January 2024 Meeting conducted by Robin Powell

14 players were present at the beginning of this session and a 15th arrived a little later.

Robin, in his normal calm and friendly manner, began with Scheldt – Bergamasca which was a comfortable piece with which to start, and familiar to at least some of us.

That was followed by Gabrieli’s Canzon Primi Toni for 10 parts (!!) at which we worked very hard. The timing was tricky and we almost succeeded.

Before our tea break (thanks to Sue Pinney and Mauritse Noall) we successfully played Byrd’s Lord Willobie’s Welcome Home.

3 pieces followed the tea and cake: John Hawkes’ Suite – a more contemporary piece, Vivaldi’s Al Santo Seplucro, and Challinger’s Ballad, Blues and Riffs.

I am sure that everyone who was there enjoyed the music we played as well as Robin’s carefully considered conducting.