

# DANCEBOY'S LIST OF BEST DANCES - Updated after too long an absence on 26/4/22!!

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

Portnacraig (R8x32)	Snow on the Mountain (J8x32)	Vale of Atholl (J8x32)
Postie's Jig (J4x32)	Southern Cross R8x32	Waggle o' the Kilt (J8x40)
Preston Mill (R5x32)	Spiffen (J5x32)	Waternish Tangle (The) (J8x32)
#Prince Charlie's Quickstep (J4x48)#	Spirit of the Dance (S8x32)	Water of Life (Uisge Beatha) (S3x32)
Purple Heather Jig (J4x40)	Spot of Bother R8x32	Wee Cooper o' Fife (J8x40)
Ramadan-ce (R8x32)	Spring Fling Reel (The) (R8x40) Book 50.	#Wee Green Book (Square) (R1x96)#
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.	Weathercock (The) (J4x32)
Ray Milbourne (R4x32)		Welcome to Dufftown (J8x32)
Recumbent Stone (R5x48)		Welcome to Nerja (J5x48) (5 cple)
Red Squirrel (R8x32)	#Stirling at 90 (5 cple) (R5x32)#	Welcome to the Ball (J8x32) Good introduction dance. Birl friendly.
Reel of the Puffins (R4x32)	#St Magnus Quadrille (Square) RorJ(1x88) Dufftown Dance.#	Wellington Connection (The) (R8x32)
Rest and be Thankful	St Marks Celebration Jig (J8x32)	Westminster Reel (R8x32)
#Restless Ghost (The) (R8x32)#	Sueno's Stone (R8x32)	We've Nae Electric (R5x32)
Rodney's Rant (J8x32)	Sugar Candie (S8x32)	Whigmaleeries (R8x32)
Rougemont Castle (S3x32)	Sugar Loaf Jig (J8x32)	White Heather Jig (J4x40)
Royal Wedding (S8x32)	Summer Assembly (R1x88)	#White Rabbit (The) (R8x32)#
Ruby Rant (The) (R8x32) (must be Jim Lindsay track - RSCDS Book 49)	Sunnyside (The) (J8x32)	Wicked Willie (R4x32)
Ruby Wilkinson's Farewell to Cranshaws (S4x32) (must be Jim Lindsay's track Book 52)	Swiss Lassie (R8x32)	Wild Goose Chase (J4x32)
Rutland Reel (The) (R8x40)	Tattie Bogle (J8x32) (Scarecrow) (a programme filler)	World Turned Upside Down (The)
Saltire Society Reel (R8x32) (a fill-in dance).	Thistle and the Columbine (The) (J8x32)	Woodland Reel (The) (R8x40)
#Salute to Glasgow (S8x32)#	Thornhill Strathspey (The) (S3x32)	Ysobel Stewart of Fish Hoek (S8x32)
Sands of Morar (S8x32)	Thrums Cairn (The) (R8x32)	Ythanside (S8x32) (can be S3x32)
Scallywag (The)-----J8x40)	Toast of Bon Accord (J8x32)	Zoologist (J8x32)
Scott Meikle (R4x32)	#Toast to St Andrews (R4x48)#	
Shene Gate.....(Square).....(J4x32)	Todlen Hame (J8x32)	RECENTLY ADDED (24/4/22):-
Shetland Shepherdess (The) (J8x32)	Topsy Turvey (S3x32) It's another strathspey but don't underestimate it.	King's Chapel (S8x32)
Shifftin'Bobbins (R8x32)	Torrison Lassies (J8x40)	Toast of Bon Accord (J8x32)
#Shortbread Fingers (S3x32)#	Treasurer (The) (J8x32)	Ysobel Stewart of Fish Hoek (S8x32)
Silver City Strathspey (S8x32)	Tribute to the Borders (J8x32)	
Silver Square (The)---(Square)---(5 cpls)---R5x32)	Tri-Mariner (The) (R8x32)	RECENTLY REMOVED:-
Simple Little Strathspey (A) (S3x48)	Trip to Bavaria (R4x32) Good Music	
Singing Sands (S3x32)	Trip to Timber Ridge (R8x32)	Marker Explanation.
Slytherin House (S8x32) Ssssssnakey music.	#Tullyvolen (R5x32) Sq#	# = dance requires particular preparation or be taught on the night (the entire dance may be complicated or just one movement within the dance).
Snake Pass (J8x32)	Two Roses (S8x32)	
	Uppies and Doonies (J4x32)	