

GILDERS FOREMAN'S REPORT 2024

As another IMSG year comes to an end, I would like to thank the Gilders for your time, patience and the fun you have all bought to the team.

Our newer ladies are doing really well, and are a welcome addition. I hope this next year more time can be spent with them, teaching them new dances and skills. Well done ladies.

Despite having lower numbers and a limited repertoire available to us recently, we have had some amazing dance outs this year. We have shown that the Gilders can still go out in smaller numbers, have fun and entertain.

However I do want to be honest and try to explain my main reason for reluctantly stepping down from the job I have always enjoyed.

I think the Gilders are an amazing team, and I have been so proud to have been your foreman for the last eleven years, always trying to keep up the high standards this team deserves.

Unfortunately I feel I haven't been able to move the team forward as much as I would like. I know we are capable of so much more, but to do this it means commitment from each and everyone of us, not just a small core.

For any foreman, irregular and late attendance at practice is a huge problem. It is also important that those dancers who are attending an event, should also be at the preceding practice. If this does not happen, it has resulted in Butterley, Mandalay and 9 Man being side lined, as we have not got the numbers or the right people to practice them.

As our new foreman takes over, I hope we can all keep these points in mind to help her as much as possible.

My grateful thanks from the Gilders must go to our band, who mostly get it right. I cannot thank you enough for playing for us at practice and dance outs- you are so important to us.

I would also like to thank my fellow officers for all your help and support. I know just how much time and effort you put in to keep IMSG going.

I would also like to thank the men's team too. Our enjoyment of combining our teams goes back a long way, and I think we complement each other when we are out at events.

Finally I would like to wish our new Gilder's foreman every success. I will give her my full support, as I am sure you all will too.

Linda.