

## 1963

Jan 3 **International Boat Show – London** - Herd & McKenzie Ltd are to have a boat on display. This will be the fourth year in which they have taken part. This time they will have on show a 44' twin screw, 28 ton, sea-going motor yacht built on traditional fishing boat lines. This is the first in a class known as Caberfeidh. It has accommodation for 6 and sleeps 8. The boat is powered by 2 Perkins engines and has a speed of eight knots.

Jones' shipyard will also have a presence at the Show for the third year in succession. This year they will be showing two products of their craftsmanship. One is a 35' version of the Spey Class introduced two years ago and a 23' long auxiliary sloop designed for shallow tidal basins and can be used on short coastal passages, with a speed of 5 ½ knots.

Both vessels have been sold, the first to a south of England owner and the sloop to Captain Michael Tennant Lochnabo, Morayshire.

Also on show will be the replica of the 'Comet' built by Messrs George Thomson and Sons. It was taken south to Greenock by lorry in July.

**Awarded the OBE** – Wm. Smith, Craigendarroch, Cliff Terrace.

**Arradoul and District Players** are to present the play – "Green Grow The Rashes" in the Arradoul Rural Hall on 10 and 11 January

Jan 10 **Baby boom! and other statistics** - 42 more babies were born in Buckie in 1962 than in 1961. All told the number of babies totalled 279, of this 158 were boys and 121 were girls. All but 11 of the new babies were born in Seafield Hospital. The number of deaths, 92, in 1962 were down by three compared to the year previous. 49 people were over 70, 30 over 80 and 9 over 90. Four children under ten died, one boy and three girls.

The number of marriages fell from 104 in 1961 to 88 last year. Nine were civil marriages.

**Yours For Dancing** - The Fishermen's Hall- with music by the Modernaires. Buses from Forres, Kinloss and Elgin.

Playing at the Two Red Shoes, Elgin – The Fabulous Easy Beat with the Trio Dale Sisters.

**Dangers of smoking** - Recent studies in America show that far more than lung cancer is involved. More cigarette smokers die of heart disease associated with smoking than lung cancer.

Jan 17 **He came second** – Charles Mackay took second prize in Grampian TV "Pick O' The North" competition. He is a welder with the local engineering firm, Hamilton Brothers and plays male lead in Buckie Amateur Operatic Society.

**Notice** – A Campbell and Sons Joiners, Buckie. All sums due to the firm should now be paid to Messrs F.A. Ritson and Co. C.A.

**No football** - For the third week in succession most football matches had to be called off on account of snow and icebound pitches. Only three games were played in the Highland League on Saturday on one of the blackest days in British football.

Jan 24 **Johnny and the Copycats** are to be playing in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday.

**Yours for Dancing** - Music for dancing in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday night, 28 January will be provided by Alex Sutherland and his Sextet. It is noted that no buses will run from Forres, Kinloss and Elgin. **The last time that these buses ran was on Monday 14 January 1963.**

**Joint Church Service** - A second joint service involving the congregations of the All Saints and the South Church took place in the All Saints Church on Sunday evening. The service was conducted by Rev R.R. Hunt, (All Saints) and Rev J. L. Stewart (South Church)

**Shown on page 11** - A Portknockie School group of 1948. All in the photograph are named.

**A White Wash!** Snow caused a wipe out of all Highland League football matches on Saturday. Keith F.C. played a Scottish Cup tie at Galashiels where they lost by four goals to nil.

**No Monday night dance in the Fishermen's Hall** - Johnny and the Copycats to play on Saturday night.

**Appearing at the Two Red Shoes, Elgin** - Screaming Lord Sutch and His savages also Rolf Harris

The following Thursdays will see Mike Berry and the one after Colin Day and Donna Douglas.

**Burns Suppers still seem to be as popular as ever.** The following organisations held one Rathven WRI, The AEI factory, the Labour Party, Buckie High School Literary and Debating Society. Arradoul WRI held a Scots Night.

**New bar** - A new cocktail bar and lounge was opened at the Thistle Bar on Saturday past by Ann Fowler whose father, the late D. L. Fowler, Baker, previously owned the property.

**Rovers' player on trial with Cardiff City** - Alex Simpson, I/L of junior club Buckie Rovers left last night for a 14-day trial period with Cardiff City. Alex is an apprentice cooper and joined the Rovers this season and has been a success from the start.

**New recruiting officer appointed** - W.O. CSM George Ross have been appointed the Army's new chief recruiting representative in Banffshire. He is to be stationed in Buckie. CSM Rose joined the Gordon Highlanders in 1946 and belongs to Deeside. He succeeds Sergeant T Lowe who is now with the first Battalion London Scottish (T.A.)

**Largest yacht** - The largest yacht to be built at Buckie since local yards started yacht building several years ago was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Wednesday. The new vessel is 65' long with twin screws. The motor yacht -'Ferrara', built on fishing boat lines, has been built for a man living in Farrington, Berkshire.

Feb 7 **New band to play at Huntly** - Wild Cat Band.

**Thistle sign defender**- Robert Porter, Elgin, a defender signed for Buckie Thistle

Feb 14 **Another distillery in the Buckie area?** - Buckie Town Council has offered a site at Buckpool Golf Course as the site for a new distillery. An area of 20 acres is required.

**The launch of the new yacht 'Ferrara'**- Page 4 has a picture of the boat being launched.

**Death of Andrew Donaldson** - The death took place this week of Andrew Donaldson, the well-known garage proprietor who also carried on a taxi business. He was 65. He is survived by his wife and children Mary, who helped him in the taxi business and Charles who is an architect.

Feb 21 **Light up!** - In future all vehicles parked in streets after lighting up time must show parking lights. This applies to all thoroughfares, including minor streets, secluded byways and cul-de-sacs.

Small attachable parking lights as opposed to sidelights would be sufficient said a police spokesman for the North East Constabulary, last week.

**Rent your TV!** - Why buy when you can rent a TV from us at 9/3 per week. We have all the leading makes. W.G. Davidson, Cullen, Portsoy and Buckie.

**Snaw on the Enzie Braes** - A photograph on page 6 shows great banks of snow on the Enzie Braes with a Ford Cortina car, registration number - FSE505 gingerly passing through the narrow cut channel.

**Valentine Queen** - Miss Christine Mackay (17) 13 Scott Terrace, an employee at the AEI lamp factory was chosen Valentine Queen at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday night.

Feb 28 **More pay-offs!** - 16 more men were paid off from Messrs Herd & McKenzie Ltd on Friday as the tragic and worsening plight of Buckie's hard hit shipbuilding industry shows no sign of improving.

**More space at Cluny Harbour wanted** - **Buckie** Town Council would like to see more storage space created at the harbour as they believe that this could lead to an increase in the commercial shipping trade.

**See you at the dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday.** The George Inch Sextet, Elgin, is playing.

**Teen dancing** takes place in the Two Red Shoes Ballroom on Saturday afternoons.

**Advert** - Geddes and Morrison, Joiners and Undertakers, 7 Great Western Road and 72 St Peter's Road.

**Buckie Branch British Legion** - **The** monthly meeting will be held in the Branch HQ 65 High Street on Thursday 7 March, commencing at 8p.m. D. Porter, Secretary.

