



Amazon Hope, January 2005, on the River Ampiyacu.

Jane Rayworth, a former pupil of Oban High School, now a dentist, has volunteered to go to Peru in August to work on the medical and dental mission ship, the *Amazon Hope*.

This former Royal Navy fleet tender was refurbished and converted a number of years ago into a medical boat which travels up the narrow river tributaries of the Amazon.

The government there provides a very limited healthcare service to the natives living in the remote jungle villages in this area and a lot of them have never seen a doctor or dentist in their lives. Their diet is high in sugar cane and they are badly in need of dental treatment which is why they rely on volunteers from the UK to help.

Jane is joining a team of medical volunteers going out to the Iquitos area of Peru to work and live on *Amazon Hope* for two weeks.

The team are financing the trip themselves but wish to raise money for The Vine Trust, a registered Scottish charity involved in promoting healthcare in the deprived areas of Peru. They have been running the *Amazon Hope* Project for many years and now have two medical boats in Iquitos.

Jane organised a ceilidh to raise funds at Craigie, Ayrshire, on June 9 and donated all proceeds to the Vine Trust.

Alan Gardiner and his Scottish Dance Band kindly agreed to 'donate' their talents. Anyone interested in donating to the Vine Trust Charity should phone 01563 830001.

Jungle Jane volunteers for the Amazon



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