

The Earthquakers – booking details



1. Timings

A standard ceilidh evening starts at around 7:30 and finishes between 11:00 and 11:30. We're usually happy to work to different timings, but we'll need to know if they are very different. If you want to finish significantly later, we may be OK with this, but we'll need to discuss it, and we'll ask for an additional fee .

Most ceilidhs have a break for food/drink/ a raffle/ a talk /other entertainment about half way through the evening. If there isn't one planned anyway, we'll take a break of around 40-45 minutes at some point, as we can't easily play straight through!

2. Access and set up

We'll need access to the hall at least an hour before you want us to start to play. We don't mind sound-checking and setting up whilst other people are around, but they need not to mind us too. It takes about half an hour to pack up afterwards. If at all possible, it's really helpful to have a couple of car parking spaces very near the hall, as we've quite a lot of kit, and it's quite heavy.

In the hall, we'll need a stage or enough space for 5 or 6 people, monitors, speakers and sound desk (around 100 square feet minimum). We'll also need access to electricity.

3. Repertoire

Our usual repertoire is mostly a mixture of traditional English dances and tunes, and material we've written ourselves. We play a small amount of tunes from other parts of these islands, and further afield, but we're not an Irish or Scottish dance band. If there are particular tunes or dances you'd like us to include – and if you give us some notice – we'll do our best to include them.

Our caller always tries to fit the dances to the group's abilities – they range from very easy to really quite complicated!

If people don't want to dance all that much, we've a range of songs and listening tunes which we're also happy to play. We don't mind at all, as we know people have sometimes come for the wedding or the birthday rather than for a ceilidh.

4. Paying

Please be ready to pay us at the end of the evening. Cash is preferred, but a cheque is also OK.

5. Contacting us

Please do contact us with anything you'd like to discuss in advance. Best contacts are James on 0161 633 1339 or james@fitton2.clara.co.uk

Thanks for booking us, and we look forward to playing for you!