

**1972**

Jan 6 **Aul Nath, a Buckie worthy of earlier times-** In a previous edition of the B. A. Peter Dick had asked if anyone knew the surname of Aul Nath. A reader came back with the answer in a letter found in the local paper of this date. His surname was Robertson. He said how Aul Nath lived for a long time with his bosom pal and drinking crony Alex Maver 'Maverie' who was the tenant of the Seafield Farm. The farmhouse was later to become the 19<sup>th</sup> hole of Buckpool Golf Club and still later the Turner Pavilion, so named after Sammy Turner who kept the building wind and water-tight for a long time. Aul Nath spent the remaining years of his life with Mrs Thomson at Midway Cottage

The writer of the letter told a couple of stories about Aul Nath. One day he had to take to his bed with the doctor being called for. When the doctor said, "Let's have a look at your kist". "Oh, that's below the bed", said Nath.

Another story told concerns Nath and his donkey Joseph when the roads were a lot narrower than they are today. A commercial traveller came up a long queue of cars near the Swiss Cottage in the Fochabers Woods. The traffic was moving but only so and he walked up to the head of the line to see what the hold up was, there he found Joseph plodding slowly along with Nath stretched out in the cart behind fast asleep. The traveller and all the rest of the motorists had to wait until Joseph turned down the Barhill Road before they could get on their way.

My father-in-law Jimmy Gordon told me another story about Nath. One day it would appear the parish priest came upon Nath cursing and swearing at Joseph. Said Father ..... "Why are you speaking in that way to that poor dumb beast, don't you know that the Lord rode on the back of such an animal on his way to Jerusalem". Nath replied, "Aye I ken that fine, but if this wis the b..... he hid he widna be there yet".

The writer was not completely correct when he said that the town council chose to name a street in Buckpool after Aul Nath although it would seem so. The names of the streets were chosen by Mr J. L. McNaughton in 1953 and it is written that he wished to mark the two worthies Alex Maver and Aul Nath by using part of both names - Al and Nath.

**Opening a branch shop -** The Storey Brothers, Bruce and Ian, Electricians, who already have a showroom on Baron Street have opened a second at 100 Mid Street where in addition to selling new stock will undertake repairs.

**Buckie Thistle enjoyed their best festive season for several years** when they won both ends of the two annual games. In the second game at Victoria Park they came out on top by four goals to nil

Jan 13 **Buckie's first ever centenarian -** London born Rosina Lascelles-Higham who made her home in the burgh 30 years ago celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in a special ward at the Seafield Hospital where she has been a patient for 18 months.

She lived for many years at her home 73 High Street named Wyndham after the Cunard liner on which she and her husband cruised around the world at the time of their retirement. Her only daughter, Mrs Evelyn Fulton was the wife of the late R. Fulton, Architect. Her two grandsons, Graeme and Alistair Fulton and also great grandchildren were present at the birthday party.

**Dance venue and music providers - Mr Fantasy** will play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 14 January while the following week it will be the turn of **The Chris McLure Section.**

**Bill Geddes and his band** will play at a dance in the Spey Bay hall on Saturday 15 January. The dance will run from 9 until 11.30pm with admission being 20p.

Dogs - the mess they leave behind - A letter was received from a lady in Cullen who told about the mess in which her house had been left when her children walked through a mess left behind on the pavement outside by dogs. Mrs Katie Findlay,

Cathay Terrace said that she was sick and tired cleaning up the mess. (The problem is perhaps even worse in June 2002 with a big campaign, both locally and nationally is presently being waged in an effort to effect an improvement. Much of the blame is laid on irresponsible dog-owners that allow their animals to defecate anywhere and fail to clean up behind them.)

**Two interesting photographs are shown on page 4.** One shows a Norwegian Klondyker waiting at the quayside in the Buckie Harbour to load on a cargo of sprats. The second shows the former drifter, **Coulardbank BCK 144** that was built of steel in Aberdeen in 1910. It was first registered in Buckie in 1913. The Coulardbank 84' long overall was powered by a 31net hp triple expansion engine and was owned by James Murray 8 Pringle Street.

Mr Philip T McCabe who lives at Benbecula, South Uist, sent in the picture of the Coulardbank.

**First Honorary Life Member** - Mr Douglas 'Dougal' Forbes, 76 St Peter's Road has been made the first honorary life member of Buckpool Golf Club in honour of his services to the club over a period of nearly forty years.

**Heavy sprat landings continue unabated** - 10,500 crans being discharged last week at the port. 4,800 crans went for freezing, 3,800 were consigned to Fraserburgh for fishmeal with the balance going for pet food.

**Former town councillor dies** - The death took place this week at his home 8 Yardie of John Milton at the age of 76. He had been in ill health for some time.

