

Hispanic Nativity for carol concert

TUNBRIDGE WELLS Choral Society will keep up its tradition of offering new Christmas carols as well as old favourites at its annual concert in the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells on Sunday (December 15).

Highlight of the performance, which starts at 3pm, will be the Navidad Nuestra, a folk drama of the Nativity based on the rhythms and traditions of Hispanic America and written by Ariel Ramirez.

Every episode of the Navidad — which will be sung to the accompaniment of instruments, including piano, guitar, bongo, bells and drums — portrays a different moment of the incarnation in a distinctive regional voice. The music is catchy but religious in feelings.

In contrast, the audience will be asked to join in well-loved carols such as Good King Wenceslas and O Come All Ye Faithful.

Among those taking part will be Mayfield Brass Band, Wilmare Ellen on piano, Derek Watmough conducting the choir, the Pastelle Group, and soloist Alexandra Leigh.