

The Greenwood Step Clog Dancers



Step dancing - the beating out of a musical rhythm with the toes and heels - is probably as old as hard soled footwear, but English Clog Dancing is mainly a product of the industrialisation of the North of England in the nineteenth century, where the working classes wore shoes with wooden soles and leather uppers. Wooden soled shoes were once common in industrial areas, such as northern England, south Scotland and south Wales. Step clog dancing is said to have first been danced by girls working in the cotton mills. They beat out a rhythm with their wooden clogs to keep in time with the shuttle flying backwards and forwards across the loom.

The stepping soon became popular with both men and women, and began to include all the traditional hornpipe and reel steps which had been danced in England for many years. Soon clog dancing competitions began to be held, at which dancers were marked for their originality, and for the clearness of their beats, that is, the sound that their clogs made on the wooden floors. Clog dancing was popular also in the Music Halls and Variety Theatres in the North of England, and was danced in flamboyant style to popular waltzes of the day such as Daisy Daisy.

Greenwood bookings for 2018 season

Monday 23rd April – Trip to Jerusalem NG1 6AD 7:30pm

Tuesday 1st May – Robin Hood statue 5:20am

Thursday 17th May – Sir John Borlase Warren NG7 3GD 8pm

Saturday 19th May – JMO Day of Dance, Peterborough

Monday 21st May – Canal House, Nottingham NG1 7EH 8pm

Monday 4th June – Crown, Beeston NG9 1FY 8pm; Star 9pm

Tuesday 5th June – Spanish Bar 8pm with Ripley Green Garters

Monday 11th June – Beeston Marina NG9 1NA 7:30;

The Boat, Dunkirk 8:30pm

Monday 18th June – White Lion Kimberley NG16 2PQ 8pm;

Dewdrop Inn Ilkeston DE7 5TE 9pm

Monday 25th June – White Lion, Rempstone LE12 6RH 8pm

Thursday 5th July – Gate Inn, Kimberley NG16 2NG 8pm;

Queen's Head, Watnall 9pm

Monday 9th July – Trip to Jerusalem NG1 6AD 7:30pm

Thursday 19th July - Plough, Normanton NG12 5N TBC 8pm

Monday 23rd July – Spanish Bar, Ilkeston DE7 5QJ 8pm

Saturday 20th October – Robin Hood Beer Festival

Wednesday 26th December – Bottesford Duck Race 11am

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