



Area Representative Appointments at the 2024 AGM

East Midlands

David Ball



For years I was blissfully unaware of the Morris until about 1993 when I noticed and tried to watch the odd performance in Harborough. My wife always pulled me away! Then in the Summer of 2001 we went to a display of village organisations in Braybrooke Church where I was accosted by a gentleman who extolled the virtues of joining Braybrooke Morris Dancers. Being naïve and easily led, I accepted his invitation and went along to a practice in September. It's been downhill ever since!

In 2003 I was made redundant and we moved to deepest rural Aberdeenshire (houses were cheap) where I worked as a school technician and joined Banchory Morris Men, the only Cotswold Morris side then active in Scotland. With them I danced in castles, up mountains and around standing stones and visited (and danced in) Amsterdam, Prague, Lille, Frankfurt and Bilbao (the last three since I have been back South). In 2006 they found they had run short of other suitable victims and elected me as their Squire, a position that I was unable to dispose of until 2009 when we decided to move back to Northamptonshire.

We moved to Corby in 2010 and I rejoined Braybrooke Morris. Being easily led, as I've previously mentioned, I was immediately prevailed upon to replace the aforementioned gentleman as Squire, a position I've held for twelve of the last fourteen years. Being a glutton for punishment, I started Corby Conspiracy in 2018 so that Corby had its own side to perform at the Pole Fair in 2022 and since then have been trying to build on its success.