

Dance Directions for the
40th Annual New York Playford Ball
presented by Country Dance New York
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THE DANCES

Bel Canto	Mr. Edwards Maggot	Sapphire Sea
Dublin Bay	Mr. Hamilton's Inauguration	Sir Watkin's Jigg
An Early Frost	A New Leaf	Slof Galliard*
Easter Thursday	Newcastle*	Softly Good Tummas
Freers' Fortification	Prince William	Turning by Threes
Kensington Court	The Pursuit	
Key to the Cellar	The Ragg	
Michael and All Angels	Revelations	<i>* For Those Who Know</i>

NOTES ON THE DANCES

The dances in this booklet are arranged in alphabetical order for easy reference. The numbers in the second column are counts/beats, or the number of steps, to execute the described movement.

Unless otherwise specified:

- Setting is right and left.
- Turn singles are to the right.
- Rights & lefts (R&L) are with hands.
- A circular hey is without hands.
- Changing places or crossing over is by the right shoulder.
- Back-to-back is by the right shoulder.
- Hand turns, stars, and circles are once around.
- Leading or falling back with another dancer is with inside hands joined.
- Circles and 2-hand turns are to the left.
- Siding is Cecil Sharp/swirly style.
- Poussettes are forward & back style.
- L-file dancers are those on the left line when facing up.
- R-file dancers are those on the right line when facing up.

Mr. Edwards Maggot (Kynaston, 1718, r. Andrew Shaw)

Source: *The Irish Howle*

3 couple longways, jig time

- A1 16 Top 1st corners cross the set passing partner R-shoulder to go CW $\frac{1}{2}$ around outside into corner's place, then set & 2-hand turn $\frac{1}{2}$ to original place
- A2 16 Top 2nd corners cross the set passing partner by L-shoulder to go CCW $\frac{1}{2}$ around outside into corner's place, then set & 2-hand turn $\frac{1}{2}$ to original place; top neighbors face
- B 8 1s split 2s for $\frac{1}{2}$ handy-hand turn (4 steps), then $\frac{1}{2}$ handy-hand turn below with 1s going down the outside, 3s up the middle (4 steps)
ending with 1s facing at bottom & 3s facing in middle place
- 8 1s & 3s at bottom, starting partner, 3 changes of R&L (2 steps each with hands), ending with 1's in middle
- 16 Hands 6, slipping circle L and R
- 8 L-file #1 followed by partner cast up to top place crossed over (8 steps), while 2s wait (4 counts), lead down to middle place (4 steps) & stay facing down, while 3s wait (4 counts) & then face down (4 counts)
- 8 1s cross-hand turn $1\frac{1}{2}$ to bottom while 2s & 3s long cast up one place
Progression: 2-3-1

Mr. Hamilton's Inauguration (2006, Joseph Pimentel)

Source: *The Goldcrest Collection*

Duple longways, slip jig time

- A 6 Neighbors L-hand turn
- 6 2nd corners "hole in the wall" cross L-shoulder
- 6 Partners R-hand turn
- 6 1st corners "hole in the wall" cross R-shoulder
- B 6 Circle L $\frac{1}{2}$
- 6 Partners 2-hand turn $\frac{1}{2}$, opening to face neighbors up & down
- 6 Set L, then turn single R
- 6 Single file promenade CW $\frac{1}{2}$

TIP: You may opt to start the dance on the L foot.