

## **Open Morris Officer Candidate Personal Statement – John Scholey**

### **Position - Membership Secretary**

I have been a Morris dancer for 35 years, initially with the erstwhile Ring side Wyre Forest Morris Men in Kidderminster and subsequently Eryri, All Fools, Dublin City and Icknield Way, mostly as a visitor. When my permanent base headed south in 1995, I joined the recently formed Rampant Rooster Morris (a Fed Cotswold and Border side). I still dance/play with them as an honorary member.

Since 2012, I have played for Brooms Bricks and Bowlers, a Tunbridge Wells occasional Border side which was Fed but joined OM in 2018. Other sides include festival sides at Broadstairs Folkweek, namely Madcap Morris (2010-18), its successor The Far Side (2019) and All Sorts (2021).



I have four years' experience in carrying out the role of Membership Secretary during which time I eliminated most paper from the process, except for cheques, which just won't go away!

#### **Other stuff:**

I am also Royal Tunbridge Wells Official Town Crier, having been appointed in 2006, hence the membership of the Ancient and Honorable Guild of Town Criers.

In 2018, I retired from (paid) civil engineering but then became the (volunteer) Civil Engineering Manager for the Spa Valley Railway, my local heritage railway.

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