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Wolston College Music Society Presents
VERA VAIDMAN
plays J. S. Bach Complete Works for Solo Violin
Partitas nos. 1 and 2; Sonata no. 1
Friday 11th May 2001 at 8pm Holywell Music Room
Sonnatas nos. 2 and 3; Partita no. 3
Saturday 12th May 2001 at 8pm Wolston College, Linton Road
Tickets: £7(£5) for a single concert, £10 for two from the Playhouse 01865 798600 or at the door.

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Tue 15th - Sat 19th: 7.30; Sat mat: 2.30
A plane journey that will end in disaster.
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The Rail Network as it was
What the Dons said...
"Quite unnecessary"
"Too expensive"
"Stick to the coach, why not?"
"Too easy to reach London - will lead to trouble!"

The University was initially hostile to the railways. Christ Church opposed a scheme to build
the first station on their land near Magdalen Bridge, and the Duke of Wellington - Chancellor of
the University - was an inveterate opponent. For a number of years, the nearest station was at
Steventon, 10 miles south of the city. It was served by eight coaches daily, which took one and a
half hours, and cost three shillings.
When the line eventually opened, on June 12th 1844, the station was at Grandport, just south of
Folly Bridge. The usual excuse for the late return of undergraduates at the beginning of term had
always been the state of the roads. Now it became the state of the railways - a hazard whose existence some
of the older dons refused to acknowledge.
The original Oxford-London line was built on a wide gauge, backed by Isambard Kingdom
Brunel. When the narrow gauge faction eventually won the argument, the line had to be taken up
and relaid at its present width of 4'8.5".
In 1852, a new Great Western Railway station was built on the present site, opposite the
London Midland Railway terminus of 1851. This LMR station used the technique of prefabricated
ironwork pioneered at the Great Exhibition of the same year, and was closed in 1951. Oxford's
present station was built in 1972; plans to redevelop the site as a more fitting entrance to the
city are to be welcomed.
Our map shows the railway network at its height. The notoriously slow "Brain Train"
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