

Ironmen & Severn Gilders

Annual General Meeting 16 October 2023 8.00 pm

At the Telford Langley School, Duce Drive, Dawley, Telford, TF4 3JS

Agenda

Appointment of Chairman and Scribe

Apologies for Absence

Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting

Matters Arising

Officers' Reports

Acceptance of Accounts

Appointment of Officers

Motions to the meeting (none received)

Items for Discussion (see below)

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One email has been received with items for discussion:

From Terry Carr

We have had a much better year this year than last year with regard to dance outs and the number of dancers in the Gilders and Ironmen. However I do think certain questions still need to be asked.

Question 1 Why do we struggle to get members to sign up for dance outs, particularly the Gilders, but it can also be the same for the Ironmen?

I have heard that we could get more dancers joining and going to dance outs if the Gilders changed their kit, something similar to Belle de Vain or Chinewrde, is this true, if so, would Gilders and potential Gilders be prepared to pay for such "fitted dresses" to only dance out at one festival a year?

Question 2 Why have we only fully danced at one festival this year, namely Shrewsbury Folk Festival? (even here we did not have the ability to dance with a full team of eight at every dance spot)?

We did dance one day at Upton and another day at Evesham, however does only dancing half the festival days really constitute dancing at the festival or just putting in an appearance.

I am aware that some Morris Sides “demand a commitment” from their members to sign up for a certain number of dance outs a year, I have heard of one team that asks for a minimum of 60% attendance per year at dance outs, this is a bit draconian but is it a possible way forward?

Question 3 Are the Ironmen prepared to danceout, go to festivals etc, without the Gilders? What would the Gilders think of that?

Question 4 Would members commit to dancing at one festival a month during the summer , May through to September, if we got the invites?

Question 5 There are several “Day of dances” relatively local to us, yet we seem to find it difficult to get sides together judging by the responses on the booking sheets, are we limiting ourselves to just a few dance outs a year, if so why?

Question 6 Would there be any enthusiasm within IMSG to put on our own Day of Dance in Ironbridge?

These questions don't need to be answered immediately at this meeting, however I feel it important for the existence of IMSG in its present form that they are asked and responded to soon, which will give the committee something to work with when planning next year's programme and the future of IMSG.