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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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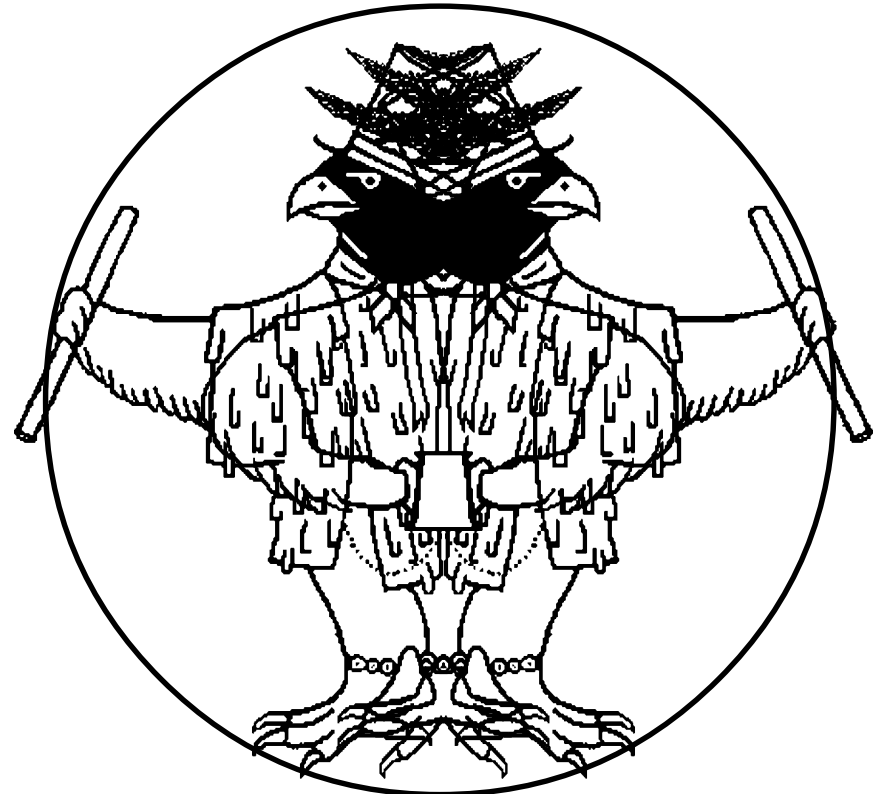
Find us on the World Wide Web at:

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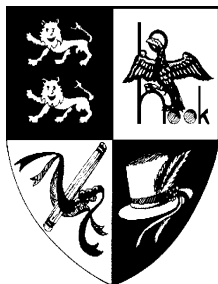
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**Hook Eagle  
Morris Men  
Programme**

**2002**



# Hook Morris



# Eagle Men

## 2002 - A Reversible Year

The Hook Eagle Morris Men initially met the news that 2002 was a palindrome with indifference normally only afforded to Cotswold Dancers. However on discovering that said palindrome was *not* the airport used by Michael Palin on his trips around the world, but something that is the same in either direction, their febrile imaginations were sparked to unusual activity. Many dates were inscribed on beermats, and a number of almost uncanny coincidences were uncovered. Consider if you will:

1. 2002 is a palindrome. Reading the same backwards as forwards (2002)
2. 2002 (2002) is the eleventh year of the Eagles existence. 11 (nevele) is also a palindrome,
3. Hook Eagle were formed in 1991 (1991) Yet *another* palindrome.
4. Hook Eagles often perform dances backwards<sup>1</sup> (sdrawkcab) This reflects their palindromic<sup>2</sup> influences.
5. 1991, if reversed (desrever( 1991) and then inverted (upside-down) gives 1661. Not only another palindrome,<sup>3</sup> But also the earliest date that Morris Dancing was recorded in Hook, viz. "six meyne, in rude apparelle did performe a daynce, of hideous aspect, in ye village, to musicke played by other meyne, ruder."<sup>4</sup>

There is also record of some of the earliest dances, which show that, even then Hook Eagles were absorbing the dances of other lands and other cultures, a tradition that continues today, in the form of "dance theft".

### The Rotherwicke Lead Miners Dance.

A source of confusion for scholars for many years, as there are no lead mines or miners in Rotherwicke. In fact it commemorates the gift to the village of a small lead statuette of a bird from a wandering sailor, who was saved from drowning by being locked in The Falcon for a week, thereby missing his ship.<sup>5</sup> The Lead Mynah is now sadly lost, but the tune, "Yellow Bird" remains.

