

# A selection of core dances

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## Abbreviations

|                   |  |
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| No (eg 3, 19, 43) | RSCDS Book of that number                            |
| 5 for '65         | Five Traditional Scottish Country Dances for 1965    |
| 4 for '78         | Four Scottish Country Dances 1978                    |
| 5 for '82         | Five Scottish Country Dances 1982                    |
| Border            | Border Dance Book Scottish Country Dances            |
| Children          | Scottish Country Dances for Children                 |
| Collins           | Collins Pocket Reference to Scottish Country Dancing |
| Graded            | Book of Graded Scottish Country Dances               |
| Leaflet           | The Leaflet Dances with Music                        |
| MacNab            | Scottish Dances collected by Mary Isdal MacNab       |
| MMM               | Miss Milligan's Miscellany                           |
| Scotia            | The Scotia Suite of Scottish Country Dances          |

Dances with a name only against them (eg Clowes, Goldring, Cosh etc) have not been published by the RSCDS but the instructions are readily available from a variety of sources.

# Foreword

In his preface to *100 Best Films of the Century*, Barry Norman, the noted British film critic, wrote: "Concerning that list there is one thing of which I am quite sure: you will not agree with it." This selection will be no different but it is important to note that it is not intended as a definitive list of the best or most popular dances but, simply, a selection compiled by experienced dancers and teachers to meet the criteria noted below. We hope you will find it useful.

The selection of dances has been made with a number of objectives in mind. Among them are:

- to provide inexperienced dancers with a manageable repertoire of dances which appear on dance programmes;
- to provide teachers and dancers with a structured list of dances containing the principal formations of Scottish country dancing;
- to provide programme devisors with a common base from which a part of any dance or ball programme can be developed in order to encourage inexperienced dancers.

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## Part 1 - Introductory

### Jigs

|                                |        |           |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| The Duke of Atholl's Reel      | 8 x 32 | 16        |
| The Frisky                     | 8 x 32 | 26        |
| Hamilton House                 | 8 x 32 | 7         |
| The Happy Meeting              | 8 x 32 | 29        |
| Hooper's Jig                   | 8 x 32 | MMM       |
| The Jubilee Jig                | 8 x 32 | Leaflet   |
| La Flora                       | 8 x 32 | 27        |
| Ladies' Fancy                  | 8 x 32 | 13        |
| The Laird of Milton's Daughter | 8 x 32 | 22        |
| Linton Ploughman               | 8 x 32 | 5         |
| The Machine without Horses     | 8 x 32 | 12        |
| Miss Allie Anderson            | 8 x 32 | Leaflet   |
| Miss Hadden's Reel             | 8 x 32 | 23        |
| Mrs Stewart's Jig              | 8 x 32 | 35        |
| Napier's Index                 | 8 x 40 | 45        |
| The New Rigged Ship            | 8 x 48 | 9         |
| Postie's Jig                   | 4 x 32 | Collins   |
| St Andrew's Fair               | 8 x 32 | 5 for '82 |
| The Starry Eyed Lassie         | 8 x 32 | 23        |
| Tribute to the Borders         | 8 x 32 | Leaflet   |
| The Wild Geese                 | 8 x 32 | 24        |

### Medley

|                |           |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| Johnnie Walker | S64 + J64 | Robson |
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### Reels

|                                   |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| The Dashing White Sergeant        | n x 32  | 3       |
| The Deil amang the Tailors        | 8 x 32  | 14      |
| The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh | 8 x 40  | 39      |
| Duke of Perth                     | 8 x 32  | 1       |
| The Eightsome Reel                | 1 x 464 | 2       |
| Flowers of Edinburgh              | 8 x 32  | 1       |
| The Highland Rambler              | 8 x 40  | Collins |
| La Russe                          | 4 x 64  | MMM     |

## Reels (cont)

|                               |        |           |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Mairi's Wedding               | 8 x 40 | Collins   |
| Maxwell's Rant                | 8 x 32 | 18        |
| The Montgomeries' Rant        | 8 x 32 | 10        |
| Mr Wilson's Hornpipe          | 8 x 32 | 16        |
| Petronella                    | 8 x 32 | 1         |
| The Reel of the 51st Division | 8 x 32 | 13        |
| The Reel of the Royal Scots   | 8 x 32 | Leaflet   |
| Round Reel of Eight           | 1 x 88 | 27        |
| The Sailor                    | 8 x 32 | 24        |
| A Trip to Bavaria             | 4 x 32 | Collins   |
| The Triumph                   | 4 x 24 | 1         |
| West's Hornpipe               | 4 x 32 | 5 for '65 |

