

## Upton-on-Severn

Worcestershire. Dances are 2, one stick dance and one handkerchief dance.

### *Figures*

**Once to your self** is stationary.

**Whole rounds** clock-wise, spinning **right** to start.

**Back to back** in 4 bars, **Dance position** for 4 bars.

**Three Top** is heys-for-three across the set, the middles moving to their **left** 1<sup>st</sup> time. **Three bottoms** middles move to **right**.

**Whole hey** has the top couple go down between the middles, tops and bottoms do not turn out at start.

**Dance position** each man makes a quick turn **left** on the spot (1 bar) and then dances in position facing his partner.

Each figure occupies **8 bars**, **Back to back** right and left being 8-bar figures.

**Finish** all-in, facing centre.

### *Steps*

**4-step** with free leg swung across in front.

### *Arm-movement*

**Down and up**, with pronounced upward flick.

## THE UPTON STICK DANCE

**Once to your self**, **Whole rounds**, Chorus, **Cross over**, Chorus, **Three tops**( left ), Chorus, **Three bottoms**( right ), Chorus, **Whole hey**, Chorus, **Whole rounds**, Chorus.

**Strike** sticks at **beginning** of each figure.

Chorus is

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> time stick-tapping right and left once per bar (8 strikes) and **Dance position**.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> time **doubles** fighting.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> time above heads and by ankles.

## THE UPTON HANDKERCHIEF DANCE

**Once to your self**, **Whole rounds**, **Back to back**( right ), **Back to back**( left ), **Three tops**( right ), **Three tops**( left ), **Whole hey**, **Whole hey**, **Corners**, **Back to back**( right ), **Back to back**( left ), **Three tops**( right ), **Three tops**( left ), **Whole hey**, **Whole hey**, **Whole rounds**

**Corners** is

1<sup>st</sup> half **Dance position**

2<sup>nd</sup> half numbers 1 & 6 approach and face, and dancers then adjust positions to give oblique set.

Subsequent figures in these new positions, with numbers 2 and 4 as top couple.