North East
Early Music Forum
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Saturday 21 January 2023

Byrd & the Birth of the Consort Anthem

A workshop for singers and viols, soft winds & recorders

Led by Bill Hunt of Fretwork

St Mary's C of E Church, Fawdon, Newcastle

10 for 10.30 - 4.30 A = 440

The ‘verse anthem’ is one of the finest artistic creations to come out of the English Reformation. The simple structure of ‘verses' for solo voice or voices alternating with passages of full chorus reaches its highest level of sophistication in the 'consort anthem', where voices and consort instruments share material on equal terms and give dramatic life to devotional texts through a new rhetorical approach to word-setting. William Byrd, whose centenary falls this year, can justly be regarded as the father of this peculiarly English musical form. We shall look at some early examples of his works, newly reconstructed, leading to detailed examination of his iconic consort anthem ‘Christ rising/Christ is risen again’. If available, an organ is welcome to accompany chorus sections. NB Dulcians are welcome. Verse sections will be treated as sectional, and emphasis will be given to integrating chorus sections into the drama. So everyone singing can expect to be fully involved.

BIll Hunt was a founder member of the viol consort Fretwork and established its publishing operation ‘Fretwork Editions’, which he has directed and expanded since 1989. He has combined an initial focus on the great English viol consort repertory with an increasing interest in music for voices and viols, culminating most recently in doctoral research into performance of the Pre-Restoration consort anthem. At the same time he has pursued a performing career specialising in contrabass members of the viol family with leading ensembles such as London Baroque, Taverner Consort and the Dunedin Consort.

COST £18; concessions £9 (people aged ≤26 or on a very low income e.g. solely dependent on state benefits). STUDENTS FREE.
Refreshments at breaks included. Bring a packed lunch or use local facilities.
Please complete the booking form below and send with a cheque payable to ‘North East Early Music Forum’ to: **Alice Brunton, 13 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP** (or book online via workshop diary on our website www.neemf.org.uk). Closing date: (6 January 2023) If you cannot use your booked place, please inform us asap. For more info., please email alice@alice.org.uk

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Byrd & the Birth of the Consort Anthem with Bill Hunt **Application Form**
(Closing date for applications: 6 January 2023)
Completed form and cheque to: **Alice Brunton, 13 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP**

Name and address (with postcode please)..
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.... Postcode ....

Email ____ Tel: _______________________________

I wish to play:________________________ (*indicate instrument(s*)   approx level *(eg starter, pro, student)* _________

or I wish to sing: ________________________ *(voice)*   I would be able to sing solo (if required) ☐

Please also tell us if you have any special requirements (eg large print, transpositions or clefs preferred, etc):

We will email a receipt. If you prefer, we can post an acknowledgement/receipt for which I enclose a stamped SAE ☐

I enclose a cheque (*payable to `North East Early Music Forum’*) for £ _______   Do you belong to NEEMF? Yes / No

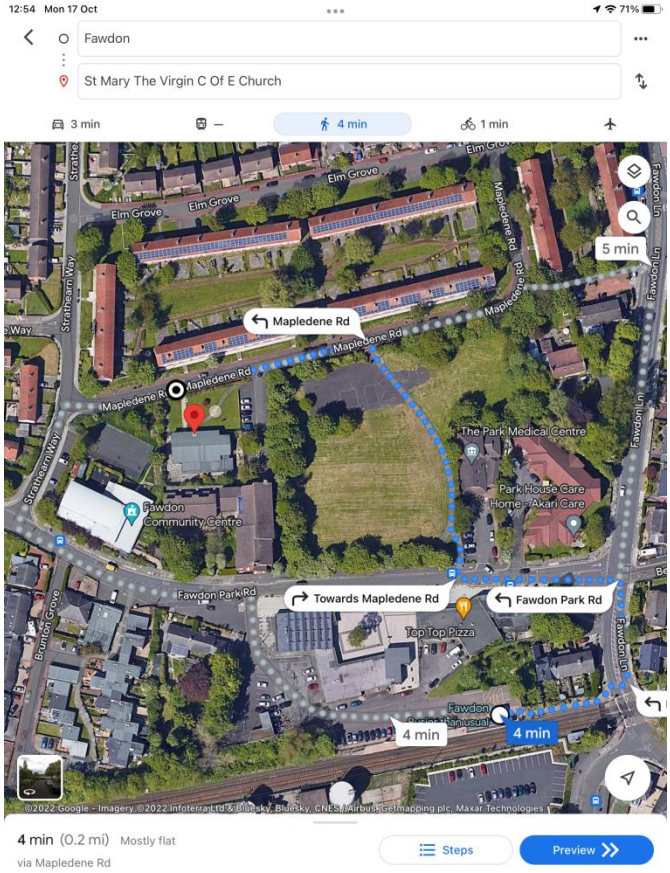
Is this your first workshop? If so, we will try to arrange a welcomer to meet you. Yes / No

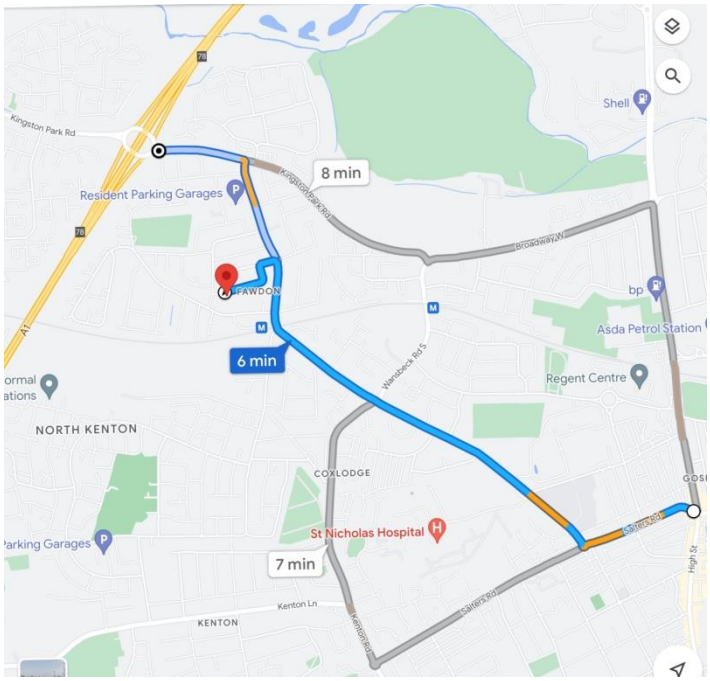
For non-members of NEEMF: May we email you occasionally? Your email address will not be shared with anyone. Yes / No

Signed ____________________________________   **Date** ___________________

Directions to St Mary's C of E Church, Mapledene Road, Fawdon, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 2RY
By public transport: Train to Newcastle, Metro to Fawdon. 4 minute walk from metro station, via lit, paved path through small park.
By car: Great North Road Left onto Salters Road, Right onto Jubilee Road. After about 1 mile cross level crossing, do not take 1st left to Fawdon, take 2nd left (mini roundabout) signposted St Mary's C of E church, next L.
Coming from A1 western bypass take exit to City North / Fawdon / Gosforth. Turn R at lights into Fawdon Lane, 5th R into Elm Lane, then L into Mapledene Road. Small church car park, then on street parking with no restrictions.

Venue website: https://stmaryfawdon.wixsite.com/church





Please note: The NEEMF half-price pensioner concession is only for pensioners whose SOLE source of income is the state pension. Pensioners who live on a combination of occupational and state pensions pay the full workshop rate.