John Milton began life as an apprentice miller with Alexander Gray but after World War I, during which he was wounded while serving with the 6 Battalion Gordon Highlanders he began working with his father who had a small holding and also did carting work. He was janitor of the Lady Cathcart School for many years.

He served on the town council for 35 years being first a councillor, then a Baillie and finally a Police Judge. He was a JP, and chairman of the Buckie Labour Party. He was a long serving member of the local life saving apparatus crew and was awarded the Long Service Medal He never married and is survived by two sisters Nannie Hay and Bella Herd.

**Advert** - Gordon Rumbles - Painter and Decorator. Braeview Cottage.

**Royal British Legion (Buckie Branch) give donations** - Christmas Gifts (Widows and OAP's) 1970/71 £236, Buckie O.P Welfare £30 OAP Outing Fund £20, Banff British Legion Zone £20, Meals on wheels (WRVS) £17, Buckie Cricket Club £26, High School Organ Fund £15, Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society £15. Strathisla Pipe Band, Keith, £15, Strathlene Golf Club £5.

**Change of name** - Buckie Toastmaster's Club has been renamed the Buckie Speakers Club as from the beginning of the New Year. The change of name follows the setting up of a new British organisation - The Institute of Public Speaking formerly the Toastmasters Council of the British Isles.

**An addition to the Welfare League** - Cornhill F.C. made application to join the Buckie District Welfare League and have been accepted. They were formerly in the Banff Welfare League, which has gone into abeyance.

Jan 27 **Dance venue and music providers** - The group booked to play at a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 28 January is **The Verge**.

There will also be a dance the following night in the Town Hall when the **Bay City Rollers** will be on stage at 1045. The dance will start at 8.45 and there will be late buses. Admission 55p.

**Opening announcement** - The Hair Boutique, Hope Street, Portessie. Proprietor, Mrs Isabel A. Smith

**Taxi service** - For quick and reliable service - Mayne's Taxis phone 3219. (They didn't stop after all.)

**Winter sales** - C. I. Shearer, Drapers and Outfitters, 6-8 East Church Street. George Robertson, Draper, Cullen. Anderson and England Complete House Furnishers, Bottom of Lossie Wynd, Elgin. F. Ritchie, 72-74 A, East Church Street. Alex J. Slater, House Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street, George Sutherland, Shoemaker, 21 West Church Street, Robertson's Ltd of Buckie, Branches at Fordyce, Banff, Portsoy and Keith Baby Boutique, 15A, East Church Street, James Mackay, Draper etc., 5 East Church Street, General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street, Alex Esson, Tailor and Outfitter, Cluny Square, The Hat Box, 56 Seafield Street, Cullen, A.B. Smith, 3 Seaview Road, Findochty.

**Sheltering oil rig draws interested crowd** - Towed into Spey Bay for shelter during the recent gales, the oil rig Stafflo lay off Buckie for several days at the week-end attracting a lot of interest. The rig owned the Shell/Esso group was later moved to a new North Sea drilling station.

**Cullen couple both die in an early morning car crash** - Mr George Ferguson 33, treasurer on Cullen Town Council and part time Town Clerk of Findochty died at 7am on Friday morning when his car was in collision with a lorry near Sandend. His wife, 35, who was a passenger in the car, a nurse at Ladysbridge Hospital, Banff was also killed. She was being transported home to their home at 26 Grant Street, Cullen after coming off night shift. It is believed that their car skidded on the icy road into the path of the lorry, laden with fish. The lorry, which was being driven by a Cullen man enroute to Peterhead, ended up in a field but he was unhurt.

\*\*\*\* **Fisher boats and fisher people - the book by Peter Anson which became a classic in its field has now been reprinted for the first time since 1930.**

**Cheaper motoring** - A.. W. & H Davidson, a Banff garage can now convert your car to run off gas (LPG) The firm have been appointed by Calor Gas as installers of their Autoblend propulsion system, the only one in the county.

Feb 3 **Opening announcement** - A new tyre depot has opened on Low Street by Northern Oils on a site formerly occupied partially by the butcher shop belonging to Kate Skinner. Northern Oils was founded three years ago by 26 years old Martin Reid and his wife, Davina, of 49 East Church Street.

**Dairy changes hands** - The long established dairy firm, Rathven Dairy, owned by the McLean family. Has been taken over by Mackies' Dairy of Westerton, Rothienorman.

**Shipyard employees to have night out** - The employees of Jones' Shipyard are to hold a Supper and Dance in the Marine Hotel on Friday 11 February from 7.45pm till 1.30am. Music for dancing to be provided by the Astoria Band and Whiskers Galore. Tickets cost 75p.

**Dance venue and music provider** - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 11 February. The band booked to play is **Levi**.

**A new road proposed** - Buckie Town Council spoke of their interest in acquiring a former piece of railway ground to continue the road off the March Road past Craigbo to the former Portessie railway ground already owned by the council to enable the ground to be opened up for private housing. (This never came to pass as the ground in question is very boggy although a pathway was constructed along the course of the old railway.)

