

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

Renaissance Recorder Workshop

with Philip Thorby

Sunday 4th October 2009, 10am for 10.30 until 5.30pm
Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks HP6 5AH

This will be a day exploring the renaissance recorder, looking at techniques and the way they and the instrument were used in the 16th and 17th centuries. We will look at descriptions by Girolamo Cardanus, Sylvestro Ganassi, Virgiliano, Marin Mersenne and others, covering everything from extended techniques to consort and ensemble playing. There will be plenty of playing, but it isn't going to be just a day of the sort of massed playing which we know doesn't appeal to many of our members. The day is not restricted to players of renaissance recorders, but if you can manage to borrow at least one please do. It would be a good idea to bring as many different sizes of recorders as you can.

Philip Thorby is one of the leading exponents of the renaissance recorder and incredibly knowledgeable about techniques and performance practice. He is Director of Early Music at Trinity College, directs Musica Antiqua of London, and is well known to Forum members for his inspiring and instructive workshops.

We will start with coffee at 10.00 am and finish by 5.30 pm. The shops are just over 5 minutes walk away, where you will find Pizza Express, a Marks and Spencer's food hall and various cafés, or you may prefer to bring your own lunch.

Amersham Community Centre is only a few minutes walk from Amersham Metropolitan Line 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. There is a good train service to Amersham on the Metropolitan Line from Baker Street and National Rail from Marylebone. The journey takes about 40 minutes, but it is advisable to check for works on the line at weekends. There is parking at the Community Centre and in the library car park. If you search www.streetmap.co.uk for post code HP6 5AH you will see the Centre just underneath the arrow.

The cost will be £12 for Early Music Forum members, £14 for others. Maps, receipts and acknowledgements will not be sent out unless requested with a SAE or email address. You can assume you have been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. Please send the attached form before September 22nd to: Victoria Helby, 50 Sheepfold Lane, Amersham HP7 9EJ (01494 721582 not between 4 & 7 on weekdays) secretary@tvemf.org.

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

Name:
Address:

Telephone:
e-mail:

I will bring the following renaissance recorders:
other recorders: