

Shimmering Flamingos

A 32 bar jig for four couples in a square set.

The title comes from endless walks around odd corners of my local neighbourhood during Covid lockdowns. An architecturally uninspiring housing estate is adorned with some striking murals. One of these is a surreal adaptation of Wordsworth's famous poem "I wandered lonely as a cloud" where the "golden daffodils" are replaced by "shimmering flamingos".

Bars Description

- 1-4 All turn their partner once round with the left hand and face their corners.
- 5-8 All turn their corner once round with the right hand. 1st and 3rd men end in the centre facing their partner on a slight diagonal.
- 9-12 1st and 3rd couples dance half a reel of four starting by passing right shoulder. 1st and 3rd men end passing each other left shoulder to face 4th and 2nd women.
- 13-16 1st and 3rd men dance half a reel of four with 4th and 2nd women, starting by passing right shoulder. 1st and 3rd men pass right shoulder to end in their original places. The women are now diagonally opposite their original place and all are now opposite their partner.
- 17-20 All dance set and link on the sides with their new partner.
- 21-24 All dance set and link with their corner to end beside their original partner in the order 2,3,4,1. The men stay facing out.
- 25-32 All dance a Corner variation of Schiehallion Reels:
 - 1-2: The women cross straight over (from 1st woman's to 3rd man's place, etc) passing the other women left shoulder to face out and slightly to their right. Meanwhile the men loop to their right around the corner to the next woman's place clockwise (from 1st man's to 2nd woman's place, etc) and face in.
 - 3-8: Repeat this pattern three times. On their last cross, the men end pulling back left shoulder to face their partner in the order 4,1,2,3.

Music

- Suggested tune: A Piece of Cake (Chris Dewhurst).
- Suitable recording: A Piece of Cake (Chris, Julie and Nick Dewhurst: Short and Sweet).

Executive Summary

Turn twice, half diagonal reel twice, set and link twice, Schiehallion reels.

Flamingos Mural (off Boswell St, London WC1N) created by Frankie Strand and Angry Dan

