

15/9/80.

Julie Jansen, Cath Hays + Niek Spinghem visited Tixy  
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Tixy had learnt from Harry Robinson. She had also learnt dancing (presumably tap + ballet) from Madame Rogers in Newcastle. Her first contract to dance was in the pantomime at the Empire Theatre Newcastle at the age of 12.

Tixy had entered several women's clog dancing competitions and in 1949 had entered the Hexham Championship, which she won taking the Championship from Jack Daly (who danced) + Doreen Fenell who was a judge. Fenell later taught her his Championship steps.

Tixy had taught Jackie Toaduff to dance, beginning when he was 7. He learnt to clog dance beginning in 17 in a few weeks before a competition (? Hexham 1949). In 1951 Tixy's troupe entered Hexham. Jackie Toaduff won the belt and the junior competition, Doreen came 2nd + Brian Kennedy 3rd. - all 3 were pupils of Tixy's. Johnson Elwood came 4th + his daughter Mary St. Johnson complained about the result + Tixy thinks that this is why the Hexham competition stopped. - There was clearly a lot of bad feeling between the two teams. In 1949 Johnson + his pupils had posed Jackie + Tixy after the competition + in 1951 had done this during the competition + someone had thrown a cardigan over Doreen.

Tixy had another pupil named Michael Smeatham (now owner of the Casablanca Club in N.C.).

She had not heard of Doris Hawkes nor of the Durham competitions.