



# The Foresters Morris and Sword Dancing Club

## Squires Report 2010

The 2009 programme is printed on the back of this report. As usual, all the Monday evenings were reasonably well attended but we struggled to get numbers for week-end performances. Several paid bookings had to be cancelled. This inevitably let some people down who might be reluctant to book us again in the future.

The Morris taster sessions proposed in 2009 were a good idea but to date nobody has taken up the offer.

In 2009 we were pleased to welcome Martin into the side. He replaces Phil as the 'new boy'. However, describing either of them as boys is probably pushing the boundaries of credibility.

The whole side were relieved to see that Frank survived yet another heart attack. If he keeps on smoking, after this third wake up call, I am going to write a speech in preparation for his funeral!

On Saturday 10th October Phil was given his badges and formally accepted as a Foresters Morris Man. Appropriately it occurred at the Robin Hood Beer Festival. To date he has not paid for the badges and will get formally stripped of them if payment is not received before the next beer festival!

The side attracts its fair share of groupies. These are a welcome addition and often constitute more than 90% of the audience. However, as with MP's expenses, we need to manage their entitlement to freebees. At the Robin Hood Beer Festival there were a lot of non Foresters getting perks they were not entitled to. This problem occurred previously at West Hallum and cost us a repeat booking. I propose that we have a simple rule. Anyone who is not officially a member of our side pays for everything as though they were a member of the public. This is the policy we adopt with other sides at the Solstice and I think we should adopt it ourselves.

Thanks go to Eric for hosting the Christmas party and the May Day breakfast. Thanks also go to Vic for hosting the Boxing Day lunch.