

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

A Roman Christmas

A workshop for singers and instrumentalists
with Philip Thorby

Sunday 5th December
Amersham Common Village Hall, 24 White Lion Road, Amersham HP7 9JD
10am for 10.30 until 5pm

The Christmas story from the Annunciation to the Magi in two-choir motets by Palestrina and his Roman contemporaries, for voices and appropriate instruments such as cornetts, sackbuts, curtals, recorders, viols, plucked and keyboard continuo (from unfigured bass only). Pitch will be A = 440. Philip Thorby is well known to Forum members for his many enjoyable and instructive workshops. He is Director of Musica Antiqua of London and until recently was Director of Early Music at Trinity College of Music. Please note the change of venue as the usual hall is not available this year.

The day will start with coffee at 10.00 am and finish at about 5 pm. Lunch is likely to be from about 12.30 until 1.45 and, as usual at our Christmas event, will be communal. **You are asked to bring a contribution** - to the first course if your surname starts with I to Z and to the second if it starts with A to H. Bread, butter and a glass of wine or juice will be provided. On arrival please put perishable food in a fridge in the kitchen and everything else in the smaller hall.

Amersham Common Village Hall is about three-quarters of a mile from Amersham Metropolitan Line station and the shortest route to the hall is over the footbridge (on your right as you come out of the station) and along The Drive. It's nearly as quick and perhaps easier to turn right out of the station, right again at King George V road (parallel to the railway line) and right over the little bridge which crosses the railway at the corner of Orchard Lane. Both routes then go along Highland Road, turn left at the end, and left again on to the main road A404. You'll cross a mini-roundabout next to another bridge (don't go under it) and find the Village Hall on the left a little further on. There is a good train service to Amersham on the Metropolitan Line from Baker Street and National Rail from Marylebone but please check with www.tfl.gov.uk nearer the time for any planned engineering work. The journey takes about 40 minutes. There is parking at the Village Hall and in the Industrial Estate opposite. You can find a map using www.streetmap.co.uk and the postcode HP7 9JD, and there will also be a map on our web site www.tvemf.org. Following the success of the shared lift scheme last year I will send out an email with offers and requests for lifts nearer the time (including lifts from Amersham or Chalfont & Latimer station).

The cost will be £10 for Early Music Forum members, £12 for others. This is likely to be a popular course and the hall is a little smaller so please book early to be sure of a place. You can assume you have been accepted unless you hear to the contrary shortly after the closing date. **If you have booked and can't come, please let me know at once because otherwise you will not only lose your booking fee but you will very likely deprive someone on the waiting list of a place.** The attached form should be sent by November 20th to: Victoria Helby, 50 Sheepfold Lane, Amersham HP7 9EJ (01494 721582 not between 4pm and 7pm on weekdays) secretary@tvemf.org

I would like to come to the Christmas workshop and enclose a cheque (payable to TVEMF) for £

Name:
Address:

Telephone:
e-mail:

Voice/instrument(s):

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