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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

Find us on the World Wide Web at:

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# Hook Eagle Morris Men Programme 2000



# Hook Morris



# Eagle Men

## Hook and the Eagles through the ages

The quaint, typically English village of Hook nestled in the picturesque valley of the M3 has been totally ignored by contemporary historians. This is surprising because a number of pivotal incidents have occurred there, due in no small measure to the intermittent existence of the Hook Eagle Morris Men.

## Pre-History

Archaeological evidence suggests a primitive hunter/gatherer/plumber/I.T.Consultant community centred on a number of huts grouped around the 7-11. Rude carvings have been found, some making rude gestures. Without doubt the first Eagles.

## The Roman Era

Hook and the Eagles fought resolutely against the Roman invaders. At this time the Eagles were coloured blue. The Romans were angered at this resistance (woad rage) and defeated the gallant Britons by the underhand tactic of only fighting after 5:30 when the defendants had gone down the pub.



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### **The Crooked Billet, London Road, Hook, Hampshire**

**01256 762118**



Richard and Sally Sanders are your friendly hosts and have been here since 1986. Refreshment comes in a wide range of beers and drinks, accompanied by an excellent choice of home-cooked food. Meals are available at lunchtime and in the evening. You can enjoy your food as you sit in the pleasant garden by the river, or sit by the welcoming open log fires on a cold winter's night. Children are most welcome.

## The Battle of Hastings

King Harold persuaded Hook Men at Arms to join him by telling them it was 1066. As they had only had mead at about 1035 up to then they followed him to Hastings. However no-one got a skinfull, Harold got an eyeful, and we were ruled by a Norman who is still our squire.

## The Civil War

There was no battle of Hook. It is rumoured that Eagles switched allegiance from Royalist to Parliamentarian and back several times, depending on whose round it was. Several plastic Spitfires, Hurricanes and Wellington bombers suggest the possible formation of a New Model Airforce.

## The Crimean War

Several Eagles fought in the Crimea, as it gave them the opportunity to wear strange clothes (cardigans, balaclavas etc) Most notable was the famous Arthur Leeg, the onwardest of the Light Programme and inventor of wireless.

## The Present Day

As can be seen the Hook Eagles have been at their strongest at times of National Crisis and have helped bring about victory, social change, political upheaval etc.

So what is their raison d'être now? It can be no coincidence that less than 10 years into their current manifestation 24-hour pub opening is to become law.

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## APRIL

- Fri 21 8pm The Old House at Home, Newnham  
Fri 28 - Tue 2 May Shepherdstown, West Virginia in the US of A

## MAY

- Fri 12 8pm White Hart Hotel, Hook  
9pm The Crooked Billet, Hook  
Fri 19 8pm The Coach and Horses, Rotherwick  
9pm The Falcon, Rotherwick  
Sat 20 8pm Hook Choral Society Barn Dance, Elizabeth Hall with band Nine Days Wonder  
Fri 26 8pm The Cricketers, Hartley Wintney with Fleet Morris

## JUNE

- Fri 2 8pm The Hampshire Arms, Crondall with Mayflower Morris  
Fri 9 8pm The Raven Hotel, Hook  
9pm The Crooked Billet, Hook  
Fri 16 8pm The Old House at Home, Newnham  
Fri 23 7:30pm Odiham Millennium Fair  
8pm Traditional Midsummers Eve dance at Fiddlers Tree, Greywell  
9pm The Fox and Goose, Greywell  
Sat 24 7:30pm Midsummer Day Picnic, St John's Castle, Odiham, with Jackstraws Morris  
9pm The Swan Inn, North Warnborough  
Lord Derby, North Warnborough  
Wed 28 8pm Eton Bridge, Windsor with Windsor Morris

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## JULY

- Fri 7 8pm The Crown Inn, Kingsclere with Kintbury Morris  
Sat 15 12:30pm Overton Sheep Fair  
Tue 18 8pm The Roebuck, Binfield with Taepas Tump  
Fri 28 8pm The Plough, Little London with Basingclog

## AUGUST

- Sun 6 Noon Sidmouth Folk Festival Busk outside Mocha Café

## SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 12:30pm Millstones Pub, Old Basing  
Sun 10 12pm The Fox, North Waltham  
1:30pm North Waltham Country Fayre  
Sun 17 12:30pm The Falcon, Rotherwick  
Sun 24 12:30pm The Crooked Billet, Hook

## OCTOBER

- Sat 14 12:30pm Odiham Conker Festival, in aid of Cottage Hospital

This programme is subject to change without notice