**Bingo** - (The 'in' word now for Tombola and Housey-Housey) The Caley Bingo and Social Club opens in the Playhouse, Buckie, on Tuesday 5 March 1963. Price of admission 2/6/ Price per book - 5/- One for the road - 1/- Snowball £50 called at 46; Jackpot -£80, called at 40. Members only - Join now membership form available.

**Sturgeon caught** - A Royal sturgeon weighing 24 lb. was caught by the fishing boat, Girl Elma.

Mar 7 **Death of Draper** - The death took place at his home Lyndhurst, West Cathcart Street of George C. Sandison, a partner in Buckie's oldest established drapery business. He was 74 and had been ill for the past two months. His father founded the business on Cluny Square in 1877. He joined the firm on leaving the school and shortly after this the business was moved to East Church Street. Along with his brother John they were partners with their father in the business. George Sandison had a long association with the South Church.

**Robert Louis Stevenson said to be what we are and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end of life.**

Mar 14 **Resignation** - Councillor John May resigned from Buckie Town Council on account of ill health.

**Big score** - Buckie Rovers beat Islavale by 10 goals to nil in the White Horse Cup. George Reid had 5, Alex Simpson 3 while Mair and Wood were the other scorers.

Mar 21 **Johnny and the Copycats** - A photograph of the local pop group is shown on the front page. The players are - Ali Ewen, Bill Cameron, Johnny Stewart, Robert Lawson and Ian Lyon. The group is sponsored by Buckie Round table and is to play in Aberdeen at the Beach Ballroom on Sunday.

**Where are they now ?** A picture on page 8 shows the Infant Department of Rathven School in 1909/10

**The Red Cross** - The whole of page 10 is given over to an account of the Red Cross, how it was started and by whom. The man in white - Henri Demant, started it at Solfereno just over 100 years ago.

Mar 28 **Town councils** - A report in the local paper said the public in the Buckie area has shown remarkably little interest this year in seeking election to the local town councils.

### **The Opening of the Buckie Legion Club, 65 High Street, Buckie**

Earl Haig of Bemersyde will perform the opening ceremony on **Saturday 30 March, 1963 at 11.00am.**

A cordial invitation is extended to all Legionaries, their wives and all ex-servicemen and women. D. S. Porter, secy.

**Bingo** - Every Tuesday and Friday in the Playhouse.

**Buckie and District Round Table**, founded three years ago, received its Charter at an official ceremony in the Cullen Bay Hotel on Saturday. This was handed over to Chairman, Ian Johnston by Area Chairman, Ian Henry. The charter makes Buckie No 694. **A full report is given on page 9**

**Sea Cadet Unit to form in Buckie** - Principal Teacher of Navigation at Buckie High School, Captain K. M. Bendelow has been nominated as C.O. of the new Sea Cadet Corps Unit to be formed in Buckie.

**To catch a sprat** - A photograph on page 12 shows the fishing boat Transcend with 83 crans of spats on board.

Apr 4 **Ladies come forward** - Three ladies at Findochty have put their names forward for the town council - Mrs Margaret M. Wood, 62 Morven Crescent, Mrs Maggie C. Smith, Easthurst, 6 Hall Street and Mrs Margaret M. Thomson, 16 Cliff Street.

**Railway jobs in jeopardy- Many** railway employees' fear for their jobs as the Dr Beeching recommendations are that all stations in Banffshire, including Buckie, and apart from Keith are to be closed. If these recommendations are all implemented 20 men would lose their jobs at Buckie, three at Cullen, Portknockie and Cullen, one at Portgordon and Findochty and two at Speybay

**Opening announcement** - Alex Macrae intends to open at 17 Baron Street on 16 April, trading as an auto-electrical specialist.

**Opening ceremony** - A report is given on **page 11** of the opening ceremony, which took place at the new British Legion HQ Buckie and District Branch at 65 High Street by Major, the Earl Haig on Saturday. There is also a photograph.

**Craig Douglas - (Who was he? Obviously someone who had earned himself a moment of fame, probably a singer.)** A photograph in this week's edition shows him signing autographs at the opening of the Elgin TV Services shop on Cluny Square. (The shop was formerly run by Ian Sutherland, Radio and TV Engineer and before that was a bank. In the year 2001 it formed part of the pub - 'Pub in the Square' or 'P.I.T.S')

**Funeral undertakers** - Stanley Mackay, Cullen, Alex Mowat, Cullen, Wm. Thain, Gordonsburgh and A. Hendry and Sons, Buckie.

Apr 11 **Buckie remembered in legacy** - A native of Buckie who spent most of his life in London, the late Dr Alexander Archibald, has left £28,000 in his will to the burgh of Buckie. This news was conveyed to the members of the town council at their meeting on Monday in a letter from the solicitors handling Dr Archibald's estate. It was described as a magnificent gift.

A wish was expressed, but no obligation made that the money or part of it is used to build an indoor swimming pool.

Dr Archibald, a bachelor, died on February 17<sup>th</sup> aged 94. He was one of a family of three sons and two daughters all of whom apart from one son remained single. Best known of his brothers were James Archibald, former Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire and a prominent businessman.

Dr Archibald left Buckie at an early age to attend university in Aberdeen where he graduated in medicine, moving to London where he was a GP for a great many years besides holding senior posts in several hospitals where he specialised in heart disorders. He gave up practice some years ago. He lived quietly in a large house in Cricklewood.

**Coming attractions at the Two Red Shoes, Elgin** - Modern Dancing Enterprises have arranged for the following groups to play at their dances in the coming weeks - Jimmy Crawford and the Messenger with Jeannie Lamb; GTV Teen Beat Show Band and Alan Elsdon Jazz Band. All the dances to take place on Thursday evenings.

**At Keith - promoters** North East Dances have arranged for the New Midnighters Incorporated to play while over in Huntly, in the Templar Hall, they will have Curly Mackay and his Broadcasting Band and El Cid and the Commancheros in the Stewart Hall.

**There will be no Saturday night dance in Buckie this week.**

**Launch of the 'Sunart'** - A 40-foot long Spey class yacht built by Messrs Jones (Buckie) Shipyard Ltd for a Tobermoray owner was launched on Monday. She has been designed to be powered by either sail or motor.

**No not a bull in a china shop** but such an animal entered the old Mill House at Rathven, home of Mrs Evelyn Murray, this week where it gave her a severe scare and did extensive damage before it could be led out again. A photograph is given along with the report.

Apr 18 **I'll scream!** - Pop singer, Eden Kane, on a ten day tour of Scotland was mobbed by screaming hysterical girls when he made a twenty minute guest appearance at the weekly dance in the Fishermen's Hall last Saturday.

Prevented from climbing up on to the stage by strong-arm attendant's girls numbering about 30 stretched out hands in a vain attempt to touch him and by shrieking hysterically every time the singer switched from singing to twisting. Some girls eventually caught him and persuaded him to sign autographs before he was able to escape.

**A Youth Centre** - A public meeting is to be held to consider the proposal to establish a Youth Centre in the town. In the main all the youth of the town would wish it to go ahead though adults are not seen to be so keen.

**Death of barber** - Willie Stewart who for 60 years was a popular and well-known gent's hairdresser in Buckie died in Woodend Hospital on Monday of this week. He was 77. He served his time with a local barber on High Street then for 40 years carried on a business on his own account on Cluny Square, only retiring 6 months ago. He took a keen interest in all kinds of sport, especially football, cricket and bowls. His wife one son and 3 daughters survive him; one son was killed during the war.

