

21/10/80

Today Nick Spungham, + myself visited Verdon Dobinson, of  
17. Westfrelle Crescent  
Newbiggin.

He was aged ~62.

He had learnt from Drelore Fanell for about 4 yrs from the age of 12. He never was very keen on dancing but was made to do so by his father, who worked in Newbiggin pit.

He used to know 21 steps but said he could just remember about 6, although he said he could not show me any now. He later relented and said that if I lent him a pair of clogs he would see what he could do.

He had been entered for a competition once but ~~on~~ decided not to enter at the last moment. He had danced at go-as-you-pleases.

No other members of his family had danced.

He knew of no other of Drelore's pupils + had not met any other clog dancers.

He said DF always danced very straight - hands by side.

Julie Jannam + Cath Hays visited Jackie Carr of  
50 North Eaton Rd.  
Newbiggin.

He was a bandmaster and had never clog-danced. He met DF at a time when he was trying to remember the tune he used to dance to. He was a young + very promising dancer - perhaps after DF had not danced for some time. This was after WW2 - 1946-9. DF whistled J. Carr his tune + he wrote it down. He could not however remember the tune at

all although he thought it was a hemp pipe.

We also tried to visit Whealy + Lily Fenell of

147 Newbraggin Rd  
Ashington.

They were not at home.