

# National Association of Musical Instrument Repairers



## SPRING MEETING

**Sunday 30th May 2010, Blidworth near Mansfield, Notts.**

Our Spring Meeting this year will take place at the workshop of PHIL TAYLOR PIANOS, situated in the village of Blidworth in the heart of Sherwood Forest. Blidworth is about 6 miles from junction 27 of the M1. The post code of the venue is NG21 0QS and the address is 2 Clay Bank Villas, Blidworth.

Our host PHIL TAYLOR will be giving a presentation on piano restoration and bass string manufacture.

**PHIL TAYLOR** is no ordinary piano technician. In 1969 he designed and built his own bass stringing machine and with new improved technology is today still spinning high quality bass strings for the Music Trade. In 1982 Phil was the first person in the Country to write his own computer program for calculating his bass strings. This he followed by writing a further computer program for rescaling pianos. He has also developed a method for replacing Steinway action rails and a special technique for drilling these to the original scale of the piano. Phil has received numerous accolades from world class players. FU TS'ONG telephoned personally to congratulate him after playing one of his Steinway rebuilds. Phil's own piano, a Ronish Grand, built around 1890, was restored to such a high specification that it was chosen by BBC Wales for the televised production of Briton's "The Turning of the Screw".

**This promises to be a most interesting and informative day.**

As usual there will be ample opportunity during the day for general discussion, the sharing of ideas and the exchange and sale of instruments, parts and equipment punctuated by a Sunday Roast at the nearby village pub.

The cost for the day is **£10 per person** including lunch and guests are welcome **but numbers are limited** so please book early.

The timetable for the day is:

10.30	Assemble, coffee
11.00	Morning session (Phil Taylor)
12.30 approx	Lunch
13.30 approx	Afternoon session (Phil Taylor and General Discussion chaired by Gale)
15.00	End

Please return the slip below with a cheque (made out to NAMIR) to:

**Jim Beckett, 14 Pennard Way, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 4NJ.** If you have any queries please contact me on 02380261645 or [jimbeckettmusicrepair@talktalk.net](mailto:jimbeckettmusicrepair@talktalk.net)

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