

Report from Braybrooke Morris Dancers to the Annual Parish Meeting March 2018

2017 has been another difficult year with the side having to refuse several requests for our services and on occasions struggling with very limited numbers. Our new member Lindsay has been a great help as were our musicians Bill Hewitt and his partner Rowena, who have doubled up as dancers at some events. The support from Gordon and Jonathan from Rutland Morris at several venues was also much appreciated.

Despite our reduced numbers the Summer events were still enjoyable. The Bell at East Langton with Anstey Royal Chalfont Morris was unusually warm and the Staff of Life pub at Mowsley was a new location for us last year with a good audience. The midsummer event at the Queens Head Billesdon with four other Morris sides was memorable as was Braybrooke Fete which was warm and enjoyable. Our demonstration for the Great Oakley U3A was well received as was the one at Brook House College Market Harborough, where the organiser is making noises about asking us back next year.

Unfortunately one of our main stalwarts and former squire, Eddie Strover, has had to retire from Morris for health reasons but we hope to see him at future events when he is up to it. The recruitment efforts of Bill Hewitt and Pauline Dawes have been relentless and have started to pay off as recently we have acquired two new members. However we are still short of numbers and would warmly welcome anybody who wants to give Morris a go. Remember it's not called medieval aerobics for nothing.