**Rolling their eggs** - A photograph on page 8 shows some bairns having fun rolling their Easter eggs while their Mums have a rest and blether.

**Retiral of Arthur B. Black** - A report is given of the retiral of Arthur B. Black the man who was responsible for the electrification of Buckie thirty years before.

Apr 25 **New town councillor** - Mr A. B. Black, who recently retired from being in charge of H.E.P in Buckie was co-opted to fill the vacant seat on the town council

**Dance band groups and venues** - The dancers in the Two Red Shoes ballroom in Elgin on Thursdays will have the opportunity to listen to the following bands play during the next few weeks - Jimmy Crawford and The Messengers; Alex Walsh Welsh Jazz Band; Mike Sagar and the Cresters.

In Buckie on Saturday nights the following bands have been booked to play - Tony King and the Monarchs; with two bands playing one night - the Johnny Douglas Combo and Mike Sagar and the Cresters.

Mike Sagar and the Cresters are to play in the Cullen Town Hall this Friday April 26.

The Karl Denver Show is to take place in the Town Hall, Elgin. Among the bands who will be performing will be the Karl Denver Trio and many others.

All the above bands have been organised by the promoters - Modern Dancing Enterprises.

The other promoters - North East Dances are running dances in Keith and Huntly. In Keith this coming week Ivan Jay and the Jaycats will provide the music in the Longmore Hall while in the Stewart Hall, Huntly the bands will be Bert Duff and his Dynamic Sounds and The Rosettes.

**Move over you tattie planter** - Boyd, Hillocks Farm is advertising an automatic planting machine

**Another accident at the Toll Bar**- Five injured and two cars wrecked.

May 2 **Plenty elbow grease**- A photograph on the front page shows an industrious group of people, mostly women but two men, giving the North Church its regular Spring clean.

**Another new dance band** - The Big Three are to be playing in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin.

Dancers in the Two Red Shoes can listen to Danny Williams on the 23 and Brad Newman on the 30<sup>th</sup>

**An old advertisement** - "Yours For Dancing " the Fishermen's Hall on Monday night where Alex Sutherland and his Sextet will supply the music. Admission 4/6 from 8.30 till 1am. The Saturday night dances run from 8 until 11.45pm

**Successful Clochan School bairns** - A very clear picture on page 6 shows pupils of Enzie Junior School, with both the boys and girls all neatly dressed in kilts or tartan skirts, who between them won 32 certificates for verse speaking, violin, and cello playing and singing at Banffshire Music Festival.

**Another clear photograph of the Enzie school bairns on page 7** shows two boys under ten, David McLean, Kirkland, and John Thomson, Newbigging who were among the prizewinners for Scots.

**Power below the surface**- A photograph on page 11 showmen working putting electric cables below ground on St Peter's Road.

May 9 **Jones' Shipyard launches another yacht** - A 40' Spey class motor sailor yacht, the second in a month, was launched on Tuesday from Messrs Jones, Ltd, specialists in the building of this type of craft. The new yacht, christened- 'Spey Rebecca' has been built for a Mr Bignal, the managing director of a Nottingham firm. The yacht has been fitted

with a 51bhp Gardner engine in addition to sails and has a range of 800 miles. The owner plans to use the yacht to cruise on the West Coast initially then further afield.

#### **The Banffshire Advertiser now costs 4d.**

**A Herdie's built yacht bought by Nairn man** - A 44 feet long yacht which was built by the local shipbuilding firm, Herd & McKenzie Ltd, labelled Scottish Sumo, and which was taken south and exhibited at the International Boat Show in London this year was officially launched this week.. Wing Commander Spier of Nairn has bought the boat.

**Opening announcement** - George Campbell, Carpenter, Joiner and Funeral Undertaker 5 Cooper Street

**Do you fancy a barn dance?** Dances are to take place on Friday and Saturday 17 and 18 May in P. G. Barclay's Garage Portsoy. Nat Fraser's Band from Elgin will play on Friday night with Billy Kelman on Saturday. Free buses will run to Buckie and Macduff after the dance on both evenings.

**Fancy a free dook?** An attendant is wanted for Strathlene Bathing Pool. Applicants should apply to John Murray, Burgh Surveyor.

**Another smash at Enzie Cross Roads** - Like the Toll Bar junction this is becoming a notorious traffic black spot.

**Buckie North Church Amateur Dramatic Society** - Their latest production - The Beannachy Bomb - was declared to be as big a success as all the other plays which the group has staged. The church hall was full on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night with the proceeds being shared between the Church funds and the local Freedom from Hunger campaign effort.

**Those who took leading parts were** - Lewis Penwright, Elspeth Slater, Bob Cruickshank, Peter Mitchell, Anne Bruce, Margaret Smith and Grace Morrison. John Sutherland, John Burnett, James Clark, Inga Gibb, Margaret Campbell and Margaret Cook played smaller parts.

**Scottish made !** The first car made in Scotland for 30 years made its debut on Friday when the Rootes Group announced the Hillman Imp from its Renfrewshire factory. It was made at Linwood, Paisley, 14 miles from Glasgow. There are two versions of the Hillman Imp - a De Luxe and a Standard model.

The Imp has a 875 cc rear mounted engine with a petrol tank which holds 6 gallons of petrol capable of covering a distance of 250 miles. **A fuller report is given on page 11** (The first person in Banffshire to own a Hillman Imp was Mr Jack Farquhar, Crown Terrace, Portgordon.)

**School football** - The Buckie High School team chosen to contest the final of the Cock O' The North Cup against Inverness High School is as follows - McVean, Young and Geddes; M. Geddes, Clark and Johnston; Boyd, Lawson, Cowie, Wood and Green.

May 16 **Pirie's Stores, Portknockie changes hands** - The shop at 2 Bridge Street which has been owned by Mrs Pirie for some time has been bought over by Mrs A. Simpson, 14 Bryson Crescent, Portessie.

**For sale** - 6 Sutherland Street.

**Advert** - Findochty School of Motoring, Wm. J. Cruickshank, 10 Hall Street. Charges - 12/6 per hour in a Morris 1100 or 7/6 per hour in own car.

May 23 **Another award for Sandy Watt.** B.B. L/Cpl Sandy Watt, Craigenroan, Portessie, who was recently awarded an SSPCA medal for saving a sheep from drowning in the sea was this week awarded the Boys Brigade Queen's Badge, the

highest award in the B.B. Movement. Sandy who is a member of 1<sup>st</sup> Portessie BB is the first to be awarded this honour.

**Take note we are on the move -** Cecil and Harvey, Radio and Television Engineers have outgrown their present premises at 21 Admiralty Street and are to move to much larger premises at 42-44 East Church Street. They will open on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. In addition to dealing in radios and TV's they will also have a large selection of gramophone records and a variety of musical instruments.

**Three bands to play at the Round Table dance on May 29 -** Photographs of the three are shown on page 8 -

The proceeds from the dance are to go towards the Freedom From Hunger Appeal.

The three bands are - El Cid and the Commancheros; The New Apaches and Johnny and the Copycats.

The Apaches after a nine month lay-off are now back in harness. There are three new faces in the group, the drummer and two vocalists. Their intention is to become true professionals and the Wednesday night dance is their first public appearance since their come back.

