

Ironmen & Severn Gilders

## AGM 2024 Secretary's Report

Once again many thanks for putting up with me as your secretary for another year. I've tried to keep on top of things, but recognise that haven't managed all of the time.

There have been some challenges during the year. However on the performance front I think we have had a successful year.

At the last AGM I reported that we had danced out on 18 separate days during the previous year. I've calculated that this increased to 26 separate days this last year. Unfortunately there were only two away weekends, a very muddy Upton and Evesham. The loss of Shrewsbury was a great pity.

However it appears that the current team has more of an appetite for single day dance-outs. We have accepted more of those this year and performed well.

Here's a summary of what we did:

October – Coalbrookdale Apple Pressing Day

December – Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre, Boxing Day

January – New Year's Day

March – Wellington Charter Day

April – Ironbridge with Hartley MM, Newport St George's Day

May – Upton upon Severn (2 days)

June – Sandbach, Stourbridge, Evesham (2 days), Andi's Retirement

July – Jaspers Shifnal, Ludlow with Fox's Morris, Severn Valley Railway DoD, Ironbridge end of term dance

August – Red Lion Market Drayton, Traveller's Joy Horsehay, Ironbridge Coracle Regatta, Wheatlands Care Home Much Wenlock

September – Ironbridge Heritage Festival, Buildwas Apple Day

October – Lichfield Folk Festival, Coalbrookdale Apple Pressing Day

Thanks to all who have accepted an invitation to help organise our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2026. Sorry I haven't yet replied individually. It is something that the next committee will need to start the ball rolling.

I would like to express my personal thanks to Linda and Terry who are standing down as officers this year. Both have been dedicated in their roles and made a big difference to our performance standards during their time in office.

And I would also like to thank my other fellow officers for their time and commitment.