

The 9th International Festival of Town Pipers, Worcester, 13-15th May 2022



Over the weekend of the 13th– 15th of May the streets of Worcester will come alive to the sound of shawms, sackbuts, bagpipes and other early instruments, as the International Guild of Town Pipers comes to town. Commonly known as waits, there will be ten different groups performing- varying from duos to the mighty sound of the eighteen players of the Colchester Waits and the twelve members of the Stadspijpers of s’Hertogenbosch who have travelled all the way from the Netherlands.

The bands taking part are The Bagshotte Waits, The Leeds Waits, The Worcester Waits, The Gloucester Waits, The Colchester Waits, The Stadspijpers of s’Hertogenbosch, d’Mowbray’s Musick, Waites & Measures, the Bristol Waits and The Doncaster Waits.

Our performance locations are outside the Guildhall on High Street, Tudor House museum, Greyfriars House gardens (National Trust) both on Friar Street and The Commandery on Sidbury. All performances are of course subject to the weather but indoor alternatives are available at most venues.

Timetable

Saturday 14th of May

Public events start at 10am. All performances are free, however entry fees may still apply at some of the venues. Below is a detailed timetable showing which bands are performing where and when.

Location	Commandery Inside	Commandery Garden	Tudor House	Greyfriars	Guildhall
Time					
10.00	Waites & Measures	Den Bosch	Bristol	Bagshotte	Doncaster
10.45	Leeds	Colchester	Mowbray	Worcester	Gloucester
11.30	Waites & Measures	Doncaster	Bagshotte	Bristol	Den Bosch
12.15	Leeds	Gloucester	Worcester	Colchester	Mowbray
13.00	Bristol	Waites & Measures	Doncaster	Den Bosch	Bagshotte
13.45	Colchester	Mowbray	Leeds	Gloucester	Worcester
14.30	Den Bosch	Bagshotte	Waites & Measures	Doncaster	Bristol
15.15	Mowbray	Leeds	Gloucester	Worcester	Colchester
16.00	Finish				

Sunday the 15th of May - The Great Noyse

11.30am All the bands will assemble at Friar Street and then process to the Guildhall where a proclamation will be made. They will then continue on to Cathedral Square.

12pm The Great Noyse! The sixty plus musicians of the guild will perform a short concert (approx. one hour) where you will be able to hear a massed band of shawms, sackbuts and other early instruments; a unique sound which is not to be missed.

1pm The musicians will retire to the Commandery where you will be able to hear more music making and have the opportunity to speak to the players and look at the instruments.

3pm The Commandery closes and the festival will finish.

All times and details are subject to change.

