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Basses and tenors sought

REHEARSALS start soon for Market Harborough Choral Society's new season, which will begin with Mozart's Requiem.

The society is on the lookout for more tenors and basses.

Rehearsals, which start on Tuesday, are held at Market Harborough Methodist Church, from 7.30pm under musical director Anselm Kersten

He said: "Membership is open to anyone who enjoys singing. All we ask is a reasonable musical ability, a willingness to spend a little time at home practising and a commitment to rehearsals and performances."

Mozart's Requiem will be performed at the Methodist Church on Novebmer 20. A Christmas Concert will be held at the Jubilee Hall on December 18.

A concert entitled Gloria will also be held on March 12, 2005, featuring Rutter's Gloria and the Messe Solennelle by Langlais. Those wanting more details can call Janice Doncaster on 01858 464806.

Housing survey

A SERIES of consultations is to be held with Harborough council house tenants, to gauge public opinion about whether or not the district council should consider selling its housing stock to a not-for-profit registered social landlord.

More than 2,000 tenants are to be sent an information sheet updating them about the stock option process.



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HISTORIC BATTLE: Tim Jones and Paul Allen re-enact scenes from the past at the Great Bowden festival

Warrior raiders fail to break village defences

VIKINGS attempting to raid Great Bowden were turned back six times by valiant young villagers.

The battle with Anglo-Saxons was one of the highlights of the village festival.

Hundreds of people enjoyed events over three days and learned and experienced what life may have been like more than 1,000 years ago.

Heritage group warden Rosemary

Culkin, one of the organisers, said: "It was very entertaining. The Vikings tried to attack the village but they got slain each time.

"There was a weapon demonstration when the fighting techniques were shown and then the children were trained for a hour and then there was a raid.

"There was also the exhibition going on all the time as well as archery."

Everything went as well as I had imagined. We are hoping to have them back."

The exhibition included a recording of villagers who had learned Anglo-Saxon, as well as some of the traditional crafts learned by local people and schoolchildren. Other attractions included stalls on the village green and a parade by the Fernie Hunt hounds.



CAREER FACTS

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*Source: TNS 2003 10%+ circulation area. All adults under 35 who stated a preference

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