

DANCEBOY'S LIST OF BEST DANCES.

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This is a list of proven dances which have been enjoyed 'on the night' by those present. Without exception all dances on the list have been danced by me at some time or another. All dances are from programmes danced in RSCDS Branches and Clubs throughout Scotland - amongst others, Glasgow, Stirling, Alva, Hamilton, Blairgowrie, Pitlochry, Troon, Dufftown, Beaulie, 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 or reference 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 has been 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 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)	Argyll's Farewell to Stirling	Bauldy Bain's Fiddle (R8x32)
Ageing Gracefully (S8x32)	Auchinellan Jig J8x32)	Bearsden Jig (J8x32)
#Aird of Coigach (J4x48)#	Auld Friends Meet (S8x32)	Beauty of the North (S8x32)
Airie Bennan(J5x32)	Auld Lang Syne (S8x32)	Bees of Maggieknockater
Alex T. Queen (R4x48)	Australian Ladies (R4x32)	Belle o' Bon Accord (S4x32)
Anna Holden's Strathspey (S8x32)	Aviator (The) (J8x32)	Bert McCroskie (R5x32)
Anne McArthur (S3x32) (simple filler dance)	Back to the Fireside (R8x32)	Best Set in the Hall
Another Piece of Silver (R8x32)	Baldovan Reel	Birlin' Sporrans (R8x40)
	#Bannockburn 700 (J8x40)#	Birls Allowed (J8x32)

Black Black Oil (R5x32)	Clutha (R4x48) Sq	Faraway Isles (J4x48)
Black Mountain Reel	Cocket Hat (The) (J8x40)	Farewell to Crumlin (J4x32)
Blackwater Reel (R8x32)	Colin's Kilts (J8x40)	Farewell to Balfour Road (5 cple) J1x96 (Music good. It's different!)
Bonnie Lass o' Bon Accord (Square) (S1x64)	Come Up to the Top (J4x32) Nice wee fill- in dance.	Far North Queensland (S5x32)
Bonnie Tree (S8x32)	Compliments to the Lawsons S4x32	Father Connelly's Jig (J4x64)(now over- danced)
Bonny Bells of Heather (The) (6 cpls) (R6x32) Jean Attwood Alexander Bk8 (4s+5s+6s start on opposite sides)	Cooper's Wife (J8x40)	Festival Man (The) (J8x32)
Bratach Bana (R8x32)	Countess of Dunmore's Reel (The) (R8x32)	Findlater Castle (R8x32) Music SHOULD be Findlater Castle 'A the Best Frae Bannshire' Colin Dewar
#Brecon in March (R5x40) Sq#	Cramond Bridge (R8x32)	Fife Ness (R8x32)
