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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

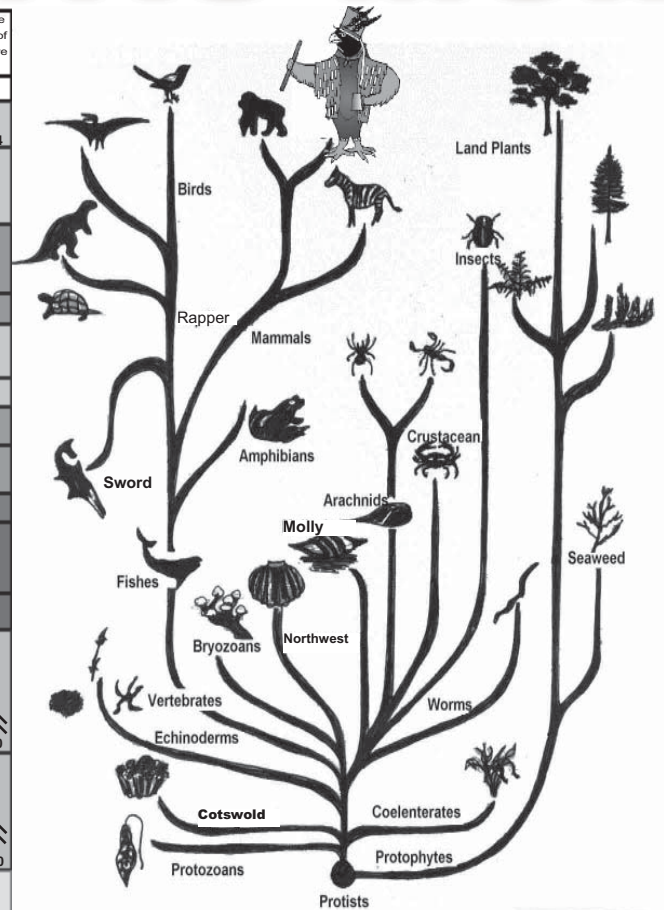
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# Hook Eagle Morris Men

| Eon            | Era       | Period and Symbol | Approx-age in millions of years before present |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| Phanerozoic    | Cenozoic  | Quaternary (Q)    |  |
|                |           | Tertiary (T)      | 66.4   |
|                | Meso-zoic | Cretaceous (K)    | 144  |
|                |           | Jurassic (J)      | 206  |
|                |           | Triassic (TR)     |  |
|                |           | Permian (P)       | 286  |
|                |           | Pennsylvanian (P) | 320  |
|                | Paleozoic | Mississippian (M) | 360  |
|                |           | Devonian (D)      | 406  |
|                |           | Silurian (S)      | 438  |
| Ordovician (O) |           | 505               |  |
| Cambrian (C)   |           | 545               |  |
| Proterozoic    |           |                   | 2,500  |
| Archean        |           |                   | 4,000  |
| Prearchean     |           |                   | 4,500  |



# Programme 2005

"Think of it as evolution in action". *Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle*



## How it all began....

Anyone who has been reading these notes for the past few years will have noticed increasingly desperate attempts to establish a link between the date or the number of years the Eagles have been “dancing” and the “theme” of the programme. Examples include the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2001, prime numbers and unlucky 13. This year presents a problem, as neither 2005 or 14 are in the least interesting or significant. However, a chance conversation with the squire of the palaeontologist Morris side Rockhammers led to an investigation of fossil remains and carbon-14 dating. With this tenuous connection established, the creation of our annual “stream of consciousness”<sup>1</sup> was but a hop-step away..

### **Pre-Cambrian.**

Earth was young, and still being formed. Extremes of heat, cold, violent storms, earthquakes, volcanoes, meteor strikes, tidal waves, ice ages and so forth<sup>2</sup>. Not unlike Basingstoke on a wet Thursday evening. And the pubs were shut, so no dancers, no dancing, no Eagles. However the building blocks of life were being formed, including the prototype yeasts, which was encouraging.

### **Paleozoic**

Life in the seas begins to develop. Simple worms, molluscs, corals, jellyfish and starfish. The latter made a valiant stab at Morris but were hampered by their odd number of legs. The emergence of crustaceans, myriapods and arachnids pushed dance development on. Millipedes, with multiple pairs of legs being particularly useful when only one dancer turned up. The Devonian period falls within the paleozoic era, and a form of Sidmouth festival began. Fossils of early middle bar singers have been found, along with the bones of a melodeon. Fish also began to appear, and chip shops.

