

The Baroque Week

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

Burnham Baroque Chamber Music Playing Day

Burnham Grammar School, Hogfair Lane, Burnham, Buckinghamshire SL1 7HG
Sunday 29th April 2018 from 10am for 10.30 to 5.15pm
directed by Peter Collier

Peter Collier writes: Once again in conjunction with TVEMF, I am organising a Play Day, the nineteenth, at Burnham Grammar School. The day is for members of TVEMF and other forums, friends of the Baroque Week and anybody else who likes to play baroque chamber music. Pitch will be both 415 and 440, so it is a good idea to bring instruments (flutes, oboes, recorders, bassoons, strings, continuo) at both pitches if you have them. I will once again organise all the playing, from trio sonatas up to full orchestral overtures, using the extensive library of the Baroque Week. People with harpsichords are encouraged to bring them, in which case the cost of the day is a nominal £5. If you are a keyboard player but cannot bring an instrument you are still welcome to come. Other appropriate continuo instruments are also welcome, as are singers who would like to sing solo with obbligato instruments (but you should bring your own music and tell me in advance what instruments you need). Sessions are usually one-to-a-part so a good standard of sight-reading is necessary.

Burnham Grammar School (near Slough) is less than two miles from junction 7 on the M4 and a short walk from Burnham station on the Paddington to Reading line. A map can be found on the TVEMF web site www.tvemf.org. Please park in the tennis court area and enter through the back door opposite. Coffee and tea will be provided. Tesco Express is nearby and there are about 5 pubs in Burnham Village High street about 2 minutes walk from the school. Just cross Hogfair Lane and walk down the road opposite the school (Lincoln Hatch Lane) and you will be there. There is also a variety of restaurants, cafés etc plus another Tesco Express in the High Street. However most people bring their own lunch and have a good chat as there is not really time to eat at a pub and be back in an hour. Please note that the school has a no smoking rule and dogs are not allowed on the premises.

Please send the attached form with your cheque by 20th April to: Peter Collier, 13 Brackley Road, Monton Green, Eccles, Manchester M30 9LG (0161 281 2502) p.b.collier@googlemail.com. I will confirm your booking by email. Any profits from this event will go towards student bursaries for the 41st Baroque Week Summer School which is from 12th-19th August 2018 at Queen Anne's School Caversham near Reading. Should you wish to come to it I can send you a brochure or you can browse the web site at www.baroque-week.org.uk. I can guarantee you a wonderful week.

I would like to come to the Playing Day. I include a cheque for £13 payable to Baroque Week (£5 if bringing a harpsichord)

Name.....Tel.....

Email.....Address.....

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Please indicate which instruments you will be bringing and their pitch (A=415 or A=440)

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Please include a SAE with this form if you do not have email.