

DANCEBOY'S LIST OF BEST DANCES.

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This is a list of proven dances which were enjoyed 'on the night' by those present. There are no dances on the list which have not been danced by me - I have been present without exception for every dance on the list! All dances are from programmes danced in RSCDS Branches and Clubs throughout Scotland - amongst others, Glasgow, Stirling, Alva, Hamilton, Blairgowrie, Pitlochry, Troon, Dufftown, Beaully, Linlithgow and Edinburgh.

All the dances quoted here are brilliant or above average and many have exceptionally good music associated with them. A few of the dances have been included principally because of the music associated with the dance but it will still be a good dance! None of the dances have been selected solely because their titles have some association with the dance event i.e. Follow Me Home for a last dance or Christmas this or Christmas that during the Festive Season. I hope you, as I do, disapprove of 'oh so clever theme programmes' where we are obliged to dance third rate dances chosen because of a certain meaning there might be in the title.

If you are making up a programme in any part of the world this list should be of help in ensuring your customers have a great night!!

Dances which have a '#' before and after it are dances which perhaps should NOT be included in an average dance programme unless time was allowed for the dance, or a movement within a dance, to be taught on the night. They might be included in a dance programme under the description 'Dance of the Month' or 'Instructor's Choice' with an experienced caller on hand.

All the others are dances which may be a bit of a challenge but which could be included on any dance programme. Many of the dances in this list will still require some homework before the event. U-tube is increasingly providing very helpful videos of dances accessible via the link below:-

<http://www.scottish-country-dancing-dictionary.com/dance-cribs.html>

Alternatively, ask your class teacher to teach the dance at a class meeting.

Apologies - occasionally I include a dance the source of which is not known. In these cases I will publish at the end of this document my best memory of the dance - please make of it what you can. If you find an error and can provide a source document please let me know - I will see you get full credit for providing the correction!! Topsy Turvy was such a dance - although initially I 'got it wrong' input from fellow dancers allowed me to eventually apply the necessary corrections. When I'm not sure I will say so!

Use of the list below is free of any charge or commission - Good Luck & Happy Dancin'!!!

THE BEST DANCE LIST

192 MILES HOME---(Sq)---J4x48* (Good fun dance - Bk 50)	Another Piece of Silver (R8x32)	#Bannockburn 700 (J8x40)#
Ageing Gracefully (S8x32)	Argyll's Farewell to Stirling	Bauldy Bain's Fiddle (R8x32)
#Aird of Coigach (J4x48)#	Auchinellan Jig J8x32)	Bearsden Jig (J8x32)
Airie Bennan(J5x32)	Auld Friends Meet (S8x32)	Beauty of the North (S8x32)
Alex T. Queen (R4x48)	Auld Lang Syne (S8x32)	Bees of MaggieKnockater
Anna Holden's Strathspey (S8x32)	Australian Ladies (R4x32)	Belle o' Bon Accord (S4x32)
Anne McArthur (S3x32) (simple filler dance)	Back to the Fireside (R8x32)	Best Set in the Hall
	Baldovan Reel	Birlin' Sporrans (R8x40)

