

Daniel Fox on the role of archives in Morris

Sue: When you joined Thaxted Morris, were you kind of inducted into the history of Thaxted Morris or were they very laid back about it?

Daniel: No, fairly laid back about it. I mean, I found out a reasonable amount myself, and people will talk about- And the archive books were always available, so I could go through-

Sue: Oh, that's very interesting, you actually-

Daniel: Oh yes, yes. Most Morris sides now – it wasn't always the case - keep fairly extensive archives of their development. But, well when Thaxted started in 1911, nobody really thought, right, today's scrapbook is tomorrow's archive. And it's the cry of archivists everywhere. You know, we forget that what we write down today is actually going to be of interest – or could well be of interest - to somebody in five, fifty, a hundred years' time.

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