

Mrs David Brown, Crosshill Smitty, Nether-Wyresdale, Lancs, aged 79.

Born and brought up in the dale. Her husband, who only died 3 weeks ago, was also a dale man, and was one of the few who took part in the Greenleaves dance.

Greenleaves Dance. I asked Mrs Brown particularly about this dance. She told me that it was not danced very much in her time, and, when it was done, it was usually done by the same people, James and John Winder, and Bartle Doddin [James Winder & Bartle Doddin are, of course, the men named by Cecil Sharp. John Winder was the brother of James Winder, and died only a month ago]. "They would do it, these certain people, more or less just to let people see it". Mrs Brown has never heard it called a Morris Dance.

I asked Mrs Brown on what sort of occasion it would have been done. I gather that it was rarely done at dances, but was not infrequent at social evenings.

Local Programme of dances. I asked her about the dances done in her young days. These included Lanes, Quadrilles, Varsorani, Circassian Circle, Cottagers, and Highland Fling. But she is quite certain that she has never heard of Swinging-6 and Square-8, nor of the Polka Mazowka. Nor did they dance any Reels.

She volunteered the information that Cottagers was done, and said that in this "you go round the room and change partners" [I did not ask her about this point]. They generally had it for a finish-up dance.

The Highland Fling was a couple dance.

Dancing-Teachers. She had never heard of one in Wyresdale.

Harvest home. This was a general gathering in the village hall, first a tea, then a dance.