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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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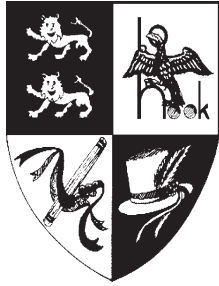
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# Hook Eagle Morris Men Programme

# 1999



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### A guide to some of the Hook Eagle team.

From the Squire, Richard Walton.

As the Hook Eagles approach the end of their first millennium, it seems about time to introduce some of the more colourful members of the side to their admiring public.

Our Foreman Of Music is **Gareth**. Gareth is a seasoned musician, having reached the height of fame a 'few' years back when he performed on that well-known television programme, Top Of The Pops - on the BBC, no less.

That was back in the heady days of youth when he had both hair and a pop group. These days he plays in various barn-dance bands instead, when he's not actually calling the dances. Gareth is unanimously re-elected as Foreman of Music every year at our AGM. This is in spite of the fact that none of us have actually seen him for at least the last 5 years.

Derek, you can't fail to notice **Derek**, who is better known as DTN (Derek The Nutter). When you see one of the band throw his melodeon high up into the air as a final flourish at the end of a dance ... and then fail to catch it again on its way down, you will know that you have witnessed DTN trashing yet another piece of fine precision engineering (actually, he does say that he intended to catch it again, but missed). DTN is one of those annoying people who seem to be able to play a musical instrument without all the pain of having to learn it that we normal mortals have to go through. It only took him a few months of learning the melodeon to get to a standard that normal people would expect to take years to get to. He is also one of those useful people to have in a Morris side who can both play well and dance well.

**Nick** (The Nutter's Brother), is one of the larger members of the side, and quite likes a little bit of beer now and again. When he joined the side, he rapidly got the reputation of peaking too early - e.g. by lunchtime on the first day of a three-day weekend. He got married last year, so we hope he has managed to overcome this tendency now.



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**Anne** is our fiddle player. She is actually a classically trained violinist but somehow finds no difficulty in avoiding requests to play a bit of Vivaldi. I think she has discovered that playing 'folk' music is so much more fun. Coincidentally, Anne also got married last year, on the same day as Nick, even.

Oh, all right, it wasn't all that coincidental since it was Nick that she got married to. Their wedding was one of the social highlights of the year, although I think Hello magazine missed it out for some reason. It did make the national dailies, though.

**Mike** is a bit of a whiz with his PC and it is he who creates this wonderful programme on it each year. He also maintains our internet Web site, which, though he says it himself, is one of the best around. The rest of us agree. He is one of those lucky people who find that perfect combination of an attractive girlfriend who also runs a pub. Strangely, we haven't seen much of him for a couple of years either. These days he is more of a treacle miner than a hooker (you'll have to visit his web site to make sense of that!).

**John** is the small one who prefers to go round chatting to people and collecting money off them, rather than dance. He is a plumber by trade and so has had lots of practice at this over the years. He is also our treasurer, but doesn't seem to take as many expensive foreign holidays as you might expect.

**John** (another one) is our bagman, which means that he gets all the hard work to do organising everything, whilst the Squire gets the credit. Keep up the good work John!

When **Martin** is not playing his melodeon in the band, he plays his trombone. It is widely believed that he does not have a licence for the trombone, but he still brings it out anyway. When he gets bored with playing the correct tune for a dance he starts to play other ones, or change the rhythm, without warning. Some of the tunes he has come up with at our practice nights have been truly bizarre.

**Norman** plays melodeon. He also plays a trombone, but not having a licence for it either, does the humane thing and leaves it at home. He did try taking up the trumpet at one stage, but fortunately not for very long. Norman is also one of those useful people who can both play and dance well - sometimes even at the same time when we are short of numbers.

Well, I seem to have run out of space so I'll have to leave you to find out about the other members of the side for yourself.

Finally, no notes such as this would be complete in this particular year of 1999 without some sort of wisecrack about the millennium bug.

**Tough..... RMW**

# Hook Eagle



# Morris Men

## MAY

- Sat 1 to Mon 3 Rochester Sweeps Festival, Kent
- Sat 8 12:00pm Four Horseshoes, Sherfield on Loddon  
1:30pm Longbridge Mill, Sherfield on Loddon  
8:00pm National Milling Day  
Hook Barn Dance, Elizabeth Hall, Hook  
Featuring 9 Days Wonder + Guest Caller  
(your guessed is as good as ours!)
- Fri 14 8:00pm The Plough, Little London with Basing Clog
- Fri 21 8:00pm White Hart Hotel, Hook  
9:00pm Crooked Billet, Hook
- Sat 29 to Mon 31 Leeds Morris Weekend of Dance  
Yorkshire Dales Tour

## JUNE

- Wed 2 8:00pm Lord Derby, North Warnborough  
with Pilgrim Morris + many motorcycles!
- Tue 8 7:45pm Yateley Morris "Follow the Hounds" tour
- Fri 18 8:00pm Dorchester Arms, Hook  
9:00pm Fox & Goose, Greywell
- Mon 21 8:00pm Summer Solstice Picnic, King Johns Castle on  
Basingstoke Canal, nr. North Warnborough  
with Jackstraws Morris
- Fri 25 8:00pm The Raven Hotel, Hook  
9:00pm Crooked Billet, Hook

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## JULY

- Fri 2 8:00pm Hampshire Arms, Crondall with  
Mayflower Morris
- Fri 9 to Sun 11 Old Sarum Weekend of Dance  
Salisbury & Stonehenge Tour
- Fri 16 8:00pm Hampshire Arms, Crondall with Fleet  
Morris & Alton Morris
- Sat 17 5:00pm Coach & Horses, Rotherwick  
5:30pm Whitewater School, Rotherwick,  
Cricket BBQ,
- Fri 23 8:00pm Crown, Kingsclere with Kintbury May  
Maids

## AUGUST

- Sun 1 Noon Sidmouth Folk Festival Busk outside  
Mocha Café

## SEPTEMBER

- Sat 4 10:00am Hook Border Bash Commences at  
Shack Café, Hook, on to Crooked  
Billet, Hook. Then to Basing; Bartons  
Mill, ruins of Basing House (2-4pm).  
Return to Hook for tea and Ceilidh
- Sun 12 12:30pm Falcon, Rotherwick
- Sun 19 12:30pm Windsor Morris Day of Dance
- Sun 26 12:30pm White Hart Hotel  
1:30pm Crooked Billet

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