

Viola Playday in South Yorkshire

Eleven enthusiastic viola players congregated at Ravenfield in South Yorkshire on 8th July for a viola playday.

We played a mixture of trios, quartets, quintets and sextets from a variety of composers, some being original compositions but mostly arrangements for viola ensembles, as well as transcriptions of works from traditional sources like Bach, Handel, and Haydn. The players were rotated throughout the day so that the opportunities to play 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. were shared out.

Lunch and refreshments were provided at intervals during the day, and there was even time to enjoy a cuppa on the lawn in the sunshine. Many of the attendees knew each other from other occasions and organisations but there were a number of newcomers. At the end of the day there were more friends than there were at the start.

A special thank you to Natalie Wing who hosted the event, provided refreshments (including the strawberry and cream cake at tea time), organised the players' rota, and sorted out the music. It was a perfect day which would not have happened without her major contribution.

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