Brig Amity (The) (R8x40)	Crème de La Crème (J3x32) Music MUST be Ian Slater 'From Manse to Dance' Track No2	Finnan Haddies (S4x32)
Brisk Young Lad (J5x48)	Crossing the Line (R6x32) 3 cple	Fireworks Reel (R8x32) (bars 9,10 & 17,18 must be mastered)
Broadford Bay (R8x32)	Cuckoo Clock (The) (R8x32)	First Rain of Spring (The) (J3x32)
Broadway (S3x32) Dance OK but Music MUST be 'Give My Regards to Broadway'	Cuillins of Skye (S8x32)	Fisherman's Reel (R5x32) Sq
Buchan Lass (J4x32) Good +	Cullen Skink (S4x32)	Flora's Cross (S8x32)
Burniboozle (R8x32)	Dagmar's Fancy (S3x32)	Flora's Fancy (J8x32)
Burns Bicentenary Strathspey (S4x32)	Dancing in the Street (R4x32)	Flower o' the Quern (S4x32)
Butterfly (R4x32) (Gaye Collin NZ) Recommended music is The Craven Twelvesome - CD 'A Tribute to Derek Haynes'.	Dancing Master (J1x96) Sq	Four Score and Ten (S8x32)
Button Boy (The) (R8x32) W Zobel Allanton College.	Dancing Shepherds (The) (J8x32)	Foxhill Court (S8x32)
Byron Strathspey (S3x32)	Dancing Spirit (J8x32)	Fraser's Favourite (R8x32)
Caddam Wood (R5x32)	Dandelion Picker (The) (R8x32)	Freshwater Bay (J3x32) (Maggie Burns)
Cadgers in the Canongate (R8x48)	#Deer Friends (S8x32)#	Gaelforce Wind (J8x32)
Campbeltown Loch (J8x48)	Diamond Jubilee (J4x32)	Gavin's Reel (R5x32) (Sq)
Cannadine Strathspey (S8x32)	Diamond Quarrie (R8x32)	Georgie's Jig (J4x32)
Cape Breton Hornpipe (R4x32)	Don's Reel (R8x40)	Gin and Tonic (A) Mx1(S3x32+R3x32) Scott
Capetown Wedding (S8x32)	#Dragonfly (The) (J8x32)#	Glastonbury Tor (R8x32)
Captain John Vancouver (J4x32)	Dream Catcher (S1x96) Sq)(now over- danced)	Glayva (R8x32)
Captain MacBean's Reel	Duke of Perth (R8x32)	Glenalmond Gamekeeper (R8x40)
Cat & the Fiddle (The) (J8x32)	Duke of Wellington (The) (R8x32)	Glen Pavilion (The) (S4x32)
#Carleton Jig (J4x32)#	Duncan Gray (R8x40)	Golden Boy (J8x32)
Cashmere Shawl (S8x32)	Dunsinane (S8x32)	Golden Memories (S3x32)
Chasing the Eclipse (S3x32)	Earl of Mansfield (R4x48)	Golden Years (S8x32)
Chequered Court (The) (J8x32)	Ederline (S3x32)	Gothenburg's Welcome (J8x32)
Christmas Ceilidh (A) (R8x40)	Endrick Water (S3x32)	Granny Knot (The) (R8x32)
City of Stirling Reel (R8x32)	Elephant Stampede (J4x48) Sq	#Gypsy Dreams (S6x32) 3cple.#
	Falls of Rogie (R8x32)	

