

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)	Baldovan Reel
Ageing Gracefully (S8x32)	Argyll's Farewell to Stirling	#Bannockburn 700 (J8x40)#
#Aird of Coigach (J4x48)#	Auchinellan Jig J8x32)	Bauldy Bain's Fiddle (R8x32)
Airie Bennan(J5x32)	Auld Friends Meet (S8x32)	Bearsden Jig (J8x32)
Alex T. Queen (R4x48)	Auld Lang Syne (S8x32)	Beauty of the North (S8x32)
Anna Holden's Strathspey (S8x32)	Australian Ladies (R4x32)	Bees of Maggieknockater
Anne McArthur (S3x32) (simple filler dance)	Aviator (The) (J8x32)	Belle o' Bon Accord (S4x32)
	Back to the Fireside (R8x32)	Best Set in the Hall

Birlin' Sporrans (R8x40)	Compliments to the Lawsons S4x32	Fife Ness (R8x32)
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)	Glavya (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 MacBean'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)

Inchmickery (J5x32) Fun dance	Lord MacLay's Reel (R4x40)	Old Grey Cat (R8x32)
Inimitable Derek (R8x32)	Macdonald of Keppoch Mx1(S2x32+R2x32) Sq	Orpington Caledonians (R8x32) RSCDS Bk49.
Inside oot Fisheater (R5x32)	Macdonald of the Isles (S3x32)	Orwell Lodge Strathspey (S3x32) (note bars 25-32)
Iona Cross Mx1[3xSx32+3xRx32]	Mairi's Wedding (R8x40)	Patched Bagpipe (The) (J4x32)
Irish Rover (R8x32)	Major Ian Stewart (J8x32)	Peat Fire Flame (R8x40)
It's Just for Fun (J8x32)	Maxwells' Rant (R8x32)	Peggy Dewar (R8x32)
It Wisnae Me (S4x32)	Meeting of the Waters (R8x48)	Phantom Piper (J4x32)
Jag's Jig (J8x32)	Midnight Ferry (R4x40) Square	Pines of Pitlochry (R8x48)
James Gray (J4x32)	Midnight Oil (J5x48)	Plantation Reel (R5x32)
Jane's Jig (Petyt) (J4x32)	Midsummer Common (S8x32)	Polharrow Burn (R5x32)
Jean Martin of Aberdeen (S3x32)	Milton's Welcome (R8x32)	Portincaple (R8x32*)
Jillwitha j (R3x48)	Minister on the Loch (S3x32)	Portnacraig (R8x32)
Jim Johnstone's Reel (R8x32)	Miss Eleanor (S3x32)	Postie's Jig (J4x32)
Joe McDairmid's Jig (J4x32)	Miss Frances Martin Mx1(S32+R32)	Preston Mill (R5x32)
John Cass (J5x32)	#Miss Gabrielle's Reel (R8x32)(tricky)#	Purple Heather Jig (J4x40)
Johnnie Walker (S64+J64) Sq	Miss Gibson's Strathspey (S8x32)	Ramadan-ce (R8x32)
Johnnie's Welcome Hame (R8x40)	Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan (R5x32)	Raven's Dance (J8x32)
Joie de Vivre (J8x32)	Miss Kenyon's Strathspey (S4x32)	Ray Milbourne (R4x32)
Just as I was in the Morning (R8x40)	Miss Shearer's Strathspey (S8x32)	Recumbent Stone (R5x48)
Kelloholm Jig (J8x32)	Mixer Box (The) (R8x32) Different. Not as difficult as it appears.	Red Squirrel (R8x32)
Kenora Reel (R8x32)	#Monica's Way (2 chords) (J4x32)#	Reel of the Puffins (R4x32)
Kinfauns Castle (S5x32)	Moray Rant (S3x32)	Rest and be Thankful
Knotwork (J4x40)	Mr Duncan MacLean (J8x32)	#Restless Ghost (The) (R8x32)#
Ladies of Dunse (R8x40)	Mrs MacPherson of Inveran (R8x32)	Rodney's Rant (J8x32)
Lady in Red 2 (J5x32)	Mrs Milne of Kinneff (Square) (S4x32) (George Stirrat has very powerful music for this dance.	Rougemont Castle (S3x32)
Lady Sophia Lindsay (R4x32)	Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich (R8x32)	Royal Wedding (S8x32)
Laird of Milton's Daughter (J8x32)	#Mrs Stuart Linnell (R8x40)#	Ruby Rant (The) (R8x32) (must be Jim Lindsay track - RSCDS Book 49)
Laird o' the Land (J8x32)	Napier's Index (J8x40)	Ruby Wilkinson's Farewell to Cranshaws (S4x32) (must be Jim Lindsay's track Book 52)
Last o' the Lairds (J8x32)	Neil M. Grant (J8x32)	Rutland Reel (The) (R8x40)
Let's Have a Ceilidh (R4x32)	Never at Sea (R6x48) 6 cple.	Saltire Society Reel (R8x32) (a fill-in dance).
Let the Hackles Rise (J4x48)	Norah (J1x96) Sq	#Salute to Glasgow (S8x32)#
Links with St Petersburg (J8x32)	Norfolk Broads Hornpipe (R8x32)	Sands of Morar (S8x32)
Linnea's Strathspey (S8x32)	Nottingham Lace (R1x96)	Scott Meikle (R4x32)
Lochalsh Reel (R8x40)	#Ocean Voyage (H5x32)#	Shetland Shepherdess (The) (J8x32)
Lochindorb Strathspey (S3x32)		
Lobster in the Pot (J8x32) 2 cple. A bit corny but was good fun!		

