



# *East Suffolk Morris Men*

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*Golden Jubilee 2008*  
*Celebrating start of Summer*  
*and East Suffolk Morris Jubilee Season*  
*May 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn (5am) Felixstowe Beacon*



For many years we have gathered at dawn on May 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the start of our summer season of dancing. Felixstowe Beacon is a prominent point overlooking the North Sea facing the easterly horizon. As the sun rises we dance - often in the presence of the "Green Man" a traditional symbol of rebirth and optimism for the coming season of growth and fecundity.

This year is not only our Golden Jubilee year, but it also the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of our founder Des Herring who has been dancing continuously with us over our 50 years. Des also rides "Billy" our Hobby Horse who has an even longer history in Suffolk having been born at Summerhill School in Leiston in 1935 and danced with the Suffolk Morris Men until the early '60s. Des and Billy feature on our Jubilee logo as seen above.

After dancing, we move to the Café at Felixstowe Ferry for breakfast and song.