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Longsword Dance Teams  
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Seated on bench L to R: unknown woman, Tom Gray (Clown & musician),
unknown woman, William Siddall.
Seated on ground L to R: Joe Siddall, Harry Siddall (Captain).

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Grenoside Sword Dancers, c.1938.
Standing in background L to R: George Hoyland (Cavill), Bill Cooper (Wragg) and Wilfred Ward.
Captain: "Soldier" Housley.
Team:
Standing back - Arthur Crossland, Herbert Arthur Wragg (Kirk).
Standing front: Stan Dearden, Cyril Dransfield.
Bending down: Harrington Housley and Lewis Wroe.

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Grenoside Sword Dancers in 1956.
Standing L to R: Walter Fleetwood (musician), Ted Frost, Colin Housley,
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(Photograph kindly donated by Mrs Nellie Fleetwood)
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Standing L to R: Danny Gallagher (musician), Alan Ledger, Alan Thornsby,
Harry Pitts (Captain), Steve Howlett, Stuart Bater, Tony Houghton, Steve
Sinclair (musician), Les Seaman.
Kneeling L to R: Brian Smith, Geoff Lester, Neil Parker, John Pitts.
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APPENDIX I:

Survey of Historical References to Longsword Dancing

The survey is adapted from, and expanded upon, the geographical index produced by Dr. E.C. Cawte et al and published in 1960.¹ This appendix includes 126 survey entries and a list of references to supplement those detailed by Cawte et al. For each entry the following information, if available, has been recorded:

1. Place (including Ordinance Survey grid reference)
2. Date extant
3. Time of year of appearance
4. Sufficient detail to enable reconstruction and performance (Y/N)
5. Dramatic elements:
   - NR - none recorded
   - CO - calling-on song
   - EX - mock execution without play
   - SP - some formalised speaking
   - PL - full play
6. Instrumentation (details)
7. Performers (details)
8. Other information
9. Abbreviated references

1. ACASTER MALBIS, North Yorkshire (SE589457); before 1890; Plough Monday; N; NR; band; King, Queen, six or eight dancers, two or three clowns; plough, wood swords; CamL.
2. AISLABY, North Yorkshire (NZ857086); c.1850; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; Plough Stots; DowS, ShaSii.
3. ALDBOROUGH, North Yorkshire (NZ200111); NR; N; NR; concertina or fiddle; NR; OrdC.

4. AMPLEFORTH, North Yorkshire (SE583786); 1896; Christmas; Y; PL; fiddle and drum/two fiddlers and drum; six dancers, clown, queen, flagbearer, two beggars/six dancers, clown, clothes horse; plough; AmpJ, CJMC, DomC, DowS, PeaP, ShaF, ShaP, ShaSiii, StoA.

5. ARKENGARTHDALE, North Yorkshire (NZ004027); 1869; Christmas and New Year's Eve; N; CO; PL; fiddle; five dancers, clown, doctor, four dancers with blackened faces/four men with crossed swords on the ground?; revival team taught by the only surviving member of the team/revival team (c.1900) taught by a man from Reeth or Richmond; CJMC, KarO, TinL, WorC, NeeC.

6. ASKHAM RICHARD, North Yorkshire (SE374777); 1875; one or two weeks after Christmas; Y; CO; PL; two fiddles and drum; eight dancers, fool Betty, King, Queen, doctor, two banner-bearers, two beggars; wood swords; ShaF, ShaSiii.

7. BAINTON, Humberside (SE965524); c.1910; NR; N; NR; NR; exhibition in Driffield; Pea?, ShaP.

8. BARDON MILL, Northumberland (NY783647); 1769; Christmas; N; NR; NR; NR; leader with fox skin headgear who does not mingle in the dance; Wa1N.

9. BARLBOROUGH, Derbyshire (SK476773); c.1820; Christmas; N; NR; NR; NR; one wearing fox skin with tail hanging down his back; IrvA, IrvS.

10. BARTON-LE-STREET, North Yorkshire (SE722742); 1912; before Christmas; N; NR; NR; NR; PeaC, PeaP, ShaP.

11. BECK HOLE, North Yorkshire (NZ824025); NR; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; FaNQ.

12. BELLERBY, North Yorkshire (SE116927); 1926 revived; NR; Y; NR; NR; six dancers, Betty, clown; DomC, DouD, NorE, NEMT.

13. BISHOPTHORPE, North Yorkshire (SE595475); before 1890; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; see Acaster Malbis; CamL.

14. BOOSEBECK, North Yorkshire (NZ662170); 1934; NR; Y; NR; NR; six dancers, Betty, clown; DomC, DouD, NorE, NEMT.

15. BOSTON, Lincolnshire (TF320440); 1856; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; ThoB.

16. BRAMHAM, West Yorkshire (SE428430); 1891; NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

17. BROMPTON, North Yorkshire (SE374964); NR; Christmas; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

18. BROTTON, Cleveland (NZ686195); 1828; Christmas and New Year; N; NR; NR; NR; Cawte states that the cousin of the man who started the Brotton team moved to Chopwell and had a team of his sons there; CawC, NEMT.

19. BURTON AGNES, Humberside (TA102633); 1912; Christmas; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

20. BURTON FLEMING, Humberside (TA083723); NR; NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

21. CASTLETON, North Yorkshire (NZ690082); NR; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; NR; KenS.

22. CAWOOD, North Yorkshire (SE578378; 1890; NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.
23. CHOPWELL, Tyneside (NZ113583); 1932; Christmas and New Year; N; concertina; NR; six dancers, two Bettys; the dance may have involved stepping and the swords were sometimes locked around Betty's neck; Cawte states that the cousin of the man who started the Brotton team moved to Chopwell and had a team of his sons there; CawC.

24. CLIFFE, North Yorkshire (SE662360); NR; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

25. COXWOLD, North Yorkshire (SE534772); NR; N; PL; NR; CJMC, KenP.

26. EASINGTON, Cleveland (NZ744180); before 1911; N; NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

27. EASINGWOLD, North Yorkshire (SE526701); 1930s; N; NR; NR; NR; CJMC.

28. EGTON and EGTON BRIDGE, North Yorkshire (NZ808064/NZ805054); 1868; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; NR; Karpeles equates Egton and Goathland; KarD, ShaSii, YouW.

