

WELCOME to the 2019 Bourne Tune Book. This volume has come about to aid amateur musicians who attend the Traditional music sessions at the Hare and Hounds pub, in Haconby, near Bourne, in South Lincolnshire. Some musicians have a large reservoir of tunes they know already, some less so, but all are open to learning more. This book is designed to help both experienced and especially beginner musicians; to encourage the playing of real music in this part of England.

The Hare and Hounds session has been running every third Monday of the month since 16th November 2009 – coming up for 10 years at the time of publication. The attendance is usually between 15 and 30 musicians, plus a few non-players along just to enjoy the music (and the beer).

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Most ‘folk’ musicians, both amateur and professional, rarely rely on the printed page when playing, whether at sessions or for dancing. Just as an actor will not appear on stage with the printed script in his hand, so folkies will usually commit the tunes, which are generally not difficult to learn, to memory. This leaves the eyes free for looking around and grinning like idiots at the other participants and the nice music.

Notation is useful for learning tunes, and sometimes as an aide-memoire, when memory on how it starts fails.

Special thanks to Alan Wood and Pete Redman, who have helped me with compilation, and to Derek and Mary Holmes, our excellent Landlords for the past almost 10 years. And of course to all the lovely musicians who turn up and make the noise.

My website at www.peteshaw.co.uk (in Musical Resources) has extra useful information like sound files for all the tunes for those who struggle with reading dots, amendments to tunes, the ‘Cheat Sheets’, etc. Help yourself.

NOTES

My separation into Polkas, Reels, Hornpipes, etc is arbitrary. The chords are my best idea of chords for a guitar.

For classically-trained musicians, I have to explain that Hornpipes in folk music are sometimes played “straight” ie with pairs of quavers ♪ played like they look, and sometimes “dotted” with the first quaver dotted and the second of the pair changed to a semi-quaver. In classical music, you always play what you see. In folk music, the music may be played how you like – it’s up to you and called the ‘folk process’. Unless a hornpipe has ‘Hornpipe’ in its name, you might not even know from the music whether it’s a Hornpipe or a Reel. To help you in the Hornpipe & Step-hop section, I’ve indicated how WE usually play them, dotted or straight – the dots can show either.

I do certainly not claim copyright for myself on anything at all in this volume, even the tunes written by me, and if I have inadvertently infringed anyone else’s copyright, I sincerely apologise. As you will understand, this is not a money-making venture, but designed to encourage the local amateurs to play more nice tunes.

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