

## **"The Fool and The Pebworth Donkey"**

You have to be a clever man to be a fool in a morris side.

It helps to have a big childish grin

A catalogue of groan-inducing jokes is useful

And an ability be be willing to dress up in all manner of strange outfits, essential

Geoff had all these attributes, and more

He would drive the morris side along, beating them with a pigs bladder on a stick

He would threaten them with some of his humour

He would gleefully don any costume, from his red army jacket to an inflatable sumo suit.

Any especially bringing the Pebworth Donkey hobby horse to life, delighting in terrifying small children, and bemusing much smaller donkeys on Scarborough beach, for instance.

This legendary hobby horse, with it's cries of "Feed me cake, carrot cake, sultana cake, walnut cake, any cake. Feed me cake!" caused much amusement, and was a reflection of Geoff's own passion for cakee, as he referred to it.

A true entertainer was this fool, and is sorely missed.

A reflection on Geoff Watkins