29. EPPLEBY, North Yorkshire (NZ177134); NR; N; NR; NR; NR; OrdC.

30. ESCRICK, North Yorkshire (SE628432); 1890; Christmas and New Year; Y; CO, SP; village band; six dancers, clown and Lady, Woody, King and Queen; CJMC, KenP, PeaP, ShaF, ShaP.

31. FEWSTON, West Yorkshire (SE195542); 1860; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

32. FLAMBOROUGH, Humberside (TA226702); continues; Christmas; Y; NR; accordion; eight dancers, two beggars; junior team, wood swords carried in left hands; BreF, CJMC, DreT, MatF, NeaB, PeaP, SchM, ShaF, ShaP, ShaSiii, WorC.

33. FYLINGDALES, North Yorkshire (NZ945028); NR; N; NR; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

34. GAINFORD, Durham (NZ170167); 1860; NR; N; NR; fiddle; clown, king, doctor; OrdC.

35. GAYLES, North Yorkshire (SD872893); NR; Christmas; N; CO; NR; NR; IveS.

36. GOATHLAND, North Yorkshire (NZ835013); continues; Plough Monday; Y; PL; fiddle or flute; six dancers; Sharp reports additional performers of King, Queen, standard bearer and Toms, while Dowson reports a fisherman on a donkey (a "hobby horse" of two men), a Queen and servants, Madgies and Toms. Karpeles describes three sets of dancers, each wearing a different political colour (orange, pink, blue) and states that they later all adapted to red, white and blue. Dowson describes two teams, one pink and one blue, and writes that a team from Egton Bridge joined the tour wearing "buff" jackets. He also reports that the teams practised with wooden swords but performed with metal ones. All reports mention a plough. DowS, KarD, KenS, HenP, PeaC, PeaP, ShaF, ShaP, ShaSiii.

37. GRANTLEY, North Yorkshire (SE234697); 1840; Christmas; N; NR; NR; GraN, LucN.

38. GRASSINGTON, North Yorkshire (SE004642); early 19th century; NR; N; CO; NR; NR; DixS.

39. GREAT AYTON, North Yorkshire (NZ557108); 1899; Christmas; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

40. GREAT DriffIELD, Humberside (TA557108); 1911; Christmas; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

41. GREATHAM, Durham (NZ493276); c.1924; Christmas and New Year; Y; CO; PL; fiddle or melodeon; six dancers, doctor, two clowns; toured surrounding villages; CJMC, DomC, PeaC, PeaJ, WorC.

42. GRENOside, South Yorkshire (SK330940); continues; Christmas; Y; CO, EX; accordion; Captain, six dancers; Captain wears animal (hare or fox skin) headgear; DomC, ShaF, ShaSii, WorC, WroC.
43. GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire (TA278097); 1742; after Christmas; N; NR; NR; NR; plough; OlG.

44. GROSMONT, North Yorkshire (NZ834053); NR; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; NR; KenS.

45. GUISBOROUGH, Cleveland (NZ610150); c.1890; Wakes; N; NR; NR; NR; BINQ, PeaC.

46. HACKNESS, North Yorkshire (SE969905); NR; Christmas; N; NR; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

47. HAMPSTHWAITE, North Yorkshire (SE260586); 1840; NR; NR; PL; NR; clown; ShaF.

48. HANDSWORTH, South Yorkshire (SK412863); continues; Christmas; Y; NR; concertina; eight dancers, two clowns; CawC, DomC, PeaC, PeaP, ShaF, ShaP, ShaSiii.

49. HASWELL, Durham (NZ375433); c.1900; Christmas; NR; NR; NR; PeaC.

50. HAXBY, North Yorkshire (SE605575); 1890; NR; Y; EX; accordion; eight dancers, Fool, King and Queen, Betty, two collectors; wood swords; PeaP, ShaF, ShaP, ShaSiii.

51. HELMSLEY, North Yorkshire (SE612839); c.1885; Christmas into New Year; Y; NR; NR; six dancers, King (clown) and Queen, 2 "cadgers", clothes horse, collector; Dragoon-type uniforms; CJMC, DomC, PeaP, ShaF, ShaP, ShaSiii.

52. HORNSEA, Humberside (TA201477); c.1848; NR; NR; NR; NR; plough-boys; BedY.

53. HUNTON, North Yorkshire (SE187924); c.1880; Christmas week to 2nd January; N; PL; fiddle; six dancers, three clowns; CJMC, KarC, Karl), NeeC, WorC.

54. HURWORTH, Durham (NZ398102); before 1854; Christmas; N; NR; NR; LonD.

55. HUTTON BUSCEL, North Yorkshire (SE973840); before 1912; NR; NR; NR; NR; called "mummers"; PeaP, ShaP.

56. ISLE OF MAN (Peel area) (SC246840); Christmas; 1832; NR; Y; PL; NR; six dancers, St Denis, St George, St Patrick, Doctor, Big Head, Little Devil Doubt; ManW.

57. KIRKBY MOORSIDE, North Yorkshire (SE978866); c.1919; Christmas week, Plough Monday; Y; NR; concertina and kettle drum; six dancers, Fool, King and Queen, two beggars; mummers play performed in village, but not connected to dance; CJMC, DomC, PeaP, ShaF, ShaP.

58. KIRKBRID, West Yorkshire (SE198126); c.1900; Christmas; Y/N; CO; NR; Captain, six dancers; black faces, trousers with ribbons, clogs, possibly waistcoats; EasG, SchK, LodF.

59. KIRKBY MALZEARD, North Yorkshire (SE235745); c.1930; Christmas week; Y; CO; accordion/fiddle and drum; six dancers, Captain, Fool/ Captain = Fool; BowM, CroB, DomC, PeaC, PeaP, ShaP, ShaP.

60. KNARESBOROUGH, North Yorkshire (SE350570); c.1825; Christmas; N; NR; NR; HarK, NorK, SimJ, WriC.

61. LEAKE, North Yorkshire (SE433906); before 1912; NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP.

62. LINCOLN, Lincolnshire (SK970710); 1795; N; NR; NR; BraA.

63. LINGDALE, Cleveland (NZ672166); 1960s; NR; Y; NR; NR; six dancers, two collectors, one musician; CawC, DomC, KenS, NEMT, NorE, PeaC, WGNM.
64. **LINTON**, North Yorkshire (SD998627); NR; N; NR; NR; Nr; BelE, DixS.

