

Birds of a Feather

as at January 2025

Choreography and Music by E. Goossen

Duple Minor

Music: Birds of a Feather

A1: Second corners set in place, change places (R), Right hand turn once round with partner (on the side of the dance)

A2: First corners set in place, change places (L), left hand turn once round with neighbour. (first corners stay facing out)

B1: All turn over right shoulder into a ring half round, dance right hands across half way, all turn single left.

B2: Left hands across once round, all set and change places with partner (R).

Dance devised and music composed by Elizabeth Goossen, commissioned by Village Green English Country Dancers for Jean Scriven who is flying east to a new life in Stoney Creek, Ontario.

August 2012; revised February 2017 B1 and B2 as follows

B1: First woman, followed by her partner, dances behind neighbour and across the set to original place (2s dance down); right hands across half way and all turn single left.

B2: Left hands across once round, first couple pass left and turn single right.

Revised January 2025 as written above. Changes to B1 and B2

B1: Join hands with neighbour, Fall back a double, dance forward a double to sideline, first couple set and change places (R) to finish in centre facing up, while 2nd couple have four bars to pass (R) and curve onto end of line (couples are in a line of four facing up (2M 1M 1W 2W))

B2: In line of four, fall back a double, dance forward a double, second couple gate the first couple to progressed places; the women turn single (R) while the men turn single (L).
or 1W & 2M turn single (R) and 1M & 2W turn single L