

Bentley support for choral treat

PRESTIGE car firm Bentley Motors has pledged its support of the Nantwich Choral Society's performance of an ancient choral work.

The singers will perform the *Carmina Burana*, on July 2 at the Nantwich Civic Hall, and the Pym's Lane firm has promised to cover the costs of the professional soloists, instrumentalists, conductor, and the transport costs of two Steinway grand pianos to the concert venue.

The choral society has a number of Bentley associates amongst its members.

Jonathan Layfield, a function manager in Chassis Engineering, has performed in a number of shows staged by the society.

He said: 'Choral singing is a superb creative opportunity and a fantastic stress buster.

'Singing needs no special equipment and can be practised just about anywhere.'

This summer's concert is the first event assisted by Bentley Motors.

Bentley actively supports the local community, and makes regular contributions to the NSPCC, St Luke's Hospice, Cancer Research, and the South Cheshire Alzheimer's Society.

Christine Gaskell, member of the Bentley board for personnel, said: 'We are thrilled to support the Nantwich Choral Society and look forward to our associates performing in many more productions this year.'

Carmina Burana is a choral performance based on a collection of 13th Century songs unearthed in a Bavarian monastery.

It is to be performed by three soloists and a 65-strong choir from the Nantwich Choral Society.

Carl Orf composed a number of works for the theatre and concert hall but he is mostly remembered for *Carmina Burana*, written in 1936.