Some changes have been made, The origin Apache leader, Douglas McLennan is now lead guitar and in his old job as rhythm guitarist is John Rennie. Taking over where John left off is Billy McKenzie. Drummer, Les Nicholson is a new member but has lots of experience with other groups, The other newcomers are singers - Ken Lawson and Margaret Riddoch.

May 30 **More fish in the sea or rather dam! -** A photograph on page one shows men unloading 500 yearling trout at Rochomie Reservoir. The restocking is taking place by Buckie and District Association.

**Off the bike and in the water -** Seven year old Allan Thain, 36 Yuill Avenue came close to losing his life when he fell off his bike as he cycled too near the edge and landed in the water of Buckie Harbour. His rescuers were Captain Alexander Valentine, Harbourmaster, Alex Clark (Toll Bar Cottage) and Skipper Per Geddes. Allan is a son of Mr and Mrs Andy Thain., who had a notice of thanks in the paper. Two hours after being brought home Allan was out again playing with his pals.

**New band -** Mike Berry and Innocents will be playing at a dance in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin on Thursday and in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday night. Admittance to the dance on Saturday will be a costly 6/- while at the Red Shoes it will be 6/6 but for a much longer dance 1am instead of 11.45pm.

**It pays to advertise!** Cecil and Harvey, Radio and Television Engineers etc. etc. had a large advert in this edition announcing their opening on June 1.

Jun 6 **Freedom From Hunger -** A table on the first page shows the contributors. The figure collected as of this date is £760.6.10

**Dances and bands -** Playing in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday night will be Ian Armour's Modernaires.

In the Craigellachie Public Hall, GTV star Dave McIntosh will be singing along with Jack Sinclair's Band.

The International Irish Monarchs Showband will be in the Two Red Shoes on Thursday of this week.

All the above have been arranged by Modern Dancing Enterprises.

**Former laird of Cairnfield dies** Mr Edward Lillingston Steuart Gordon who served as a diplomat in the Far East for many years before returning home to look after the Cairnfield estate died at his home Rosebank on Monday he was 86. He was the son of the late General Wm. Gordon who was responsible for introducing the modern rifle to the Indian Army with whom he served with distinction for many years during the mid to

late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Mr Edward Gordon was born in India. It is now some years since he retired from the estate after handing over to his son.

**Janitor at Lady Cathcart School retires** - John Milton, retired after 20 years service to the school. He was a JP and served on Buckie Town Council for many years where he was formerly a Bailie and Police Judge.

**Some slog!** - Buckie Rovers were beaten by three goals to one by Bishopmill United in their fifth game in 8 days.

June 13 **Dances and bands (North East dances – promoters)** In the Longmore Hall, Keith – The New Midnighters with June and Rikki on Friday night. Admittance 4/- In the Stewart Hall, Huntly, Syd Green and the Globetrotters with Bobby Vincent . Admittance 5/-  
On Sunday in the Royal Hotel , Keith, Teen Beat . Tommy Dene and Tremors. Admittance 2/6, open from 7-10pm.  
Friday 21 June in the Longmore Hall, The Original Diamonds with Sonny Pearce.

**Modern Dancing Enterprises – Red Shoes/ Fishermen’s Hall and Cullen Town Hall** - Bands and Groups advertised this week as booked to play - Red Shoes – Johnny and Mike and The Shades, The Barron Knights, Duke De’ Monde with Eden Kane’s Brother – Wes Sands and the Leroy’s. On Thursday 27 – Don Charles with the Irish International Monarchs Band. Some weeks more than one band played.  
In the Fishermen’s Hall on Saturday 15 music will be supplied by the Teen Beat Showband, featuring Sheila Mitchell, Johnny Hudson, Andy Tally and Tony Vincent.  
Saturday 22 The Avengers Showband will play while a week after the new Apaches will provide the music.  
In the Town Hall Cullen on Friday 21 June dancers can listen to two bands – Johnny and the Copycats and The New Midnighters.  
Friday 28 June in Cullen will be a special late, late Nite Rock Rave with three bands - El Cid and The Commancheros, The New Apaches and The New Midnighters. Six hours of non stop dancing from 9pm until 3 am. Admittance 6/-

**A Herd and McKenzie launch** - The 56 foot long yacht , ‘Skoma; was launched on Thursday from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie Ltd, for a Hampshire owner. The boat , which is a sea-going motor yacht, has been named after an island off the Welsh coast.

**Buckie Sea Cadets** - A photograph shows the boys of the newly formed Buckie Sea Cadet unit prior to going for a weekend at sea on board an MFV in the Moray and Cromarty Firth area.

**A son is born** - to John and Isobel Cowie at Almondbury Hospital, Bristol. He is to be called David.

**Advert** - Ian Crombie – Slater and Cement Worker, 2 Richmond Terrace, Portgordon.

June 20 **School duxes** – photographs on the front page – Marian D. McLean, Lady Cathcart. Joint Primary duxes of Findochty School , Norma McLennan and Leonord Espie. There is also a photograph of the prize-winners at Buckie High School. Joint duxes – Mary Malone – Geography and Science and Iain McLean English and Latin.  
28/10/01 Dux of Findochty Secondary Department - Margaret Campbell. A photograph of all the Findochty School prize-winners is given on page 5.  
The primary dux of Portessie School was Isobel Stewart while Margaret Henderson was dux of the Secondary Department. Photographs of the two girls are found on page 8.  
The primary dux of St Peter’s School was Margaret Milne with Jeannie Geddes dux of the Secondary Department.  
At Portgordon the primary dux was Alex Murray while David Slorach was dux of the Technical department and Lorna Dimond dux of the Domestic Department.

At Cullen Tommy Findlay was dux of the primary department and Joseph Hill dux of the Secondary Department. Their photograph is found in the June 27 edition.

**Yours for Dancing** - still the old advert continues - A dance will take place within the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 24 June from 8.30 till 1am. Music by Alex Sutherland and his Sextet.

Admission 4/6. Refreshments - Usual buses.

**North East Dances - at Huntly** - Evie and the Cyclones Show Band, TV and Radio Stars. Admittance 5/- Buses as usual.

June 27 **A 'launch' from Tappie's slip** - Well it didn't get wet for it left Buckie on the back of a lorry. The latest boat built by George Thomson and Son was a 28 feet long lobster boat built for Welsh owners.

This was the fifth vessel to be built by the firm for Welsh fishermen during the past 12 months and the third since the beginning of 1963.

Thomson's are presently building a 48 foot long teak built motor yacht for a south coast owner. This is almost ready to be launched. They have also begun a 40' long yacht of Spanish design for a Luss owner. This is to be used cruising on the west coast. It will be ready in September.

**'Ponty Cutty'** The husband of the lady well known to many in Buckie as 'Ponty Cutty' died in Canada. She was christened Mary Helen Cuthbert, a daughter of Mr Cuthbert, Shoemaker, who built the house at the Neuk.

**League Champions** - Buckie Rovers won the Moray Junior Football League for the second year running. They only dropped 3 points in the 16 games played. They won 14 lost one and drew one. The players who represented the Rovers on most occasions were - Skinner, Jappy and Taylor; Cowie, Mair and Geddes; Newlands, Duncan, Simpson, Reid and Taylor Jun.

