



TÌRE PIPE WINS STRATHAVEN GALA SHIELD



Tìre Pipe Band's annual participation in Strathaven's Gala Day was more successful than usual this June - as they won the Strathaven Gala Shield in competition with Strathaven and East Kilbride Bands.

While it was a pleasant surprise to win the Shield, to most of the Band it came as a complete shock, as few were even aware that there was a trophy up for grabs - hence, perhaps, the total absence of nerves as they marched and played their way through the streets. It's also a safe bet that the Band will be invited back to Stathaven in 2010.

The success of the Band is certainly reward for all the hard practice put in over the winter months. For those who like a historical flavour in among the news, it's exactly 40 years since Tìre Pipe Bank last competed at the World Championships in 1969.

Fèis Thiriodh 2009

5-10 July

The 2009 Fèis Thiriodh, Tìre's annual summer fèis, will bring the island alive once again with established activities and workshops along with some great new innovations.

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Stradagan Youth Club Ceilidh & Disco

An Talla Friday 26th June
7pm to 9pm.

All Welcome.

Atlantic Rising World Project Commences from Tìre

Will Lorimer, Tom Bromfield and Lynne Morris set off from Tìre on 21st June to begin their 10 month expedition following the contour of the Atlantic rim which is expected to rise by 1.5metres. Tìre was the natural place to start, as Will has spent his childhood summers playing on the beaches here, growing up knowing that our culture is based upon the sea and the land..

Bright and Lively

Before they left, the three Cambridge graduates spent a day in Tìre High School working with S1 and S2 pupils. Will was impressed by the youngsters enthusiasm, describing them as "bright, lively and very interested in what the future holds for their island and for other young people affected by rising sea

levels ." Will explained the point of the journey was to explore and connect different countries and cultures by the common bond that they share, emphasising that they are not scientists, but anthropologists and journalists exploring the consequences of a 1.5 sea rise in the Atlantic and how it will affect the young people who live in coastal communities.

Gathering of the Clans

The project will encompass fifty different schools in thirteen different countries linked by the online learning community website www.rafi.ki using simple technology they hope to build successful school partnerships transforming pupils into global citizens. Ultimately all material collected will be put into a national curriculum project run through rafi.ki encouraging collaboration between



all the schoolchildren who have participated. The aim is to educate and connect the young people who will be affected by the anticipated sea rise in the Atlantic. From Tìre to Sierra Leone, Liberia to South America, the U.S.A. and Canada the intrepid travellers will document their journey which will end in Nova Scotia with a gathering of the clans, some of whom will be the descendents of Tìre islanders who left during the Highland Clearances. *An Tirisdeach* looks forward to following the travellers on their 10 month odyssey.