Rotary report

FOR THE past 12 years, the Rotary Club of Turriff and District has invited the North East Scotland Music School (NESMS), to visit the Club on one of their regular evenings and entertain the members.

It is an opportunity for young talent to face a live audience and for the Rotarians to witness the good work that NESMS does in nurturing that talent.

On Tuesday Aaron and Hannah McGill, accompanied by their mother Shirley on the keyboard, showed quite prodigious talent.

Nine-year-old Hannah playing the oboe, started with the sonata in D major by the Belgian composer Loiellet de Gant, commencing with style and showed little of the nervousness the group guessed she may have felt.

It was a familiar piece, though not too many would have been able to place it.

In a turn-and-turn about routine, Hannah's 12 year old brother took to the keyboard, with considerable control of the keys, with another Loiellet item entitled Giga.

Hannah brought the group to more familiar ground playing the Swan from Camille Saint Saens's Carnival of the Animals and later the Turkish-Rondo by Mozart.

Still in early classical music territory, Aaron displayed his skills with Clementi's Allegro Assai and Chopin's Noctume in C Major.

The sensitivity he displayed in the latter was really good and his audience was totally captured.

The nine-year old Hannah had two further items on her oboe, Jan de Haan's Sweet Sunset and right up to date, Enrico Morricone's Gabriel's Oboe, which was sweet and evocative.

Aaron concluded with Gershwin (Lets Call The Whole Thing Off), and Scottish composer Brian Bonsor with his tongue-twister Willie Wagglestick's Walkabout.

A musician of Aaron's potential has not only to play all the notes in the right order (as Eric Morecambe might say), but to be a showman and be had the audience right under his thumb.

In his call for a vote of thanks, Charlie Laing hit the right note and congratulated the family on their performances.

The Rotary Club will be on the street at next Monday's May Day celebrations, where it is understood over 40 stances and attractions will be on show.



In tune: Providing musical entertainment at the Rotary Club of Turriff and District this week were Aaron and Hannah McGill, accompanied by their mother Shirley, with president Brian Morrison.