

Captain George Vancouver

Born in King's Lynn near The Wash in 1757

32 bar jig for four couples devised by Simon Scott of Vancouver.

3C and 4C start on opposite side of the set with one chord to begin.

1-8

1C with 2C and 3C with 4C couples dance set and rotate to change places and to finish with 2C and 4C facing down and 1C and 3C facing up.

9-16

All four couples dance right shoulder reels of four on the sidelines.

17-24

1C dance up around the standing 2C passing them individually by right shoulder and finish in second place with 1M facing out, while 4C dance down around the standing 3C passing them individually by the right shoulder and finish in third place with 4M facing out, then

1C with 4C chase half way round anticlockwise to finish with 1C in third place on opposite sides and 4C in second place on own sides.

25-32

All dancers face down on the men's side and up on the ladies' side and all chase anticlockwise for four skip change of step, then

All change to slip step and dance eight hands round to the right to finish in order 2C and 4C on own sides at the top and 1C and 3C on opposite sides at the bottom.

Captain George Vancouver, who died at only forty, led one of the most brilliant marine expeditions of all time. He was saluted on a Canadian postage stamp on the 250th anniversary of his birth in 2007. There are statues of Captain Vancouver in his hometown of King's Lynn, one in front of the Vancouver City Hall and another, in gold, atop the BC Parliament Buildings in Victoria. A large modern sculpture, "Gate to the Northwest Passage", stands facing the Pacific ocean in Vanier Park in Vancouver. This commemorates the Captain's first landing on these shores, aboard his ship "Discovery", in what is now Vancouver's Burrard Inlet.