

St Magnus Reel

Reel, 3 Couple Set. 64 Bars.

Tune: *Sandy Lamb's Polka* (J A S Garson) played AABBAACC.

Bars

- 1-4 1s cross over giving R hand, Cast off to 2nd place. 2s move up.
- 5-8 1W cross down between 3s and cast up round 3W and dance in to face 1st corner. 1M cross up between 2s and cast off round 2W and dance in to face 1st corner, passing partner by the left.
- 9-12 1M dance round 1st corner position by the right, dance up the middle and turn right about to face down between the 3s, while 1W does the same round her 1st corner, dancing down the middle and turn right about between the 2s. 1s back to back in the middle facing up or down. Meanwhile 1st corner turn each other by the R hand once round and back to places.
- 13-16 1s dance round partner's 2nd corner in the same manner, to end up back to back in the middle facing own side, while 2nd corners turn right hand once round.
- 17-24 1s dance 'Crown Triangles' with 2s and 3s. 1s finish facing down in the middle (1W turn halfway by right round on last PdB. 2s and 3s face up at end.
- 25-32 'Chasing Reel of Three across the dance' (Orkney Reel): 1s give R shoulder to 2M and 3M. (1W chasing 1M; 3M chasing 2M; 2W chasing 3W).
- 33-40 Reels of Three across the dance; 1W with 2s and 1M with 3s.
- 41-44 1M three R hands across with 2M and 3M; and 1W three L hands across with 2W and 3W.
- 45-48 Change over to the other wheel: 1W in front of 1M; then 2W in front of 2M; and 3W in front of 3M.
- 49-52 1s followed by 2s and 3s dance down the middle (nearer hands joined).
- 53-56 All turn inwards and 3s followed by 2s and 1s dance up. 3rd cross over and cast off on bar 55 (woman in front) and 2nd couple do the same on bar 56.
- 57-60 1s cross and cast on bar 57, all enter wheels on the own side, men L hand wheel and women R hand wheel. End in order 2, 3 and 1.
- 61-64 All turn partner by the R hand once round.

Repeat twice more with a new top couple each time.

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Description is free but a small donation to the Society of the Friends of St Magnus Cathedral, Tower Building, Junction Road, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1JY for the continued upkeep of the Cathedral building would be appreciated.