Birls Allowed (J8x32)	Cooper's Wife (J8x40)	Fireworks Reel (R8x32) (bars 9,10 & 17,18 must be mastered)
Black Black Oil (R5x32)	Countess of Dunmore's Reel (The) (R8x32)	First Rain of Spring (The) (J3x32)
Black Mountain Reel	Cramond Bridge (R8x32)	Fisherman's Reel (R5x32) Sq
Blackwater Reel (R8x32)	Crème de La Crème (J3x32) Music MUST be Ian Slater 'From Manse to Dance' Track No2	Flora's Cross (S8x32)
Bonnie Lass o' Bon Accord (Square) (S1x64)	Crossing the Line (R6x32) 3 cple	Flora's Fancy (J8x32)
Bonnie Tree (S8x32)	Cuckoo Clock (The) (R8x32)	Flower o' the Quern (S4x32)
Bonny Bells of Heather (The) (6 cpls) (R6x32) Jean Attwood Alexander Bk8 (4s+5s+6s start on opposite sides)	Cuillins of Skye (S8x32)	Foxhill Court (S8x32)
Bratach Bana (R8x32)	Cullen Skink (S4x32)	Fraser's Favourite (R8x32)
#Brecon in March (R5x40) Sq#	Dagmar's Fancy (S3x32)	Freshwater Bay (J3x32) (Maggie Burns)
Brisk Young Lad (J5x48)	Dancing Master (J1x96) Sq	Gaelforce Wind (J8x32)
Buchan Lass (J4x32) Good +	Dancing Shepherd (The) (J8x32)	Gavin's Reel (R5x32) (Sq)
Burniboozle (R8x32)	Dancing Spirit (J8x32)	Georgie's Jig (J4x32)
Button Boy (The) (R8x32) W Zobel Allanton College.	Dandelion Picker (The) (R8x32)	Gin and Tonic (A) Mx1(S3x32+R3x32) Scott
Byron Strathspey (S3x32)	#Deer Friends (S8x32)#	Glastonbury Tor (R8x32)
Caddam Wood (R5x32)	Diamond Jubilee (J4x32)	Glayva (R8x32)
Cadgers in the Canongate (R8x48)	Diamond Quarrie (R8x32)	Glenalmond Gamekeeper (R8x40)
Campbeltown Loch (J8x48)	Don's Reel (R8x40)	Golden Boy (J8x32)
Cannadine Strathspey (S8x32)	#Dragonfly (The) (J8x32)#	Golden Memories (S3x32)
Cape Breton Hornpipe (R4x32)	Dream Catcher (S1x96) Sq)(now over-danced)	Golden Years (S8x32)
Capetown Wedding (S8x32)	Duke of Perth (R8x32)	Gothenburg's Welcome (J8x32)
Capital Jig (A) (J8x32)	Duke of Wellington (The) (R8x32)	#Gypsy Dreams (S6x32) 3cple.#
Captain MacBear's Reel	Duncan Gray (R8x40)	Happiness is Scottish Country Dancing (H8x32)
Cat & the Fiddle (The) (J8x32)	Dunsinane (S8x32)	Happy Christmas (J8x32)
#Carleton Jig (J4x32)#	Earl of Mansfield (R4x48)	Happy Meeting (J8x32)
Cashmere Shawl (S8x32)	Ederline (S3x32)	Hazel Tree (J8x32)
Chasing the Eclipse (S3x32)	Endrick Water (S3x32)	High Society (R4x40)
Chequered Court (The) (J8x32)	Elephant Stampede (J4x48) Sq	Hills of Alba (R4x32)
Christmas Ceilidh (A) (R8x40)	Falls of Rogie (R8x32)	Hollin buss (J8x32)
City of Stirling Reel (R8x32)	Faraway Isles (J4x48)	Hoy Tensome (The) (Square) Fun Dance ---- R5x40
Clutha (R4x48) Sq	Far North Queensland (S5x32)	Humours of California (S8x32) (to celebrate marriage of Marian Anderson & Max Kitchin)
Cocket Hat (The) (J8x40)	Father Connelly's Jig (J4x64)(now over-danced)	Hunter's Moon (J4x32)
Colin's Kilts (J8x40)	Festival Man (The) (J8x32)	#Huntsman (The) (J4x40)#
Come Up to the Top (J4x32) Nice wee fill-in dance.	Findlater Castle (R8x32) Music SHOULD be Findlater Castle 'A the Best Frae Bannfshire' Colin Dewar	Immigrant Lass (J4x32)
Compliments to the Lawsons S4x32	Fife Ness (R8x32)	Inchmickery (J5x32) Fun dance

Inimitable Derek (R8x32)	Macdonald of Keppoch Mx1(S2x32+R2x32) Sq	Orpington Caledonians (R8x32) RSCDS Bk49.
Inside oot Fisheater (R5x32)		
Iona Cross Mx1[3xSx32+3xRx32]	Macdonald of the Isles (S3x32)	Orwell Lodge Strathspey (S3x32) (note bars 25-32)
Irish Rover (R8x32)	Mairi's Wedding (R8x40)	Patched Bagpipe (The) (J4x32)
It's Just for Fun (J8x32)	Major Ian Stewart (J8x32)	Peat Fire Flame (R8x40)
It Wisnae Me (S4x32)	Maxwells' Rant (R8x32)	Peggy Dewar (R8x32)
Jag's Jig (J8x32)	Meeting of the Waters (R8x48)	Phantom Piper (J4x32)
James Gray (J4x32)	Midnight Ferry (R4x40) Square	Pines of Pitlochry (R8x48)
Jane's Jig (Petyt) (J4x32)	Midnight Oil (J5x48)	Plantation Reel (R5x32)
Jean Martin of Aberdeen (S3x32)	Midsummer Common (S8x32)	Polharrow Burn (R5x32)
Jillwitha j (R3x48)	Milton's Welcome (R8x32)	Portincaple (R8x32*)
Jim Johnstone's Reel (R8x32)	Minister on the Loch (S3x32)	Portnacraig (R8x32)
Joe McDairmid's Jig (J4x32)	Miss Eleanor (S3x32)	Postie's Jig (J4x32)
John Cass (J5x32)	Miss Frances Martin Mx1(S32+R32)	Preston Mill (R5x32)
Johnnie Walker (S64+J64) Sq	#Miss Gabrielle's Reel (R8x32)(tricky)#	Purple Heather Jig (J4x40)
Johnnie's Welcome Hame (R8x40)	Miss Gibson's Strathspey (S8x32)	Ramadan-ce (R8x32)
Joie de Vivre (J8x32)	Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan (R5x32)	Raven's Dance (J8x32)
Just as I was in the Morning (R8x40)	Miss Kenyon's Strathspey (S4x32)	Ray Milbourne (R4x32)
Kelloholm Jig (J8x32)	Miss Shearer's Strathspey (S8x32)	Recumbent Stone (R5x48)
Kenora Reel (R8x32)	Mixer Box (The) (R8x32) Different. Not as difficult as it appears.	Red Squirrel (R8x32)
Kinfauns Castle (S5x32)	#Monica's Way (2 chords) (J4x32)#	Reel of the Puffins (R4x32)
Knotwork (J4x40)	Moray Rant (S3x32)	Rest and be Thankful
Ladies of Dunse (R8x40)	Mr Duncan MacLean (J8x32)	#Restless Ghost (The) (R8x32)#
Lady in Red 2 (J5x32)	Mrs MacPherson of Inveran (R8x32)	Rodney's Rant (J8x32)
Lady Sophia Lindsay (R4x32)	Mrs Milne of Kinneff (Square) (S4x32) (George Stirrat has very powerful music for this dance.	Rougemont Castle (S3x32)
Laird of Milton's Daughter (J8x32)	Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich (R8x32)	Royal Wedding (S8x32)
Laird o' the Land (J8x32)	#Mrs Stuart Linnell (R8x40)#	Ruby Rant (The) (R8x32) (must be Jim Lindsay track - RSCDS Book 49)
Last o' the Lairds (J8x32)	Napier's Index (J8x40)	Rutland Reel (The) (R8x40)
Let's Have a Ceilidh (R4x32)	Neil M. Grant (J8x32)	Saltire Society Reel (R8x32) (a fill-in dance).
Let the Hackles Rise (J4x48)	Never at Sea (R6x48) 6 cple.	#Salute to Glasgow (S8x32)#
Links with St Petersburg (J8x32)	Norah (J1x96) Sq	Sands of Morar (S8x32)
Linnea's Strathspey (S8x32)	Norfolk Broads Hornpipe (R8x32)	Scott Meikle (R4x32)
Lochalsh Reel (R8x40)	Nottingham Lace (R1x96)	Shetland Shepherdess (The) (J8x32)
Lochindorb Strathspey (S3x32)	#Ocean Voyage (H5x32)#	Shiftin'Bobbins (R8x32)
Lobster in the Pot (J8x32) 2 cple. A bit corny but was good fun!	Old Grey Cat (R8x32)	Silver City Strathspey (S8x32)
Lord Maclay's Reel (R4x40)		Singing Sands (S3x32)

