

The Rutland Roundabout

4cpl Square

Tune: 4x32 bar Waltz- I use 'Chance Creek' on
Airdance's Album 'Cloud Nine'

This is one of those tunes that had been on my 'dance writing radar' for a little while but took me ages to actually get one written. Once I had the idea though for the interlocking reels, it all came together relatively quickly.

A1: 1-8 Hands 8 circle L & R

A2: 1-4 Heads straight across R&L thru
5-8 Heads face R, R&L thru with side cpls

B1: 1-2 All balance towards ptrnr & away
3-4 Petronella to make cross formation [*facing ptrnr, Ls back-back in centre*]
5-8 Pass ptrnr RS ½ interlocking reels of 4

B2: 1-4 All set & petronella to square formation **IMPROPER**
5-8 All 2HT ptrnr 1½

Progression: 1 place anticlockwise as couples

Teaching Points:

Petronellas- 1st time, ladies first step is forwards and slightly to the L. For the men their first step is backwards and to the R otherwise there will be a collision!

2nd is standard for everybody, forward to the R.

Interlocking Reels- Men: Pass ptrnr R shoulder, in middle do single file circle R ½ to face neighbour, pass R shoulder, then loop R to face ptrnr.

Ladies: Pass ptrnr R shoulder, loop R to face neighbour pass R shoulder, then in middle do single file circle R ½ to face ptrnr.

The most technically challenging part of the dance is the interlocking reels, these need to be driven but not rushed. There is only 1 waltz step per change, and the single file circle is one change!