Happiness is Scottish Country Dancing (H8x32)	Knotwork (J4x40)	Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan (R5x32)
Happy Christmas (J8x32)	Ladies of Dunse (R8x40)	Miss Kenyon's Strathspey (S4x32)
Happy Meeting (J8x32)	Lady in Red 2 (J5x32)	Miss Shearer's Strathspey (S8x32)
Hazel Tree (J8x32)	Lady Sophia Lindsay (R4x32)	Mixer Box (The) (R8x32) Different. Not as difficult as it appears.
High Society (R4x40)	Laird of Milton's Daughter (J8x32)	#Monica's Way (2 chords) (J4x32)#
Hills of Alba (R4x32)	Laird o' the Land (J8x32)	Moray Rant (S3x32)
Hollin buss (J8x32)	Last o' the Lairds (J8x32)	Mr Duncan MacLean (J8x32)
Hoy Tensome (The) (Square) Fun Dance - --- R5x40	Lea Rig (S8x32) to enjoy, bars 1-16 must be danced correctly. Music good.	Mrs MacPherson of Inveran (R8x32)
Humours of California (S8x32) (to celebrate marriage of Marian Anderson & Max Kitchin)	Let's Have a Ceilidh (R4x32)	Mrs Milne of Kinneff (Square) (S4x32) (George Stirrat has very powerful music for this dance.
Hunter's Moon (J4x32)	Let the Hackles Rise (J4x48)	Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch (R8x32)
#Huntsman (The) (J4x40)#	Links with St Petersburg (J8x32)	#Mrs Stuart Linnell (R8x40)#
Immigrant Lass (J4x32)	Linnea's Strathspey (S8x32)	My Golden Bear (J4x32)
Inchmickery (J5x32) Fun dance	Lochalsh Reel (R8x40)	Napier's Index (J8x40)
Inimitable Derek (R8x32)	Lochindorb Strathspey (S3x32)	Neil M. Grant (J8x32)
Inside oot Fisheater (R5x32)	Lobster in the Pot (J8x32) 2 cple. A bit corny but was good fun!	Never at Sea (R6x48) 6 cple.
Iona Cross Mx1[3xSx32+3xRx32]	Lord Maclay's Reel (R4x40)	Norah (J1x96) Sq
Irish Rover (R8x32)	Macdonald of Keppoch Mx1(S2x32+R2x32) Sq	Norfolk Broads Hornpipe (R8x32)
It's Just for Fun (J8x32)	Macdonald of the Isles (S3x32)	Nottingham Lace (R1x96)
It Wisnae Me (S4x32)	Mairi's Wedding (R8x40)	#Ocean Voyage (H5x32)#
Jag's Jig (J8x32)	Major Ian Stewart (J8x32)	Old Grey Cat (R8x32)
James Gray (J4x32)	Maxwells' Rant (R8x32)	Orpington Caledonians (R8x32) RSCDS Bk49.
Jane's Jig (Petyt) (J4x32)	Meeting of the Waters (R8x48)	Orwell Lodge Strathspey (S3x32) (note bars 25-32)
Jean Martin of Aberdeen (S3x32)	Merry St Andrews (J8x40)	Patched Bagpipe (The) (J4x32)
Jillwitha j (R3x48)	#Meopham Green (J5x48) (5 cpl) # pronounced 'mefam'.	Peacocks in the Glen (R4x32) Unusual dance. Fun dance.
Jim Johnstone's Reel (R8x32)	Midnight Ferry (R4x40) Square	Peat Fire Flame (R8x40)
Joe McDairmid's Jig (J4x32)	Midnight Oil (J5x48)	Peggy Dewar (R8x32)
John Cass (J5x32)	Midsummer Common (S8x32)	Peggy Spouse MBE (S8x32)
Johnnie Walker (S64+J64) Sq	Milton's Welcome (R8x32)	Phantom Piper (J4x32)
Johnnie's Welcome Hame (R8x40)	Minard Castle (R8x40)	Pillar Box Reel (R4x32)
Joie de Vivre (J8x32)	Minister on the Loch (S3x32)	Pines of Pitlochry (R8x48)
Just as I was in the Morning (R8x40)	Miss Eleanor (S3x32)	Plantation Reel (R5x32)
Kelloholm Jig (J8x32)	Miss Frances Martin Mx1(S32+R32)	Polharrow Burn (R5x32)
Kenora Reel (R8x32)	#Miss Gabrielle's Reel (R8x32)(tricky)#	Portincaple (R8x32*)
Kinfauns Castle (S5x32)	Miss Gibson's Strathspey (S8x32)	Portnacraig (R8x32)

