

Teaming up for a Formal event

Before:

- ensure the when and where is clearly identified - an address if venue is not known to Band.
- Check with the Band how much time they need to set up equipment and Sound-check. Book the hall accordingly.
- Run the programme past the band leader before publishing. They might spot something you've missed.
- Let the band know if you might need a warm-up march, supper waltz or a final polka/Scottish Gay Gordons.

On the night:

Before you get going

- Find out who in the Band to refer to for decisions.
- Agree a signal to the speed-keeper for if you want the change the speed of the music.
- Establish the expected sequence for each dance eg Announce – Rouser – Briefing

During the dance:

- Listen to the Rouser. You might need to ask the Band to play faster or slower.
- Indicate clearly to the band when they are to start. After the briefing, you might say "The Frisky! Thank you, Band"
- If you're dancing, tell the band leader. They'll wait if you want them to.
- Remember to introduce the Band, early on.

Afterwards

- Keep the tidy-up team off the stage till all the band gear is packed. It's expensive stuff!