



13th- 15th February 2026

VENUE: Shanklin Hotel, Shanklin, Isle of Wight. PO37 6DP

TEACHERS: RAPHAELLE ORGERET and ERIC FINLEY

MUSICIANS: IAN and JUDITH MUIR

BAND: (for social dances) **THE CRAIGELLACHIE BAND**

WEBSITE: www.craigellachie-band.co.uk/isle_of_wight.html

THE ISLE OF WIGHT boasts beautiful countryside and beaches (currently there are 14 award-winning beaches, with three blue flag winners including Shanklin). Approximately half the Isle of Wight is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, designated in 1963, which in total covers around 189 sq. km. The Island's AONB is represented by a diversity of landscapes, from imposing chalk cliffs to rolling countryside, plus half of the coastline including all of the Heritage Coast.

THE WEEKEND is designed to give those with a good working knowledge of steps and formations the opportunity to improve their technique, learn new dances and enjoy all social aspects of Scottish Country Dancing. We start with a wine reception before dinner on Friday, and finish after lunch on Sunday. There are classes each morning and a social dance each evening.

We endeavour to evenly arrange participants into two mixed ability classes on Saturday and Sunday mornings. To assist with this please indicate your ability as accurately as possible in the boxes below.

We are also happy to accept applications from people wishing to attend the weekend who wish only to participate in the evening socials. Non-dancing partners/friends are also welcome.

COST: As specified on reverse, per person includes accommodation, full board, all tuition fees (where applicable), social dancing on Friday and Saturday evening, VAT and a non-refundable deposit.

Due to the popularity of the weekend, bookings cannot be secured until full payment has been received. If, for any reason, you need to cancel your booking we will endeavour to refund your fee (minus £60.00 deposit). Due to booking conditions, any cancellations made after 19th December 2025 will be charged in full.

ACCOMMODATION: All bedrooms are centrally heated, with en-suite bathrooms and tea & coffee making facilities. We will also have use of the hotel's small indoor pool and sauna. **Please note: NO access to hotel before 3pm.**

TRAVEL:

Car Travellers: Details of crossings and booking facilities can be found below.

Foot Passengers: Shanklin is serviced by a unique rail service (<http://www.southwesttrains.co.uk/island-line-timetable.aspx>) which connects with the Fast Cat passenger ferry from Portsmouth Harbour/train station (<http://www.wightlink.co.uk/go/isle-wight-ferry-timetables/?wlcdroute=Portsmouth-Ryde>) via Ryde. ***If you are planning on coming as a foot passenger, please note that if you are coming by train and book through-travel from your start point to Shanklin, you are not automatically guaranteed a timed booking on the boat that coincides with your train.***

Flights: Southampton airport is the most convenient to the Island, with good train links to Portsmouth or a short taxi journey away from Red Funnel terminals.

APPLICATIONS: Postal application forms and full payment via cheque should be sent to: Mrs Catherine Packwood-Bluett, 33 Highfield Rise, Shrewton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP3 4DZ

OR

Bank transfer payments can be made with email application to: iowsdwe@hotmail.com

Further information about the weekend, including the dance programmes, will be issued at a later date following receipt of your application.

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Please complete using **BLOCK CAPITALS**, thank you.

Name.....

Address.....

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Tel No..... Email

Standard of dancing if attending classes (please tick)

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Advanced: Energetic dancers able to perform steps and all formations with a high level of technical ability which can be sustained throughout the class.

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Intermediate: Dancers with a reasonable knowledge of most steps and formations, able to follow instructions with confidence and without hindering fellow dancers (you may well have the same level of expertise as detailed above but find this difficult to sustain).

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FULL WEEKEND @ £229.00

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ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND EVENING SOCIALS ONLY @ £195.00

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS, NON-DANCER @ £160.00

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I request a single room / I wish to share a room with.....

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I wish to take advantage of the Wightlink travel offer (see over)

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I enclose a cheque for £.....

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During the weekend we will be taking photographs and video clips for publicity and social media purposes. If you do **not** wish to be included in any such publicity then please tick this box and make yourself known to the organisers upon arrival.

Please make cheques payable to 'I.W. Weekend School'

Send to: Mrs Catherine Packwood-Bluett, 33 Highfield Rise, Shrewton, Salisbury, Wilts, SP3 4DZ

BANK TRANSFERS Payments must be made **before** emailing.

Bank transfer reference*..... Date transfer made

*To enable us to identify your payment please reference your transfer with your surname followed by initials.

Total Amount transferred £.....

Please make Bank Transfer Payments using the following information:-

Sort Code: 54 – 41 – 19 **Account number:** 53373898 **Account name:** IW WEEKEND SCH

Email Applications:-

Please complete all of the above application form before emailing to: iowsdwe@hotmail.com

Car Drivers:

There are 3 ferry routes available for car travellers (and passengers) to and from the Island.

Southampton to East Cowes: Ferry company is Red Funnel (www.redfunnel.co.uk), the crossing takes about an hour and it will take 20-30 minutes to drive between the ferry terminal and the hotel. Bookings can be made on-line or by phoning their travel centre on 02380 248500 (bookings made on-line are discounted and therefore cheaper than via the travel centre!).

Lymington to Yarmouth: This crossing takes about 40 minutes and it will take about an hour to drive between the ferry terminal and the hotel. **Portsmouth to Fishbourne:** This crossing takes about 45 minutes and it will take 20-30 minutes between the ferry terminal and the hotel. These two crossings are services by Wightlink (www.wightlink.co.uk).

Wightlink has made the following offer available to people attending the weekend school. If you would like to travel via Wightlink and take up this offer please complete the section below and return with your application form.

Car plus 2 or 3 is *£70 including driver Car plus 4 is *£83 including driver
**subject to change as Wightlink has not issued 2026 prices at time of printing*

Please include the cost of your ferry **within** your payment for the dance weekend. Please do **not** send any cheques payable to Wightlink or to Wightlink direct.

One booking per car and only to be completed and returned with application form by the driver

Driver Name		Number of passengers including driver	
Car make & model		Car Registration	
Outbound route: Delete as appropriate	Lymington / Portsmouth	Preferred time of travel	
Return Route: Delete as appropriate	Yarmouth / Fishbourne	Preferred time of travel	

As this is the start of half term for some schools, there will be high demand on ferries. In order to secure your preferred time of travel we advise that you book as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE – NO ACCESS TO HOTEL BEFORE 3PM