July 4 **The first launch to be built by Messrs George Thomson and Son** was launched on Wednesday. The 48' long twin screw vessel, christened 'Stokes' was built for Alan Warner of Hampshire, the managing director of Warner's Holiday Camps. The 'Stokes' is teak built and has been fitted with 2 62hp Gardner engines. Mr Warner is to sail the yacht home via the Caledonian Canal and the West Coast.

**The play 'Mains Woon'** is to be presented in the open-air theatre at Portsoy by the Portsoy Town Improvements Association on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1963.

**Linkbraehead (near Sandend) Marquee dances - On** the Friday Mary Milne and her band will play from 8.30pm until 12 then Gordon Urquhart from then on until 2.30am.

On Saturday Dod Yeats and his band will play from 8-11.30pm.

July 11 **Portessie Gala Queen 1963** - Miss Laraine Rumbles, 34 St Peter's Road was chosen as the Portessie Gala Queen for 1963. Her attendants were - Rose Clark, 19 Craigbo Terrace and Beryl McKenzie, 19 Samson Avenue, both Portessie.

Portessie Gala Week - 8-13 July. Fochabers Gala Week - 22-27 July.

**Enzie Church honours former Sunday School teacher** - Jessie Farquhar, Richmond Place, Portgordon is now a policewoman. She received gifts from Enzie Sunday School teachers and session members. The gifts were handed over by Rev Wm. Wallace who paid tribute to the faithful and loyal service she had given to the church.

**Buckie Rovers presentation night** - Mrs George Kay, wife of the president of the club, handed over the trophies which the club had won during the season to Jimmy Robertson, team captain. The Rovers were winners of the Morayshire Junior League

Rose Bowl as champions. They also won the Robertson Cup, Matthew Cup and Nicholson Cup.

In the league campaign the Rovers played 16 games, won 14, drew one and lost one. They score 70 goals in the league and lost 23. In all they played 46 matches and won 40, losing only six. One hundred and fifty six goals were scored and 72 conceded

**Snowball Princess** - Maureen Byers, 17, will have good reason to remember Saturday, earlier in the day she became engaged to Daniel Davidson and at night was chosen as the Snowball Princess at the Portessie Gala marquee dance.

July 18 **Portessie Personality Girl** - This title was placed on Sandra Thomson, 46 Mill Crescent, and Buckie.  
At a dance in Portessie.

**A launch from Messrs Jones, Buckie Shipyard** - A Spey-class sailor yacht was launched this week for a Northumberland man, C.W. Taylor, who standing on board played the bagpipes as the boat entered the water.. The vessel was christened, 'Peggy Yeats', the maiden name of Mrs Taylor. The 'Peggy Yeats' is 35' long.

Jones have launched two other yachts this summer, both 40 foot long Spey-class sailers which are both based on the west coast. A further launching will take place this month when 'Spey Breeze' leaves for Cowes.

They are also building a new Frederick R. Parker designed twin-screw Spey class motor cruiser for exhibition at the 1964 International Boat Show in London.

**For dancers at Huntly** - The promoters, north-east Dances have engaged Garry Vegar and the Facets to play at their dance in the Stewart Hall, Huntly.

**Chosen as Bristol Queen** - Isobel Laing, 48 Mill Crescent was chosen as Bristol Queen at a marquee dance that took place in Portessie.

Jly 25 **Still more musical groups** - Thursday evening dances are continuing in the Two Red Shoes dance hall in Elgin. Rocking Henry and the Hayseeds will play this coming week with Neil Landon and the Burnettes the week after. The following week singer Jill Graham will be appearing.

On Monday night in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, dancers can listen and dance to the Easybeat Stars - Neil Landon and the Burnettes while the Monday after the New Apaches will provide the music.

Over in Cullen Town Hall Johnny Carson and the Phantoms is 'dish of the day'.

**Transistor portable radio sets are all the vogue** - De luxe sets may be had from Walker and Smith (Electricians) who have all the following makes in stock at £4.19.6. Ferranti, Cossor, GEC, Marconi, Pan, RGD, Perdio, and Alba.

The new shop, Elgin T/V Services Ltd on Cluny Square are also advertising the same.

**Advert for wallpaper** - R. Johnston, 4 Low Street has a large selection of wallpaper, Canadian, Continental and Scandinavian makes.

**Opening announcement** - George C. Andrews, 18 Wallace Avenue - all classes of joiner work including fish boxes. Moderate charges - enquiries invited.

**New signings for Buckie Thistle** - Alex Simpson (I/F) from Fraserburgh, Sandy Fraser (C/F) from Keith, George Brander (U/P) from Elgin City and Peter Morrison (Def) from Aberdeen Junior side East End.

In addition the following players who were with Buckie last season have again put pen to paper - John Low, Robbie Porter, Gordon Laing, John Cowie, George Sang, Ian Whitecross, Norman Scott, Dennis Gowie, and Charlie McBeth.

Aug 1 **Four generations A** photograph on the front page shows Jimmy Gordon, 6 West Street, great grandfather, Mrs A. Miller, 6 Union Road, Gretna, grandmother, Mrs Kathleen Taylor, Germany, mother and son Colin Taylor, Germany.

**More water** - Buckie Town Council agreed to go ahead with the second phase of the Spey water scheme.

**Peter Fair – 1963** - The report on the age-old fair amounted to three paragraphs and one photograph. On page 6. Thousands were said to have attended from all over the northeast and it remains the highlight of the summer season, at least for children. The weather was beautiful and heavy traffic plied to and from the fair all day. Long gone is the buying and selling of horses, cattle and sheep and for a long time the whole essence of the fair has been amusement. There were the usual sideshows and entertainment booths, marquees, and fruit and confectionery stalls.

Aug 8 **Flooding !** Heavy rain on Monday caused widespread flooding of roads, fields and low lying ground in the Buckie area as swollen streams and burns burst their banks in numerous places. The Tynet Burn was a raging torrent while an offshoot of the Buckie Burn five foot wide and a foot deep swept past the door of Burnside Croft, Inchgower, the home of 71 year old George McIvor and his wife Jessie, 75. The water swept through their house and then out through the outhouses through a field before rejoining the Buckie Burn. A photograph is shown on page 1.

**NorthEast Dances** (promoters) - the following groups are to be appearing in Keith – Tommy Dene and the Tremors, Sandy and the Sandstormers with vocalist – Liz Leslie (a double attraction). On Friday 16 music will be supplied by Frank and the Strollers.

**Goal scorer supreme makes his return** George 'Doddie ' Robertson who was a prolific goal scorer when with the Rovers before moving up to the Highland League with Forres Mechanics has been reinstated and returned to his first love. The Rovers have also signed Jack Macdonald from Buckie Thistle, who has also been reinstated, and Sid Grant from Islavale. John May who was with Buckie Thistle signed for Aberdeen Junior side, East End.

**Trial game - Buckie** Thistle beat the Rovers by five goals to one.

Aug 15 **New band at the Two Red Shoes-** Tony Holland and the Packabeets with Ronnie Hall as vocalist. Two bands are to play in the Craigellachie Public Hall. Malcolm Clark and The Cresters and Syd Green's Beat Trio. There will also be two bands at Cullen on Friday when Freddy and the Sabres and the Copy Cats will play. The New Apaches will play in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday night.

**Gift of a Baptismal font and Communion Chairs** - Enzie South Church was gifted a baptismal font by Rev David I Howie whose father was minister at Enzie from 1898 until 1926.

