

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

Spanish Vespers circa 1600

A day for singers and instrumentalists
directed by Peter Syrus

Saturday 11 July 2015 10 am for 10:30 until 5 pm
United Reformed Church, Ickenham,

Peter's TVEMF workshop last year introduced us to relatively unfamiliar, and magnificent, music by Johann Hermann Schein, a pioneer of the bad hair day if a surviving woodcut is any guide.

This year Peter will take us to slightly earlier times, warmer climates and perhaps less surprising hair-styles. He writes: "Double-choir psalm settings by Guerrero and Velasco, simple hymns by Victoria, a Magnificat by Vivanco, instrumental processions, plainchant antiphons – a 'Salve Regina' by Padilla adds a nod in the direction of the New World. The day will not emulate a single liturgical reconstruction, but by assembling sequences of items we can better appreciate the rich diversity in this wonderful repertoire. Singers in all ranges are encouraged to apply. And the instruments permitted in Spanish cathedrals and Ickenham? Cornetts, sackbuts, curtals, viols, and recorders (altos downward) are all fair game, and if you can tame a shawm at anything less than fortissimo you will be especially welcome". Pitch A = 440.

The day will begin with coffee at 10.00 for a 10.30 start and run till 5.00. Ickenham URC is in Swakeleys Road, on the corner of Eleanor Grove (postcode UB10 8BE), half a mile from Ickenham station (Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines) and about three quarters of a mile from West Ruislip (Chiltern and Central). There is likely to be less space than usual in the church car-park because of other events so avoid using it if you can. Parking in the streets immediately by the church is limited but there is unrestricted parking in Copthall Road East (the next side-road after Eleanor Grove as you head west). If you do use the church car park please remember to label your car TVEMF. Pubs and cafes are close by.

Please send this form by 22 June to Jeff Gill, 12 Dorset Road, London SW8 1EJ (020 7735 9002, jeffgill9160@waitrose.com). The fee is £12 for Early Music Forum members and £14 for non-members, cheques payable to TVEMF. You should assume that your application has been accepted unless you hear to the contrary.

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TVEMF, Ickenham United Reformed Church, 11 July 2015

Name

Voice/instrument

I enclose a cheque for £

Address, telephone number, e-mail address: