

Selsdon Park

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Formation: Square
Music: 48-bar jigs (x7)

Notes:

- 1) A1/A2/B1/B2 done in turn by 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, heads (1s & 3s), sides (2s & 4s) and then all couples simultaneously (glorious chaos!!).
- 2) Written on and debuted on Mar 21, 1981 for the Selsdon Park Golf Club at the Seldson Park Hotel in Surrey.
- 3) Selsdon Park Hotel was 'famous'. Sir Edward Heath, leader of the Conservative opposition, had held a brainstorming session at the hotel to formulate policies for the 1970 Election. The result was a radical free market agenda, condemned by the then Labour Prime Minister as the work of "Selsdon Man". Heath won the election but had to abandoned his policies in the face of bitter opposition from the trade unions. This historic u-turn led to the formation of the Selsdon Group which exists to promote the case for free market policies within the Conservative Party. It believes that economic freedom is the indispensable condition for political and social freedom. Conservatives then were more like USA Democrats whereas the Selsdon Group is like the USA GOP.

Dance:

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| A1 | 1-8 | 1st couple down the middle, split 3rd couple and weave back home |
| A2 | 1-8 | 1st couple promenade counter-clockwise over the other couples (<i>the "haircut"</i>) |
| B1 | 1-4 | Corner back-to-back |
| | 5-8 | Partner back-to-back |
| B2 | 1-4 | Men star right |
| | 5-8 | Men star left (<i>keeping hold for</i>) |
| C1 | 1-4 | Grand star left (<i>turn as a couple at the end to face the other way</i>) |
| | 5-8 | Grand star left |
| C2 | 1-8 | Partner swing |