Celebration of Britten by historic choir

One of East Anglia’s oldest choral societies will be performing Benjamin Britten classics in Holt this weekend.

The North Norfolk Chorale will be putting on A Celebration of English Music at the Auden Theatre, Gresham’s School, on Saturday from 7.30pm.

It will be taking place a day after the birthday of Britten, who attended the Holt school for two years from 1928-1930. This year is the centenary of his birth.

As well as works by the celebrated English composer, the concert will include music by his contemporaries and composers who influenced him.

The choir will perform A Hymn to the Virgin, composed by Britten while he was a pupil at Gresham’s, and Rejoice in the Lamb, composed in 1943.

Former ITN political correspondent Michael Brunson will introduce each musical piece.

The choir will be accompanied by a string quartet as well as Henry Macey on the piano and conducted by Rosemary Kimmins.

Soloists will be soprano Jayne May-Sysum, mezzo soprano Freya Jacklin, tenor Daniel Bartlette and bass Tom Appleton.

The North Norfolk Chorale was founded as the North Walsham Choral Society in 1873.

Tickets are priced at £12 in advance and £14 on the door, and are available from the Auden box office, which is open Monday to Friday from 12.30 to 2pm. For more information email boxoffice@greshams.com or ring 01263 713444.