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THE DIRK DANCE PERFORMED IN LINCOLNSHIRE (1937)

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ENGLISH FOLK DANCE and SONG SOCIETY (Lincolnshire Branch).

ENGLISH DANCES (COUNTRY, MORRIS, SWORD)
By NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION TEAM, London.

THE DIRK DANCE.
By BILLY CAIN, from Isle of Man. On JANUARY 30th, 1937, at SCUNTHORPE: The Baths Hall, 3 p.m. SLEAFORD: The Church Hall, 7.30 p.m. CAROL SINGING conducted by Dr. Gordon Slater, F.R.C.O.
SEATS: Front Row 2/6 (members 2s.); all other seats is. Obtainable from: Miss Lassetter (Hon. County Secretary), Scremby Grange, Spilsby; Mrs. Henderson (Hon. District Secretary), 7, Cliff Gardens, Scunthorpe; Miss G. M. Godson, Heckington, Sleaford.

"[Notice] English Folk Dance and Song Society (Lincolnshire Branch). English Dances [...] The Dirk Dance [...]." *Grantham Journal* 9 January 1937: 11c. Repeated, "[Notice] E.F.D.S. (Lincolnshire Branch). English Dances [...] The Dirk Dance [...]." *Grantham Journal* 16 January 1937: 11d.

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A delightful display of folk dancing was given in the Church-hall, on Saturday, by a team of dancers, including Mr Douglas Kennedy, director of the English Folk Dance Society; Billy Cain, who came over from the Isle of Man especially to give the "Dirk Dance"; and the musicians, Elsie Avril, violin, and Everal de Jersey, piano. The party, which came on from Scunthorpe, was welcomed by Dr Slater, vice-chairman of the Lincolnshire branch. Local arrangements for the display were made by Miss G. M. Godson and members of the Sleaford district, and Dr Slater conducted community singing of carols before the team arrived.

"[Sleaford News in Brief] Folk Dancing." Grantham Journal 6 February 1937: 2f.

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