



YORKSHIRE
DALES
MUSIC

Elgar and Strings

Arranged by Ben Crick

Course Overview

There can be no doubt that the Yorkshire Dales held a special place in the heart of the composer Edward Elgar. He was a regular visitor throughout his life and some of his greatest music was inspired by the time he spent in Yorkshire. What better opportunity could there be to fully immerse yourself in this great music than by staying in an Edwardian country house less than half a mile from the music room where Elgar and his friend Dr Buck discussed, played and explored the quintessential sounds of Edwardian England.

Elgar's string music occupies a central place in the composer's opus; from the light salon music of 'Salut d'amore' and the 'Chansons' to the haunting 'Elegy'. The music traces the development of the composer's voice, reaching its zenith in the two masterpieces of the genre, the 'Serenade for Strings' and the virtuosic 'Introduction and Allegro'.

You'll extend your skills and enhance your repertoire, playing in a group with the expert guidance of our tutors.

Itinerary

- DAY 1 - 10am welcome meeting, followed by 3 workshops.
- DAY 2 - 4 workshops and 1-1 sessions throughout the day.
- DAY 3 - 2 workshops, then a free afternoon to explore the local area.
- DAY 4 - breakfast and departure.
- Full detailed itinerary available with booking.

Course Highlights

- Full board accommodation (one pub meal out excluded) in a Charming Edwardian House.
- Expert guidance and tuition to get the most out of your instrument.
- All sheet music.
- 9 workshops and 1 to 1 sessions.
- Stunning Setting in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.



Accommodation

Built in 1904 as a gentlemen's country residence, Woodlands sits at the end of a quiet road, ten minutes walk from picturesque town of Settle. Beyond the gates of the house the Yorkshire Dales National Park stretches uninterrupted for miles.

Woodlands is a step back in time to an early 20th Century style.

The House

- Choice of rooms - from the 4 poster bedroom with ensuite to a comfortable single.
- Edwardian drawing room.
- Guest kitchen.
- Gardens and terrace, with views across the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- Large dining room with piano.
- Wi-Fi.

Catering

You have a self-service breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. You are welcome to bring your own wine, beer or favourite drink.

All food is vegetarian home cooking from local suppliers.

You will be looked after by our house-keepers, but you'll not be waited on. You should let us know of any catering requests or allergies at the time of booking. There is also a guest kitchen.

You are not expected to wash up, but you are part of a small group and helping out is always appreciated.

Evenings and free time

Between sessions you can factor in time to practice on your own, either in your room or in a quiet practice space around the house.

After dinner there may be an informal music session or alternatively you can relax in the house or your room.

There are many lovely walks from the house for all abilities. The area is great for walking, running, cycling, climbing, caving or just a potter along the river or visit Giggleswick village or Settle.



Travel

By train

The nearest station is Settle with trains from Leeds or Carlisle, but there is also a small station at Giggleswick on the Leeds to Morcombe line. Settle is a twenty minute walk, or we can arrange to pick you up.

By Car

We can send directions - but it's easiest to head for Settle.

From the South of the A65, pass through Settle market square and follow the road over the river. You'll start to climb a hill with the school and swimming pool on either side. At the brow of the hill, just before the Hart's Head pub is The Mains on your right. Woodlands is situated at the very end of this road.

From the North of the A65, take the first Giggleswick / Settle turning. You'll climb a hill and then go down again. As you come into Giggleswick you'll see the Hart's Head pub on your right. The Mains is the next left. Woodlands is the very last house and the end of this road.

Sat Nav - BD24 0AX - and keep driving to the end of The Mains.

Local Area

The Yorkshire Dales National Park is a haven for lovers of the great outdoors. There is hiking, biking and caving in spectacular Limestone country, or you can just explore the pretty stone built villages. It's also the perfect base for climbing any of the famous Yorkshire Three Peaks.

Giggleswick is a delightful village nestled just below Giggleswick Scar on the Craven Fault. It's an incredibly pretty place with many 17th Century cottages clustered around the 12th Century St Alkelda's church, the gentle Tems beck and the Italianate dome of Giggleswick School chapel.

Settle is just over the river from Woodlands. The main square has a Tuesday market offering a wide variety of crafts and goods. There is also a wide selection of cafes, restaurants, pubs, independent shops and a swimming pool.

Malham is home to one of Britain's most impressive natural features - Malham Cove - a natural limestone amphitheatre 75 metres in height. This is topped with a world class limestone pavement with a superb view across moors to Malham Tarn, the Pennines' highest natural lake. The village itself has pubs and tea rooms and a National Park Centre. Mountain bike hire can be arranged locally.

Ingleton is home to the superb Waterfalls' Walk and the White Scar Caves. There's also a year-round climbing wall and a seasonal heated outdoor swimming pool in a riverside setting. The attractive village centre has narrow winding streets centred on a small market place.



Booking

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about the retreat. Whether you want to discuss music or accommodation, we're always on hand to answer your queries. The easiest way to do it is via email:

hello@yorkshiredalesmusic.co.uk

or call 01729 84949.

Paying your deposit

A deposit of £100 is required to confirm your booking.

Balance

The balance is due at least 6 weeks before your stay.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please be sure to read the full terms and conditions available on the website.