65. **LOFTUS**, Cleveland (NZ720183); continues; NR; Y; EX; NR; six dancers, fool, Betty; DomC, GraL, KEnS, NEp, NorE, NorL, PeaC, PeaP, ShaP.

66. **MALTON**, North Yorkshire (SE786717); c.1880, NR; N; NR; NR; General and Lady; called "mummers"; HudC.

67. **MANSFIELD**, Nottinghamshire (SK535614); 1853; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; Fool; Bessy, Hobby Horse; plough; JewN.

68. **MARKET WEIGHTON**, Humberside (SE878418); NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

69. **MIDDLETON-ON-THE-WOLDS**, Humberside (SE947496); NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

70. **NABURN**, North Yorkshire (SE599454); before 1890; Plough Monday; NR; NR; NR; see Acaster Malbis; CamL, PeaP, ShaP.

71. **NEWBOLD**, Derbyshire (SK373735); c.1900; Christmas; N; NR; NR; Hobby Horse, snap-dragon; KilC, Shid.

72. **NEWSTEAD ABBEY**, Nottinghamshire (SK540540); 1853; Plough Monday; N; PL; NR; clown (wearing bear skin on head), leader, dancers, Robin Hood, Maid Marion, Beelzebub, Bessy; wood swords, called "morris dancers" and wearing ribbons and bells; IrvA, JewN.

73. **NIDDERDALE**, North Yorkshire (SE15/16,65/66); c.1830; Christmas; N; CO; fiddle; eight to twelve performers including clown (leader) who carried a wood sword; GraN, LucN.

74. **NORTH ALLERTON**, North Yorkshire (SE370930); 1857; Christmas and New Year; N; NR; fiddle; Bessy, fool; IngN.

75. **NORTH ELMSALL**, North Yorkshire (SE477127); WilV.

76. **NORTH SKELTON**, Cleveland (NZ675186); ?; Christmas; Y; NR; accordion; six dancers, fool, Betty; DomC, GarC, KenS, NorE, NorL, PeaC, ShaF.

77. **NUNBURNHOLME**, Humberside (SE848478); c.1870; NR; N; NR; NR; clown with bladder, Betty; plough; MorR, Shaf.

78. **OLDHAM**, Lancashire (SD930045); c.1900; NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

79. **ORGREAVE**, South Yorkshire (SK420875); c.1880; Christmas; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

80. **PAPA STOUR**, Shetland (HU160600); intermittent/continues; 18 January; Y; CO, PL; NR; St George, St James, St Denis, St David, St Patrick, St Anthony, St Andrew; AliP, DomC, ScoP, WilV.

81. **PICKERING**, North Yorkshire (SE799840); c.1890; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; KenS, PeaC, PeaP, ShaP.

82. **PIERCEBRIDGE**, Durham (NZ211157); NR; NR; N; NR; NR; OrdC.

83. **POPPLETON**, North Yorkshire (SE565545); c.1900; NR; Y; NR; NR; Clown; wood swords; CawC, ShaF, ShaM, ShaSii.

84. **PRESTON**, Humberside (TA187306); c.1850; NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.
85. REDCAR, Cleveland (NZ608249); 1913; New Year; Y; NR; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.
86. REDMIRE, North Yorkshire (SE046913); PiIC.
87. REVESBY, Lincolnshire (TF298615); 1779; 20th October, Christmas; N; PL; NR; NR; NR; Peal?, ShaP.
88. RICCALL, North Yorkshire (SE620378); c.1837; NR; Y; CO; PL; NR; eight to twelve dancers; Plough Stots, wood swords carried in left hands; CawR.
89. RICHMOND, North Yorkshire (NZ172010); 1814; Christmas; N; NR; NR; six dancers/characters, Turkish Knight; "The Old Horse" play is not connected with the dance; ClaR, CJMC, NeeC.
90. RIPON, North Yorkshire (SE310715); 1920; NR; N; PL (known as "The words of the Ripon Sword Dance"); NR; NR; dance may be Kirkby Malzeard; KenP, WorC.
91. ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, North Yorkshire (NZ948054); NR; Plough Monday; Y; NR; NR; two teams of dancers, King Queen, Toms; Plough Stots; BloB, ShaF, ShaSii.
92. RODDAM, Northumberland (NU025204); before 1890; Christmas; N; NR; NR; wood swords; BurR.
93. ROKEBY, North Yorkshire (NZ070140); c.1837; Christmas; N; NR; NR; LocS.
94. ROTHBURY, Northumberland (NU060010); 1841; NR; N; NR; fiddle; Bessie; OrdC.
95. SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA, Cleveland (NZ664215); NR; N; NR; NR; ironstone miners, possibly went to Whitby performing; NeeC.
96. SALTON, North Yorkshire (SE716800); c.1859; NR; Y; NR; accordion; six dancers; ShaF.
97. SCALBY, Humberside (TA009904); NR; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.
98. SKELTON, North Yorkshire (SE360679); NR; Christmas; N; CO; NR; NR; BCS, BowM, PeaP, ShaP.
99. SKELTON GREEN, Northumberland (NZ658178); 1951; NR; N; NR; NR; KinB, NorL, PeaC.
100. SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, Cleveland (NZ656188); c.1912; Christmas; Y; NR; NR; eight dancers, Fool; DomC, KenS, NEMT, PeaP, ShaF, ShaP, ShaSii.
101. SLEIGHTS, North Yorkshire (NZ867069); 1927; Plough Monday; Y; CO, EX; fiddle; six dancers, seven Toms; two teams of dancers in 19th century each wearing a different political colour, plough drawn by horses; DomC, DowS, ShaSii.
102. SLINGSBY, North Yorkshire (SE697750); early 19th century; Plough Monday; N; SP; NR; NR; BroS.
103. SOUTH KILVINGTON, North Yorkshire (SE425840); c. 1870; New Year week; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.
104. SOUTHWELL, Nottinghamshire (SK697536); 1853; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; NR; JewN.
105. SOWERBY, North Yorkshire (SE432814); c.1880; first Monday after Christmas for six days; Y; PL; fiddle and drum; six dancers, two clowns, Betty; CJMC, DomC, KarD, ShaF, ShaSii.
106. STAINDROP, Durham (NZ124205); before 1849; Christmas; N; CO; fiddle; six dancers, clown; DinT.

107. STAIITHES, North Yorkshire (NZ783186); NR; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; Plough Stots; DowS.

108. STARTFORTH, Durham (NZ040160); c.1860; Christmas; N; PL; NR; six dancers; CJMC.

109. STILLINGFLEET, Humberside (SE594410); c.1860; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

110. STILLINGTON, North Yorkshire (SE583678); 1890; New Year; Y; NR; fiddle, or concertina, and drum; eight dancers, two beggars, pack horse; ShaF, ShaSi.

111. STOKESLEY, North Yorkshire (NZ526086); late 19th century; Plough Monday; N; NR; NR; NR; PeaC; ElgD.

112. THIRSK, North Yorkshire (SE430825); see Sowerby.

113. TREETON, South Yorkshire (SK433877); c.1882; NR; N; NR; NR; PeaP, ShaP.

114. TUNSTALL, North Yorkshire (SE220960); NR; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; appears to have been a joint team with nearby Hunton; NeeC, PeaC.

115. WAINFLEET FLATS, Lincolnshire (TF500590); 1891; Christmas and Plough Monday; N; CO; NR; NR; Plough Bullocks; HeaC.

116. WATTON, Humberside (TA018500); 1829; Christmas; N; NR; NR; dancers, Maid Marion, Fool; OliB.

117. WELTON, Humberside (SE959273); before 1869; Christmas; N; NR; NR; NR; ThoW.

118. WHARFDALE (see GRASSINGTON).

119. WHELDRAKE, Humberside (SE683450); c.1870; December; N; NR; band; about eight dancers, ever twenty "beggars", Queen; PeaP, ShaP.

120. WHITBY, North Yorkshire (NZ902114); 1817; Plough Monday; N; CO, PL; fiddle or flute; Madgies, Toms, six dancers, king, miller, clown, doctor; RobN, YouW.

121. WIGGINTON, North Yorkshire (SE595585); see HAXBY.

122. WINCHESTER, Hampshire (SU480290); before 1837; NR; N; NR; NR; NR; unreliable reference; LocS.

123. WITTON-LE-WEAR, Durham (NZ143314); c.1885; Christmas; N; NR; six dancers; wood swords; CawC, PeaP, ShaP.

124. WOODHOUSE, South Yorkshire (SK420847); c.1887; Christmas; N; NR; fiddle; eight dancers; PeaP, ShaP.

125. WORKSOP, Nottinghamshire (SK585795); c.1880; Christmas period; N; accompanying "Saint George" or "Old Tup" plays; pipe or flute, fiddle; Dame and seven "swordsmen"; RatN.
ABBREVIATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

For original list, see Cawte et al (1960).


CJMC James Madison Carpenter Collection, Vaughan Williams Memorial Library, English Folk Dance and Song Society, Cecil Sharp House, Regent's Park Road, London.


LodF Lodge, Arthur. Forty Years Ago (Huddersfield, 1869).

ManW "The White Boys Play and Dance", The Manx Sun, 1832.


NorK The Northern Star, vols. 1 & 2 (1817), p. 117.

PilC Julian Pilling Collection.

RatN Thomas Ratcliffe Notebook, Sheffield City Local History Library Collection, p. 35.

SchK Schofield, Robert A. The Sword Dance of Kirkburton (Huddersfield: The Kirkburton Rapier Dancers, 1977).

SchM R. Kenworthy Schofield MSS, Vaughan Williams Memorial Library.


APPENDIX II

Longsword Dance Team Survey,

Spring/Summer 1986

This appendix includes the following materials:

1. copy of the survey covering letter;

2. copy of the survey form;

3. summary of results with reference to repertoire.
Please help me. I would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete the enclosed questionnaire.

I am from Boston, USA and am currently enrolled as a post graduate research student at the University of Sheffield. The subject for my thesis is English Longsword dancing, particularly the economic, social, political and personal conditions which affected its development, decline and revival over the past 150 years.

When I first arrived in England 6 months ago I contacted Trevor Stone. I was interested in his work collecting and archiving details of present-day Longsword teams. I was particularly interested in the survey which Trevor carried out in 1979/80 and his plans to monitor changes which took place over the next few years.

We decided to collaborate on this project. The results will form an important part of my thesis and will be placed in various archive collections to provide a useful resource for researchers in the future.

I hope that the questionnaire is self-explanatory and that you can spare the time needed to answer the questions posed. If you are no longer an official of the team it would be helpful if you could pass the questionnaire and this letter on to the relevant member.

My thanks in anticipation of your help.

CINDY SUCHRUE
Team details

Full name of team .......................................  
Is team a member of: EFDSS  
Morris Ring  
Morris Federation  
Open Morris  

What year did team first dance out .............  

Names of main founders (please tick if they are still dancing with team)  

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Practice venue ........................................  When and how often ................................

Dance details

Does the team perform other dance types: Cotswold Morris ☐  Rapper ☐  North West ☐  
Border ☐  Other ..................................................  

What percentage of your dancing is Longsword? .........................

Please indicate the following details of your Longsword dance(s):

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Please list any regular annual performances: .......................................................
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Do you perform at venues involving "a dance exhibition"? ..................................................  
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Membership details

Present regular membership ..................... How many members have ceased to dance in the past 5 years .......
How many of these have gone to dance elsewhere? ............... 

Please give the following details for regular dancers:

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Details of team officials:

NAME | ADDRESS
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Captain/Squire | 
Secretary | 
Foreman | 
Treasurer | 
Others | 

General

Can you summarise the philosophy of your team and what you regard as important:

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As the respondent to this questionnaire can you say why you personally are involved in Longsword Dancing:

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Is this view held by the majority of your team? .................................

Thank you for your time. Please return to: CINDY SUGHRUE, 3F ROACH ROAD, SHEFFIELD, S11 8AU
LONGSWORD DANCE TEAM SURVEY: Summary of Results with reference to repertoire

108 survey forms issued/ 41 responses (38% return):

3 teams claim never to have danced longsword (two dance Cotswold morris, one dance rapper sword).