Postie's Jig (J4x32)	Southern Cross R8x32	Watnish Tangle (The) (J8x32)
Preston Mill (R5x32)	Spiffen (J5x32)	Water of Life (Uisge Beatha) (S3x32)
#Prince Charlie's Quickstep (J4x48)#	Spirit of the Dance (S8x32)	Wee Cooper o' Fife (J8x40)
Purple Heather Jig (J4x40)	Spot of Bother R8x32	#Wee Green Book (Square) (R1x96)#
Ramadan-ce (R8x32)	Spring Fling Reel (The) (R8x40) Book 50.	Weathercock (The) (J4x32)
Raven's Dance (J8x32)	Staircase in Styria (A) (R5x40) 5C set M Gray. Must be Marian Anderson 'The Sunday Class' Dance Book 2. CD ref TSCO2MA.	Welcome to Dufftown (J8x32)
Ray Milbourne (R4x32)	#Stirling at 90 (5 cple) (R5x32)#	Welcome to Nerja (J5x48) (5 cple)
Recumbent Stone (R5x48)	#St Magnus Quadrille (Square) RorJ(1x88) Dufftown Dance.#	Welcome to the Ball (J8x32) Good introduction dance. Birl friendly.
Red Squirrel (R8x32)	St Marks Celebration Jig (J8x32)	Wellington Connection (The) (R8x32)
Reel of the Puffins (R4x32)	Sueno's Stone (R8x32)	Westminster Reel (R8x32)
Rest and be Thankful	Sugar Candie (S8x32)	We've Nae Electric (R5x32)
#Restless Ghost (The) (R8x32)#	Sugar Loaf Jig (J8x32)	Whigmaleeries (R8x32)
Rodney's Rant (J8x32)	Summer Assembly (R1x88)	White Heather Jig (J4x40)
Rougemont Castle (S3x32)	Sunnyside (The) (J8x32)	#White Rabbit (The) (R8x32)#
Royal Wedding (S8x32)	Swiss Lassie (R8x32)	Wicked Willie (R4x32)
Ruby Rant (The) (R8x32) (must be Jim Lindsay track - RSCDS Book 49)	Tattie Bogle (J8x32) (Scarecrow) (a programme filler)	Wild Goose Chase (J4x32)
Ruby Wilkinson's Farewell to Cranshaws (S4x32) (must be Jim Lindsay's track Book 52)	Thistle and the Columbine (The) (J8x32)	World Turned Upside Down (The)
Rutland Reel (The) (R8x40)	Thornhill Strathspey (The) (S3x32)	Woodland Reel (The) (R8x40)
Saltire Society Reel (R8x32) (a fill-in dance).	Thrums Cairn (The) (R8x32)	Ythanside (S8x32) (can be S3x32)
#Salute to Glasgow (S8x32)#	#Toast to St Andrews (R4x48)#	Zoologist (J8x32)
Sands of Morar (S8x32)	Todlen Hame (J8x32)	
Scallywag (The)-----J8x40)	Topsy Turvey (S3x32) It's another strathspey but don't underestimate it.	RECENTLY ADDED:-
Scott Meikle (R4x32)	Torrison Lassies (J8x40)	Treasurer (The) (J8x32)
Shene Gate.....(Square).....(J4x32)	Treasure (The) (J8x32)	Broadway (S3x32) Dance OK but Music MUST be 'Give My Regards to Broadway'
Shetland Shepherdess (The) (J8x32)	Tribute to the Borders (J8x32)	Glen Pavilion (The) (S4x32)
Shifftin'Bobbins (R8x32)	Tri-Mariner (The) (R8x32)	Burns Bicentenary Strathspey (S4x32) a nice combination of dance and music)
#Shortbread Fingers (S3x32)#	Trip to Bavaria (R4x32) Good Music	Dancing in the Street (R4x32)
Silver City Strathspey (S8x32)	Trip to Timber Ridge (R8x32)	
Silver Square (The)---(Square)---(5 cpls)---R5x32)	#Tullyvolen (R5x32) Sq#	RECENTLY REMOVED:-
Simple Little Strathspey (A) (S3x48)	Two Roses (S8x32)	A Capital Jig J8x32. OK if you like to S&R, otherwise it's a Rof3 then Jubilee Jig!! (OK if you birl instead of setting & three-quarter turn but most folks express irritation if 1s do it!!). Originally chosen because of the music played on the night perhaps.
Singing Sands (S3x32)	Uppies and Doonies (J4x32)	
Slytherin House (S8x32) Sssssnakey music.	Vale of Atholl (J8x32)	
Snake Pass (J8x32)	Waggle o' the Kilt (J8x40)	
Snow on the Mountain (J8x32)		

Marker Explanation.

= dance requires particular preparation or be taught on the night (the entire dance may be complicated or just one movement within the dance).