

Gisburn Processional Dance

Points of interest:

In the early twentieth century the dance was performed by a mixed team: men on left as facing up and women on right. Often in more modern times it is performed by single sex groups.

Dancers wore clogs and pictures show white blouses/shirts, with dark trousers with a short tie worn by men and white skirts and a sash worn by female dancers. When colour was used it was usually red, or blue.

Sticks

Originally usually one, held in outside hand was used. Dancers carried only one short, white stick wound with braid with a bell at either end raised in the outside hand when walking. Almost universally modern morris dancers carry two sticks for this dance, of a style similar to that described above.

Music

John of Paris, aka The Old Ninety Five.

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