



Shipston Music Society September Concert

By tradition, Shipston Music Society opened the new season with a "Young Persons Concert", The Society has always been keen to support the development of young musicians and to provide valuable performance experience. Aged from 9 to 21 and drawn from Shipston and surrounding area, the evening again highlighted their wonderful talent.

The concert opened with Luke Barker, cornet, playing *Edelweiss* and *Tijuana Brass* followed by Jordan Bonner, trombone, with *Funny Bone*, Steven Nichols, trumpet, playing *Summertime* and *My Way*. These items were introduced and accompanied by Charles Mathews, a great musicologist and friend of The Society. Luke and Jordan are members of Shipston Junior Band and Stephen has won a music scholarship to Warwick School.

The concert continued with Elizabeth Faulker, saxophone and flute, Robyn Pullen and Eliza Self, vocalists. They played and sang a wide variety of compositions ranging from McDowell's *Hornpipe* through to Leonard Bernstein's *I Feel Pretty*, with diversions on the way with composers, Britten, Scalatti and Franck.

The second half of the concert was performed by Clare Heneghan, flute, and Connor Clemons, vocalist. Clare played two pieces by Debussy, *Arabesque No 1* and *La plus que lente*. Connor gave a very animated performance of *The Kite* by Clark Genser and the wonderful *Stars* from *Les Miserables*. Clare closed the evening with Gaubert's *Madrigal* followed by *Pan et les bergers* by Jules Mouquet.

This was a wonderfully entertaining evening, every performer demonstrating the abilities of such promising group of talented young people.

The next meeting is on 21st October at the Townsend Hall and will be a concert by the Orchestra of the Swan. For further information please ring Clare Faulkes on 01608 663207

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