

Mrs Madge Duerden, The Beeches, Garstang, aged 80+.

We were given Mrs Duerden's name by Mrs Lynch of Calder-vale. - Mrs Lynch thought that Mrs Duerden was the lady who told her that "Greensleeves" had been done in Calder-vale. A week after our visit to Calderdale, we (F.R. & T.F.) visited Mrs Duerden at The Beeches (the County home for old people), and asked her about this. It was apparent, however, that her memory had gone, and although she told us that she had no recollection of a dance called Greensleaves, we lay no great store by this.

Mrs Jessie Pye, The Beeches, Garstang, aged 75.

Mrs Pye was brought up in Bleasdale from the age of 9 onwards, & lived there until she came to The Beeches.

Mrs Pye first went to dances at the age of 20 - in 1905. At that time, the dances in Bleasdale were held in the school there, for there was no hall. There would be 50 or 60 people present in the schoolroom at a dance. When - later - they built a hall, the number at dances would be greater. A pianist came out from Garstang to play for the dances at Bleasdale, and a melodeon took over in the interval.

The dances done in Bleasdale in her young days included Lancers, Waltz, Polka, La Vassourane, & the Barn Dance. Quadrilles were done, but were not popular. Caledonians, Waltz Cotillion, Polka Majowka, Swinging Six, & Square Eight were not done. She thinks she has heard of a Square Eight, though.

Mrs Pye has no recollections of dancing-teachers in Bleasdale. She has never heard of dances answering to the descriptions of Greensleaves or the broomstick dance.

Miss Salisbury, The Beeches, Garstang, aged 77.

Born & brought up in Garstang. She remembers a Thomas Winder, a blacksmith, who lived in one of two small cottages by the present site of the Ribble bus station. He was about 40 when she was at school, had 3 children aged c 20 then; she thinks they are all dead now.