3 longsword teams defunct (two performed 100% longsword and one performed 50% longsword and 50% Cotswold morris).

4 teams dance only rapper sword in addition to longsword.

3 teams primarily perform mummers plays and incorporate dancing into their performances.

Repertoire:

19 teams perform one longsword dance
8 teams perform two longsword dances
6 teams perform three longsword dances
1 team performs five longsword dances

North Skelton 10
Sleights 5
Flamborough 5
Ampleforth 4
Escrick 4
Kirby Moorside 3
Papa Stour 3
Poppleton 3
Bellerby 2
Boosebeck 2
Goathland 2
Greatham 2
Haxby/Wigginton 2
Kirkby Malzeard 2
Cumberland (own?) 1
Helmsley 1
Loftus 1
Riccall 1
Salton 1
Stillingfleet/Coxbench 1
APPENDIX III:

A Tribute to Reg Ward

[English Dance & Song, 50:2 (July/August 1988), p. 2.]

A tribute to Reg Ward 1907-1987

Cindy Sughnie

It was a cold and wet November day in 1985 when I alighted from the bus for the first time at the bottom of Saltbox Lane in Grenoside. I had only recently arrived from America and was just beginning to research longsword dancing in South Yorkshire, the subject of my PhD thesis. I recalled, as I walked up the crescent to his house, how several people had said: "You'd do well to get old Wardy talking." I went round to the back, knocked on the door, and a moment later it was opened by a slim man with pale blue eyes. "'Ow do," he said, "ah'ta gooin on?" He studied my puzzled face as I tried to decipher his words, then cracked a smile and said: "I can see I'm going to have to teach you a bit of Yorkshire."

Reg Ward became my first and dearest friend in England, and from him I have learned a lot more than the local dialect. I spent many hours during the fifteen months I knew Reg, sitting at his kitchen table with a cup of tea as he described pillage life, work in the foundry, and the air raids of the Second World War. I told him about growing up in a suburb of Boston and the beauty of New England in autumn. We discussed horse racing and politics, organic gardening and social change. But most often we talked about dancing. "Dancing's been my life," Reg would say, and although heart trouble prevented him from active participation in recent years, I could see by the graceful and effortless way in which he moved that his dancing must have been inspiring. Reg learned the Grenoside sword dance with the Rover Scout team in 1925 and after the war became a member of the re-formed Grenoside Traditional Sword Team. By the 1950s he was involved in country dancing, morris, and rapper sword dancing, attending instructionals and workshops whenever possible. His hard work paid off when he was selected for the English Folk Dance and Song Society's demonstration team for the International Folk Dance Festival at Biarritz and Pamplona in 1953.

Yet, while Reg set high standards of dancing for himself and others, and could at times be very particular, his criticisms were always constructive and levied in a direct but supportive manner. I knew that Reg was in good form when I arrived and found the table shifted to one side of the room. It might be bacca pipes, rapper stepping, au. ýlý: I;, u most often we would take out the broom handle and the duster, as substitutes for swords, and Reg would instruct me on a particular figure of the sword dance or on how to get cleaner taps in the Shuffle Off.

I think Reg soon realized how much he knew about the dance and what he could offer the sword team, for after several years of little formal contact, he began to go to the practices again. "Traditions change," Reg would say. "I don't believe in deliberate changes. They only get made when people can't do what they're told. But traditions do change, they have to, because they're alive. And they can improve."

The last time I saw Reg we were talking about the sword team and he said to me: "That team is carrying on the dancing, and that's what's important; it doesn't matter who does it." Then he pulled out a piece of paper, wrote something down, folded it up, and told me to put it away in a safe place. I came across it the other day. It read: "Try to remember something that was passed on for many years: The Tradition — the swords — the costumes — the members — in that order."
APPENDIX IV:

Fieldwork Methodology

This appendix includes the following materials:

1. copy of Questionnaire for Longsword Dancing Research (past/inactive members);

2. copy of Questionnaire for Longsword Dancing Research (active members, winter 1986)

3. copy of Questionnaire for Longsword Dancing Research (active members, spring 1986)

4. Interview Schedule

5. Team Data Figures

   Barnsley Longsword
   Grenoside Sword Dancers
   Handsworth Traditional Sword Dancers
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LONGSWORD DANCING RESEARCH (past/inactive members)

1. Biographical data:
   a) Full name
   b) Date of birth and place
   c) Current address and tel. no.
   d) Present occupation
   e) Previous occupation and dates
   f) Do you have a religious preference? What is it? Do you attend services regularly?
   g) Would you list each school/institution of education you have attended, the subjects studied and levels/degrees attained?
   h) Would you list the names, occupations and place of habitation (village/town/city) of your parents, brothers and sisters, and children if grown?
i) Would you write a brief personal history (including such information as places you have lived, if and when married, details of children, etc)?

2. a) How, why and in what year did you become involved in longsword dancing? What team(s) did you join and why?

2. b) Did you ever hold an "office", such as Secretary or Captain?

2. c) When and why did you leave the team?

3. Do you currently, or have you in the past, danced with any other teams or groups (any genre - morris, country, etc)?

4. Do you ever go social dancing or to a song club? Does anyone else in your family do these sorts of things?

5. What are some of you other hobbies and interests?

6. DO you have anything else to add which you feel is of importance?

7. Should my time here allow it, would you be willing to be interviewed?

I very much appreciate your effort in completing this lengthy questionnaire.
Many thanks!

Cindy Sughrue
30 Roach Road
Sheffield S11 8AU
1. Biographical data:

   a) Full name

   b) Date of birth and place

   c) Current address and telephone number

   d) Present occupation

   e) Previous occupation(s) and dates

   f) Do you have a religious preference? If so, what?

   g) Do you attend services regularly?

   h) Would you name each school or educational institution you have attended, subjects studied and levels/degrees attained?

   i) Would you give your parents' names, education and occupations?

   j) Would you write a brief personal history, including number of siblings, places lived, if and when married, children, etc.?
2. How and why did you become involved in longsword dancing? Why this team? In what year did you join?

