Have you ever had the chance to ‘feel’ the sound of live music?

It’s something very special - and I would urge everyone to try it at least once – but be aware, you may get hooked!

We are so lucky that we don’t have to travel far to listen to the finest orchestras and find wonderful venues which host music across the whole spectrum; in Culture Live we make good use of them all.

**Bridgewater Hall** is the hub of orchestral music in Manchester; home to the Halle Orchestra it also hosts fabulous concerts given by International Orchestras, soloists and conductors. Hard on its heels are the venues at the **Royal Northern College of Music** and the new, acoustically excellent **Stoller Hall** where you can hear chamber music from Bach to Bernstein...

Manchester is also the home of the **BBC Philharmonic Orchestra**, where we occasionally get to watch them record for Radio 3 - free of charge!

**Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall** has provided some marvellous entertainment. To feel the hair-raising vibrations of the cellos and the sheer power of voices of a full choir is unforgettable - as is the more intimate **Music Room**.

Delightful chamber music is right on our doorstep in **Parbold Village Hall**, our own **St Georges Parish Church** and Ribble Valley Arts in Clitheroe ...

Having such good reasonably local venues doesn’t stop us from searching further afield for special concerts: **The Royal Albert Hall** and **The Royal Festival Hall** have proved popular London destinations.

But music is a broad church; we also seek out the best Folk Music, taking us to summer festivals, and World Music which now features regularly in major concert halls as well as music festivals....

**So please keep your eyes open for our e-mails and look at the Activity Calendar to see what is coming next!**

Jo Betts

Phone: 01772 632 570; e-mail: betts55@aol.com