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### Band Leader report to the 2024 AGM

I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to ALL band members who have played for the dancers and all the help you have given me over this year, it's been a team effort and everyone gave their help and assistance for which I'm eternally grateful.

I must mention especially those who volunteered or were cajoled into starting the tunes at dance outs, there is a long list of people, I'm sure you all know who they are, so thank you again.

Equally I would like to thank the many of you who turn up most weeks at practice on a monday night to play for the dancers so that they can practice their moves, your input is equally as important, so thank you again.

Also a big thankyou to Clive for compiling and all the sheet music and dance notation into a single format and Fiona for putting them on the website.

I have had several comments from team members on my "unique leadership style", which can be distilled into the following.

Let other people do the work.

Let those who do the work take the credit.

As band leader and equally as Squire, we are not the leaders, but facilitators whose main task is to ensure everyone in the Team enjoy themselves and is capable of joining in and playing their part at Dance Outs and practices.

The hard work is done by the Foremen and Women who arrange and organize practices.

The Band has grown a little this year, we now have a couple of new musicians and drummers, we are also increasing our tambourine section, which all adds to the sound and spectacle at dance outs.

Unfortunately we have only been to two weekend events this year, Upton and Evesham, both events went well and were enjoyed by the Band and Dancers, hopeful next year we will get to more weekend events, these are important not just in raising the profile of IMSG, they also help to build community and camaraderie within the team.

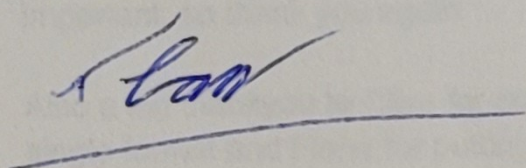


The year has seen some interesting and challenging times, especially at the start of this year when most of the committee meetings were taken up with what can only be called HR (HumanResources) issues, I hope that matter has been fully resolved and the new Band Master/Committee won't be troubled by the same issue and can focus their attention on building the team and taking us to more festivals and dance outs.

Finally to wish the new Band Leader all the best for their term in office.

Terry

Band Leader



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