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Please contact any of the above for bookings.

#### 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 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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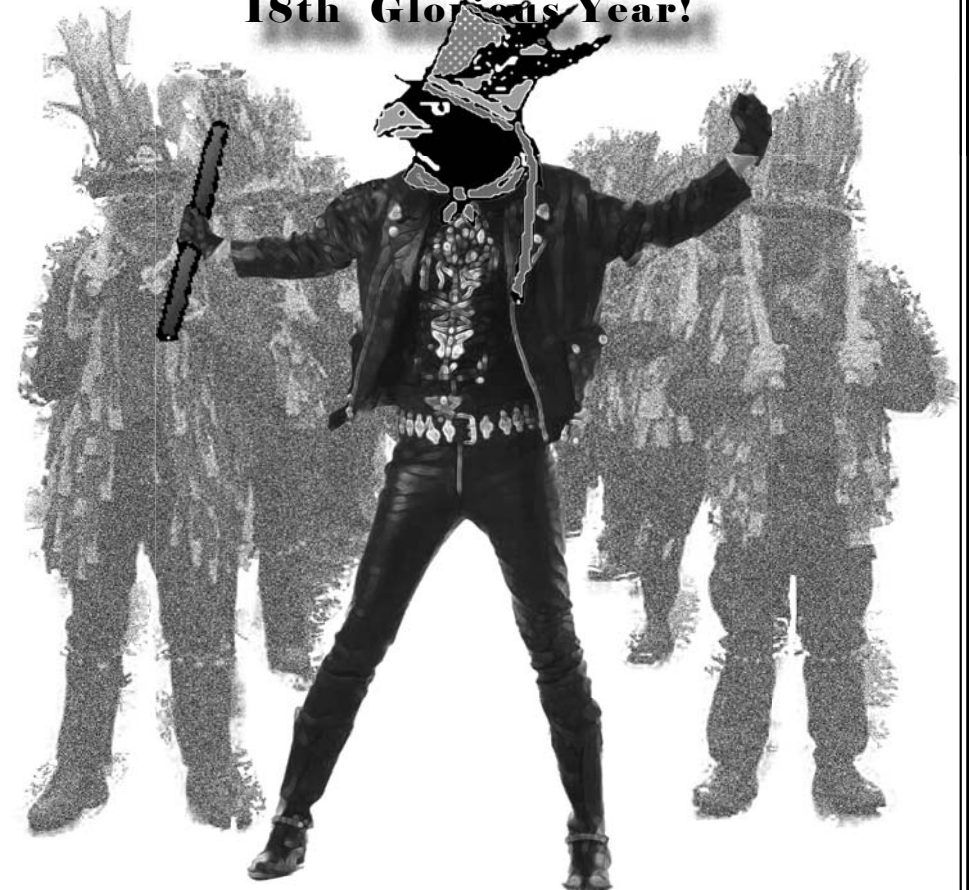
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**18th Glorious Year!**



Lines form on the left and right....  
I'm in the middle without any plans

I'm Eighteen. Alice Cooper

## Programme 2009

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## April

- 11th Afternoon Gosport Folk Festival  
 23rd Tour St George's Day Odiham, The Waterwitch,  
 Starts The George Hotel, The Bell, with Mayflower  
 7.30 Pilgrim and Yateley Morris.  
 26th All Day Watercress Line Morris Train

## May

- 1st Dawn The Crown, Old Basing  
 (5.32 a.m)  
 3rd All Day Rochester Sweeps Festival  
 16th All Day Winchester MayFest  
 17th All Day Alresford Watercress Festival  
 19th 8.00 p.m De Havilland Arms Fleet – with Fleet Morris and  
 Jackstraws Morris  
 31st Afternoon Tadley Treacle Fair

## June

- 7th Afternoon Old Basing Fayre and The Crown, Old Basing  
 13th Afternoon Hartley Wintney Festival  
 21st Afternoon Midsummer picnic, St John's Castle – with Alton  
 Fleet and Basing Clog Morris.  
 22nd 8.00 p.m Calleva Arms, Silchester with Kennet Morris  
 27th Afternoon Hook School Summer Fair and Music Festival

## July

- 4/5th Weekend Two Rivers Festival, Chepstow  
 11th Afternoon Ramsdell Fete  
 17th 8.00 p.m Coach & Horses, Rotherwick with Shinfield  
 Shambles  
 24th 8.00 p.m Crooked Billet, Hook, With Alton Morris

## July (cont.)

- 26th Afternoon Newbury Waterways Festival with Mayflower  
 Morris

## August

- 13/16th Weekend Sourdeval, Normandy, Fete of St Crepin. Come  
 and see Fresny Porrit danced at its spiritual  
 home - Le Fresne-Poret, from whence it was  
 brought to Hook during the Norman Conquest...