### **Mesozoic**

The Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous eras. Land based life developed quickly, starting with single celled floppy handkerchief like creatures in the Cotswolds. These developed, in the blink of an eye<sup>3</sup> into trees, (to provide sticks), into amphibians, reptiles and birds (to provide feathers) and into grain, hops and sugars (to provide beer). All the ingredients for The Eagles to evolve were now in place.

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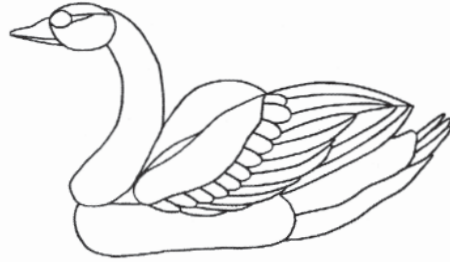
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## Cenozoic

The tertiary and quaternary eras. Emergence of early hominids, The Australopithecines, notably Australopithecus robustus, thought to be an early precursor to the race of Robs now found amongst the Eagles. Dinosaurs had by now perished, wiped out by asteroid strikes, ice ages and terminal cirrhosis, brought on by trying to out drink mammals. The Eagles survived the ice ages easily, as their practice of “blacking up” enabled them to absorb more heat.

## Modern Man

Moving from erectus<sup>4</sup> to sapiens to *sapiens sapiens* the genus homo<sup>5</sup> is now firmly established. It only remains for the Eagles to take the next evolutionary step forward and become the most advanced creatures on the planet<sup>6</sup>. Watch closely... You’ll believe a man can fly....

<sup>1</sup> Rubbish

<sup>2</sup> Stay tuned for regular weather updates.

<sup>3</sup> A very long time..months..

<sup>4</sup> Don’t even think about it

<sup>5</sup> Or this

<sup>6</sup> That’s above people who can do plastering

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## April

23rd St George's day Walking Tour of Odiham;  
12:30 The Bell, 2:30 The Waterwitch and  
The George, 3:30 The Bell. With Alton,  
Basingclog, Fleet, HuMP, Jackstraws,  
Kennett, Mayflower and Yateley Morris  
dancers.

## May

1st All day Rochester Sweeps Festival, Rochester,  
9th 8:00pm The Forresters, Church Crookham with  
Jackstraws Morris  
14th Afternoon Lychpit Spring Fair  
20th 8:00pm The Falcon, Rotherwick  
28/29th Weekend Chippenham Folk Festival

## June

5th Afternoon Tadley Treacle Fair  
10th 8:00pm De Havilland Arms Elvetham Heath, Fleet  
11th Afternoon St John's Church Fete  
17th 8:00pm The Crooked Billet, Hook, with Alton  
Morris  
24th Midsummer picnic with Pilgrim Morris  
7.30pm The Swan North Warnborough  
8.00pm Odiham Castle, Basingstoke Canal  
25th Afternoon Elvetham Heath Summer Fair

## July

2nd Afternoon Hook School Summer Fair  
8th 8:00pm The Crown, Kingsclere with Kintbury  
Morris

## July (Cont'd)

9th Afternoon Ramsdell Garden Party  
14th 8:00pm The New Inn, Stratfield Saye with  
Shinfield Shambles  
22nd 8:00pm The Queens Oak, Finchampstead  
with Ellington Morris  
31st Mid-day Busking at Sidmouth Folk Festival by  
Mocha Cafe

## September

3rd All day Wallingford Bunkfest  
6th 8:00pm Plough Little London with Basingclog

## October

23rd Lunchtime Trafalgar Day/Apple Day, Victoria  
Hall Hartley Wintney

## November

24th 7:00pm Odiham Extravaganza

## December

2nd 7:00pm Hook Christmas Cracker  
21st 7:00pm Hartley Wintney Carols on the  
Common  
26th Lunchtime The Swan, North Warnborough  
**January 2006**  
1st Lunchtime Hair of the Dog Tour  
13th 7:00pm Wassail, Hartley Wintney  
8:00pm The Wagon and Horses  
Wassail in the Millennium Orchard

Subject to change without notice.