

On a personal level I was deeply impressed with the bravery of three parents, Philip Croxson and Ian Duffin on piano and Simon Gidman on guitar, who so willingly took part in the "Parents' Race".

The highlight of the evening came with the presentation of the trophy for the "Young Musician of The Year". This was presented not for virtuosity, but for sheer effort and hard work. With the runners-up being Thomas Tinsley, Rebecca Gidman, Reuben Thomas-Wilsker and Laura Browne, the winner was declared to be Hannah Browne of Ascott. The adult's prize was awarded to Frances Ashworth.

This has been an exciting and highly rewarding year for me; pupils have surpassed themselves and I have had the opportunity to try out new ideas. Music is a universal language and the door to a wealth of friendship. We may not all have access to or the ability to play a musical instrument but if we are willing to take the time to listen we can inspire our minds and fortify our spirits.

Happy harmonics! . . . and by the way, I don't do bouncy castles, at least not yet!

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CHIPPING NORTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 1998

PRELIMINARY

Anthony Webb, Simon Pitman, Thomas Tinsley, Michelle Duffin, Hannah Browne, Alex Channon, Rebecca Gidman (Certificate), Sarah Duffin (Certificate), Eleanor Murphy (Certificate).

PRIMARY

Laura Browne, David Ridley, Hannah Pitman, Matthew Gidman, Amy Bradshaw.

ELEMENTARY

Rebecca Marshall, Elysia Ridley, Carla Miskin, Christopher Catling (Certificate).

Examination results 1997 - 1998

Pianoforte

Preparatory Test. Lucy Burpitt, Lorna Evans, **Grade 1.** Rebecca Gidman, Laura Browne, Thomas O'Neill (Merit). **Grade 2.** Amy Bradshaw (merit), David Ridley (Distinction), Jack White. **Grade 3.** Christopher Catling (merit).

Theory of Music

Grade 1. Frances Ashworth, Elysia Ridley, Paula Duffin (Distinction), Anthony Webb, Thomas Tinsley. **Grade 2.** Matthew Gidman, Rebecca Gidman, Eleanor Murphy, Rebecca Marshall (Distinction), Simon Gidman (Distinction), Ingrid Ridley (Distinction), Paula Duffin (Distinction), Hannah Pitman, David Ridley (Distinction). **Grade 3.** Hannah Pitman, Christopher Catling. **Grade 5.** Duncan Smith, Anthony Gofton.