



ROTARY CLUB OF NEWBURY

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James Brockhurst wins Newbury Rotary Club’s inaugural “Young Musician of the Year” competition.

Trinity school student and pianist James Brockhurst won Newbury Rotary club’s inaugural “Young Musician of the Year” competition held at St. Bartholomew’s School on Sunday, 15th January.

James, who is 14, chose Rachmaninov pieces to play. He, along with runners up, flautist Chloe Flynn, and vocalist Bethany Coopey have been invited to take part in the next round of this national event, the Rotary District 1090 final, to be held in Reading on 10th of March. Ultimately there will be a national final at the Bournemouth International Conference centre in April.

Other competitors on Sunday were Nicola Brown (violin), Thomas Carr (clarinet) and Nathan Reeves (piano). The adjudicators for the event were Andy Smets, and Rebecca Berkley (both associated with Berkshire Maestros) and Trevor Defferd.

Alistair Knox, District Chairman of Rotary’s New Generation Committee, presented the certificates and prizes. He complimented all the competitors for their high standard and this was echoed by Andy Smets who gave the musicians some feedback and recommendations from the judges.

“This is one of the many activities that Rotary facilitates to encourage positive young citizenship” said William Job of Newbury Rotary club. As a result of the success of this first competition we aim to have a bigger event next year”.

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Encl: Photograph of James Brockhurst receiving his certificate and prize from Alistair Knox

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Rotary’s main objective is service in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. There are 1.2 million Rotarians who make up more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world who all share a dedication to the ideal of Service Above Self. Rotary Club of Newbury is one of those clubs.

Berkshire Maestros web address: <http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk>

Berkshire Maestros is a charitable trust providing music education opportunities to children and young people in Berkshire. Established in 1982 as the Berkshire Young Musicians Trust, it rebranded as Berkshire Maestros in 2006 and is the provider of music tuition in schools and music centres for Bracknell Forest, Reading, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, West Berkshire and Wokingham Unitary Authorities. Regarded as one of the finest youth music organisations in the country, thousands of children have music lessons with Maestros every week.



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