The church also received three Communion chairs from Mrs A. R. Wilson in memory of her husband. The late Mr Wilson had a shoemaker's shop in Portgordon.

**Honoured** - Gordon Packman, Glentor, West Cathcart Street, while spending a holiday in North Wales last week played for Llandudno Round Table in a charity cricket match last Friday, Gordon is a member of Buckie and District Round Table. The opposition was provided by a Show Biz All Stars XI that included Russ Conway, Bill Maynard and Bryan Johnston. Two days earlier Mr Packman was a passenger in a bus which was involved in a smash when he received slight shoulder injuries.

**Highland League Football** - Buckie Thistle lost their first match of season 1963/64 when they were beaten by the odd goal in seven by Rothes in a Highland League Cup tie.

Roths had four Buckie men in their side – Thain, Billy McGoldrick, Gordon Geddes and Willie Allan. Allan and Geddes both scored.  
The Thistle team was – Low, Sang and Laing; Cowie, Morrison and Brander; Gowie, Scott, Fraser, Simpson and McBeth.

**The Rovers lose keeper - Rob** Skinner (Portknockie) left the area to work in England. The new keeper will be Alex Sutherland.

Aug 22 **More heavy rain leads to more flooding - The** Buckie area was again hit by heavy rain leading to widespread flooding after 36 hours of continuous rain on Tuesday. For the second time in a fortnight the new downpour brought heartbreak for Mr and Mrs George McIvor, 71 and 75 years respectively, at Burnside Cottage, Inchgower as they saw their downstairs rooms again awash.

They say that this will be the last time that they will suffer from flooding for after living in their burn side cottage for 30 years they are to move to a house on Land Street, Buckie.

Tynet Burn was at his highest for many years, bursting its banks at numerous places. The Strathlene Caravan site and the Linzee Gordon playing field were under water.

**South Church congregation will return - The** congregation of the South Church will return to the church on Sunday when it re-opens after being closed for two months when large scale internal renovations and re-decoration took place. During the time that the church was closed the hall was used for worship.

**The Rovers may lose services of centre half - Jimmy** Robertson the long serving centre half of Buckie Rovers may be forced to quit the game as a result of a recurring ankle injury. (He did in fact retire but came back to play some months later and continued for a considerable time thereafter.)

Aug 29 **Women fish workers in demand** - Women fish workers are wanted at Yarmouth now until Christmas or longer. Good wages offered plus bonus and overtime. Return rail fare paid and subsistence.

**Advert** – Cecil and Harvey, The Radio, TV, Record and Music shop, 42-44 East Church Street (next the GPO)

**Flood damage at Rathven** - The smiddy house at Rathven, home of Mr and Mrs Douglas Cranna was also a victim of the recent floods. Twice in a fortnight the small Rathven Burn, which flows close by, burst its banks and swept through their house.

**Our dining room suite!** Alex Slater, House Furnisher, East Church, had an advert for a dining room suite consisting of sideboard, table and four chairs. It was a nice suite made by Nathan and was their newest design. The wood used was desert teak. The sideboard cost £45.12.6, the table £20.16.6 and the chairs £6.5.6 each. (My wife and I liked the suite and decided to buy one, which in total cost us around seven week's wages. Although the sideboard was as good as new we gave it away to a good home in 1997 but in 2001 we still had, and were using, the table and chairs.)

Sept 5 **Notice** – As from Dec 2 1963 all local railway passenger services between Aberdeen, Keith, and Elgin via Mulben, via Buckie via Dufftown to be discontinued.

**Far does it a' come fae? More flooding !.** For the third time in the past month the Buckie, Tynet and Rathven burns burst their banks. At Tynet, James Thomson, storeman at the nearby Tynet Mill saw his garden once again under a foot of water. Worst hit once again was Mrs and Mrs George McIvor at Burnside Croft, Inchgower, with water once again flowing through their downstairs rooms. At Rathven, Mr and Mrs Cranna, thankfully escaped this time.

**Yours For Dancing** – The Fishermen's Hall, on Monday 9 September. Music by Alex Sutherland and his Sextet. Admission 4/6. Refreshments. Usual buses.

**The Two Red Shoes** - The bands to play over the next three Thursdays are - The Fabulous Checkmates; Jimmy Justine and The Nashville Teens. The same bands were booked to play at Cullen and Buckie on different nights.

**"Wear a Gannex coat and be like the Prime Minister, Harold Wilson"**. The best all weather coat in the world costing 13 guineas and 16 guineas. (I was persuaded and bought one out of Charlie Shearers in 1964. I liked the tartan lining and bone buttons and it really wore well.)

Sept 12 **Harbour weighbridge** - This has been installed at Commercial Road and is now in operation.

**Fish packing station to keep going** -The town council decided that though the station had incurred a loss of £1061 during the year 1962/63 it was felt that it should continue to operate. It would send out the wrong signal to have it closed.

**Advert** - Window Cleaning and jobbing mason, from Portgordon to Portessie, George Davidson, 129 Main Street.

**Promotion** - A Buckie man, Canon Alexander Sullivan, has been appointed Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic diocese of Aberdeen. He is 50.

Sept 19 **"We could manage without the railway"** - Provost Cameron was taken to task by Provost Wood of Portsoy for uttering this remark. In defence Provost Cameron said his words had been taken out of context.

**Come Dancing-** Buckie Rovers F.C. invite you to a dance in the Town House Hall on Wednesday 2 October from 8.30 till 1am. Music by Bill Geddes's Band. Admittance 3/- Spot Dances and Refreshments. (We weren't told if the dance was a success or not, or how many couples were present. This was the first dance in the Town House Hall for a long time. It did seem odd that the Rovers should have Bill Geddes to play when beat groups were the in thing.)

**North East Dances (Promoters)** The following groups were to play at Huntly. Barry Wayne and The Strangers; Sandy and the Sandstormers with Liz Leslie; Jerry and the Sunsets (Aberdeen's Youngest Show Band Group).

Sept 26 **Bobbies to retire** - Two senior officers of Buckie Police Sub division with a combined total of over 66 years police service are to retire on Saturday. Inspector Frank W. Anderson, and Sergeant Andrew Birse who has spent 30 of his 34 ½ year's service in Buckie.

**Unusual yacht** - A yacht of a very unusual design for the north east was launched on Thursday afternoon from the shipyard of Messrs G. Thomson and Son. The new vessel, christened 'Blue Kingfisher', 40 feet long, has been built on Portugese fishing boat lines with a high flared bow and counter stern to the order of Sir Ivar Colquhoun of Luss, Dumbartonshire. She has been fitted with an automatic pilot and is powered by a 56hp Parson Barracuda diesel engine to cruise on the west coast. The Blue Kingfisher will be finished by the end of the month and delivered to Burghead under the care of Captain Michael Tennant, Lochnabo, Lhanbryde, an uncle of the owner. Later the two men will sail her to the West Coast.

**Student teacher** - A Nigerian student teacher has been attending Portessie Secondary School for the past month and returns to Dundee Training College this week.

