

Concert to be held at civic hall



ON SONG: Nantwich Choral Society.

REHEARSALS are in full swing for Nantwich Choral Society's first major concert of 2014.

The society, which includes more than 100 fine voices drawn from across South Cheshire, will be in harmony for a memorable afternoon of music at Nantwich Civic Hall on March 23.

Tickets are selling well for the performance which is supported by the stirring sound of the fully professional Northern Concordia Orchestra.

Music-lovers can feast on a programme including Edward Elgar's famous *Enigma Variations* as well as his *Songs from the Bavarian Highlands*, penned while the composer was on honeymoon in 1894.

Also featured is Samuel Coleridge Taylor's *Hilacantha's Wedding Feast* – a lively work which brought fame to the English composer in Edwardian times.

Joining the singers will be tenor soloist Peter Kirk, a rising star on the classical music scene.

Society chairman Elizabeth Lea said: "We always stage a spring concert but the last time we were at the Civic Hall was in 2012 when we were joined by the Northern Concordia Orchestra in a programme of all English music. The concert was a sell-out.

"We hope for the same on March 23 which will offer a fabulous afternoon of musical entertainment and an opportunity to appreciate the 'hits' of

yesteryear."

The society, directed by John Naylor, is rehearsing every Wednesday at Nantwich Methodist Church.

In January it packed out Nantwich Parish Church with a Come and Sing event offering more than 170 people the opportunity to exercise their vocal chords.

Mrs Lea added: "As a society we never do dull or dowdy. We pick recognisable works which lift the mood and send the audience home in good spirits."

■ Tickets for the spring date are adults £15 and students £5. They can be obtained at Nantwich Civic Hall or via boxoffice@nantwichchoral.org.uk.