

1000 Years of English History



From A.D. 900 to 1900

*Remember, remember, the 5th of
November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot,
I see no reason, why gunpowder, treason,
Should ever be forgot.*

What do you remember of English history? Let us jog your memory! For 1.5 hours a group of members of the Eken Morris Dancers will lead you through the highlights and black patches from A.D. 900 to 1900. The narration will be supported by music, song, dance and poetry.

You will hear the oldest song in the English language; hear about the Doomsday book, Holy wars, the King's Shilling and piracy. You will see the difference between the dances of the upper classes and those of the working class. Have you ever seen a clog waltz? If not, here is your chance. Do you know about which cures there were for scurvy? Maybe you will not believe it, but one of them was dancing. And, talking about diseases, do you know where this song comes from?



*Ring a Ring of Roses,
A pocket full of posies,
A-tishoo, A-tishoo,
We all fall down.*

So, listen, learn and join in the singing!

Target Group

The target group for this "show" is anyone who is interested in the English language, music or history, e.g. teachers, librarians, musicians and historians.

Variations

If you would like a different lecture or seminar, please get in touch! This "show" is easily turned into a dance course or a music session where you could bring your own instruments. It can be stretched to a full day or concentrated to a few items. Just ask!



Get in touch

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