

Maypole Dancers - Girls

Episode 11: AD 1593. Sir Walter Raleigh Comes to Sherborne

At the end of episode 11 and while the chorus sings 'the Triumph Song' a Maypole is set up. The chorus then begins to sing 'With a laugh as we go round' from Sir Sterndale Bennett's 'May Queen', and the children dance around the Maypole. They are dressed as Shepherds and Shepherdesses.

The dance was choreographed by Amy and Eliza Langdon



Courage, Hilda	<u>unknown</u>
Drayton, Elsie	<u>unknown</u>
Florance, Dorothy (1896-) age 9	Daughter of James and Rosa Ann Florance
Gent, Adèle (c.1894-) age 11	Daughter of Henry William Gent and Alice Mary Gent.
Hamblin, Dora (c.1893-) age 12	Daughter of Daniel Hamblin, Acreman Street, Sherborne.
Handover, Hilda (29.6.1891-1986) age 13	Daughter of George and Mary Handover of Newland, Sherborne. George Handover was a partner in Phillips and Handover, owners of 'The Sherborne Drapery and Outfitting Stores' on the corner of Half Moon Street and South Street, Sherborne. Born in Sherborne died in Chippenham. Married Henry Thomas Hinwood in Berkeley, Gloucestershire in 1915. The service was conducted by the Assistant Curate of Sherborne. Hilda and Henry had two sons.
Handover, May (1893- 1958) age 11	Sister of the above. Born in Sherborne died in Malmesbury. Married John Lockstone in Berkeley, Gloucestershire 1926. Mary and John had a son and a daughter.
Hyde, May E. (1893-) age 12	Daughter of Henry Hyde, Raleigh View, Sherborne.
Irwin, Patricia Dorothy (1893-) age 12	Daughter of Constance Hall Irwin and the late Patrick Irwin (former headmaster of Foster's School who died suddenly in 1900), Westbury, Sherborne. She was born in Sherborne and married Bertram Blake during WW1 on 22.7.1916. Bernard, the son of a farmer, was a soldier at the time .
Pearson, E. Marie	<u>unknown</u>
Pearson, Ethel B.	<u>unknown</u>
Simpson, Lilian Ethel (c.1895-) age 10	Daughter of John Simpson, Superintendent of Police.
Skinner, Adelaide	<u>unknown</u>
Spiller, Dorothy (1895-) age 10	Daughter of Reginald Franck Spiller and Florence Elizabeth Spiller, Cheap Street, Sherborne.
Thomas, Sybil (c.1897-) age 8	Daughter of Annie E. Thomas, widow, Coldharbour, Sherborne.
Wollage, Dorothy Inez (1892-1995) age 13	Daughter of Thomas Wollage, civil servant. Living in The Avenue, Sherborne (1911).

In the photograph at the top of the page, taken by J Benjamin Stone, it is possible to see the faces of twelve girls. Sixteen girls signed their names in the Pageant Album and looking very closely at the photograph of the actual dance around the maypole sixteen girls can be seen dancing. Could it be that the photograph taken at the same time and showing five young women make up the total sixteen or do they also appear with the larger group?