Shiftin'Bobbins (R8x32)	Vale of Atholl (J8x32) Peat Fire Flame (R8x40)
Silver City Strathspey (S8x32)	Waggle o' the Kilt (J8x40)
Singing Sands (S3x32)	Waternish Tangle (The) (J8x32)
Snake Pass (J8x32)	Water of Life (Uisge Beatha) (S3x32)
Snow on the Mountain (J8x32)	Wee Cooper o' Fife (J8x40)
Southern Cross R8x32	#Wee Green Book (Square) (R1x96)#
Spiffen (J5x32)	Weathercock (The) (J4x32)
Spirit of the Dance (S8x32)	Welcome to Dufftown (J8x32)
Spot of Bother R8x32	Welcome to Nerja (J5x48) (5 cple)
Spring Fling Reel (The) (R8x40) Book 50.	Wellington Connection (The) (R8x32)
Staircase in Styria (A) (R5x40) 5C set M Gray. Must be Marian Anderson 'The Sunday Class' Dance Book 2. CD ref TSCO2MA.	Westminster Reel (R8x32)
#Stirling at 90 (5 cple) (R5x32)#	We've Nae Electric (R5x32)
#St Magnus Quadrille (Square) RorJ(1x88) Dufftown Dance.#	Whigmaleeries (R8x32)
St Marks Celebration Jig (J8x32)	White Heather Jig (J4x40)
Sueno's Stone (R8x32)	#White Rabbit (The) (R8x32)#
Sugar Candie (S8x32)	Wild Goose Chase (J4x32)
Sugar Loaf Jig (J8x32)	World Turned Upside Down (The)
Summer Assembly (R1x88)	Woodland Reel (The) (R8x40)
Swiss Lassie (R8x32)	Ythanside (S8x32) (can be S3x32)
Tattie Bogle (J8x32) (Scarecrow) (a programme filler)	Zoologist (J8x32)
Thistle and the Columbine (The) (J8x32)	RECENTLY ADDED:-
Thornhill Strathspey (The) (S3x32)	Aviator (The) (J8x32)
Thrums Cairn (The) (R8x32)	Ruby Wilkinson's Farewell to Cranshaws (S4x32) (must be Jim Lindsay's track Book 52)
#Toast to St Andrews (R4x48)#	Snow on the Mountain (J8x32)
Todlen Hame (J8x32)	
Topsy Turvey (S3x32) It's another strathspey but don't underestimate it.	
Torridon Lassies (J8x40)	Marker Explanation.
Tribute to the Borders (J8x32)	# = dance requires preparation or be taught on the night (the entire dance may be complicated or just one movement within the dance).
Tri-Mariner (The) (R8x32)	
Trip to Bavaria (R4x32) Good Music	
#Tullyvolen (R5x32) Sq#	
Two Roses (S8x32)	
Uppies and Doonies (J4x32)	