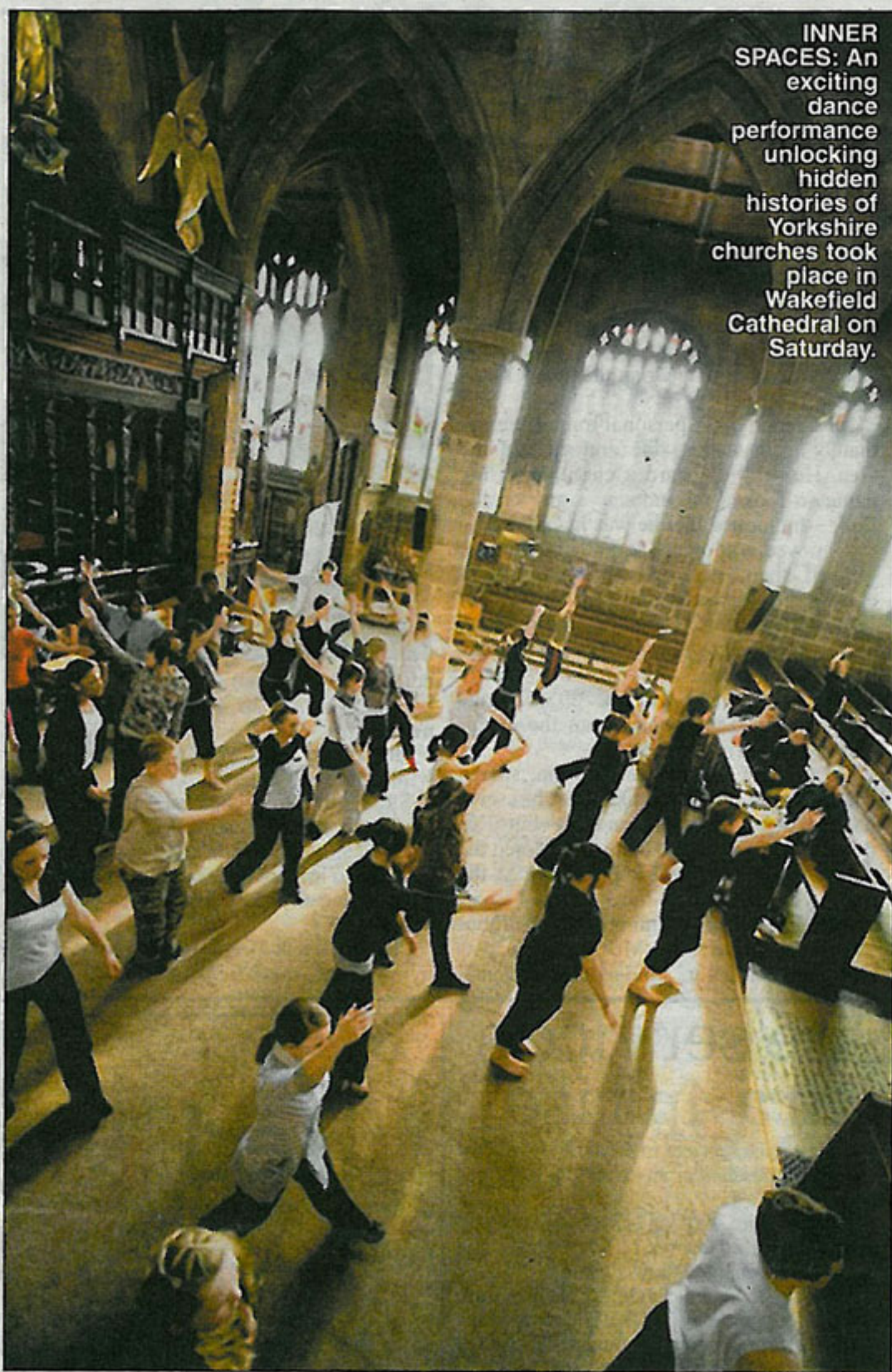


INNER SPACES: An exciting dance performance unlocking hidden histories of Yorkshire churches took place in Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday.



Dancers deliver story of cathedral's history

DEFT dancers slinked their way into Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday for an extravaganza of movement and rhythm.

More than 60 youngsters took part in Ascendance Rep's final performance of *Inner Spaces* – a culmination of dance heritage workshops taking place in churches across Yorkshire.

The result was a performance which retold local stories, histories and memories through the power of dance.

Rachel Wesson, artistic director of Ascendance Rep, said: "The project used creative dance as a way to unlock and interpret the history stored within these churches.

"It is so important that information is passed down through the generations so we can learn

about our past and understand our heritage."

Cathedral School pupils and dancers from youth dance companies Momentum and Dimensions Dance were representing the Merrie City.

The highlight of the evening was the last dance – performed by Dimensions Dance.

Ms Wesson added: "The event went really well, there was a great atmosphere.

"There was a mix of school groups and community groups taking part, who were all very different in age and ability, but all the youngsters really enjoyed the experience."

Youngsters from Hull, Leeds, Driffield and Cleethorpes also took part in the project, which came about thanks to a £50,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.