## September

- 5th Afternoon Littleton and Harestock Show  
 8th 8.00 p.m Plough, Little London with Basing Clog

## October

- 16th 8.00 p.m New member "Taster Evening", St John's  
 Church Hall, Hook - Free Beer - All welcome.  
 17th 1.00 p.m Hampshire's Oktoberfest, Milestones Museum,  
 Basingstoke

## November

- 28th 7.00 p.m Odiham Extravaganza

## December

- 4th 7.00 p.m Hook Christmas Cracker  
 16th 7.00 p.m Hartley Wintney Carols on the Common  
 26th Lunchtime Coach and Horses, Rotherwick

## January

- 1st Lunchtime Hair of the Dog Tour, 12pm the Crown  
 Old Basing - ends at Crooked Billet, Hook  
 8th 7.00 p.m Hartley Wintney Wassail, meet at Wagon and  
 Horses.

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## The Crown *at Old Basing* *Bar and Restaurant*

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Old Basing  
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- *Cask Marque Excellence*
- *Camra Good Beer Guide 2006/2007/2008*
- *Fresh Exciting Menu*
- *Award Winning Wines*

**Culture, Media & Sport.** Morris to be encouraged at all levels of society. Media to give morris equal coverage to Premier League Football, Formula One, Wimbledon etc. Morris to be included in 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony. (Just one dance...then off down the pub) Real Ale to be available at all Marathon and Half Marathon drinks stations.

**Foreign Affairs.** Entirely at your own discretion and risk.

**Her Majesty's Stationery Office.** We propose to leave this where it is.

**Defence.** We have sticks. We know where you live.

Just a taste of the radical and far reaching proposals for a better future! When the day comes, vote Hook Eagles for a pint in every pot! And remember, we are serious. If you're looking for a joke, try the United Kingdom Independence Party.

## The Coach & Horses, Rotherwick

Chris & Kelly welcome you to the Coach & Horses, we are a family run, traditional pub set in the picturesque village of Rotherwick. We pride ourselves on our approach to sourcing the finest fresh local produce and our homemade menus.



*"...flagstone floors, bare wood, real ales, open fires and the kind of food your mum makes showcasing food from local producers"*

Restaurant Menu with  
Hampshire Produce  
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**W**e arrive in 2009, the year of Hook Eagle Morris Men's majority. (Yes, we are eighteen!) We are also aware that before our next programme hits the streets, a general election is likely to have been called, fought and decided. Can such an opportunity be missed? Not only are we now old enough to vote, we can stand for election and become a political party, bringing a new sense of purpose to the tired and increasingly clone-like three party system. We would therefore like to use this opportunity to launch our manifesto for the next Parliament.

**The Economy.** Depending on when you are reading this we are in a recession, out of a recession, in a depression, free-falling towards hyper-inflation or have regressed to a mix of barter and hunter-gathering. We propose a three pronged attack on the cause of the malaise. All bankers, speculators, fund managers, etc will be jabbed with forks until it really hurts.

**Health.** Health is of paramount importance. We are committed to promoting healthy lifestyles, (all schools to teach Morris instead of P.E) excellent healthcare (free statins and liver testing for dancers) and investing in research. (stem cell funding to develop artificial cartilage). Nor are the more mature forgotten. Homes for the elderly, infirm and bewildered will be established, with free melodeons for all.

**Education.** See above for physical education. The 3 R's (reeling, ranting and rag coat making) will be encouraged as will organic chemistry and the behavior of yeasts. Education will be compulsory until the age of eighteen, at which point you must get a job so you can get your round in.

## THE CROOKED BILLET

London Road, Hook, Hampshire

Tel: 01256 762118

[www.thecrookedbillethook.co.uk](http://www.thecrookedbillethook.co.uk)

Richard and Sally Sanders welcome you to the recently extended and refurbished Crooked Billet



The bigger better Billet offers a wide range of beers, lagers, wines and a constantly changing selection of traditional "guest" ales from all over the country.

An excellent variety of home cooked food is available for lunch and dinner, reservations are welcome and we are happy to cater for parties.

Our hospitality can be enjoyed beside the noted river Whitewater in our pleasant riverside garden or in our air conditioned bars which feature open log fire in the winter.

We welcome families and have facilities for the disabled. Come and have a go at our "quiz nite". Held on the 1st Monday of every month it's a fun evening of sport and trivia questions. Whether you are looking for a fun night out, some quality dining or simply to sample some of the finest ales around

The Crooked Billet is the place to visit.

Over 700 guest ales to date  
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