Dear Friends,

I hope July’s heat didn’t get in the way of too much dancing, well done Sedgley for braving the worst (or best?) of the heat and celebrating Black Country Day with Ewell St Mary.

Well done to all those involved in running Warwick Folk Festival, everyone I’ve spoken to who has been has said it was another huge success.

To all those Rushcarting this month, I hope all goes as superbly as usual – and may the rain gods smile down on you! Sadly, I won’t be attending this year’s, the imminent arrival of another Turvey into the world has me firmly rooted not too far from Gloucester hospital.

Finally, don’t forget the Fools and Beasts Unconvention 28-30th October – held in The Wirral, contact Robert Chisman: triggertrotter1@aol.com ASAP for the booking form if you are interested in attending.

Best Wishes,
Matthew Turvey, West Midlands Area Rep, Morris Ring

**News from West Midland Sides**

**1st Sedgley Morris Men:**
- We had a great day in fabulous weather and some excellent dance spots with our friends from Ewell St Mary Morris last month.
- We are intending to danceout with Bedcote Morris at the Unicorn in Wollaston near Stourbridge on the evening of Thursday 18th August.

**Coventry Morris Men:**
- We will be performing at The Greyhound, Sutton Stop on Tuesday 30th August 8pm onwards.

**Coventry Mummers:**
- We had a wonderful time at Warwick Folk Festival last weekend. It was great to see Earlsdon Morris Men on such great form, also a great thank you to the other Morris teams who put on such a great show. Coventry Mummers had a run out on Saturday with the Derby Tup play.

**Faithful City Morris Men:**
- Our musicians were amused to see some of the audience “lining up” at The Red Lion, Cradley, escapees from a local petting farm.
- Mini Folk Fest at The Swan, Chaddesley Corbett with Soft Option Appalachian Dancers & GRVIII Men in Harmony joining us for an evening of song & dance.
- A pleasantly warm 2022 Summer Season with no significant interruptions from the weather (so far).... just purrrfick!

**Flowers of Ilmington Women’s Morris:**
- Flowers of Ilmington will be performing at the 40th Ilmington Village and Horticultural Show on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August. We will also be processing the May Queen into the Arena (even though it’s August!).
Shakespeare Morris:

- We had a great time at Shenington Airfield for a gliding event being held there early in July.
- Thanks go to Belle D’Vain for organising a great evening at the Frog in Bidford-on-Avon and Bow Brook for joining us too.
- Badsey Flower Show was a late addition to the programme after another side were unable to attend, but was very enjoyable with a show from Shirley Pipe Band and a Spitfire Flyover – who came back to see us twice!
- If you are able to join us at the Old Bull on 13th August (see below) please let us know, the landlord is very hospitable and letting us loose with organising the entertainment!

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