

Two highlights of festival to go ahead after all. . .

TWO major events due to have been part of the Nantwich Festival of Music and Arts will still go ahead - raising hopes that the event could be revived next year.

A performance of Mozart's Requiem will be given and Manchester-based orchestra Camerata and two rising stars of the music world will give concerts and spend a week with schoolchildren.

The events were rescued from the planned week-long festival.

Camerata, which will play concerts in Crewe and Nantwich, was to have linked with local musicians and visiting soloists to provide a wide variety of concerts, recitals, street entertainment and workshops.

The venture collapsed after Camerata said the town's traders had failed to come up with sponsorship.

Now Camerata will team

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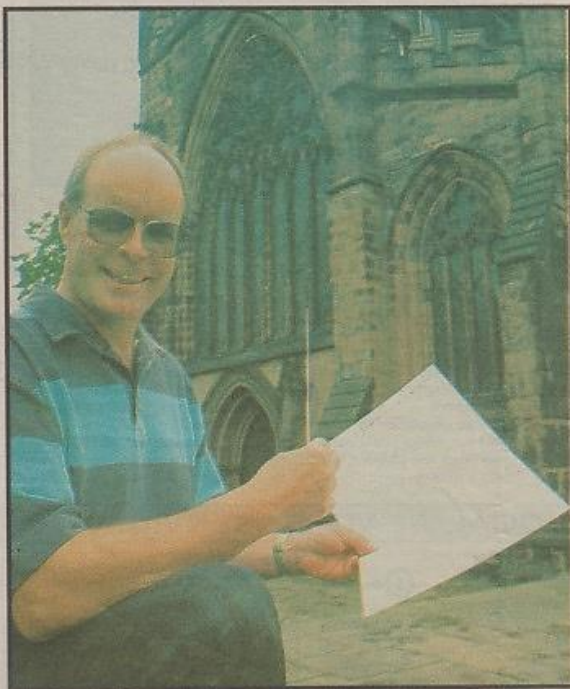
up with the Nantwich Choral Society and the Nantwich-based Tudor Consort for a concert in St Mary's Church on July 12.

Radio 3 presenter Brian Kay will conduct a programme of Mozart, Handel and Peter Worlock as well as the Requiem.

Guitarist Craig Ogden and singer Claire Bradshaw will spend two days giving workshops in Nantwich schools before spending a day making music in Sainsbury's, which sponsored community involvement. They will also give a parish church lunchtime concerts and take part in the fireworks extravaganza at Cholmondeley Castle on July 20.

Camerata's Val Birchall said: "We are pleased to have saved these events. We hope businesses will see the benefits of sponsorship."

SING-A-LONG-A MOZART!



CELEBRITY conductor Brian Kay raised the roof at Nantwich Parish Church when he led a concert of local choirs and the Manchester Camerata orchestra. The Nantwich-based Tudor Consort choir sang alongside the choir of St Mary's Church and several soloists in a programme of Mozart, Handel and Peter Worlock.

The concert was one of the events

saved from the proposed week-long Nantwich Festival of Music and Arts which was cancelled due to lack of sponsorship. Mr Kay, who is a regular presenter of classical music on television and broadcasts on BBC Radio 3, was invited to take part because he is also to conduct the popular Fireworks Extravaganza concert at Cholmondeley Castle on Saturday.