

2025-26 Foreman's Report

Firstly a big thanks to all the men for the work they've put into dance outs over the past year, and to the other officers for their hard work behind the scenes. The dancing standard is good, but as always there is room for improvement.

Normally the squire would talk about the dance outs and events of the past year, but I've very much been *squire in absentia*, only managing to make a handful of events.

Of those I was able to attend, we've had some great dance outs. Darlington and Sheffield in particular were very enjoyable, and we had unsolicited praise from another side at the latter who complimented us on our lines! Still room for improvement with those though.

I have endeavoured to pre-plan orders of dances prior to our dance-spots, often telling the musicians and men what is next just as the previous dance finished: a note to my successor, whoever they may be.

Thanks to Richard, who this year has filmed a good chunk of our dances, to the extent that we now have a recording of the entire (current) repertoire. We'll work on making these available to members for reference.

This is my last year as Squire for the foreseeable. Turns out I underestimated how much time parenthood takes. Going forward I'll be more reliable for regular Monday nights, while dance-outs are less likely, so I've put my hat in the ring for Foreman again.