

ANNIVERSARY CEILIDH RAISES £4000

MORE than £4,000 was raised at the annual Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust ceilidh in Oban's Corran Halls.

John Mackenzie, principal teacher of maths at Oban High School, who has been in charge of organising the event for many years, told the audience that not only was it the 50th anniversary of the HCPT in the UK, it was the 30th anniversary of the organisation in Scotland and 20th anniversary of the fund-raising team in Oban.

All the artistes who performed on the evening, including compere and singer Michelle McManus, gave their services free of charge.

The ceilidh was hailed, as always, as a huge success, not least because of the amount of funding raised to help pay for the costs of sending disabled children and helpers to Lourdes at Easter, many of whom come from the Oban and Lorn area.



Michelle McManus, winner of Pop Idol 2003, was compere for the evening. She also entertained the capacity audience with her singing. Michelle has long been a supporter – and a volunteer on trips to Lourdes – of the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust. i37hep02



Morven McKerrill, principal teacher of music at Oban High School sang with accompaniment from Dave Mason. i37hep03



The Isla Sinclair School of Dance pupils gave a superb performance. i37hep05



Mod gold medallist Paul McCallum, South Uist, gave a mesmerising performance at the ceilidh with accompaniment from Dr Margaret MacKinnon. i37hep01



Angus Smith, Mod Gold medallist and principal teacher of enterprise at Oban High School, played the guitar and sang, with accompaniment from Ian MacLean on the box. i37hep04