

Nurse Dent

A 32 bar jig for 3 couples in a 4 couple longwise set.

This dance is for John Dent, a regular at Gay Gordons classes in London for many years and a participant at the Gay Gordons residential events at Laurieston Hall near Castle Douglas, Scotland. Those weeks usually included a cabaret night. One year we had several medics who produced a short shadow show of an operation going horribly wrong. John stole the show with a comic psycho performance as knife wielding Nurse Dent - an unforgettable memory of those gatherings.

Bars Description

- 1-8 1st and 2nd couples dance a chain progression, but at the end 1st couple only half turn right hand to end facing up in tandem, 1st woman above 1st man.
- 9-12 1st couple, with 1st woman leading, dance half a tandem figure of 8 around 2nd woman. 1st woman ends crossing to face out in 2nd place opposite side.
- 13-16 1st and 3rd couples dance left hands across. On the last bar 1st woman starts to dance up the centre.
- 17-20 1st couple, with 1st woman leading, dance half a tandem figure of 8 around 2nd man. 1st woman ends crossing to face out in 2nd place own side.
- 21-24 1st and 3rd couples dance right hands across ending on the sides.
- 25-32 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples circle 6 hands round to the left and back. The final order is 2,1,3.

Music

Tune: The Brig (Traditional).

Recording: Closeburn Lassies (Ian Muir & The Craigellachie Band: Blackwater Collection).