



40TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR
12th to 14th FEBRUARY 2021

VENUE

SHANKLIN HOTEL

Clarendon Road, Shanklin, Isle of Wight PO37 6DP

TEACHERS:

DIANE ROONEY (Cheshire)

MERVYN SHORT (Berks/Hants/Surrey Border)

MUSICIANS:

ROBERT MACKAY

IAN & JUDITH MUIR

BAND (for social dances):

IAN MUIR AND THE CRAIGELLACHIE BAND

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Our Teachers

Diane Rooney



Diane has been an enthusiastic fan of Scottish Country Dancing for over 40 years. She took her teaching certificate in 1991 and, in addition to teaching a regular Branch class, has trained local festival teams for a number of years.

Diane has been responsible for many local day schools in Cheshire and is a regular teacher at the RSCDS Summer School in St Andrews including supervising two, advanced level, DAA courses. She has also taught Spring Fling and a wide range of UK based day and weekend schools. In addition she has taught workshops and weekend schools in Nice, Japan, Boston and California.

In general terms she believes in the enormous health benefits of SCD, the importance of music to the dance form and has a light hearted, common sense approach to teaching and firmly believes if it's not fun, it's not Scottish Country Dancing!

Mervyn Short



Mervyn started Scottish country dancing over forty years ago and qualified as a teacher three years later with the Imperial Society Teachers of Dancing. Around the same time he also started Highland dancing and, after passing medal tests, qualified to teach. He then taught children and adults regularly at all levels.

In 1995 Mervyn gained his RSCDS Full Certificate. Since then he has taught at day and weekend schools all over the UK, Europe, America, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Russia and South Africa. He also regularly teaches at Summer & Winter Schools. He is an assessor for children's medal tests and tutors and examines candidates for the Society's teaching examinations. He is very keen to maintain the technique and traditions of Scottish country dancing but appreciates that it is an evolving dance form.

Our Musicians

Robert Mackay



Robert has been playing for Scottish country dance classes for over forty years as well as being an excellent dancer and former member of the Edinburgh Branch demonstration team. Robert regularly plays at RSCDS Summer and Winter Schools and at other day and weekend schools all over the world. He has played at the New Zealand Summer School seven times! In addition to his playing expertise Robert has a wealth of knowledge about Scottish music and regularly gives talks and tutors on the subject.

Ian and Judith Muir



Ian and Judith both started playing at an early age for country dancing. Having served his apprenticeship in McBain's band, Ian formed Craigellachie in 1986. After playing in a family band, and briefly joining Craigellachie in the late 1980s, Judith co-formed Sound Company, and on its retirement in 2003 she re-joined Craigellachie. Both Ian and Judith have considerable experience playing for classes, weekend, Summer and Winter Schools both here and abroad. In November 2014 Ian was appointed the Music Director of the RSCDS, a term he held for six years. In her spare time Judith is involved in barn owl conservation and is a volunteer on the Rose of Hungerford, a local canal boat.

