

THAMES VALLEY EARLY MUSIC FORUM



Dowland 400!

A workshop for voices, lutes, viols and recorders
directed by Lynda Sayce

Seer Green Jubilee Hall
School Lane, Seer Green, Beaconsfield HP9 2QJ

Saturday 18th July 10 for 10.30 to 5pm

In 1597 John Dowland published his 'First Booke of Songes or Ayres', a ground-breaking collection of 4-part songs with lute accompaniment, offering flexible options for performing all lines vocally or instrumentally. This book was reprinted many times - an unusual feat in its day - and created a 25-year publishing phenomenon, during which many other composers followed Dowland's lead. Dowland himself published three further song books, and contributed individual items to a fourth. We will explore some of his most famous and lesser known works, ranging through all of his song collections.

This workshop is open to singers (all voices), viols, recorders, and a variety of plucked instruments including renaissance lutes of various sizes, theorbo, orpharion and bandora. Pitch will be A440. *Lynda will contact plucked string players in advance about providing suitable parts, so please book as early as possible to give her time to prepare them.*

Originally trained as a flautist, Lynda Sayce read Music at Oxford, where she fell in love with the lute after hearing a recording in a lecture. She subsequently studied lute and recorder at the Royal College of Music. She performs regularly as lute soloist, and also as continuo player with leading period instrument ensembles worldwide, including the Dunedin Consort, Le Concert d'Astrée and Scherzi Musicali. She is principal lutenist with La Serenissima and Ex Cathedra, and appears on more than 100 commercial recordings. She also directs the lute ensemble Chordophony, whose repertory and instrumentarium are based entirely on her research. She often returns to her first love to play early woodwinds, and some years ago added a viol to her collection of stringed things. She performs and records as multi-instrumentalist with Sounds Historical, Passamezzo, Sirinu and I Fagiolini. She holds a Ph.D for her work on the history of the theorbo, which is being prepared for publication, and has written for the New Grove Dictionary of Music, Early Music, and the art journal Apollo. She teaches lute and continuo at Birmingham University, and also on various summer schools.

Seer Green Jubilee Hall is on the Marylebone to Oxford Chiltern line. It's only half a mile from Seer Green station but it's not a particularly comfortable walk so you're encouraged to ask for or offer a lift from Seer Green or Beaconsfield and other nearby stations. There is also a local taxi firm and Uber. Cars can be parked at the hall in the car park and in the road outside.

Singers are encouraged to download and print their scores or read them from a tablet, but we can provide a printed copy. Please indicate your preference when you book. Scores will go on the TVEMF website as soon as they are available. Instrumental parts will be

provided on the day (apart from those for plucked strings which Lynda will send in advance, so please book as early as possible).

The fee is £16 for Early Music Forum members and £20 for non-members. Please apply online by 13th July using the following link [BOOK HERE](#). After that date, please email Victoria Helby chair@tvemf.org.uk to check if there are still places before applying. If you are unable to do online booking or payments, you can book by post to 43 Inchwood, Birch Hill, Bracknell RG12 7ZX, enclosing a cheque payable to Thames Valley Early Music Forum (not TVEMF), giving your name, address, voice/instruments, email address and phone number, and mentioning whether you would like your choir scores printed for you.

You can assume your application has been accepted unless your part is marked 'waiting list only' when you book online. If you are unable to attend, please let Victoria know at once so that your place can be offered to someone else.

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