

The Blaydon Races

Formation: Big Circle. Men with partner on his right-hand side.

Source: *Community Dances Manual 5*.

Let's Dance – Country Style.

Swing Partners.

Deviser: William Scott of Hexham.

Record: *Barn Dance*. BR 1.

Barn Dance Sing-a-long. BR 8.

Houghton Band Plays Your Requests. FE 040.

Music: Barnes, Peter. *English Country Dance Tunes I*.

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Tune: *The Blaydon Races*.

The Dance: 6/8

1-8 All into the Center & Back, twice.

9-16 Ballroom hold or two hands: 2 Chassé in & 2 out; take ballroom hold & two-step turning in line of direction into

17-24 Promenade.

**24-32 Men move forward to next lady (ladies hold back & wait for them)
Balance and Swing - ending in big circle again with lady on man's right.**

Words which may be sung from 17-32:

*O my lads you should have seen us gangin',
Passing the folks along the road just as they were stannin'.
There were lots of lads and lasses there, all with smilin' faces.
Gangin' along the Scotswood road to see the Blaydon Races.*