

# Taunton Caledonian Society - Core Dances

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## January to June, 2026

*Each of these dances will appear on the programme on the dates specified. They will not be walked or even talked through. They will be indicated by being 'boxed' on the whiteboard.*

### **THE MONTGOMERIES' RANT (R8x32) 3C (4C set)**

**Castle Menzies RSCDS Bk 10**

- 1- 8 1s cross RH & cast down to 2nd place (2s step up), cross LH & 1L casts up **while** 1M casts down
- 9-16 1s dance reels of 3 across, 1L with 2s (RSh to 2M) & 1M with 3s (RSh to 3L)
- 17-24 1s NHJ (Lady on Mans left) set to 2L & turn inwards to set to 3M, set to 3L & turn inward & set to 2M. End facing own 2nd corner (1L pull back LSh to face down)
- 25-32 2s+1s+3s dance reels of 3 on opposite sides 1s giving RSh to 2nd corner, 1s cross RH to 2nd place own sides

### **THE SAILOR (R8x32) 3C (4C set)**

**RSCDS Bk 24**

- 1- 8 1s cross down RH to face out between 2s & 3s giving hands to each corner & set, 1s cast round 1st corner to form lines of 3 across with 2s/3s & 2s+1s+3s set
- 9-16 1s (turning to right) dance RSh reels of 3 across & 1s end passing LSh to 2nd place on opposite sides
- 17-24 1s lead down for 2 bars & lead up, cross at the top & cast to 2nd place on own sides
- 25-32 2s+1s dance R&L

### **MAXWELL'S RANT (R8x32) 3C (4C set)**

**David Rutherford RSCDS Bk 18**

- 1- 8 1s cross down to dance reflection reels of 3 on opposite sides
- 9-16 1s cross down to dance reflection reels of 3 on own sides
- 17-24 1s cross RH, cast to 2nd place & dance 1/2 Fig of 8 round 2s
- 25-32 1s dance down between the 3s, cast up to 2nd place & 2s+1s+3s turn partners RH

### **THE STARRY EYED LASSIE (J8x32) 3C (4C set)**

**Martin Sprague RSCDS Bk 23**

- 1- 8 1s+2s dance RH across; 1s cast down 1 place **while** 2s dance up to top, 1s set advancing, turning right about to end BtoB facing own sides ready for ...
- 9-16 2s+1s+3s dance Double Triangles, ending with Petronella turn to 1L between 2s & 1M between 3s facing 4th corners
- 17-24 2s+1s+3s dance RSh reels of 3 across, 1s end in 2nd place opposite sides 2 (1) 3
- 25-32 2s+1s+3s circle 6H round to left (6 bars) & 1s cross RH to 2nd place own sides

### **MRS STEWART'S JIG (J8x32) 3C (4C set)**

**Frans Ligtmans RSCDS Bk 35**

- 1- 8 1s set, 1L followed by partner casts 2 places, 1L crosses (below 3s) & casts up on Men's side to 2nd place facing down **while** 1M dances round 3L & up the middle to 2nd place Ladies' side facing down
- 9-16 2s+1s+3s dance Grand Chain, end with 2M & 1M facing out
- 17-24 2s+1s dance Ladies' Chain
- 25-32 2s+1s+3s Adv+Ret; 1s turn 1.1/2 RH to own sides. 213

### **THE LAIRD OF MILTON'S DAUGHTER (J8x32) 3C (4C set)**

**Craigmyle RSCDS Bk 22**

- 1- 8 1s set, cross RH, cast 1 place & turn LH to face 1st corners
- 9-24 1s dance Corner Chain with 1st & 2nd corners : -  
`1s change pl RH with 1st crnrs, 1st crnrs turn LH in centre & return to places giving RH to 1s who turn LH in centre to face 2nd crnrs  
`1s change places RH with 2nd crnrs, 2nd crnrs turn LH in centre & return to places giving RH to 1s & 1s end with a 1/2 turn LH to 2nd place own sides
- 25-32 2s+1s+3s circle 6H round & back

### **THE WIND ON LOCH FYNE (S3x32) 3C Triangular set**

**John Bowie Dickson Dunedin 1**

- 1- 8 1s cross over (Man between 3s, Lady between 2s) & dance Fig of 8 & end turning RH 1/2 way to face partner in original places
- 9-16 All dance interlocking RSh reels of 4 & end by turning RH to bring Men into centre
- 17-24 Men dance LH across in centre 2 places **while** Ladies dance clockwise 1 place, turn partner RH & repeat ending in triangular set order 2 3 1
- 25-32 All set & circle 6H round for 2 steps, turn partner 2H & continue to circle 6H round to pstns. 2 3 1

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### **THE BYRON STRATHSPEY (S3x32) 3C set**

**John Drewry Deeside Bk 2**

- 1- 8 All petronella turn into the centre & set to partner, turn 2H 1.1/4 times back to places  
9-16 1s+2L & 3s+2M dance RH across, 2s pass RSh & dance LH across with other couple  
17-24 2s in prom hold dance reel of 3 with 1s passing 1L RSh. End with 2s in centre at top, 1s casting to follow 2s & 3s stepping in ready for ...  
25-32 2s+1s+3s dance Allemande. 3 1 2

### **CHERRYBANK GARDENS (S3x32) 3C Set**

**John Drewry Bankhead Bk 1**

- 1- 8 1s+2s set & Petronella-in-tandem twice to end with 2s+1s on opposite sides having changed places. (2) (1) 3  
9-16 2s+1s set, 2s cross RH **while** 1s 3/4 turn LH; 1L+2s (at top) & 1M+3s dance RH across  
17-24 1s+3s Set+Link & circle 4H round to left. 3s face down, 1s face up ready for ...  
25-32 2s+3s+1s dance Grand Chain (2s cross, 3s+1s change places RH on sides)

#### December 2025

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	The Laird of Milton's Daughter
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Cherrybank Gardens
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Mairi's Wedding
24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>No Dancing</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Hogmanay</b>

#### April 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> April	The Sailor
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs Stewart's Jig
15 <sup>th</sup> April	The Byron Strathspey
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Maxwell's Rant
29 <sup>th</sup> April	The Laird of Milton's Daughter

#### January 2026

7 <sup>th</sup> January	The Montgomeries' Rant
14 <sup>th</sup> January	The Starry Eyed Lassie
21 <sup>st</sup> January	The Wind on Loch Fyne
28 <sup>th</sup> January	The Sailor

#### May 2026

6 <sup>th</sup> May	Cherrybank Gardens
13 <sup>th</sup> May	The Montgomeries' Rant
20 <sup>th</sup> May	The Starry Eyed Lassie
27 <sup>th</sup> May	The Wind on Loch Fyne

#### February 2026

4 <sup>th</sup> February	Mrs Stewart's Jig
11 <sup>th</sup> February	The Byron Strathspey
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Maxwell's Rant
25 <sup>th</sup> February	The Laird of Milton's Daughter

#### June 2026

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	The Sailor
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Stewart's Jig
17 <sup>th</sup> June	The Byron Strathspey
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Maxwell's Rant

#### March 2026

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Cherrybank Gardens
11 <sup>th</sup> March	The Montgomeries' Rant
18 <sup>th</sup> March	The Starry Eyed Lassie
25 <sup>th</sup> March	The Wind on Loch Fyne

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