

**A “PERSHORE”**

- Source** : Iron Men at Sidmouth.
Music :
Steps : hopsteps.
Sticks : short stick each.
Set : 8 dancers, initially in a circle, but mostly in two lines of 4.

This so called Pershore dance is a variant of the common “Wenlock” family.

OTYS : stand in circle with sticks in the centre making a star (basket).

1. **ROUNDS** : whole rounds with sticks on shoulders, facing across in bar 8.
2. **STICKS** : odds strike evens who hold their sticks still in Brimfield/Wenlock fashion.
 / f b f b f / f b f b / b - f - / b f b - //
 then evens hit odds in the same rhythm.
3. **HEY** : Worcester heys for four, tops go between top middles, bottom two pairs turn out at the bottom, bottom middles following the bottoms.
4. **STICKS**
5. **CROSS OVER** : partners pass left shoulders and turn to the right to face
 back, waist swing with opposite three times round to end in
 starting place.
6. **STICKS**
7. **HEY**
8. **STICKS**
9. **STARS** : first half hands across in fours, turn out at half way, into middle star back and
 end pairs waist swing.
10. **STICKS**
11. **HEY**
12. **STICKS**
13. **CROSS OVER**
14. **STICKS**
15. **HEY**
16. **STICKS**
17. **ROUNDS** : whole rounds clockwise, turning out at the end and hitting down onto the fool
 who has moved into the centre of the set.

