

Anniversary Celebration Reel

A 5 x 40 Reel for 5 couples.

This dance is written for Alderley & District Caledonian Society's 50th Anniversary. It is one of a suite of three dances to mark the occasion and demonstrated at their 50th Anniversary Dance on 11th March 2022.

Recommended Tune: New Town of Edinburgh composed by Iain MacPhail

Recommended Recording: Track 6, "Brecon in March", on the "Next Dance Please" CD ref LBCD012 recorded by Leonard Brown and his Band

Bars

1-6 1st couple and 3rd couple set and dance down, 1st couple cast up behind 4th couple into 2nd place while 3rd couple cast up behind 5th couple into 4th place. 2nd and 4th couples step up on bars 3 and 4.

7-8 1st and 3rd couples set advancing to face 1st corners.

9-16 1st and 3rd couples dance hello goodbye setting, ending with a petronella turn (with a clap) into 2nd and 4th place own side. 4th couple (in 3rd place) face out on bar 16.

17-24 1st, 4th and 3rd couples dance a chaperoned chain progression. Meanwhile, 2nd and 5th couples turn partner right hand into promenade hold (2nd man with his partner on his right, and 5th man with his partner on his left) then dance clockwise (effectively following 1st lady/4th man or 3rd man/4th lady) to own side at the opposite end of set. Ending in order 5, 3, 4, 1, 2 all on own side of the set.

25-32 5th and 3rd couples, also 1st and 2nd couples, dance right hands across (4 bars), then all 5 couples turn partner with right hand or birl (4 bars).

33-40 5th, 3rd, 4th, 1st and 2nd couples circle, 10 hands round, and back.

Repeat the dance 4 more times from new positions.