

Videos Showing the Dancing of the Gay Gordons (in the Traditional Way)

The Gay Gordons was danced at every Blackthorn Ceili that I attended in the late 1970's and the early 1980's. It was danced the traditional way as shown in these videos from around the world. There are other variations shown in other videos.

First link shows the Gay Gordons being demonstrated and danced precisely. Video is apparently from Israel.

1. https://youtu.be/Kjy5g_vqtzA

Second link shows how easy it is to get out of line when some couples dance either too slowly or too wildly, particularly as they polka for the last four bars.

When I danced the Gay Gordons in the past, I have often had to pass the couple ahead because they either had gotten out sync or were moving forward too slowly. If possible it is better to leave more space between couples so that all can stay in line.

Not sure of the location or venue for this link.

2. <https://youtu.be/nMHWmA719hA>

Third link shows couples generally dancing it correctly and staying in line, with two large circular lines. Video shows it being danced in Finland.

3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyfsXIZC-pE>

Fourth link shows it being danced in Scotland, on the street. (An ad may come up first.)

4. <https://youtu.be/iuG1z4923Lc>

Fifth link show it being danced in Scotland. In this video, the forward motion when twirling the lady does not seem to as much as is shown in the other videos;

5. <https://vimeo.com/89897876>

Sixth link shows it being danced in Western Australia

6. <https://youtu.be/4QyoSIQocKI>