

Mr MacNeill knew no other dance on our list. He had never heard of the Hebridean dances before their reappearance ca 1920. He did not know a Gaelic name for the Scotch Reel.

I showed him also the 'sussone' step to see if he had ever seen it. He told me that he had seen it performed using open intermediate instead of 2nd.

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JOHN MACLEAN THE GLEN, CASTLEBAY, ISLE OF BARRA

(Aged 85)

He had no knowledge of old dances. But in spite of having no English he called the Foursome the "Scotch Reel".

NEIL MACDONALD CASTLEBAY SCHOOL ISLE OF BARRA

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His mother told him of the teacher in St. Uist who taught the "Hebridean" dances.

He knew the tune "Aberdonian Lassies" before Farquhar MacNeill's dance appeared. He had been told by an Aberdonian living in Inverness (a Mr Ellis) that "Aberdonian Lassies" was an East Coast dance. Note that the Barra men would often be in the East coast harbours on their fishing exhibition.

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BARMAN, SCARINISH HOTEL, ISLE OF TIREE

Aged c

He had seen Damsadh na Tunnaig as a children's game in Harris. The children just got down on their hunkers with their hands clasped across their thighs and just danced about like that.