A Border Marches Early Music Forum Workshop

 **Sunday 15 June 2014**

 **The Secrets of Our Hearts - love and death in the music of the Restoration**

**Sacred and secular music for voices and instruments (A = 440)**

**Tutors: Steven Devine and Kate Semmens**

**Stockenny, Nr New Radnor, Powys, LD8 2RE, *by kind invitation of John Wren***

**Registration** from 9.30 **Workshop** 10.00 – 12.45 and 14.15 – 17.00 **BMEMF AGM** 12.45

**Followed by a recital by Steven Devine and Kate Semmens, 18.30 – 19.30**

**The workshop** will explore two themes central to church and court at the end of the 17th century: love and death in the church and on the stage.  It will include the funeral music of Henry Purcell and William Croft, contrasted with the closing choruses of Purcell’s “Dido and Aeneas” and Blow’s “Venus and Adonis”.

**Steven Devine** is the harpsichordist for London Baroque and the co-principal with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, has a fine solo career on harpsichord, clavichord and fortepiano and is well-known as a conductor. **Kate Semmens** is an acclaimed soloist with many leading groups and opera companies, and specialises in the world of the baroque.

**The evening recital** will be based on Steven and Kate’s recent CD, “Delicatessen”, a selection of settings of English verse by Purcell, Blow and Croft, and of later music by composers such as Boyce and Arne, often performed at the Pleasure Gardens.

**Enjoy your picnics** at lunchtime, and before or after the recital, while admiring the fine views from Stockenny’s hillside setting. (Space available indoors if the weather is poor.)

**Prior booking is essential.** **Please return the attached slip with a cheque payable to BMEMF to: Marna Gowan, 8 Blackmore Road, MALVERN, WR14 1QX (01684 565 707, email** **marna.gowan@btinternet.com****). Cheques will be banked after the workshop. Confirmation and directions to Stockenny will be sent by email. If you do not have email, please enclose an s.a.e.**

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**Workshop: £16 Fora members, £18 non-members, £5 students**

**Recital: £5 (£4 for workshop participants), students free**

Name(s) ------------------------------------------------------- Address----------------------------------------------------------------------

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Telephone ------------------------------- Email ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Voice (please circle) S A T B Instruments(s) ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Workshop places ---------- Recital tickets ---------- I enclose a cheque for £-------------------------