

Planets' grant is out of this world



THE players of Solihull Symphony Orchestra are celebrating this week after winning an Awards for All Lottery grant to support their forthcoming concert in Solihull School's Bushell Hall.

The concert, which features a large scale performance of Holst's The Planets will involve the participation of a choir drawn from the local community, together with several additional players from local schools.

Musical director of the orchestra Martin Leigh said: "The

Planets is an ambitious work for an amateur orchestra to attempt, but we are encouraged by the opportunities for greater participation that the Lottery award has provided. We particularly welcome the opportunity to work with local schools and community groups to perform great music in Solihull."

The concert, which also features works by Nielsen and Haydn is on Saturday, March 24 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from the orchestra's website, www.solihull-symphony.org.uk, or from the Solihull Box Office on 0121 704 6962.