### The Astwood Bank Long Ho.

Brought back to Hook by two mole trappers, who, having captured all the moles in Hook, and still only having one pair of breeches between them, set off for distant Canada, to trap for the Hudson



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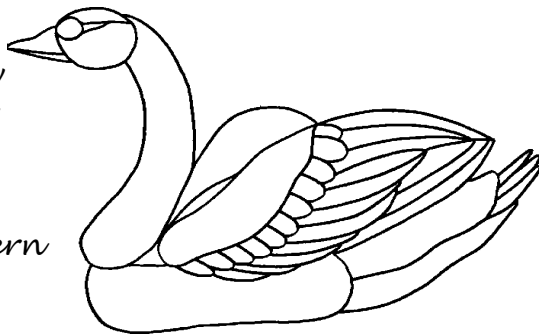
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Bay Co. While there they collected this dance from a tribe of natives who lived on the banks of the mighty St Lawrence Seaway. In view of the distance away of this great waterway and the tedious nature of its real name it is usually known as "Far Canal"<sup>6</sup>

## Fresne Poret.

Based loosely<sup>7</sup> on "The Song of Roland" this dance, collected from the microscopic French village that bears its name, retells in sinuous and flowing movements the epic battles between the Franks and the Saracens. i.e. rushing about, shouting and banging sticks together. A truly traditional dance, dating back over a fortnight.

In conclusion then, 2002 promises to be particularly memorable, if only because, at double 1001, it will clean an even bigger carpet.<sup>8</sup>

## (Endnotes)

<sup>1</sup> Well, at least in the wrong order.

<sup>2</sup> No, really.

<sup>3</sup> Imagine our surprise.

<sup>4</sup> From "The Greate Booke Of Hooke" This unique volume, discovered in a Hook members snap tin, was in such a remarkable state of preservation that the ink was still wet.

<sup>5</sup> R.M.S. Titanic.

<sup>6</sup> This joke © E Humphrey, his heirs and assigns.

<sup>7</sup> Very

<sup>8</sup> For less than 5 shillings

## Old House at Home

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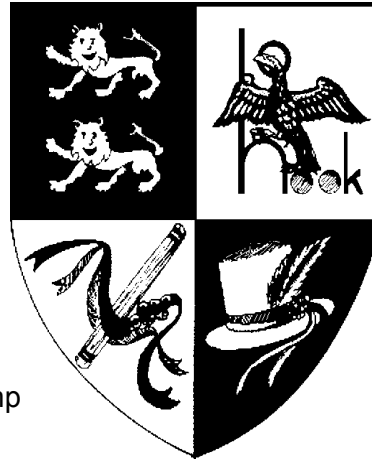
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# Hook Eagle



# Morris Men

## MAY

Wed 1	05:32	Dance at Dawn, White Hart Hotel, Hook
S/S 4/5	Weekend	Rochester Sweeps Festival
Sun 12	Afternoon	Hook Village fete
Tue 14	8:00pm	Stag & Hounds, Binfield with Taepas Tump
Sat 18	Day	Winchester Folk Festival
Fri 24	8:00pm	Flower Pots Inn, Cheriton with Yateley Morris Men

## JUNE

S/S 8/9	Weekend	Wimborne Folk Festival
Wed 12	8:00pm	Windmill, Eweshot with Mayflower Morris
Sat 15	Day	Jackstraws Day of Dance
Tue 18	8:00pm	The Plough, Little London with Fleet Morris
Fri 21	7:30pm 8:00pm	The Swan, North Warnborough Midsummer Eve Picnic, King John's Castle with Jackstraws and Pilgrim Morris
Sun 23	Afternoon	Fleet Lions Fun Day. Hart Centre Fleet
Wed 26	7:30pm 9:00pm	Hogs Back Brewery The White Hart, Tongham with Pilgrim Morris and Windsor Morris

## JULY

Fri 5	8:00pm 9:00pm	The White Hart Hotel, Hook The Crooked Billet, Hook
S/S 13/14	Weekend	Sarum Morris WoD Salisbury
Sat 20	Day	Pilgrim Morris Day of Dance in and around Guildford
Fri 26	8:00pm 9:00pm	The Raven Hotel, Hook The Swan, North Warnborough

## AUGUST

Sun 4	Noon	Sidmouth Folk Festival, Devon - busking on promenade by Mocha Cafe
Sat 10	Afternoon	Elvetham Heath Fete, Fleet

## SEPTEMBER

Tue 3	8:00pm	The Plough, Little London with Basingclog
Sun 8		Crooked Billet - Hook (Bring a guest side of your own!)
Sun 15	Lunchtime	Hampshire Arms, Crondall with Alton Morris
Sun 22	Lunchtime	The Dorchester Arms, Hook, The Old House at Home, Newnham with Fleur de Lys Morris

## DECEMBER

Fri 6	8:00pm	The Raven Hotel Xmas party Hook
Thu 26	lunchtime	The Swan - North Warnborough

## 2003 (just)

Wed 1	too early	Hair of the Dog Tour, TBA
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# Programme 2002

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