

STOCKPORT CARNIVAL

As danced by Fiddlers Fancy at Sidmouth 1979 in set of 8. Probably originally 16.
Sticks: two short sticks -held horizontally pointing fore and aft and actually resting on the shoulders.

Step : polka

STEP-UP: a walk up and back. Both sides start with r foot. Move up r, l, r, hop and retire l, r, l, together. Repeat. On both the hop and the together movements the two sticks are touched together above and in front of the head.

The Leader has a single 6 foot long stick painted the same spirals. During Step-up she goes down the middle and back.

STEP-&-TURN: All face up. 2 bars polka step, right foot in front first and then all turn completely round on spot with 4 walking steps clockwise. Face up and 2 polka steps again, right foot in front first still, but complete turn anticlockwise on 4 walking steps. End facing up. Sticks on shoulders throughout.

STEP-UP

STEP-&-TURN

1. Go Around. 4 walking steps into line, right shoulder to right shoulder, face alternate directions (2 bars). 2 bars polka step on spot facing same way. 4 walk steps around partner in direction facing to face back towards own side, in one line still right shoulder to right shoulder (2 bars). 2 bars of polka step on spot facing that way. Turn in and walk back direction came till in one line again, left shoulder to left shoulder with opposite (2 bars); 2 bars of polka step on spot facing back to own place. Walk out to place and turn to face up (2 bars) and face up for last 2 bars of polka step. 16 bars in all.
2. Hands Across. Right and left hand stars, 8 walk steps each way, turn out at half way. Centre sticks up vertically.

STEP-UP

STEP-&-TURN

3. Outsides. Polka step continuously. 8 bars down outside and turn in. 8 bars up middle. The leader comes down the centre on the first part, keeping level with the top pair, and stays at the bottom for the second half.
4. Tunnel. Face opposite, cross both sticks above and in front of head, slope towards opposite to make a sort of tunnel. Change to marking time from polka step, start right foot, for 16 steps. During this the Leader, with long stick held like a lance goes up under to the top, bending forward to pass under sticks. Top pair goes down the tunnel, sticks back on shoulders but bend down a little. 8 steps to reach bottom and half turn out, 8 more steps back to place and facing up. Each pair in turn comes into this down middle and back to place every 4 steps in turn. End all face up, all should arrive back at same time.

STEP-UP

STEP-&-TURN : end face up

STEP-UP

STEP-&-TURN

1.

2.

STEP-UP

STEP-&-TURN

3.

4.

STEP-UP

STEP-&-TURN

STEP-UP

STEP-&-TURN : end face in, feet together, sticks crossed above head level. Leader also does this Step-&-Turn.