



East Suffolk Morris Men



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Golden Jubilee 2008 *Children's Festival*



As part of our Golden Jubilee celebrations we would like to involve those who we hope will be the next generation of traditional dancers, singers and musicians – our local schoolchildren.

On 10th / 11th July 2008, we will host a Children's Folk Festival. We will hold a series of half-day events at the Kesgrave Community Sports Hall Nr Ipswich where parties of schoolchildren can come together and dance our traditional country dances, see the Morris danced, and listen to some traditional East Anglian songs.

The music and dance will be performed by the East Suffolk Morris Men who have formed an ad-hoc band - "Billy's Boys" in honor of our Hobby Horse "Constant Billy". We are, of course, used to playing together for the Morris and at song sessions after dancing. Many of our men are involved in other bands and regularly call dances around Suffolk.



We have been working with the help and support of Suffolk County Education Dept through their PE / Dance coordinator to ensure the country dances complement the school curriculum. Their help in engaging with the Schools has also been most welcome.