

southern early music forum

The first Queen Elizabeth and England's Golden Age

*O lord make thy servant, Elizabeth our queen, to rejoice in thy strength:
give her her heart's desire, and deny not the request of her lips.* William Byrd

Choral Day in Challock, Kent, tutored by David Allinson

Sunday 19 February 2012 – 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

In this Diamond Jubilee year, we celebrate the remarkable flowering of English musical culture during the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth (1558–1603). Never before or since has the English Chapel Royal boasted such a constellation of talents, including Tallis, Byrd, Parsons, Mundy and Gibbons. We will sing Latin motets and English anthems by members of the Chapel Royal: exact repertoire depends upon numbers signing up, but it is hoped to include Byrd's giddy *Sing joyfully*, his sonorous *O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth* and Tallis's exuberant *Honor, virtus et potestas*, plus other items from the 1575 *Cantiones sacrae*, the collection dedicated to the Virgin Queen.

Please sign up early – men especially – so that we can plan to tackle the more ambitious pieces.

Venue: The Village (Memorial) Hall, Challock, near Ashford, on the A252 between Charing (A20) and Chilham (A28). At Challock, go down Church Lane and take the first left (just past the Chequers Pub) into Blind Lane; the Memorial Hall is on the right. There is plenty of car-parking space at the Hall.

Lunch: Two pubs in the village serve lunch, or bring your own lunch to eat in the Hall. As last year we will ask someone from one of the pubs to come and take orders at the start of the day. Coffee and tea are included in the fee.

Tutor: This is **David Allinson's** *tenth* visit to Challock, tribute enough to the popularity of these events. David is an experienced workshop leader, and has directed numerous workshops in the UK and Europe. His academic and performing interests lie in the history and performance of Renaissance choral music. David studied music at St Peter's College, Oxford and University College, Durham; he completed a PhD (on the devotional and intellectual context of early Tudor church music) at Exeter University in 1998. He then worked on the revised *Grove Dictionary of Music*, subsequently becoming assistant editor of several music periodicals. In October 2011, after ten years as a freelancer – which included school teaching and lecturing at City University, London, Oxford Brookes and at many Oxford colleges – he was appointed full-time Teaching Fellow in Music at Bristol University. He continues to lead a limited number of choral workshops and to conduct the Renaissance Singers, and his own early music ensemble, Cantores.

Timetable: 10.00 Arrival and Coffee 10.30 Session 1 11.45 Break 12.00 Session 2
13.00 Lunch 14.15 Session 3 15.30 Tea 15.45 Session 4 (end by 17.00)

Fee: SEMF or other EMF members £9-00
Under-25 £5.00
Others £12-00 (including 1-year's SEMF membership £15.00 – new members only)

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Please advise us of any changes to your booking as soon as possible so that it doesn't impact on other attendees.

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I would like to come to the SEMF Day at Challock on **Sunday 19 February 2012**

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I enclose payment of £ (cheques payable to **Southern Early Music Forum**)

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