

The Pipers' Guild



**Autumn Playing Course
21 – 24 September 2021**

**St Colomba's House, Maybury Hill
Woking, Surrey, GU22 8AB**



Woking 2021

About St Colomba's

St Colomba's House is a retreat and conference centre, a mile from the centre of Woking in Surrey, with attractive grounds for walking or sitting in. It is a short bus or taxi ride from Woking station, which is just 30 minutes by train from central London. Woking is 15 miles from Heathrow airport and 35 miles from Gatwick. <http://www.stcolumbashouse.org.uk/>

All meals are prepared on site using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Breakfast is self-service with cereals, fruit, yoghurt and toast, plus tea or coffee. Lunch and dinner are two course cooked meals served at the table. Special dietary requirements are well catered for.



Most bedrooms are on the first floor, accessible by stairs or a lift; and are single en suite, with desk and telephone. Soap and towels are provided; hairdryers and irons are available on request. There are refreshment points on the first floor and in the foyer, with a selection of free hot drinks; and a cash bar sells soft drinks and wine. Free Wi-Fi is available in bedrooms and throughout the centre. Classrooms, workrooms, the dining room and social areas are all on the ground floor.

About the course

The 2021 course is being run by Rose Atkinson and Angela Hopkinson and begins with registration from 2pm Tuesday 21 September, finishing at 2pm on Friday 24 September.

Playing

There will be two playing classes and we will try to give everyone the opportunity to enjoy playing at a level suiting their ability and to be more challenged. Each afternoon there will be one session of Playing Together for everyone.

A music list will be provided in advance together with an order form. There will be no Guild shop so please ensure you have, or have ordered all the music you need, before the course.

Making

As the course is shorter than usual there will be no making class, but you can make in your free time if you bring your own tools. Bamboo and corks can be supplied if you order in advance. (Please email Rose with your requirements)

Decorating

There will be no decorating class but you can decorate in your free time so do bring your own decorating materials and tools if you have them. Some resources and materials will be available.

Other activities

After such a long period of enforced social isolation, time for social activity is an important part of the course. We have a more relaxed timetable with a later start in the mornings and plenty of free time. You can use your free time to do some personal practice, decorate a pipe, do some making, play in small groups, have a rest, relax and chat with friends over coffee, enjoy the grounds, go for a walk, explore the local area...

Course timetable

		09:30 - 10:45		11:15 - 12:30		13:30 - 15:30		16:00 - 17:00	17:00 - 18:00		19:30 -
Tuesday						Registration	Tea 15:30 - 16:00	Playing Together	Playing A	Dinner 18:15 - 19:30	Free time
Wednesday	Breakfast 08:15 - 09:15	Playing B	Coffee 10:45 - 11:15	Playing A	Lunch 12:30 - 13:30	Free time		Playing B	Playing Together		Free time
Thursday		Playing A		Playing B		Free time		Playing A	Playing Together		Free time
Friday		Playing B		Playing Together							

Fees

Per person (including non-players): **£325**

Please note the following important dates:

- Bursaries are available. Applications must be endorsed by a member of the Guild and received by **15 April**. All bursary applicants will be notified a decision by 1 May.
- Your application form and £50 deposit must be received by **15 May**.
- The balance of your fees must be received by **15 June**.

COVID-19

This course is being planned on the understanding that it will be allowed under Covid rules in September, but may be cancelled if Government restrictions do not permit us to go ahead.

You are responsible for ensuring you are fit to attend the course and must not travel to Woking if you suspect you might have any Covid symptoms (NB: see Medical Form). Whilst you are at St Columba's you must adhere to Government Covid guidelines and follow any Covid measures requested by St Columba's and by the Guild Committee, to protect your health and the health of other residents and staff.

Refund policy

If the course is cancelled the Guild will refund fees, subject to any payments retained by St Columba's according to their terms and conditions.

If you cancel, the Guild will refund your fees subject to the following:

- If you cancel **before 15 June** – all fees will be returned.
- If you cancel **after 15 June** – fees will be returned subject to any payments retained by St Columba's according to their terms and conditions.

The Guild recommends all participants take out holiday insurance.

Woking 2021 - Application Form

Name				
Address				
Tel no			Email	
Mobile				
Pipes I will bring to play	Simple Sopranino		Extended Sopranino	
	Simple Treble		Extended Treble	
	Simple Alto		Extended Alto	
	Simple Tenor		Extended Tenor	
	Bass		Contratenor/Contrabass	

I understand that:

- Full payment is required by 15 June in order to reserve a place.
- Should I cancel, the Guild reserves the right to retain all or some fees paid.

Signed

1 Post your completed form to:

Rose Atkinson, Shortwood Farmhouse, Easton Hill, Wells, Somerset, BA5 1AT

Or scan and email the form to: roseatkinson59@gmail.com

2 Send a cheque for £50 payable to The Pipers' Guild to:

Ted Drake, 6 Walmer Close, Brightlingsea, Colchester, Essex, CO7 0PE

Or make payment direct to the Guild bank account:

Email info@pipersguild.org for bank details

For international money transfers we recommend using <https://transferwise.com/>

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Special requirements

Name

Diet

The chef at St Colomba's has worked closely with a nutritionist to improve the nutritional content of the menu, limiting the amount of salt used and opting to use semi-skimmed rather than whole milk. He will do his best to ensure that dietary requirements are catered for. Please be as specific as possible.

Vegetarian	Gluten-free
Vegan	Diabetic / Low GI
Food intolerances / allergies	
<i>Other:</i>	

Accessibility

St Colomba's has a disabled parking bay directly in front of the main entrance. The rear access to the Chapel has a ramp and within the house there is a lift from Reception to the first floor. Two bedrooms have fully accessible showers and emergency alarms. Alarms can be loaned out for those with hearing issues. They are used under the pillow as both a 'wake-up' alarm and fire alarm. All meeting rooms in the house have enhanced hearing systems. There are two accessible toilets on the ground floor, which also have an emergency pull cord. Every meeting room is accessible by wheelchair. All key staff undergo first aid training and a first aid box is available in Reception.

I require a disabled parking bay	I require an accessible room
Other requests	

Medical Form

All participants are required to complete this medical form

Name

Details of a relative or close friend who we may contact in case of an emergency

Name:

Address:

Tel:

Mobile:

Details of your GP

Name:

Address:

Tel:

COVID-19

I understand that:

- I must not attend if I have any Covid symptoms and have not had a negative test.
- I must have a negative Covid test if I have been in contact with someone who has tested positive or with Covid symptoms in the 14 days prior to the course.
- I must inform the organisers if I have any symptoms of Covid during the course, or within 14 days after the course.

Information in case of medical emergency:

I have received two doses of Covid vaccine	Yes / No
I have had one dose of Covid vaccine on Date:	
I have not been vaccinated against Covid	
I am at high risk from Covid (clinically extremely vulnerable)	Yes / No

Medical Form

Please indicate if you suffer from any of the following conditions

Serious allergies		
Asthma / Bronchitis		
Diabetes		
Epilepsy		
Heart related condition		
High blood pressure		
<i>Other</i>		

Please list any regular medication that is prescribed to you, and the daily dosage

Put your completed form into a sealed envelope marked with the following:

- a) **Medical Form - [your name]**
- b) **Return - or - Destroy**

Please bring this to the course and give to Imogen McGavin when you arrive.

Your envelope will only be opened in an emergency and the information you provide will help us to cope with any illness or medical emergency you may suffer whilst on the course. After the course, we will either return the form to you or destroy it.