



Ciara who attends Southfield School also plays the piano and recorder. Last November Ciara gained Grade 3 Violin with distinction and in December was accepted into the NCO (National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain – a training orchestra).

The Christmas period was a very busy one for Ciara as she played with the Warneford School Orchestra at a concert, the Southfield School Carol Service and at Avebury Carol Service.

Ciara who is supervised by her mother, Marcia, an experienced musician, very much enjoys her music, and hopes to be a professional musician one day.

Mair Huband

Art trophy honours Bill Bartrop

At the social evening held in December, artist Maureen Barnes was presented with the William Bartrop Memorial Trophy by the Chairman of the Highworth Artists Society, Bill Williams. This is the first year in which the trophy has been presented. William Bartrop was a former Chairman of the Society and a long term dedicated member who passed away in November 2006.



Maureen Barnes and Bill Williams (inset photo the late Bill Bartrop)

Maureen won the trophy after the winter exhibition, when members of the public were asked to vote on their favourite painting, Maureen gaining the highest number of votes.

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Jazz on Valentines

Tickets are still on sale at the Lighthouse Bookshop for this event on **Friday 15th February**. Music played from 7pm until 11pm with Frank Abrams and his Band. Tickets are £10 each and tables may be reserved. Full details about times and arrangements are on the tickets or from Ian Miller, Tel. (01793) 762599 or Peter Arnel, Tel. (01793) 763644.

Highworth Garden Club

The Highworth Gardening Club has now come to the end of what has proved to be a very successful first year. The club meets at St Michael's Hall, Lechlade Road, on the third Monday in each month. Membership of the club has exceeded all expectations and each meeting is attended by a large group of gardening enthusiasts. The club's first meeting in March appropriately began with a very amusing talk "The fun of gardening". Other speakers have covered subjects such as plant propagation, perennials growing vegetables.

A visit from David Howard the Head Gardener at Highgrove was a highlight. He spoke about his work through some really wonderful slides of the garden. The club also visited a splendid Mediterranean style garden on the outskirts of Oxford, and Waterperry garden where the perennial flower beds were simply outstanding.

The New Year for the club began on the 15 January when it hosted a Gardener's Question Time. Further subjects arranged for later in the year include imaginative containers with staying power and garden design. Trips planned for 2008 include the Malvern Spring Show and a beautiful garden just north of Cirencester with a wonderful collection of rambling and climbing roses.

The club welcomes new members. Please join us on **Monday 18th February** at 7.30pm when our speaker will be talking on "Colour in a small garden". Please contact Trish or Norman Jeffery, Tel: (01793) 762805.

The Highworth Passion

The Easter story as you've never heard it or seen it before!

With drama, music, film and fireworks the community-produced "Highworth Passion" play will bring the Easter story to the streets of Highworth on the evening of Good Friday 21 March 2008.

Understand how music from the likes of the Kaiser Chiefs, Sting, Queen, Coldplay, U2 and Andrew Lloyd Webber is relevant to a story of love, promises, betrayal, sacrifice and hope in the next edition of LINK magazine