



WEALD of KENT BRANCH PLAYING DAY

19th November 2022

“With all our colours!” led by Anna Stegmann

The Weald of Kent Branch were delighted to welcome Anna Stegman as their visiting conductor for a full day of lovely music on a dull November day.

Anna is Professor of Recorder at the Royal Academy of Music in London, also teaching at the Wells Cathedral School and Jackdaws Music Educational Trust.



The theme for the day was “...with all our colours”. Anna enthused and inspired our playing with pieces by J.H. Schein, J.S. Bach, Sören Sieg and finally a joyful and fast paced piece by Pascual Marquina.



There were many larger instruments including two Contrabasses which added to the rich and full sound of the group. The repertoire took us from early Baroque music including Banchetto Musicale Suite 10 by Johann Schein, the Bach Lutheran Passion hymn (BWV622) "O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde groß" (O man, bewail thy sin so great) with Anna playing a beautiful tenor solo in her own arrangement, through to Sören Sieg's "Consolation" from his Ixsha suite with some challenging rhythms. We ended with España Cañi, a wonderful Paso Doble by Pascual Marquin. This concluded an enjoyable and challenging day of playing which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Anna certainly brought out the different colours and flavours in the various pieces of music and the best in all of the players, leaving us all wanting more!

Brenda Farr and Ian Jutting