3. Do you currently dance with any other teams (any genre - sword, morris, etc.)?

4. Have you ever danced with any other sword teams? If so, what team, what tradition(s), and why did you leave?

5. Do you do other kinds of traditional dancing? Have you belonged to other teams, and if so, why did you leave?

6. Do you ever go social dancing (country, ballroom, etc.) or go to a song club or pub sing? Does anyone in your family?

7. Do you hold an "office" in the team, such as "captain" or "secretary"?

9. What are some of your other interests and hobbies?

10. Would you be willing to be interviewed? When is the best time to contact you?

Many thanks for your help!

Cindy Sughrue

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LONGSWORD DANCING RESEARCH (spring 1986)

1. Biographical data:
   a) Full name

   b) Date of birth and place

   c) Current address and telephone number

   d) Present occupation

   e) Previous occupations and dates

   f) Do you have a religious preference? What is it? Do you attend services regularly?

   g) Would you list each school/educational institution you have attended, subjects studied and levels/degrees attained?

   h) Would you list the names and occupations of your parents? Where did they grow up?

   i) Optional - would you write a brief personal history (including such information as places lived, if and when married, number of children, etc.)?
2. How and when did you become involved in folk dance/music?

3. a) How and when did you become involved in longsword dancing?

b) Why did you join this team, and why have you stayed?

4. a) Do you currently dance with any other teams (of any kind, such as sword, clog, morris, country)? Which one(s)?

b) Have you danced with other teams in the past? Which one(s)? Why did you leave?

5. Do you ever go to social dances/ceilidhs or to song clubs or to pub sings? Does anyone in your family?

6. Do you socialise (other than at dance events) with members of other teams? Who?

7. Do you (or have you) hold an "office" in the team? What "duties" does this position require?

8. What are some of your other interests and hobbies?

9. Are you willing to be interviewed?

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Cindy Sughrue
126 Hoole Street, Walkley
Sheffield S6 2WR
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

I. Personal History

1. When/how/why did you get involved in folk Dance? What was the appeal? What forms of dance? When/where learn? Any previous dance experience?

2. When/how/why did you join this team? Reasons for staying?

3. Other teams danced with - reasons for joining, continuing, leaving?

4. Other dancing interests/involvements?

5. Notion of "Tradition" - important to you? to the team? how does "tradition" compare with "revival"?

6. [If danced with other teams] how does X compare with Y in approach/attitudes to dancing, performing, practising, etc.?

II. Dance/Performance

1. Have you noticed any changes in the dance, music, performance?

2. What was the repertoire when you joined and how was that changed/developed? Has the team ever considered adding other longsword dances (or any other forms of dance) to the repertoire? Would you want to? Why/why not?

3. How would you assess the team's present standard of dancing? What makes a good dancer? What makes a good performance?

4. Boxing Day/Annual Day of Dance - what normally happens? Is it important to you to dance? Where? Who are the audience? Is it important to have one?

5. Are there any other annual outings?

6. Teaching method - how did you find the learning experience? How is the dance taught? By whom?

7. [Grenoside only - have you ever been concerned about having only one dance?]

III. Team Structure/Functioning

1. When/how/why did the structure of the team (e.g. officers, procedures, etc) develop? Does the team have a constitution?

2. What are the various officers and what responsibilities does each position entail (e.g. who does the teaching, who decides who dances on any particular occasion, etc.)? How do things get done? Are the officers elected? Have you ever held any office?

3. AGM - why? What normally happens? What issues are raised? Are decisions made by vote? Is it an effective way of getting things done?

4. How do the team's finances work?
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR HANDSWORTH MEMBERS after September 1986 AGM:

1. What are the changes in team structure/functioning that occurred at the AGM?
2. Why were they necessary? What do they aim to accomplish?
3. How were they formulated (prior discussion? who?) and how were they implemented?
4. DO you notice any immediate differences stemming from those changes?
5. What do you see happening in the future?
6. How do you feel about the situation (the way it was approached/handled)?
Team Data Figures

BARNESLEY LONGSWORD

Questionnaires received from current members:

Christopher Davison
Nigel Deakin
Ron Harper
John Langley
Jack Ledger
Ron Ledger
Dave Martin
Rob Morton
Tom Owen
Mick Roberts
Peter Starling

Questionnaires received from former members:

John Ashton
Nigel Balchin
Norman Bearon
Billy Creasy
Peter Dudhill
Tim Long
Alan Lucas
Bob Musgrave
Clive Turner

Interviews conducted with current members:

Ivor Allsop
Christopher Davison
Ron Harper
Jack Ledger
Ron Ledger
Dave Martin
Tom Owen
Mick Roberts

Interviews conducted with former members:

Nigel Balchin
Norman Bearon
Billy Creasy
Tim Long
Bob Musgrave
Clive Turner
Other persons approached with no formal response:

Current members:

- John Booker
- Geoff Chadwick
- Ray Dyson
- Stuart Leake
- Pete Ward

Former members:

- Keith Border
- Derek Elliot
- Tony Heald
- Jim Potter
- Martin Stacey

GRENOSIDE SWORD DANCERS

Questionnaires received from current members:

- Gerry Bates
- Dave Brookes
- George Clark
- Peter Clarke
- Ray Ellison
- Ted Frost
- Malcolm Harper
- Eric May
- John Newman
- Trefor Owen
- Graham Stothard

Questionnaires received from former members:

- George Bell
- Peter Civico
- Syd Cotton
- Bob Heath
- Dick Shepherd
- Doug Thompson

Interviews conducted with current members:

- Gerry Bates
- Dave Brookes
- Peter Clarke
- Ray Ellison
- Ted Frost
- Fred Myers
- John Newman
- Graham Stothard
- Peter Swift
Interviews conducted with former members:

Pete Civico
Graham Hardwick
Bob Heath
George Hoyland
Dick Shepherd
Chris Swift
Reg Ward

Interviews conducted with "significant others":

Jim Beever
Roy Briscoe
Reg Burkinshaw
Len Cavill
Alice Cooper
Lawrence Crossland
Nellie Fleetwood
Irene Housley
Kathy Mitchell
David Shepherd
Victoria Shepherd
Gordon Wragg

HANDSWORTH TRADITIONAL SWORD DANCERS

Questionnaires received from current members:

Stuart Bater
Danny Gallagher
Brian Goddard
Geoff Lester
Peter Machan
Peter Mackey
Patrick Malham
John Pitts
Les Seaman
Alan Thornsby
Mike Tissington

Questionnaires received from former members:

