

Thames Valley Early Music Forum

1535 – a year in the life of Pierre Attaignant

A day for singers and instrumentalists
directed by Peter Syrus

Saturday 17 September 2016 10 am for 10:30 until 5 pm
United Reformed Church, Ickenham,

Peter Syrus has a track record of introducing TVEMF members to music which deserves to be better known. His immaculate editions open up unfamiliar pieces by familiar composers, and sometimes by composers most of us had never heard of. How many of us knew about George de La Hèle or G ery de Ghersem before Peter's workshop in July 2013?

This year most of the names will be well-known, but not necessarily the music. The common theme is that it was all published by Pierre Attaignant in 1535. Peter says: "The workshop freeze-frames a richly productive year for this Parisian printer and publisher. By now he had established a market eager for his wares, sacred and secular, vocal and instrumental. Our selection will include motets by Verdelot, Richafort and Manchicourt, alongside chansons by Janequin and Claudin de Sermisy. Punctuating the day will be three settings of the joyful Marian antiphon for Easter, 'Regina caeli laetare'. For eight, five and twelve voices, they are by Rous e, Willaert and Gombert respectively."

The music will be suitable for voices, viols, recorders (alto downwards), cornetts, sackbuts and curtals (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 a limited amount of space in the church car-park and unrestricted parking in Copthall Road East (the next side-road after Eleanor Grove as you head west). If you use the church car park please label your car TVEMF. Pubs and cafes are close by.

Please send this form by 22 August 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. If you find you cannot come, please be sure to let us know in good time. Don't just fail to turn up as not only will we keep your cheque but you may deprive someone on the waiting list of a place.

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Name Voice/instrument

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