

The Saxonia Express

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

by Holger Schuckelt

recommended music:

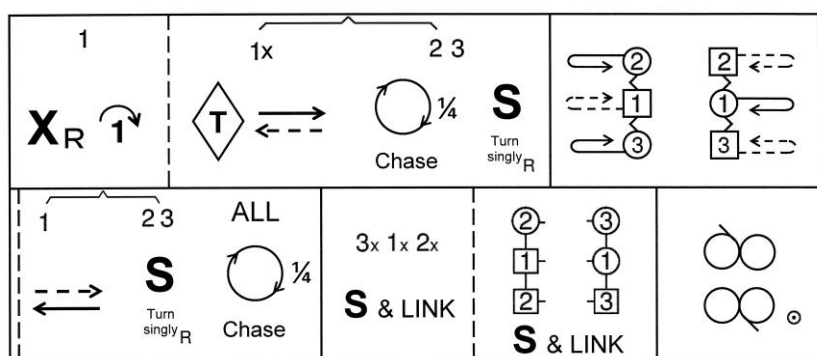
"Jig for the Jappys" by Muriel Johnstone

recorded as:

"Just in Time" on "Campbell's Birl" by Muriel Johnstone and Keith Smith

- 1-4 1st couple, giving right hands, cross over to opposite sides and cast off one place **while** 2nd couple step up on bars 3-4
- 5-8 1st couple dance a petronella turn and advance two steps passing by the right **while** 2nd and 3rd couples chase clockwise one place and set turning right about to finish 1st woman and 2nd and 3rd men facing up and 1st man and 2nd and 3rd women facing down
- 9-12 1st woman leads 2nd and 3rd men up for two steps **while** 1st man leads 2nd and 3rd women down for two steps, releasing hands, 1st couple turn right about **while** 2nd and 3rd couples turn inwards and, rejoining hands in threes, all advance two steps
- 13-16 1st couple advance two steps passing by the right **while** 2nd and 3rd couples set (2nd woman and 3rd man turning right about) and all three couples chase clockwise one quarter to finish (3) (1) (2) on sidelines
- 17-24 3rd, 1st and 2nd couples set and link twice to finish 2 1 3
- 25-32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance reels of three on own sides (1st and 2nd men and 1st and 3rd women pass by the left to begin)

Repeat, having passed a couple.



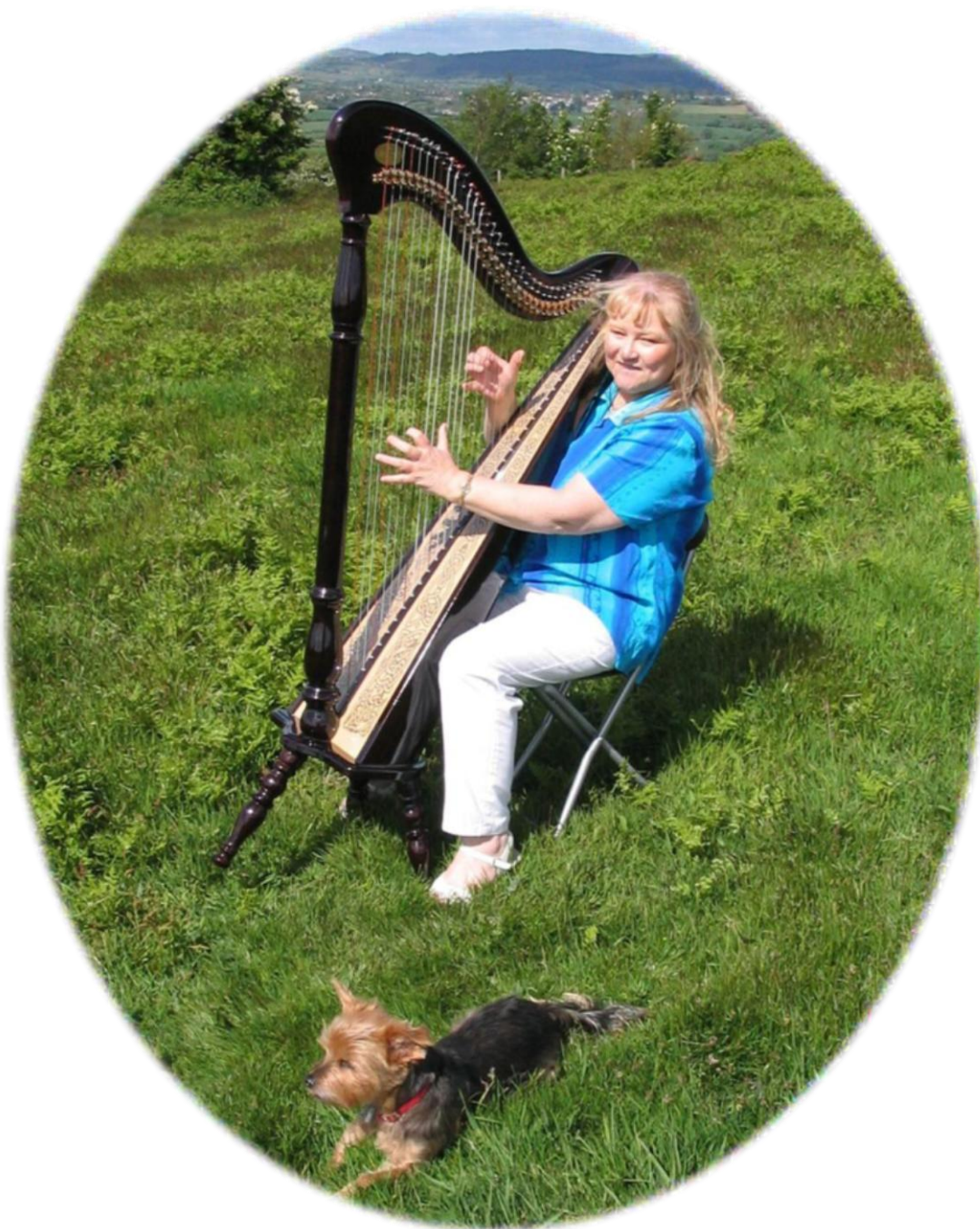
Devised in September 2014 for Keith Paterson who, commuting between Leipzig and Dresden, has danced with the Dresden Scottish Country Dancers since August 2013, helping the group a lot with his knowledge and experience. The name of the dance refers to the first operational German-built steam locomotive. It ran on the Leipzig-Dresden line, which opened in 1839. An hourly rail service between the two cities is still called the Saxonia Express.



Keith dancing in Dresden, March 2014

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Marilyn and Pip on Hope Mountain in North Wales