

20th June 2009 Rosemary Berry

Rosemary is one of the founding members of the group, and hasn't conducted us for a while, so it was a pleasure to invite her along this afternoon. It was an afternoon of dances – we began with a *Rain Dance* by **Ross Edwards**, and after the final run through the music starred Mary, Jane and Julia on rainmakers! The following piece, *Jongleurs*, by **John Rimmer** also had stars – this time Felicity and Gabrielle provided a drone section. We then went back in time, Rosemary reading a lengthy article about Holborne, and played three of **Holborne's** dances – *Nowell's galliarde*, *Heigh ho holiday* and *Honiesuckle*. Then it was time for a delicious tea of cakes and flan made by Elsa (those who weren't there really missed out on this treat!!!). after tea, we played an *Air* from **Mathew Locke's** 'hs Majesties sackbuts and cornets', followed by a *Courante* by the same composer, and another *Courante* by **Praetorius**. Then a dancing lesson! We learnt how to do the steps for a pavane, before attempting to play a simple *Pavan* by **Gervaise**, a French composer. Moving to the twentieth century we finished the afternoon with **Gershwin's** *Let's call the whole thing off*, and **Lyndon Hilling's** *Celebration Rag* and *Foxtrot*. Thank you for providing a variety of dance music this afternoon, Rosemary.