

Youthful Talent

By Conner Ladley

Forres Academy pupils once again excelled themselves at this year's Forres Youth Concert organised by the Forres Community Activities Association. With everything from solo singing performances to bagpipes, the audience were in for a good show.

Michael Neilson (S5) performed solo playing his guitar and singing two songs he had written and composed himself.



Forres Academy Additional Support group, who have been working with local musician, Ewan Watson, sang three songs, member of the group and also pupil at Forres Academy Levi Murdoch said: "I was nervous, but it was awesome. Mr Watson is a really good teacher and he makes it good fun".

The Forres Academy Choir entertained the audience with two medleys. Hannah Poyner (S5) who leads the group was particularly pleased with the performance: "Lots of hard work was involved and it really paid off". 'Rising Stars' duet, Jamie Wood (S4) and Sophie Matheson (S3) belted out two songs from a musical. The Forres Pipe Band Juniors took to the stage and piped some traditional music with a mixture of bagpipes and chanters. Maths teacher, Ms June Macintosh, and leader of the band was very proud of the group: "They did very well. It's a massive achievement; the pupils are very dedicated and come to every practice". This group will be competing in the Scottish Schools Pipe Band championships soon in Edinburgh.

This year's Community Shield was presented to Daniel Breerton (S6) for all his help within the local community. Daniel has been assisting with Soccer Sevens and been writing match reports for Forres Mechanics and, more recently for, Inverness CT. He is also a very active member of the School's Pupil Forum.

Councillor George Alexander, who presented the award said: "Daniel is a very deserving winner. It was also great to see Ewan Watson taking the pupils from the ASFL department along to perform".

All money raised from the concert will either go to a local charity or a deserving cause.

