

MUSICIANS' WORKSHOP DAY AND EVENING DANCE

Saturday 27th September 2025

**Roche Victory Hall & Social Club
Roche, PL26 8JF**

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Registration & Welcome	10.00-10.30
Workshop 1 <i>Includes a coffee break</i>	10.30 -13.00
Lunch Break <i>Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch or enjoy a pre-ordered pasty</i>	13.00-14.00
Workshop 2 <i>Includes a tea break</i>	14.00-16.30
Hot evening meal (£10.00)	17.15 -18.15
Evening Dance: Join the Band! <i>Includes light refreshments in the interval</i>	18.30-21.30

**The Hall is in the village of Roche and has plenty of on-site parking.
It is conveniently situated less than a mile from the Cornwall Services
complex on the A30, Victoria Junction, Roche, PL26 8UF**

*Please return application form and fee to: Ros McLaughlin,
Brambles, Tomperrow, Threemilestone, TRURO, TR3 6BE,
07999 543078; email: rosmac47@yahoo.co.uk
www.scdcornwall.co.uk*



**The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Cornwall Branch**

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Tutor and Bandleader

Ian Muir

This course will be aimed at giving a grounding in good technique enabling musicians to understand and appreciate the unique style required for playing for Scottish country dancing.

Competent players from all musical backgrounds are welcome. No prior experience of playing in a band or for dancing is needed. The focus will be on accordion, fiddle and band keyboard/piano but other instruments (including flute, recorder and guitar) are welcome at the discretion of the course tutor. As a guideline, the minimum standard is Grade 5 or equivalent of the ABRSM. Ian actively encourages younger players to apply for a place on the course. The day finishes with the opportunity for all participants on the course to play for the evening dance as part of a band of massed musicians led by Ian and Judith Muir.

Application Form

RSCDS Cornwall Branch

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First Name..... Surname

Address.....

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Email..... Tel:

Please tick boxes as appropriate:

Workshops & Evening Dance * £26.00 ☐

Lunch - Large Pasty & fruit £5.00 ☐

Lunch –Medium Pasty & fruit £4.50 ☐

Lunch – Cheese & Onion Pasty & Fruit £4.50 ☐

Hot evening meal (2 courses) £10.00 ☐

* Under 18s and students half price for the workshops & evening dance

I enclose cheque payable to RSCDS Cornwall Branch for £.....

Or: I have paid £..... direct to the Branch account:

Sort code 20-50-40, Account number 13942252, Ref: Musicians

I understand that a full refund will be given for cancellations received before 1st September 2025, but after that cancellations cannot be refunded. I understand that the RSCDS Cornwall Branch accepts no responsibility for any loss or injury that may be sustained.

Instrument.....

Playing Experience.....

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Signed Date.....

Or if under 18, signature of parent / carer

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We are delighted to welcome both Ian and Judith Muir to our weekend of music. Ian as Workshop Tutor and Judith to accompany the dance workshop. Both Ian and Judith 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 and weekend, Summer and Winter Schools in the UK and abroad. In November 2014 Ian was appointed the Music Director of the RSCDS, a term he held for six years.

The course aims to cover the following

- The characteristics of the different dance-types: Reel, Jig and Strathspey.
- The instrumental techniques that are uniquely Scottish.
- Repertoire and arranging sets of suitable tunes.
- Playing within the context of a band.
- How to tackle challenging tunes.
- Exploring harmony and rhythm through arrangement.

Music will be sent via a web link at least six weeks before the course.