

# Thames Valley Early Music Forum

## A German Christmas

### A workshop for singers and instrumentalists with Philip Thorby

Sunday 2nd December 2012

at the Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks HP6 5AH  
10am for 10.30 until 5pm

The theme for this year's Christmas (or more strictly Advent Sunday) workshop is a German Christmas, with music by composers such as Praetorius, Schein, Scheidt and Schütz. You are invited to come if you sing or play appropriate instruments such as cornetts, sackbuts, curtals, recorders, violin family, viols, plucked and keyboard continuo (may be from unfigured bass). Pitch will be A = 440.

Philip Thorby is well known to forum members for his many enjoyable and instructive workshops and his amazing fund of knowledge about performance practice. He is Director of Musica Antiqua of London and until recently was Director of Early Music at Trinity College of Music.

The day will start with coffee at 10.00 am and finish at about 5 pm. It will be followed by the TVEMF AGM. 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 second course if your surname starts with A to K and to the first if it starts with L to Z. Please put perishable contributions in the fridge when you arrive, and leave anything that would be better kept cool in your car (if you came in one), assuming that the weather is cold. Everything else goes on the tables in the hall - first course to the left and second at the far end. Bread, butter and a glass of wine or juice will be provided. Please be prepared to volunteer on the catering front or for chair moving at some time during the day, as there will be lots to do (though the Centre has an excellent dishwasher and we will use disposable plates).

Amersham Community Centre is only a few minutes walk from Amersham station. Turn right out of the station and follow the road round past the Health Centre and the library. The Community Centre is on the right almost immediately after the pedestrian crossing, and the hall is in the building on the right at the back of the car park, almost opposite the entrance. Parking is free at the Community Centre and in the library car park. If you search [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk) for the post code HP6 5AH you will see the Centre just underneath the arrow. There is space on the form to offer or ask for a lift and I will assume if you fill this in that you are happy for your email address/phone number to be circulated to other people on the list.

The cost will be £12 for Early Music Forum members, £14 for others. This is likely to be a popular event 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 18th to: Victoria Helby, 50 Sheepfold Lane, Amersham HP7 9EJ. If you need to contact me please use email if possible [secretary@tvemf.org](mailto:secretary@tvemf.org) but you can phone me on 01494 721582 except between 4pm and 7pm on weekdays.

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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):

I can offer/would like a lift from