## Strathspeys

|                          |        |         |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| The Braes of Breadalbane | 8 x 32 | 21      |
| Cherrybank Gardens       | 3 x 32 | Drewry  |
| Fair Donald              | 8 x 32 | 29      |
| The Glasgow Highlanders  | 8 x 32 | 2       |
| Glasgow Lasses           | 8 x 32 | 34      |
| Jimmy's Fancy            | 8 x 32 | 14      |
| The Lea Rig              | 8 x 32 | 21      |
| MacDonald of the Isles   | 3 x 32 | Haynes  |
| Miss Gibson's Strathspey | 8 x 32 | Leaflet |
| Monymusk                 | 8 x 32 | 11      |
| Neidpath Castle          | 3 x 32 | 22      |
| The Robertson Rant       | 1 x 80 | 39      |
| Seann Triubhas Willichan | 8 x 32 | 27      |
| The Silver Tassie        | 8 x 32 | Leaflet |

## Waltz

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| W Waltz Country Dance | n x 40 | 4 |
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## Part 2 - Intermediate

### Jigs

|                                       |         |          |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Bonnie Anne                           | 1 x 96  | MacNab   |
| The Flight of the Falcon              | 8 x 32  | Priddey  |
| Follow Me Home                        | 8 x 32  | 38       |
| Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder | 1 x 128 | Hamilton |
| It's Just for Fun                     | 8 x 32  | 33       |
| Joie de Vivre                         | 8 x 32  | 39       |
| Just as I was in the Morning          | 8 x 40  | 19       |
| The Kelloholm Jig                     | 8 x 32  | Leaflet  |
| The Last of the Lairds                | 8 x 32  | 22       |
| Macleod's Fancy                       | 4 x 32  | 33       |
| Major Ian Stewart                     | 8 x 32  | 35       |
| Muirland Willie                       | 8 x 32  | 21       |
| Old Nick's Lumber Room                | 8 x 32  | 26       |
| Pelorus Jack                          | 8 x 32  | 41       |
| Quarries' Jig                         | 8 x 32  | 36       |

### Medley

|                       |               |    |
|-----------------------|---------------|----|
| Glasgow Country Dance | 8 x (S16+R16) | 23 |
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### Reels

|                          |        |           |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Anniversary Reel         | 4 x 32 | 36        |
| Back to the Fireside     | 8 x 32 | 38        |
| The Black Mountain Reel  | 5 x 32 | Haynes    |
| Blooms of Bon Accord     | 4 x 32 | Drewry    |
| Cadgers in the Canongate | 8 x 48 | 9         |
| The Clansman             | 8 x 32 | 32        |
| The College Hornpipe     | 8 x 32 | 20        |
| The Earl of Mansfield    | 4 x 48 | Leaflet   |
| Fife Ness                | 8 x 32 | 4 for '78 |
| General Stuart's Reel    | 8 x 32 | 10        |
| Inverneill House         | 8 x 32 | 35        |
| The Irish Rover          | 8 x 32 | Cosh      |
| J B Milne                | 8 x 32 | Collins   |
| John of Bon Accord       | 8 x 32 | 33        |

## Reels (cont)

|                              |        |    |
|------------------------------|--------|----|
| Johnnie's Welcome Home       | 8 x 40 | 32 |
| Milton's Welcome             | 8 x 32 | 33 |
| The Music Makars             | 8 x 32 | 33 |
| None so Pretty               | 8 x 40 | 19 |
| Portnacraig                  | 8 x 32 | 36 |
| Red House                    | 8 x 40 | 7  |
| The Reverend John Macfarlane | 4 x 32 | 37 |
| Summer Wooing                | 8 x 32 | 38 |

## Strathspeys

|                                     |        |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Alltshellach                        | 8 x 32 | 23        |
| Anna Holden's Strathspey            | 8 x 32 | 42        |
| Autumn in Appin                     | 4 x 32 | 31        |
| Cape Town Wedding                   | 8 x 32 | 39        |
| Cuillins of Skye                    | 8 x 32 | 4 for '78 |
| Culla Bay                           | 4 x 32 | 41        |
| The Dean Bridge of Edinburgh        | 8 x 32 | 23        |
| The Dream Catcher                   | 1 x 96 | 45        |
| The Duchess Tree                    | 8 x 32 | Drewry    |
| From Scotia's Shores We're Noo Awa' | 8 x 32 | Leaflet   |
| Gang the Same Gate                  | 8 x 32 | 36        |
| The Gentleman                       | 8 x 32 | 35        |
| Miss Milligan's Strathspey          | 8 x 32 | Leaflet   |
| The Moray Rant                      | 3 x 48 | Drewry    |
| Sugar Candie                        | 8 x 32 | 26        |
| Up in the Air                       | 8 x 32 | 20        |