Snake Pass (J8x32)	Water of Life (Uisge Beatha) (S3x32)
Southern Cross R8x32	Wee Cooper o' Fife (J8x40)
Spiffen (J5x32)	#Wee Green Book (Square) (R1x96)#
Spirit of the Dance (S8x32)	Weathercock (The) (J4x32)
Spot of Bother R8x32	Welcome to Dufftown (J8x32)
Spring Fling Reel (The) (R8x40) Book 50.	Welcome to Nerja (J5x48) (5 cple)
Staircase in Styria (A) (R5x40) 5C set M Gray. Must be Marian Anderson 'The Sunday Class' Dance Book 2. CD ref TSCO2MA.	Wellington Connection (The) (R8x32)
#Stirling at 90 (5 cple) (R5x32)#	Westminster Reel (R8x32)
#St Magnus Quadrille (Square) RorJ(1x88) Dufftown Dance.#	We've Nae Electric (R5x32)
St Marks Celebration Jig (J8x32)	Whigmaleeries (R8x32)
Sueno's Stone (R8x32)	White Heather Jig (J4x40)
Sugar Candie (S8x32)	#White Rabbit (The) (R8x32)#
Sugar Loaf Jig (J8x32)	Wild Goose Chase (J4x32)
Summer Assembly (R1x88)	World Turned Upside Down (The)
Swiss Lassie (R8x32)	Woodland Reel (The) (R8x40)
Tattie Bogle (J8x32) (Scarecrow) (a programme filler)	Ythanside (S8x32) (can be S3x32)
Thistle and the Columbine (The) (J8x32)	Zoologist (J8x32)
Thornhill Strathspey (The) (S3x32)	
Thrums Cairn (The) (R8x32)	RECENTLY ADDED:-
#Toast to St Andrews (R4x48)#	Blackwater Reel (R8x32)
Todlen Hame (J8x32)	Rutland Reel (The) (R8x40)
Topsy Turvey (S3x32) It's another strathspey but don't underestimate it.	#Deer Friends (S8x32)# Contains a movement called 'Balance-in-line Figure'.
Torridon Lassies (J8x40)	Cat & the Fiddle (The) (J8x32)
Tribute to the Borders (J8x32)	
Tri-Mariner (The) (R8x32)	Marker Explanation.
Trip to Bavaria (R4x32) Good Music	# = dance requires preparation or be taught on the night (the entire dance may be complicated or just one movement within the dance).
#Tullyvolen (R5x32) Sq#	
Two Roses (S8x32)	
Uppies and Doonies (J4x32)	
Vale of Atholl (J8x32) Peat Fire Flame (R8x40)	
Waggle o' the Kilt (J8x40)	
Waternish Tangle (The) (J8x32)	