# Paul Hardy's Basic Tunebook 2021 

## Introduction

This Basic Tunebook contains a subset of the more commonly played and simpler tunes from Paul Hardy's Session Tunebook. Both tune books contain tunes that I have learned to play on my English concertina, that are played at folk music sessions: particularly around Cambridge (England) and Redlands (California), and at some UK concertina gatherings like those at Kilve in Somerset. They should also be playable on other folk melody instruments like fiddle, whistle, flute, or dulcimer.

Most are traditional tunes from the British Isles, including many English, Irish, and Scottish dance tunes, but others are an eclectic mix of session favourites. Many have been learned by ear or handouts from various sessions in the UK and US, while others have been adapted from Internet resources, in abc, midi or visual score formats. All are believed free of current copyright (unless noted explicitly), or else appear to have been placed in the public domain as part of the ongoing live folk music tradition. Please let me know if you are the owner of any that are under access restrictions and I'll remove them.

I have tried to present simple versions of most tunes, without much decoration and interpretation, so add your own triplets, grace notes and variations. I have included guitar chords, sometimes refined from computer-generated ones - use these as guidance, not definitive! Tunes in $4 / 4$ time that have the rhythm indication "Hornpipe" should usually be 'swung' - lengthen the first and shorten the second in every pair of quavers - as in "Thursday". Elsewhere these are sometimes written as 'dotted quaver, semiquaver', but that ratio of 3:1 seems too high - perhaps try for around 2:1.
This tunebook has been prepared using the abcm2ps software, with help from abc2midi, abcmus, Melody Assistant, ABCexplorer, and EasyABC. A big thank you goes to those creative and dedicated people who give their time to create and maintain low-cost or free and open source software for abc music editing and output.

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The current version of this and the full session tunebook, in ABC and in PDF forms, is downloadable from Paul's web site at www.paulhardy.net, or you can order there a printed copy.

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$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Waltz } \\ J=100 & \text { The Ash Grove }\end{array}$

| $\mathbf{D} \mathbf{G}$ | Am | $\mathbf{D}$ | $\mathbf{G}$ | $\mathbf{C}$ | G | $\mathbf{D}$ | $\mathbf{G}$ |
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Polka Bear Dance Trad.
$d=100 \quad$ Flanders

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## The Blackthorn Stick

Trad. Ireland
d. $=90$

D7 G C G


G Am
Am D7


## Blaydon Races




Reel
d $=160$
Blue Eyed Stranger
Trad. England


March
British Grenadiers
Trad.
England




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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Jig } \\
\downarrow=85 & \text { Constant Billy } \\
\text { None So Pretty }
\end{array}
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Trad.
English


Reel The Curly-headed Ploughboy
D A7
D
A7
D
A7

D G A7
D


Polka
Davy Davy Knick Knack

Trad.
England


Trad.
Ireland


Jig Dingle Regatta
Trad.
」. $=110$ Ireland



|  |  |  | C |  |  |  |  | G |  |  |  |  | D |  |  |  |  | G |  |  |  |  | C |  |  |  |  | G |  |  |  | D7 | G |  |  |  |
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Waltz
$d=120$

Eric's Waltz
Valse à Eric

Eric Elsener France






Reel
Galopede
$d=140$
Yarmouth Reel


March
d $=110$
George Brabazon
Planxty George Brabazon
Turlough O'Carolan (1730)



Reel
$d=90$
Horse's Brawl
From Arbeau, Orchesographie, 1689
Branle des Chevaux


Jig
Hunt the Squirrel
England, Sussex



Jig The Irish Washerwoman


Reel Jamaica
$d=180$


Polka
$d=100$

Ryan's Polka
John Ryan's; Meg Ryan's; Jack Ryan's

Trad.
Ireland

## 

D G
G D
D A7

D G D



## Reel

The Keel Row
Trad.
$d=120$
The Row



Jig The Kesh
Trad. Ireland


Reel
Mairi's Wedding
Trad. Scotland
Mairie's Wedding


Waltz Michael Turner's Waltz
$d=100$


March


Jig
Muckin' o' Geordie's Byre
Mucking Out the Byre
Trad.
Scotland, Hebrides



## Newcastle

Trad. Playford 1651
England


## Off to California

Trad. $d=120$


The Oyster Girl
Kingsbury Jig
Trad.
Kingsbury Jig England
Just A and B parts for usual 32 bar jig. Add $C$ part for 48 bars.



Planxty Irwin Colonel John Irwin

Turlough O'Carolan (1713)


Jig Planxty Fanny Power
Turlough O'Carolan (1732)

d $=120$


Em




Polka
The Rakes Of Mallow
Trad.
$J=210$
D7 G



Hornpipe
$d=120$

## The Rights of Man

Trad. Ireland


Em D



|  |  | D |  |  | D7 |  |  | Em |  |  | A7 |  |  |  | D |  |  |  |  |  | A | 7 |  | D |  |
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$J=180$
Salmon Tails up the Water
Trad.
England, Northumbria


Seven Stars
The Moon And Seven Stars

Trad.
England


Reel Shepherd's Hey
d = 120


Reel
Soldier's Joy
Trad.
The King's Head
England/Scotland/Ireland
d $=160$


Waltz
South Winds

Trad.
Ireland


Reel Speed the Plough
Trad. England





# Hornpipe 

The Trumpet Hornpipe
Trad.
Captain Pugwash


Polka
Uncle Bernard's

Trad.
England
G


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