

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

A German Christmas

A workshop for singers and instrumentalists
with Philip Thorby

Sunday 7th December 2008, 10am for 10.30 until 5.30pm
at the Drake Hall, Amersham Community Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks HP6 5AH

You are invited to our annual Christmas workshop which this time is for singers, and players of viols, violin family, cornett, sackbut, curtal and recorders, plus keyboard and plucked continuo. Pitch will be A=440. Philip Thorby will be bringing along a festive selection of mainly renaissance music appropriate to our Christmas theme.

Philip is well known to Forum members as director of many inspiring and instructive workshops, including several of our previous Christmas ones. He is Director of Early Music at Trinity College and also directs Musica Antiqua of London.

The day will start with coffee at 10.00 am and finish by 5.30 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. You may choose to be inspired by our German theme but that isn't essential. 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. A glass of wine or juice will be provided, as will bread and butter. Please be prepared to volunteer on the catering front at some time during the day, as there will be lots to do (though the Centre has an excellent dishwasher).

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 the post code HP6 5AH you will see the Centre just underneath the arrow.

The cost will be £10 for Early Music Forum members, £12 for others. The hall is a large one, but this is likely to be a popular course so please book early to be sure of a place. 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 November 21st to: Victoria Helby, 50 Sheepfold Lane, Amersham HP7 9EJ (01494 721582 not between 4 & 7 on weekdays) secretary@tvemf.org. (Please use a separate cheque if you are also applying to the baroque chamber music day.)

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):