

Singers warming up for new season

The Waverley Singers are "looking forward with excitement" to their 2019/20 season of four concerts, which will cover a wide range of choral repertoire and include something for everyone.

All the performances take place in the Farnham and Alton area, and the repertoire will range from one of the pinnacles of the choral repertoire, Bach's *B minor Mass at Easter* to a *Last Night of the Proms* summer concert in June.

The choir's conductor Richard Pearce knows more about the *Last Night of the Proms* than most; he's the organist for the annual finale of the BBC Proms season at the Royal Albert Hall.

The schedule also includes a workshop day on Saturday, January 11 which opens up an opportunity for participants to sing and explore in more depth some of the choruses from the *B minor Mass*.

The choir has an excellent reputation for giving outstanding concert performances. Much of the credit for this goes to Richard Pearce, who regularly teams up with virtuoso concert organist Phillip Scriven.

The choir was fortunate to be accompanied by both of them for its recent tour of Slovakia and Vienna (pictured).

The first concert of the season



Waverley Singers recently completed a tour of Slovakia and Vienna, accompanied by virtuoso concert organist Phillip Scriven

takes place at St Mary the Virgin Church in Frensham on Saturday, October 26 at 7.30pm.

The programme includes French choral and organ music by Poulenc, Vierne and Messaien, and the choir welcomes back soprano soloist Charlotte Bowden who will perform songs by Faure.

"While these may not all be household names, the music is sublime and well worth discovering," said Sylvia Ellison Waverley Singers vice chair.

She added: "You can be confident that the standard of performance will be high!"

As always, the choir supports local charities at its performances. This year it will welcome Pancreatic Cancer Action, Farnham and Alton Talking News, the Surrey Performing Arts Library and Change of Scene.

Further details about all the choir's activities, including how to buy tickets, can be found online at www.waverleysingers.com