kingsclere with Kintbury Morris
Fri 30 8:00pm The Swan, North Warnborough
9:00pm The Anchor, North Warnborough

JUNE

- Sun 1 1:00pm Hook Village Fete
Sat 7 all day Jackstraws day of dance
Fri 13 to Sun 15 Wimborne Festival
Fri 20 8:00pm The White Hart, Hook
9:00pm The Crooked Billet, Hook
Fri 27 evening Odiham Festival

JULY

- Fri 4 to Sun 6 Lobster Potties Festival, Sheringham, Norfolk
Fri 11 8:00pm The Cricketers, Hartley Wintney with
Mayflower Morris
Fri 18 8:00pm The Old House at Home, Newnham
Sat 19 5:30pm Coach and Horses, Rotherwick
6:00pm Whitewater School, Rotherwick
Tue 22 8:00pm The Old Bell, Grazely Green with Taeppas Tump
and Fleet Morris
Fri 25 8:00pm Bat and Ball, Farnham with Jackstraws

AUGUST

- Sun 3 noon Busking at Sidmouth

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 6 all day London day of Dance
Sun 14 lunch The Chequers, Well
Sun 21 lunch The Four Horseshoes (of the Apocalypse), Long
Sutton
Fri 26 to Sun 28 Hook Eagle Weekend of Dance

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without notice