Hello Friends,

I hope you all had a fantastic day on Wednesday and or are looking forward to dancing over the coming bank holiday weekend.

I do apologise for the hiatus, with no good excuses really, but is time I got my finger out and did something now that I am officially your area rep. Going forward I will be publishing a newsletter on a monthly basis, which will be copied both to you and the Morris Ring website, so do let me know how you are doing and what you’ve been up to. This issue is mostly from the stuff that’s been in my inbox since my last foray so may be a bit dated but may be of interest. I’ll save news from this month for my next edition.

As ever if you have any matters that you wish to be raised with the advisory council or the ring officers please feel free to let me know using this email address morrisringsouthmidlandsarearep@gmail.com

Morris on,
Geoff Pitt, South Midlands Area Rep, Morris Ring

News from South Midland Sides

Crendon Morris:

- Sad news from Credon, I received the following from Hi Geoff,
  I am writing to let you know that, sadly, Crendon Morris are no more. Like many sides we have been suffering a drop in numbers due to age and infirmity and have been unable to attract many new members. Those we did get were already members of other sides with split allegiance - and most were as old as us anyway!
  The side has been dwindling for some years now. Covid didn't help and there was a growing lack of commitment from some members. The closure of our headquarters pub was pretty much the final straw.
  Without a focal point and enough dancers to be able to perform - or even hold regular practices - it has been a real struggle. At our last practice on Tuesday we unanimously agreed to call it a day.
  So 57 years of Crendon Morris comes to an end - unless a miracle occurs!
  Best regards,
  Pete

Letchworth Morris:

- We continue to thrive with good numbers although our average age is not going down. We have a busy schedule booked for the coming season and details are available on our website.
- Recently we have had fantastic days out at the JMO in Newark and Cambridge MM’s centenary DOD in Cambridge. The following snaps are from Newark.
Traditional Bampton Morris Dancers:

- The weather blessed our traditional Whit Monday (29 June) day of dance around Bampton, Oxfordshire as we danced at pubs, public spaces and private gardens in the town. In the evening we were joined by guest sides Mad Jack’s Morris and Winchester Morris Men for more dancing, mostly at the pubs (well, the few that are left in town). Our foreman toted up 58 dances plus 14 Greenies out. A most enjoyable, if somewhat knackering day.
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