

The Rossington Strathspey

32-bar strathspey for three couples in a triangular set

- 1-8 All three couples set (2 bars), dance right hands across
 (women in the centre, men on the outside as in the Eightsome Reel)
 two-thirds round (4 bars) and set again (2 bars).
(This movement will be facilitated if, while setting on bars 1 and 2, shorter steps are taken to the right to allow the women to move into the centre to join right hands at the end of bar 2. Also, during bar 6, each couple should curve out to place, facing inwards ready to set on bars 7 and 8.)

By now, each couple should have progressed one place round anticlockwise.

- 9-16 All three couples, giving both hands, turn partners once round (2 bars),
 opening out to dance 6 hands round two-thirds to the left (4 bars),
 then, again giving both hands, turn partners once round to face inwards.

By now, each couple should have progressed a second place round anticlockwise
 or two-thirds round the set.

- 17-24 All three men dance a figure of eight round their partner
 and round the woman to her right, passing in front of their partner to begin.
 25-32 In promenade hold, all three couples dance a reel of three,
 the couple in first position giving right shoulder to the couple on their right to begin.

Repeat from new positions.

For this dance, the first couple face the band or the audience

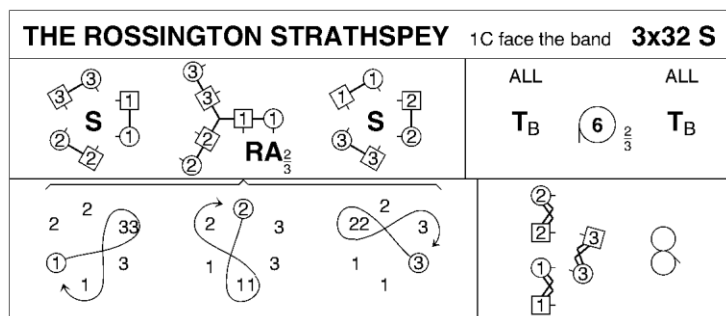
Devised by Bill Libby, Moncton, NB (October 1990).

This dance was devised for, and is dedicated to, Mrs. Ethel Mary Moss, mother of John Moss who was an honorary member of the Moncton Scottish Country Dance Group. It was presented and first danced at the celebration of her ninety-seventh birthday at The Auld Farm, Cap Pél , New Brunswick, Canada on October 13th, 1990.

Recommended music: "The Rossington Strathspey" on the CD *Spark O' Water*,
Music for Scottish Country Dancing by Keith Smith and Muriel Johnstone

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3C/3C triangular set.