**A picture to cherish** - A picture on page 8 shows 2 horses involved in 'leading' during the hairst at Loanhead, Farm, Rathven. One horse is standing with a load of sheaves while the other cart has just been emptied. Also shown in the picture is a number of 'rucks' which have already been built in the 'cornyard' with one of the men

meantime engaged in building another. The men in the photograph are J. Macdonald, J. Robertson and J. Morrison. (This was a rare scene, since even as early as 1963 very few horses were left on the farms in the area. By this time an increasing amount of the grain crop was being cut by the combine which meant that no 'stooking' of sheaves was required and hence no 'leading' nor 'rucks' to be built.

Oct 3 **Death of well known sportsman and councillor** - The death took place in Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen, this week of Wm. Bannerman. He was 57 and had been in ill health for some time. A native of Sutherland he was educated in Glasgow and came to Buckie just prior to the war to be manager of Claude Alexander's, Multiple Tailors, who had a shop on High Street. During WWII he served in the RAF as a policeman. After the war he opened a dry-cleaning business on High Street later converting this into a sports equipment shop. He was a skilled golfer in his younger days. He took a keen interest in public affairs, being a member of the Buckie Welfare Society. He had a great love of fishing and had considerable skill in tying flies. He was secretary/treasurer of the local angling club. He was at one time a very active member of Buckie Town Council but retired a number of years before. He lived at 36 West Church Street. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

**Buckie Sea Cadets in uniform** - A picture on page one shows the members of Buckie Sea Cadets about to board a bus leaving for Lossiemouth. The officer in charge of the party is Lt. K. M. Bendelow.

**Applying for licenses were** - Robert B. Wyper, Aberdeen, who was applying for a drink's license for the Thistle Bar, 6 West Church Street and Robert Innes Gordon, Baker, Fochabers, who was applying for a license for the Anchor Bar at 42 Low Street. (They were both granted.)

**New Portgordon Youth Club** - A notice in the paper spoke of the opening of a new Portgordon Youth Club (63 Club). This was to be open on Tuesdays from 7.15 to 9.30pm., commencing on 8 October. Members may play badminton, do craftwork, play table tennis, see films, play indoor games and dance.. if you are between 13 and 17 this is for you, says the notice, join now.

**New dance band names this week** - The Caravelles plus Ben Richmond, Sons of the Piltdown Man plus Gary and Lee, Eddie Lepard and the Leopards. All to appear at the Two Red Shoes over the next week or so.

**£2000 Beat Band Contest** will take place in the Town Hall, Elgin. Bands who aim to compete are - Johnny and The Copycats; Eddie Lepard and The Leopards, The New Apaches, The Tornados, The Wildcats, The Electrons plus Huston Wells and the Marksmen and the Alexander Sutherland Sextet.

**The American pop star**, Tommy Rob is to appear at the Two Red Shoes

**Music at Huntly** for dancing is to be supplied by Bobby Dean and the Dynamos.

**No candle power - "I ran out o' them"** - For driving a pony and trap on the Cullen to Fochabers road near the farm of the Holl, during the hours of darkness without front or rear lights or red reflector, George Watt, 65, salesman, Blair of Tynet was fined 15/-. The accused had this excuse to offer. It was a young pony that he was breaking in and had had some problems with it, which made him later than he had planned. One of the lamps had part of a candle which was unlit while the other had no candle. He said that he ran out of candles but had only about 300 yards to go and didn't think it was worth stopping to light up also it wasn't all that dark.

**A new car from Ford - The Corsair** which can do up to 33 miles on a gallon of petrol.

Oct 10 **Shop and house for sale at 10 and 12 Main Street**

**Shop to let at 12 Main Street** - D. L. Fowler, 6 Gordon Street.

**They came first** - Johnny and The Copycats were winners of the first heat in the £2000 Beat Band contest held in Elgin. They now go on to Hamilton to compete in the final. The members of the group, a picture which appears in this edition, are Ian Lyon, Johnny Stewart, Ali. Ewen, Robb Lawson and Billy Cameron.

The group were popular winners especially with the girls, many of whom were carried away by Johnny Stewart with all his gimmicks his brown jersey, his lenseless specs and stringless fiddle. One girl said, "Johnny just makes me want to scream."

**New Police Inspector** - The new inspector who will replace Frank Anderson at Buckie is to be Sgt. George Watt who is meantime at Turriff.

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Oct 17 **Douglas Park** is the name to be given to the new playing field in Portessie, named after Councillor Edward Douglas who has made great efforts to having it established.

**Harbourmaster to resign** - Captain Sandy Valentine, harbourmaster at the Buckie has given notice that he is to resign on 31 December next

**New bands to play at different venues as advertised this week** - At the Two Red Shoes, Elgin – Alex Har-very Big Soul Band with Miss Donna Douglas.

In the Town Hall, Cullen – Ian Crawford and the Boomerangs

In the Public Hall Craigellachie – Donna Douglas plus Gary Vager and The Facelles and Johnny and The CopyCats.

**Fish processing plant** - Buckie Town Council after discussing the why and wherefore of the fish

processing plant at Buckie Harbour which incurred a trading loss of more than £1000 over the year

decided that it should continue to operate since it would send out the wrong signal to close.

**Buckie Thistle take a hammering** - Elgin City beat Buckie Thistle by 8goals to one at Boroughbriggs. This was the biggest defeat since 1946 when Forres Mechanics beat them by the same score line.

Oct 24 **Dancers get good value for their money** - Three bands will play in the Stewart Hall Huntly – Jerry and The Sunsets; Johnny Carson and the Sound Phantoms and Sandy and the Sandstormers. With Liz Leslie. Free buses from Buckie, Banff, Elgin and Inverurie Admission 5/- (North East Dances – promoters)

Modern Dancing Enterprises have engaged the following to appear at the Two Red Shoes – The Royal Crests on 7 November and The Druids on Thursday 14 November.

The Boomerangs will play in the Town Hall, Elgin, while in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 25 November dancers will have the opportunity to dance and listen to the Flaming Red Jaguars.

On Saturday, 26 November, The group, The Seven Sinners from Glasgow will play.

**Page 4 carries a photograph of a former worthy**, Nathaniel Robertson, popularly known as 'Auld Nath' who was almost always seen with his donkey. The caption written underneath the photograph is wrong, how-ever. Alnath Place, a short street in Buckpool was not called after him altogether but is an amalgamation of part of two names Al for Alex Maver and Nath for the bold lad himself. The names were chosen by the Town Clerk, Mr J. L. McNaughton who said two worthies and bosom pals should be long remembered.

**Buckie in the Qualifying Cup Final** - Buckie beat Inverness Thistle by three goals to two to reach the final of the Qualifying Cup. They had Ian Davidson, a new signing from Elgin City in the team at C/F and he scored two of the goals. (It may be of interest to some to know that as I type up these notes on Sunday 27 October 2001 it is one day after Buckie Thistle were well beaten by five goals to one by Deveronvale at Kynoch Park, Keith in the final of the same cup. The 'Vale were five goals ahead at half-time. Karl came all the way up from Edinburgh to see the match confident that Buckie would win and his former school colleague, Micky MacPherson, captain of the Thistle, lift the cup. Naturally he was more than sick, feeling that some of the highly rated Buckie players had let their supporters down.)

Oct 31 **Water! Water!** A start has at long last been made to the Clochan water scheme.

**Sunday dancing** - Dancers may care to note that Sunday dancing is shortly to commence in the Town Hall, Elgin. Free buses are to run from Buckie. Keith and Forres.

