

Dances for November 11, 2019

Video: The Munro Rant

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Miss Milligan's Miscellany of Scottish Country Dances

32-bar strathspey for two couples in a four-couple longwise set

1 – 8 1st couple cast off one place and, giving right hands, cross and cast up to partner's place.

9 – 16 1st and 2nd couples dance rights and lefts.

17 – 24 1st man with 2nd woman followed by 2nd man with 1st woman lead down the middle. They turn to face up and, as the 1st and 2nd women dance up, the 2nd man casts off to join 2nd woman and 1st man dances up to join 1st woman. Both couples dance up to original places.

25 – 32 1st and 2nd couples dance a tourn  e.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Customary tune: John Munro Sturrock (Muriel A. Johnstone)

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The Manual of Scottish Country Dancing:

1-8 Careful phrasing required (acknowledge partner on bar 1). Crossing is with RH.

17-24 On bar 17, 2nd man dances up & in to meet 1st woman. Both cpls turn inward to face up on bar 20, then 2nd man casts off to meet partner while 1st man dances up to join his partner, ready to lead up

## **Crickets by Moonlight**

Ardbrae Celebrates

32-bar reel for three couples in a four-couple longwise set

1 – 4 1st couple set and cast off to second place. 2nd couple

step up on bars 3-4.

5 – 8 1st couple turn with the left hand one and a half times to finish in second place on opposite sides facing out.

9 – 16 Reels of three on the sides, 1st couple passing second corners by the left to begin. 1st couple finish in second place on opposite sides, facing out. 2nd and 3rd couples finish in the middle, nearer hands joined facing each other up and down the dance.

17 – 20 1st couple dance counter clockwise half way round the set to second place on own sides while 2nd and 3rd couples advance and retire, finishing on own sides.

21 – 24 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples turn partners with the right hand.

25 – 32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance six hands round and back.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Devised by Brian Mortimer