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North West Early Music Forum

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Welcome to our monthly NWEEMF Digest with a short roundup of workshop news and other Early Music events and concerts in and around the North West.

This month, we held our last two workshops of the year - on 9 November, we were in Lancaster exploring the wonderful music of Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla with Clive Walkley. It was a super day for voices and instruments covering mostly double choir repertoire (and thanks to Rosy Martin for the delicious lemon drizzle cake that kept us going in the afternoon). We have enjoyed a long association with Clive over the years, and this was his last workshop for us - it was a fitting way to celebrate so many years of close collaboration. Thank you, Clive!



(This is a photo of Lancaster Castle - we had such a good time at the workshop that we forgot to take any photos on the day!)

The following week found us in Chester at All Saint's Church for a recorders only workshop led by Grace Barton and the Polyphonica Recorder Trio. Having three tutors allowed the group to split up into two smaller groups to work on different pieces, coming back together to perform larger works, and also have a few technique lessons. You can watch a short video with sights and sounds of the day [here](#) - the full recordings, plus more photos, can be found [here](#). Full reviews of both workshops will appear in the next members' Newsletter.



Upcoming Workshops

Details of our [2025 Workshop Programme](#) is now available on our website - there's a lot to look forward to. Full details and application forms for each workshop will be available nearer the time.

We're also looking ahead to our **50th anniversary year in 2027**, and are planning a full year of exciting events. We'd love our members to be involved at this stage, so please do get in touch if you'd be interested in helping us to mark this very special milestone.

If you are not yet a member, you can join for only £10 a year and benefit from reduced rates for all our workshops, and those run by other Early Music Fora. [Apply online today](#).

Other Events and Concerts

Here are some of the early music highlights for the coming month in and around the North West - there's a lot to look forward to in the run up to Christmas!

30 November - BMEMF Workshop for Singers *Edmund Hooper & Orlando Gibbons*; The Bridges Centre, Drybridge Park, Monmouth NP25 5AS

30 November 7pm - Let all the world in every corner sing! - The William Byrd Singers Christ Church West Didsbury, Darley Ave, Manchester M20 2ZD

30 November 7pm - Handel - Messiah HWV. 56 - Manchester Baroque
Manchester Cathedral, M3 1SX

4 December 6.30pm - Motets by JS and JC Bach - Solomon's Knot The Stoller Hall, Manchester, M3 1DA ([click here](#) for a special members' discount)

6 December 7pm - Motets by JS and JC Bach - Solomon's Knot St Mary's Church, Nottingham, NG1 1HN

6-15 December - York Early Music Christmas Festival

6 December 7.30pm - Midwinter Revels - GreenMatthews Darwen Library Theatre, Knott Street, Darwen, BB3 3BU

7 December 4pm - Handel's Messiah - Leodis Consort Fulneck Moravian Church, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 8NT

7 December 7.30pm - The Christmas Journey - Liverpool Renaissance Singers Liverpool Parish Church, L2 8GW

8 December 3.30pm - When Icicles Hang by the Wall - The York Waits Holy Trinity Church, Wentworth, nr Rotherham S62 7TW

8 December 6pm - Motets by JS and JC Bach - Solomon's Knot St Margaret's Church, Walmgate, York YO1 9TL

12 December 6.30pm - This Joyful Birth - Stile Antico St Margaret's Church, Walmgate, York YO1 9TL

13 December 7pm - Carols Through Time - The Telling Portico Library, 57 Mosley St, Manchester M2 3HY7pm

14 December - NEEMF Workshop *Five Centuries of a Medieval Christmas*
Clements Hall, York YO23 1BW

14 December - MEMF Praetorius Christmas Workshop Dorridge Village Hall, Grange Road, Dorridge, B93 8QA

14 December 12pm - [Ubi sunt mulieres - Contre le Temps](#) St Margaret's Church, Walmgate, York YO1 9TL

14 December 3pm - [Christmas with Chester Bach Singers](#) St Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road, Chester, Cheshire CH1 1QJ

15 December 11am - [A Merry Conceit - Intesa](#) Bedern Hall, Bartle Garth, St Andrewgate, York YO1 7AL

15 December 6.30pm - [Cantata 62 - Liverpool Bach Collective](#) St Joseph's Church, Warren Road, Blundellsands, L23 6UA

16 December 7.30pm - [A Concert for Christmas - Vivaldi Ensemble](#) including Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3, and Concerto for Violin and Oboe. Luther King House, Brighton Grove, Manchester M14 5JP

16 December 7.30pm - [Gaudete! - GreenMatthews](#) St Mary's Creative Space, St Mary's Hill, Chester, CH1 2DW

19-25 December - [Pam's Carols 2024 for recorders](#) - daily 30 minute online sessions via Zoom

20 December 7.30pm - [Gaudete! - GreenMatthews](#) Wem Town Hall, High Street, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5DG

20 December 7.30pm - [The Telling Unchained at Christmas](#) Ullet Road Church Hall, 57 Ullet Rd, Liverpool L17 2AA

20 December 7.30pm - [When Icicles Hang by the Wall - The York Waits](#) St Margaret's Church, Walmgate, York YO1 9TL

The [Other Events](#) page on our website has a regularly updated calendar of events with early music workshops, courses, festivals and concerts. Please let us know of any events you'd like us to add to this.

For details of course providers and other useful links, visit our [Links](#) page. Again, please get in touch if there are any organisations or groups you would like us to add to this directory.

The next NWEMF Digest will be sent next month. Keep up to date with the latest news on our [website](#) and on [Facebook](#). We also have a new [publicity leaflet](#) available both as a PDF and in printed form - if you would like a bundle of these to distribute locally, please reply to this email and we'll send some to you.



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