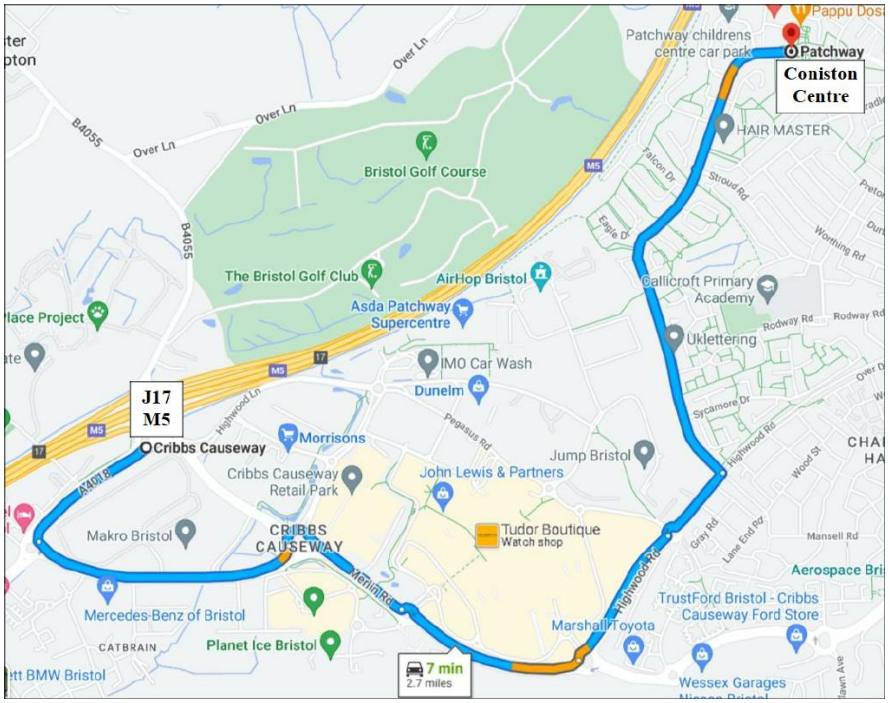


SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS

# PLAYING DAY

with

# HELEN HOOKER

at Patchway near Bristol

## Saturday 15th February 2025

Promoted by the Bristol Branch
of the Society of Recorder Players
(Registered Charity Nos. 282751 &
SC038422)

**Helen Hooker**

Since graduating from Trinity College of Music in 1993 Helen has spent her working life doing a mixture of performing, conducting, teaching and writing for the recorder. Helen loves working with adult recorder players of all ability levels, teaching on residential courses and coaching ensembles and orchestras of all sizes. She has worked with the SRP for over thirty years (as a Musical Advisor since 2000) and has now conducted all of the Society's branches.

Helen enjoys introducing recorder players to a wide variety of repertoire and her sessions always include music in a mixture of different styles, from Renaissance polyphony right through to contemporary (but user-friendly!) works and lighter arrangements. Helen is Musical Director of the Thames Valley and the Mellow Tones Recorder Orchestras, the UK's first regularly rehearsing eight foot recorder orchestra.

During the Covid-19 pandemic Helen launched a project to create play-along videos of recorder consort music to help keep people playing during the restrictions. This project is ongoing, and a large library of music and videos is now available for anyone to use. These resources, along with Helen's CDs and book, Recorder Technique: a guide to the basics and beyond, are all available via Helen's website at www.helenhooker.co.uk.

Music will be provided, but please bring a music stand.

Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day, but you will need to bring a packed lunch and a mug for tea/coffee.

Please return the form below together with a cheque payable to "SRP, Bristol Branch" to Rachel Mason, 23, Belmont Drive, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8US. Tel: 07403 057336

**Places are limited - first come first served. Booking essential**

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I would like to attend the Playing Day on 15th February 2025 at Coniston Community Centre.

I enclose a cheque for £_____ for full day/morning/afternoon

Name_____ Address _____

_____ Telephone _____

I shall bring the following instruments:- (Circle as appropriate)

Recorders Sno D Tr T B Gt B Contra B

☐ Please tick box if you would like a lift to the Playing Day

**RECORDER PLAYING DAY**

**conducted by Helen Hooker**

**at Coniston Community Centre, The Parade, Coniston Road, Patchway, BS34 5LP**

on Saturday 15th February 2025 from 10.00am until 4.00pm

# PROGRAMME

| | |
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| 10.00am | Assembly |
| 10.15 | 1st Playing Session |
| 11.15 | Tea/Coffee |
| 11.40 | 2nd Playing Session |
| 12.40pm | Lunch |
| 1.40 | 3rd Playing Session |
| 2.40 | Tea/Coffee |
| 3.00 | Final Playing Session |
| 4.00 | Close |

# MUSIC

The day will feature a wide range of music, from the renaissance to the twenty-first century, for all sizes of recorder.

# COST

| | **Full** | **Student** |
|---|---|---|
| Full Day | £15.00 | £8.00 |
| Morning/Afternoon | £8.00 | £4.00 |

# VENUE

**Coniston Community Centre, Patchway, BS34 5LP** currently has free parking. However it is possible, that by the time of this event, charges may have been introduced. The playing room is large, well-lit and well-ventilated and has facilities for wheel chair users (lift and toilets). The Centre is easily reached from **Junction 17 of the M5. See map on back page.**