

Saturday 8th July 2023
Remembering John & Mary Cousen
Clements Hall, York (directions overleaf)
10 for 10.30, finish 4.30pm, Pitch A=440
a workshop for voices & instruments

North East
Early Music Forum
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John and Mary Cousen were early members of NEEMF who contributed greatly to the enjoyment of early music in the region, and more widely. Back in the days before London Pro Musica publications and IMSLP, when there wasn't even cheap, good-quality photocopying, not much early music was available and what there was, was in very expensive editions. To fill this void, John would spend many hours in libraries copying out early music that was not otherwise available and assembling the many pieces of music that he collected into part books, carefully and attractively bound by Mary. Through him, many newcomers to early music were able to access the music they were after. Mary and John also got quite a few people started on viol playing careers, at a time when very little tuition was available.

John and Mary were always willing to welcome players and singers to their home in Huddersfield, never more so than at their annual Christmas/New Year parties. We hope to recreate some of the fun and musical enjoyment of those parties at this event where we will be singing and playing some of the music that John wrote out. There will be no tutor, as such, although there will be guiding hands. From the large selection available, varied music will be selected to fit the resources offered by those who apply, and we hope to be able to allocate parts and send some music out in advance. Participants will take turns at being performers and audience. In the spirit of those early parties, everyone will be invited to bring a contribution for a pot-luck lunch, and it is hoped that a good time will be had by all. This event will be open to all comers (therefore A440), whatever you sing or play and whether or not you knew John and Mary – just as long as you are prepared to play from John's beautiful, but sometimes slightly quirky, manuscript.

COST: As NEEMF's tribute to John and Mary, this event will be free of charge. **Refreshments at breaks included. Please bring a music stand if needed and a contribution to a shared lunch.**
Please book online https://www.neemf.org.uk/neemf-workshop-diary.html or send the completed booking form below to **Jo Green, 73 Huntington Rd, York YO31 8RL.** More info/enquiries: jogreenyork@gmail.com (07939 841749 or 01904 673675)**.** Closing date for bookings: **17th June 2023**. If, having booked, you are unable to come, please let us know as soon as possible.

Cousen Playing Day 8 July 2023. Closing date for bookings: 17 June. **Application Form**

Completed form to **Jo Green, 73 Huntington Rd, York YO31 8RL**

Name &
address……

……Postcode ……

Email _____ Tel: _____

I wish to play(instruments) _____ and/or sing:_____ *(voice)*
Please also tell us if you have any special requirements (eg large print, transpositions or clefs preferred, etc):

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An acknowledgement will be emailed. If you prefer this to be posted, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

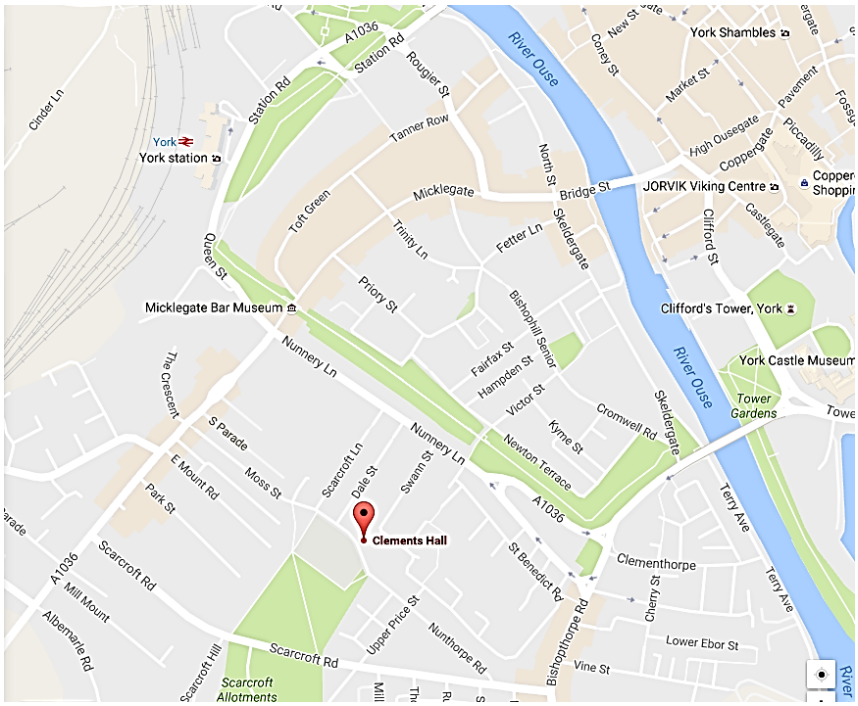
Do you belong to NEEMF? Yes / No

For non-members of NEEMF:

May we email you occasionally? Your email address will not be shared with anyone. Yes / No

Signed _____ _ Date _____

Clements Hall, Nunthorpe Road, York, is easily reached by public transport or by car: SatNav use YO23 1BP or YO23 1BS. There is free parking in the school playground opposite and car access is via Scarcroft Rd and Upper Price St (or directly onto Nunthorpe Rd if coming from the east).
Park and Ride: White route from Askham Bar and Turquoise route from Poppleton Bar will drop you off at Blossom Street or the railway station, and Red route from the Designer Outlet on the A64 will deliver you to the railway station. Approx. 12 minutes' walk from York Railway Station via Nunnery Lane.
The building has disabled access.



COVID precautions: to help to protect everyone, we ask you to:

- read and abide by our Covid policy. This can be found on our website https://neemf.weebly.com/covid-policy.html
- whether vaccinated or not, take a lateral flow test the day before the workshop
- do not attend if you feel at all unwell