**Another new group-** Ricky Bowden and the Unit 4 are to be appearing at the Two Red Shoes

**Malcolm Slater on the move** - The former Celtic, Buckie, Caley and Montrose player moved this week to Southend for a fee of £6000

Nov 7 **Less dances being advertised, no Modern Dancing Enterprises in this edition.** At Huntly dancers will be able to listen and dance to the music supplied by Frankie and the Strollers

The age old advert - 'Yours For Dancing' is still there with Alex Sutherland and his Sextet supplying the music on Monday evening 11 November.

**A return of the native- well maybe not quite** but Martin Buchan made a return to his old stamping ground of Victoria Park as coach to Lewis United who met Buckie Rovers in the 1st round of the Scottish Junior Cup. The Aberdeen side won by three goals to nil.

Nov 14 **Buckie Sea Cadets** - A picture of a Buccaneer aircraft was presented at the inauguration ceremony, which took place at Buckie High School playground on Saturday afternoon. The picture was gifted by Captain D.W. Kirke, CO of RNAS Lossiemouth after he had inspected the unit and took the salute at a march past. The following boys were given badges for swimming - G. Marandola, A. Thain, C. Humphrey, R. Thain, D. Gardiner, Wm. Flett and J. Gordon. In charge of the Buccaneer unit is Lt. K. M. Bendelow, PT Navigation

**Buckpool Golf Course** - The town council agreed to let the Buckpool Golf Club to members. It was said that this could relieve ratepayers of between £800 and £100 per year.

**Opening announcement** - Peter Reid, 44 Linn Crescent, Buckie was giving notice that he intended to commence in business as a plumber.

**Modern Dancing Enterprises** - The bands lined up to play at the Two Red Shoes ballroom in Elgin over the next few Thursdays are Druids, The Copycats and Mike Cadillac and the Playboys.

In the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, dancers on Saturday 16 November will hear Johnny Hudson and the Teen Beats, while over in the Cullen Town Hall of Friday 22 November Tony Holland and the Packabeets will be performing.

Nov 21 **Scottish winners** - Johnny and the Copycats became the Scottish Beat Champions 1963 after a splendid performance in Perth City Hall last Friday night and now go on

to the All Britain Beat Championship in London on December 1. The name Copycats is taken from the name inscribed on a piece of electrical equipment they use in putting over their instrument numbers.

**Another new band** - Dancers at Cullen will have the opportunity to listen to yet another new group - The Royal Teens.

**Disappeared** - The dance promoters - North East Dances who ran dances in Keith, Huntly and Craigellachie for a long time appeared to have disappeared from the scene with their advert not being seen for a long time.

**A surprise - a fishing boat launched**- A fishing boat, christened the 'Falcon' a 60 foot long ring net motor fishing boat of a new design was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie Ltd last Saturday.

The 'Falcon' will operate on the west coast and has been built for Messrs John M. Sutherland, D. G. Sutherland and Dan McPherson, all of Hopeman.

The 'Falcon' was the first fishing boat to be built by Her & McKenzie for over a year. Other new projects in the firm's building programme include two 37-foot long self-righting lifeboats for the RNLI and a 67-foot steel vessel for the Department of Fisheries at Aden.

Nov 28 **A desirable post** - Forty applicants put their names forward for the Harbourmaster's job at the Buckie Harbour. The post will become vacant on January 1 1964 due to the resignation of Captain A. Valentine.

**Scottish National Party (Buckie Branch)** are to put on a concert - "From the Hills and Glens" in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 4 December. Among the artistes appearing will be Dave McIntosh recording star.

**Big advert** - Young's West End Bakery.

**Arradoul WRI** - A photograph in this edition shows some members of Arradoul WRI committee as they watch Mrs Bendelow cut a cake to celebrate the 46th birthday of the club. Among those shown in the photograph is Mrs Mary Burnett (my late sister), Mrs Zena Morrison and Mrs McLennan, president.

**Buckie Rovers' player for New Zealand** - John Mair, Portknockie, who has given yeoman service to Buckie Rovers during the past two seasons leaves for N. Z. on Saturday. He received a presentation from the club. (John is a brother of Winnie Mair, the Highland League player.)

Dec 5 **Johnny and the Copycats** were runners up in the British Beat Championships in London on Saturday night - a quite outstanding achievement. They were competing against 8 top bands drawn from all over the British Isles in the final of the £2000 contest and came second to the winners, a Yorkshire Group known as the Ex Excaliburs with Hayley and won a prize of £750. £250 of musical instruments and a £500 recording contract. The final of the £200 contest took place in the Granada, Tooting.

**Sunday night dancing** will start in the Town Hall, Elgin on Sunday 15 December. Patrons will hear music played by Malcolm Clarke and the Cresters plus Johnny and the Copycats.

**Two Red Shoes** - Playing on Thursday December 12 will be Shane Fenton and the Fentons, on December it will be Tony Sheverton and the Chevelles.

**Watch Repairs** - S. Cowie, 13 Cluny Terrace (near to Robertson's Auction Rooms)

**Yours for Dancing-** (The same old advert ) . Fishermen's Hall on Monday December 9. Johnny Douglas Combo

Dec 12 **'Spey Dream'** a 40 foot long twin screw motor cruiser built by Messrs Jones Ltd at Buckie left by road this week for the International Boat Show at Earls Court, London. Herd and McKenzie, who will be making their 5th appearance are to put on show their first motor assisted sailing yacht

**At the Craig** - Dancers in the Craigellachie Public Hall on Friday will hear the Aberdeen Strollers play plus the Electrons.

**Little or no support** - Buckie Town Council had hoped that the public would respond to their appeal to support them in their application to British Rail not to close the coast railway but were surprised by how little was given.

**Promotion** - Major A. W. Macdonald has been appointed the new Commandant of the Scottish North East Army Cadet Force and been promoted to the rank of Lieut. Colonel. This was approved by the War Office.

Dec 19 **New bands mentioned at dances this week are** - Mark Peters and the Silhouettes, Johnny Kid and the Pi-rates, Dave West and the Tempests and Wild Cats

**Beadle wanted for North Church** - duties also include hallkeeper, cleaner. Apply to J. L. McNaughton, Session Clerk.

**Adverts for Christmas and New Year dinners, luncheons** - Marine Hotel, Speybay Hotel.

Dec 26 **Bill Geddes still playing** - Though his name is now rarely seen in dance adverts he is still favourite to play at balls. He is booked to play at Spey Bay and also the Builder's Ball in the St Andrew's Hall on January 31.

**Mayne's Staff 'do'** is also to take place in the St Andrew's Hall with Jack Sinclair with singer Dave Macintosh providing the music.

**Arradoul and District Players** under their enthusiastic producer, the well known Buckie farmer, Ernie Boyd, Hillocks, are to present the 3 act Scot's comedy - "Sandy" in the Arradoul WRI Hall on January 9th and 10th. There are 6 male and three female parts.

**The 'Misty Isle'** a 30 foot motor assisted sailing yacht built by Herd & McKenzie and chosen as their show piece at this year's Boat Show set out on the 600 mile journey by road to London on a special transport vehicle. The 'Misty Isle' is one of two splendid examples of Buckie shipbuilding skills and craftsmanship to be seen at the Show. The 'Spey Dream', a 40' long boat built by Messrs Jones Ltd was taken south earlier this month. This year 478 exhibitors will be showing a total of 563 craft.