

2023 Reports

Furness Tradition

7th to 9th July



Saturday written by Tom (squire)

We started the day with the procession to the Market Cross and pairing up with Perree Bane, dancing on slurping (northern speak - no offence !) cobbles then a guided hike to Tyson Square's tiny drying area (so Martyn could swing round the washing line post) to join with Hadrian Clog where the residents treated us to tea and cake but looked younger than some of us and another trek *back* to New Market Street with Perree Bane, Furness Morris and Yorkshire Chandelier. A marginally damp lunch and off we go again until the ambulance arrived outside Market Hall, prompting us to move on early *back* to Market Cross (Phew, I'm worn out just typing about all the walking) to have the area to ourselves for 20 mins or so until Flag & Bone Gang landed. Another ramble/amble *back* to New Market Street where the unmentioned disagreement took place to finish the day with Flag & Bone and a brief visit from Yorkshire Chandelier who momentarily migrated from further up the street. What a day !!

Brilliant turn-out of dancers and musicians with a special guest appearance from Ron Geering our transatlantic box player, fair weather (apart from the showerette at lunchtime), I'm reckoning 20 dances and yet another appreciative audience.

Sunday written by Martyn (Foreman)

Didn't Crook dance and play really well? Ok there were 7 sides, it was only for 2 hours and so we were only ever going to get about 5 dances. But at the end when Tina (Furness Tradition & Clog person) thanked each team it was lovely to hear the very strong applause for Crook. Of course Perree Bane and Hadrian Clog were also going to be well received and rightly so.

Jen was stood near a couple and chatting about the teams and they were very impressed with all our dances. In 2022 Perree Bane saw us dance Fanny Frail. They go to an IOM competition festival each year where each team has to dance a 'foreign' dance. They e-mailed me and I sent the notation and a video of Crook dancing Fanny Frail. This year the guy was delighted to let me know that they had all loved learning and doing the dance and.....they won ! It won't be a surprise to you that I suggested he took a look at our own Knickers In The Hedgerow, he did and.....guess what.....yes he'd like it as well!

The concert at the end sent everyone home simply ecstatic. All this is testimony that we're a pretty fine side.