



### Rapper Workshop - Sunday 20th February

Crook have been dancing rapper for three years now, but as we do not get the opportunity for much practice, we decided to have a whole day's workshop to put in some hard work.

We invited Bob Dalrymple up from Lichfield to share his expertise with us, and held the workshop in the small village of Levens near Kendal.

We spent four hours being schooled by Bob, with a welcome break for lunch and ale at the nearby Hare and Hounds pub (heartily recommended).

We all had a very pleasant day, learned a lot and also had a lot of fun. We now have to practise hard and put this to good use in the coming dance season.

### Upton Folk Festival 29th April-2nd May

Upton upon Severn is a delightful setting, and this Festival is a small, friendly event.

Crook have been going to Upton for many years, and we always enjoy the excellent company and warm atmosphere.

This is a good weekend for sides that enjoy lots of dancing, as there is ample opportunity to "busk" around the town, as well as at the organised dance spots.

There is a spectacular long parade through the town on Sunday.

Musicians are well served, as there are many music sessions to choose from in the fine selection of pubs that Upton boasts.

### Ravenglass Locomorris and Charter Fair 17th-19th June

The small Cumbrian village of Ravenglass organised a day of dancing for us, John o' Gaunt and Belfagan Morris.

We started at Ravenglass station, and were then transported on "L'al Ratty" small gauge railway up the Eskdale Valley, dancing at several idyllic spots en route.

There was a "scratch" ceilidh on Saturday night, and then all sides danced at Ravenglass Charter Fair.

We camped next to the station, and enjoyed superb views over the harbour and bay all weekend.

### Morris in the Forest 1st -3rd July

The long drive into Wales is worth it when you arrive at the tiny village of Llanwrtyd Wells and see the red kites soaring on high above the camp site.

We walk on the Saturday, and dance out of kit at the lunchtime pub.

Sunday sees a (short) parade through the village, with massed dancing outside of the central pub.

This is another good weekend for musicians, with fantastic sessions on both Friday and Saturday nights.

### Pecsaetan Weekend, Peak District 7th -9th September

[Pecsaetan](#) invited us to their weekend of dance in the lovely Derbyshire Peak District.

Saturday saw a tour of local villages by train, and a smashing meal followed by a party where we played all kinds of games.

Martyn distinguished himself by cheating at Musical Chairs, and still losing!

Sunday saw dancing at Castleton followed by the journey home.

### Squire's Tour, Staveley 25th September

The Squire can choose how to organise the last dance-out of the year, and Suzanne, our current Squire, chose to start with coffee and cakes at the famous Wilf's cafe in Staveley.

We then had a walk, bringing us back to the Eagle and Child pub in the village for an excellent lunch, followed by some music and dancing indoors.

The weather was terrible, but the day was fantastic!

### Apple Day Temple Sowerby 16th October

The National Trust celebrates Apple Day at Acorn Bank House near Penrith and invited us to be part of the entertainment.

The day was unseasonably warm, and we danced in mellow sunshine and sat around in shirt sleeves on the grass.

Lots of interesting local crafts and produce for sale and on display here, almost all to do with apples in some way.

## Christmas Meal 12th December

We returned to the Eagle and Child at Staveley to sample their excellent Christmas menu.

The large function hall suits as well, as we can all be seated together, and the friendly landlord lets us take our instruments, and dance and sing after we have eaten.

We had a fantastic end to the year, and we have lots planned for 2006.