

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

Ludwig Sennfl (c1490-1543) a workshop for voices and instruments with Philip Thorby

Sunday 7th March 2010, 10am for 10.30 until 5.30pm
Amersham Common Village Hall, 24 White Lion Road, Amersham HP7 9JD

This will be a day exploring the music of Ludwig Sennfl, court composer to the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian and subsequently to Duke Wilhelm of Bavaria. His output included *tenorlieder* - secular and sacred solo songs (nearly 300) which can be performed as solos with instruments or chorally, masses, motets and occasional pieces. Most of his music is contrapuntal, in four to six parts, and much of it uses both plainsong and German folk song. This makes him an interesting subject for a day of mixed voices and instruments - cornetts, sackbuts, curtals, viols and recorders. Pitch will be A=440.

Why the two n's in his name? There are around fifteen versions of the spelling of his name, but Sennfl is the one he and his closest friends commonly used, and he also used it acrostically in his autobiographical song. If you want to search for more information you are more likely to find it using the spelling Senfl.

Philip Thorby is well known to Forum members for his 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.

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 external station footbridge 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. The journey takes about 40 minutes and according to www.tfl.gov.uk the trains are running normally on these lines. 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 at the Christmas event I will send out an email with offers and requests for lifts nearer the time. The day starts with coffee from 10am and it's advisable to bring a picnic lunch if you're not coming by car.

The cost will be £12 for Early Music Forum members, £14 for others. Late bookings, if available, £2 more. Maps, receipts and acknowledgements will not be sent out unless requested with an email address or SAE. You can assume you have been accepted unless you hear to the contrary. Please send the attached form by 24th February 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 Sennfl workshop and enclose a cheque (payable to TVEMF) for £
Name: Telephone:
Address: e-mail:

Voice/instrument

I would like/can offer lift from Amersham Station/Little Chalfont Station (on the A 404)/the following place: