

RENAISSANCE CHAMBER MUSIC DAY

for instrumentalists and one-to-a-part singers with Victoria Helby

The Whitehill Centre, White Hill, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1AG Saturday 8th November 2025 from 10.30am to 5.15pm

Another in our series of one-to-a-part Renaissance Chamber Music days for instrumentalists and singers, but the first in our new venue in Chesham.

We will be playing and singing music from before the middle of the 17thC (including medieval music if you wish) in various combinations, in three to eight parts, perhaps more. A good supply of music will be available but it is helpful if people bring their own as well so that we can have an even bigger choice. Requests for particular groups or music will be accommodated as far as possible.

All singers and players of appropriate renaissance instruments (including modern strings and recorders) are welcome as long as they are able to hold a part by themselves. If you haven't been to a chamber music day before, please use a space on the booking form to provide as much information as possible about yourself and your playing standard. Pitch will be A440 and people whose instruments are normally at A415 are asked to retune them at least 24 hours in advance, to avoid tuning problems on the day.

Chesham Community Centre is quite close to the Metropolitan line station. We will have almost the whole building and at least seven playing spaces of various sizes. There is parking at the venue and paid parking nearby. Waitrose's and the town centre shops are a short walk away.

The day will start with coffee at 10.30 followed by playing at 11am. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake will be provided but please bring your own lunch or go into the town.

The cost will be £16 for members of TVEMF and other forums and £20 for non-members. Please book by 4th November, using this link **BOOK NOW**. If you cannot book or pay online, you can book by post to Victoria Helby, 50 Sheepfold Lane, Amersham HP7 9EJ, with a cheque payable to Thames Valley Early Music Forum (not TVEMF). Late bookings may be possible so please email to check if you can be fitted in. Don't just turn up on the day! No bookings or cancellations after the 6th please.

Please send any questions about the day to <u>chair@tvemf.org.uk</u>, but enquiries about payments to membershipsecretary@tvemf.org.uk.

Sessions will be organised in advance, with different combinations for each of the three sessions, so it is ESSENTIAL for you to let me know if you are not likely to arrive at the beginning or cannot stay all day, or find that you cannot come at all. We are taking our usual covid precautions (see the booking form), and will refund anyone who has to cancel because of covid or any other illness. If anyone backs out at the last minute after I have done all the planning, it's a nightmare having to redo it all on the day, so if you think you won't be well enough to come please let me know as soon as possible.