Cliff Barstow
Arnold Bashforth
Ken Bashforth
Ivor Hardwick
Bernard Kidd
Gordon Lawson
Tom Parry
Clive Turner
Interviews conducted with current members:

Danny Gallagher
Tony Houghton
Geoff Lester
Peter Mackey
Patrick Malham
Harry Pitts
John Pitts
Les Seaman
Steve Sinclair
Brian Smith
Alan Thornsby
Mike Tissington

Interviews conducted with former members:

Ivor Allsop
Cliff Barstow
Bernard Kidd
Clive Turner

Interviews conducted with "significant others":

Doris Goodison
Alfred Greenslade
Bill Varley

Other persons approached with no formal response:

Current members:

Ray Dyson
Dave Higham
Steve Howlett
Alan Ledger
Roger Lloyd
Neil Parker

Former members:

Bob Arkley
Arthur Bentham
Peter Dashwood
Mike Heppenstall
Martin Higham
Frank Kirton
Bill Tune
Appendix V

Music

1. Grenoside - Song Tune 1 (Captain’s Song)
2. Grenoside - Tune 1 (“Drops o’ Brandy”)
3. Grenoside - Tune 2 (“Roxbury Castle”)
4. Grenoside - Song Tune 2 (“Tantiro”)
5. Grenoside - Tune 3 (“The Wonder Hornpipe”)
6. Grenoside - Tune 4 (“Smash the Windows”)
7. Handsworth - Tune 1 (“British Grenadiers”)
8. Handsworth - Tune 2 (“The Girl I Left Behind Me”)
9. Handsworth - Tune 3 (“Cotton Socks”)
10. Handsworth - Tune 4 (“The Keel Row”)
11. Handsworth - Tune 5 (“Nellie Gray”)
12. Handsworth - Tune 6 (“Cock o’ the North”)
13. Handsworth - Tune 7 (“Kafoozalum”)
14. Handsworth - Tune 8 (“John Peel”)
15. Handsworth - Tune 9 (“Country Gardens”)
16. Handsworth - Tune 10 (“Bobby Shaftoe”)
17. Kirkby Malzeard - Tune 1 (“The Keel Row”)
18. Kirkby Malzeard - Song Tune 1
19. Kirkby Malzeard - Song Tune 2
20. Kirkby Malzeard - Tune 2 (“Old Lass of Dallowgill”)
21. Kirkby Malzeard - Tune 3
22. Haxby - Tune 1 (“The Girl I Left Behind Me”)
23. Haxby - Tune 2 (“Three Jolly Sheepskins”)
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Appendix VI

The Grenoside and Handsworth Dances before c.1880

No primary sources have been found which would support the existence of the Grenoside and Handsworth dances before the 1880s; however, secondary sources suggest that longsword dances have been performed in the Grenoside and Handsworth areas since at least the early nineteenth century.

According to the *Pall Mall Gazette* in 1895, the oldest Grenoside dancer, then aged about fifty, had a "grandfather [who] danced all his life." Since other details recorded in the article are known to be accurate (see Chapters Four and Five), this reliably dates the tradition to c.1825.

In 1925 an article about the Grenoside sword dance appeared in *The Sheffield Daily Independent* and quotes from a manuscript referred to as "a Tingle diary, undated, discovered about 100 years ago":

> These dancyes and such others as were of favour were wont to be performede in the gladyes of ye woods in summer, at the time when laddes and lasses made merry, and always of all eventes of the year on the village greene on the morn of Yuletide when the sworde dancye, executed by highly skilde men of dancyinge was festivale of ye countryside and a vast concourse came from fare and wide to witness.

Efforts to locate the original manuscript were in vain. The diary was apparently one of several family diaries belonging to the late Miss G.M. Walker, to which local history enthusiast, Jim Beever, gained access when conducting research for his booklet, *The Truant's Return*. On 3rd February 1986, Mr Beever told me that he believed that the diary which refers to the sword dancers dated from the eighteenth century but that the manuscript no longer existed. He explained that Miss Walker had requested that the diaries and other family documents be destroyed upon her death. A close relative of Miss Walker confirmed that

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3 Ibid.


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In the absence of the original document, it is difficult to ascertain the likely date of composition. The spellings in the excerpt quoted are suggestive of the seventeenth century, although one cannot rule out the possibility of antiquarian invention popular at the end of the eighteenth and beginning of the nineteenth centuries. The date given for the discovery of the diary, c.1825, is therefore likely to be close to the date of its composition. Even so, considered with the information recorded in the Pall Mall Gazette, it supports the suggestion that the Grenoside sword dance dates to at least the early nineteenth century.

Concerning Handsworth, it is known that the sword dance moved to Handsworth from the neighbouring village of Woodhouse in 1887 (see Chapter Five). In a letter to Cecil Sharp in 1912, Rev. C.V. Collier recalls seeing a sword dance in the Woodhouse, Orgreave and Treeton area c.1880. The Handsworth dance is reported to have been brought to Woodhouse from Dronfield, Derbyshire (eight miles to the southwest) by Joseph Rhodes. As detailed in Chapter Five, census records reveal that Rhodes was born in Dronfield in 1839, and although he was residing in Woodhouse by 1881, it is not known precisely when he moved there. It is possible that Rhodes could have been performing the dance, in either Dronfield or Woodhouse, around 1860, but this is only speculation. Certainly, there are numerous references (dating from the early to mid nineteenth century) to the performance of longsword dances within fifteen miles of Dronfield and Woodhouse to suggest that it was a relatively widespread custom in the area of north Derbyshire, north Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire at that time.

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5 FWJ-113.

6 I wish to acknowledge the expertise of Brian Donaghey, lecturer in the Department of English Language and Linguistics at the University of Sheffield, in analyzing the passage.


8 See entries for Barlborough, Mansfield, Newbold, Newstead Abbey and Worksop in the survey of historical references to longsword dancing (Appendix I).
Appendix VII

Occupations based on 1881 census

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Appendix VIII
BARNESLEY
LONGSWORD
CONSTITUTION

Name.  

The name of the club shall be Barnsley Longsword.

Aims.  

The aims of the Club shall be to reconstruct, perform and promote English Ritual Dance.

Membership.  

There shall be two forms of membership, Student Membership and Ordinary Membership.

1. Student Membership shall open to all students undergoing current full-time education who shall pay subscriptions for the whole period when they are at home from college or university. Student members wishing to participate in the Club's football pools syndicate shall be allowed to pay pools subscriptions in advance.

2. Ordinary membership shall be open to any male who shall be required after four weeks to pay a subscription of £2p per week, 2½p of which shall be a subscription to the Club's football pools syndicate. Any man who is four or more weeks in arrears with his subscriptions shall not be entitled to any share in any winnings of the syndicate. Membership shall cease after thirteen consecutive weeks of nonpayment of subscriptions. Men shall only be re-admitted on payment of 50p.

Uniform.  

The uniform shall consist of black shoes, red, knee-length stockings, black breeches, white shirts and red and white quartered caps.

Officers of the Club.  

The officers of Barnsley Longsword shall consist of Captain, Bagman, Foreman and Treasurer.

Captain.  

The responsibility of the Captain shall be to act as a figure head for the Club and to enforce team discipline when required. In the absence of the Foreman, the Captain shall be responsible for dancing instruction or for making arrangements for such instruction. In the absence of the Foreman, the Captain shall be responsible for team
The Bagman shall deal with and be responsible for all correspondence and the keeping of all minutes of Annual General Meetings or Extraordinary General Meetings and for the keeping of the scrap-book.

The Foreman shall be responsible for dance instruction and team selection.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all monies and payment of all debts incurred by the Club as a whole. He shall produce a Balance Sheet of the Club's financial position at each Annual General Meeting and may be requested by a majority vote of the Club to produce a Balance at any time, the Club having first given the Treasurer fourteen days notice of their intention to request such a balance.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting and all serving officers shall be eligible for re-election.

Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings.

1. The Annual General Meeting shall take place on the last Tuesday before Christmas in each year and each member shall be notified in writing at least seven days before such meeting. All members attending the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to one pint of bitter or its equivalent in price at the Club's expense.

2. The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called at the request of five or more current members of the Club as defined above and in this respect twenty-one days notice of the intention to call an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Bagman together with the specific reason for calling the meeting and no other item shall be discussed at the meeting.

Amendments to the Constitution.

These can only be made at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Amendments to the Constitution will be considered
passed if the motion is carried by a majority of 75% of the votes cast at that meeting. All members will be notified in writing of the proposed amendment.

Morris Ring.

As members of the Morris Ring of England, Barnsley Longsword shall attend a minimum of one Ring Meeting per year and the Club and its members shall at all times conduct itself in manner worthy of membership of the Morris Ring. The current Captain and Bagman, or elected member or members in case either or both cannot attend, of the team shall attend the Ring's Annual General Meeting.

Football Pools Syndicate.

Of any dividends obtained from the football pools syndicate received in any one Club financial year, the first £100 of the total monies received in the said financial year shall go into the Club's general fund. Any amount over and above this sum shall be shared equally between all Members of the Club as defined above, subject as hereinafter mentioned. The Club financial year as mentioned above shall be taken to mean the period between two Annual General Meetings.

Voting.

All members as defined above shall be eligible to vote at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. Members shall be allowed to make postal votes only in cases of Amendments to the Constitution.

Other Items.

Every Club Member shall receive a copy of the Constitution of the Club and shall abide by it.

Agreed. 4th January 1972.
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Name. The name of the Club shall be Barnsley Longsword.

Aims. The aims of the Club shall be to reconstruct, perform and promote Ritual Dance.

Membership. There shall be two types of membership. These shall be Ordinary and Honorary.

Ordinary Membership shall be open to any male who wishes to follow the Aims of the Club. There shall be no subscriptions payable except that, as and when, the balance of monies at the bank and in hand is less than £100, the Treasurer shall be empowered to levy, pro-rata from each member enough money to bring the balance to £100, and/or organise tours to bring the balance to £100.

Honorary Membership shall be granted by the A.G.M. to any person who they deem to have earned such a distinction.

Uniform. The basic uniform shall be:

- White shirt, black-knee breeches, red socks, black shoes and red and white quartered caps. (The caps shall be discarded for some dances.)
- Decorations, e.g. sashes, rosettes, waistcoats may be added to the uniform for certain dances.
- A team badge shall be presented to Members, at the discretion of the Foreman, at the Annual Dinner, for services to the team or dancing merit.

Annual General and Extraordinary General Meetings. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the Inner quarter of the year on a date decided by the Officers. Members shall receive at least fourteen (14) days notice in writing of such a meeting. The Club's financial year shall be from 1st. September to 31st. August each year.

Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called at the request of five (5) or more current members of the Club as defined above and in this respect twenty-one (21) days notice shall be given in writing to the Bagman together with the specific reason for calling the meeting and no other item shall be discussed at the meeting.

Alterations to the Constitution can only be made at an Annual General or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Amendments to the Constitution will be considered passed if the motion is carried by a majority.

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of 75% of the votes cast at the meeting. All Members will be notified in writing of the proposed amendments.

Officers.

1. **Foreman.** He shall be responsible for the dancing standards and dancing instruction. He will make team selections and be responsible for the team as whole. He is empowered to appoint additional Officers to look after certain projects e.g. dance tours, keeping of the Scrap-book, investigation into dances etc. The Foreman shall have the final say.

2. **Captain.** He shall aid the Foreman and take over the duties of the Foreman in his absence.

3. **Bagman.** He shall be responsible for all correspondence and the keeping of the minutes for the Annual General and Extraordinary General Meetings and for their notification.

4. **Treasurer.** He shall be responsible for the collection of monies and payment of all debts incurred by the Club as whole. He shall produce a Balance Sheet of the Club's financial position at each Annual General Meeting and may be requested by a majority vote of the Club to produce a balance at any time, the Club having first given the Treasurer fourteen (14) days notice of their intention to request such a balance.

**Election of Officeholders.** The election of Officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting and all serving Officers shall be eligible for re-election.

**Morris Ring.** As members of the Morris Ring, Barnsley Longsword shall make application to attend a minimum of one Ring Meeting per year and the Club and its Members shall, at all times, conduct itself in a manner worthy of membership of the Morris Ring. The current Captain and Bagman, or elected member or members in case either or both cannot attend, of the team shall attend the Ring's Annual General Meeting.

**Voting.** All Members shall be eligible to vote.