

## **Bonny Green, Bampton**

Bonny Green, also known as Bonny Green Garters, is the traditional Cotswold Morris Mans' farewell, often with audience members joining in for Part 2.

**Formation;** Any number of pairs of dancers.

**Steps:** Part 1 – Bampton stepping; Part 2- Side steps and Bampton capers.

### **Part 1 – Bampton tune** (standard figures with no chorus)

- Once to Yourself for 8 bars, stepping backwards on the last 2 bars
- Foot Up and Down
- Half Gyp
- Whole Gyp
- Half rounds and Back. As the Rounds start, the music changes to a different tune. As you turn in the Rounds, Number 1 can lead the long line of dancers around in any direction they like.

**Part 2 – Headington tune** (which is danced after the Rounds figure above while still following whatever direction Number 1 has taken):

- Side-step right with a circular wave of the right handkerchief above your head as if brushing your hair backwards. Then side-step left, left hand circling. Repeat the right and left side-steps until the end of that piece of music (8 bars).
- The music changes slightly so that you can do 8 bars of Bampton Capers. (8 bars)

This sequence of 8 bars of Side-step followed by Bampton Capers repeats over and over. You can finish by forming a circle around the musicians and then, on the last beat, capering towards the center to end with your right foot in the air and your hankies flourished upwards. Alternatively, Number 1 can simply lead the line of dancers off into the distance, leaving the musicians to finish on their own to take the final bow.