A place to tell some of your old Kipper stories

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Nevil Kiddier
Still one of the funniest comedy acts I've ever had the pleasure to see live. The Hermit folk club, Brentwood, Essex. Late 80's? As you described, it took a while before the regular folk club attendees realised what they were watching. Still remember the "Tremolodeon" IYKYK □□□□
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Jeremy Nottingham

I wonder if it took the audience as long as it did for the great and the good to realise what they were singing as they sang out to the lyrics of Norfolk n Good at Sheringham Little Theatre. !! Went quite quiet during that second chorus, but soon livened up again. Especially the walnut shells. I met Sid several times mostly when he had traversed the Trans Norfolk Highway (B1145) to be back here near the town of his birth. And other parts. I met Chris , too, usually at Skip’s table. Tea and squit was the menu, although we could be quite serious, if needed. Nice boy. Didn’t have a funny accent at all.
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John Miller
I belong to King John's Morris Men in Southampton. One year we were invited to Whitby FF and whilst there, we had our first experience of seeing the Kippers. In those days we used to have quite a decent Christmas party, and as we found the Kippers hilarious, we invited them to be entertainment at that year's party. They accepted. They arrived on a train at Southampton Central, having used Daz/Persil ccoupons for the train fare!. They did our party 2 or 3 times and I put them up each time and became quite friends with them...so much so that they stayed with me whenever they performed in our area. This carried on when Sid went "solo". I have many fond memories of time spent with Chris and Dick.....they really were "one offs".....even though there were two of them!!
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Doug Rice
I am trying to find the bit were Henry remembers their Scottish Border they had during the war. He used to visit the airfields, then then spend the evenings speaking into his "smart Speaker" - "Daft if you ask me!"
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Keith Ball
Saw them several times when we lived in Norfolk in the 80s. Always truly wonderful to see. I also saw them at a folk festival in Wiltshire. They were there, in costume and character for two full days. Must have been exhausting, but so professional. I recently saw a copy of "Since time immoral" in a record shop. First time I have seen one for sale. Didnt buy it as I have one already & rarely listen to vinyl these days,

but great to see.
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Paul Haynes
I miss Sid
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Ruth Wright
Just discovered this page while looking for Les Barker. The Kippers – that takes me back a few years to when I were a lass! Loved them at Whitby folk festival.
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Richard Sweeney
Found an article about them in the Cambridge folk festival programme from 1985
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Salford Roger
'ere 'ave youm troied any Dicky Roiding lately Sid
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Aub
I saw them a few times by mistake.
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Gregory Wright
I think my first introduction to the world of The Kipper Family was listening to 'Christmas with The Kippers' on Radio 2 as a child. Had the good fortune of seeing the Kipper Family a few times and Sid as a solo act on many occasions. Most certainly Norfolk and good!
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Rob Olley
I first saw the Kipper Family at the 21st Towersey folk festival which must have been 87’or 88′ then saw them at Chippenham folk festival the next two years after that,Being a Norfolk man I couldn’t believe my luck to hear songs sung about my native county and what made me laugh even more than their songs was the excruciating looks on the faces of the serious folkies
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Doug Rice
Sid used to play Colchester Folk Club just after Christmas – many a good night was had by us who went! keswickhallcollege.co.uk/Former-student-Chris-Sugden/
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Robin Garside
The Kipper Family as a Folk Festival act was always my go to for a really good belly laugh! Their deadpan delivery added to the mirth, making grown men and women cry into their beer with laughter. I have many happy memories of laughing till it hurt at the exploits of Fatty Groves, The Village Pimp etc. But let’s not forget that these extremely clever parodies were only really funny if you knew the original, such clever writing producing songs which have now (almost) been accepted into the ‘Tradition’! Thanks for everything Sid and Henry, you haven’t been forgotten!
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Berni Armstrong
My favourite Kipper line is still: “No one lived to tell the tale!”
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Nora Brook
Sid was also very good when he teamed up with other singers. Once saw him with Dave Burland at Nottingham, in their Christmas Show. It was absolutely brilliant. I absolutely loved the Kippers! Sid was also very good on his own
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Neil Hartwell
I saw and met Sid at the Kirkgate Centre in Cockermouth where he educated me on the uses of a single sock as a walnut shell holder. This must have been 1995 or thereabouts
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Dick Carlyon
Put on Henry & Sid as one of a series of events I ran. From the moment they were in costume they were in character, including the c500m doddering walk to the venue. The landlord couldn't quite believe what we had dragged in off the street, let alone that these were the stars of the show - he was however still in the room by the time they did 'Norfolk & Good'. Sid left the next morning carrying my old graduation suit - looks remarkably like the one in Photo 10 of the old photos listing.
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