**The milkmen and milkmaid who will deliver the milk for Mackies** Their photographs are found on page 9.

James Kemp, Jimmy Reid, Alastair Jamieson, Mrs K. Forsyth, Douglas Forbes, George Ledinghm, Sandy Legg and John Wilson.

Feb 10 Antique furniture buyer and restorer - The front page carries a story about 25 year old Malcolm Grant who travels thousands of miles each year looking for old furniture which he restores before selling on. He also builds reproduction pieces of antique furniture to order.

Malcolm, a married man with three children, lives at 16 Low Street. (He was still in business in 2002 with the movement of furniture around the country being a large part of his business with a large van constantly on the road travelling up and down to London each week.)

**Strathlene - but a long way from the Moray Firth coast** - A Perthshire Hotel is to be renamed Strathlene in honour of a new owner's connection with Buckie.

The 12 bed-roomed former Kirkmichael Hotel near Blairgowrie is to be re-named Strathlene. The new owner is Mr James Goodlad who is a native of Shetland but whose late mother's own surname was Cowie. She belonged to Portessie where her father, Mr Alexander Cowie was a master carpenter many years ago.

**Dance venue and music provider** - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on 18 February when the group booked to play is **Maxi's Taxi**.

**Buckie Thistle team of yesteryear** - A photograph of the team of 1921 is given on page 11. The players are named as - J.P. Clark. S. Cameron. N. Pirie. W. Rae, I. Geddes, M. Goodall, J. Garden. Geo. McKenzie. J. Newlands, J. Stewart, B. Nicol and W. Ross.

Feb 17 **Gowie Trophy winners** - Winners of the Gowie Trophies awarded annually at Buckie to vessels of the Buckie fleet selling most fish at the port during the year.

The trophies were handed over at the Fishermen's Ball by Mrs Margaret Cole, wife of Bailie Jack Cole, to John McKay, 23 High Street, Portsoy skipper of the Delightful who took the shield for boats under the 60 feet class and Wm. Hay, 7 Gordon Street also of Portsoy, skipper of the Illustrious for boats over 60 feet.

**Cullen dance** - The group booked to play in the Town Hall on Friday 25 February is **Forever Amber**.

**Death of Buckie master baker** - Harry Wallace died at the wheel of his car while travelling home to Buckie on Thursday. He owned baker shops at Oldmeldrum, Alford and previously also two in Buckie at Low Street and East Church Street both which he closed a year ago. A native of Alloa he lived with his wife at Glen Tilly on Low Street.

Feb 24 - **Cathcart Grove Clinic** will eventually prove to be a white elephant claims Buckie doctor.

**Opening announcement** - Buckie Fish Shop, 10 East Church Street. On 28 February. H. Cox prop.

**Dance venue and music players** - A dance will take place in the Public Institute, Fochabers, on Friday 3 March organised by the Amenities Association. This will run from 9.30pm till 1.30am. Admittance 30p. the group booked to play is the **Winking Owls**.

**Opening announcement** - Milne Brothers, General Contractors, Fencing, Concreting, Path-laying and drainage.

**'Moray' is the chosen name** - Findochty Town Council expressed them in favour of 'Moray' as the name of the new district authority into which Findochty will fall when the reorganisation of local government takes place. The title 'Moravia' had been suggested elsewhere.

**Stray dogs** - " They are becoming a bit of a problem in Buckie". This was said by the burgh prosecutor , Mr Robert A. Lyall Macduff in Buckie Police Court when three dog owners (a' weel kent) were fined for offences concerning their pets in that they allowed them to roam about on the public road and play parks without collars.

**Advert** - Cleaning at special reductions - Stevenson's Cleaners, 19 Cluny Square.

**Player of the Year award** - Buckie Thistle are to revive their 'Player of the Year' award with a total of fifteen players being eligible to be voted for.

**Advert** - Regency Car Sales, Marine Place introduce the fabulous new Trans-Continental Victor. See it in our showroom now.

Mar 2 **Maritime Museum** - A bid is to be made to get the Maritime Museum Project under way soon and open to the public for a limited period each week during the summer.

**Stake Ness** - Still no confirmation has yet been received to give the go-ahead for the nuclear power station proposed to be built near Whitehills.

**The Round Table** - Buckie and District Round Table are to hold a three day Gala from July 21 till the 23 July with both dates being inclusive.

**Stathlene Golf Club** - Despite the drain on the financial resources caused by the golf club it was decided to run it for a further two years.

Mar 9 **Work completed improvements to be made** - With the work of erecting a wall along the sea-front at the Yardie the burgh surveyor, Mr Ronald Stewart recommended to the town council that improvements to the land behind the wall should be made. These were accepted. They include levelling off the ground, infilling with soil and the sowing of grass. In addition the re-siting of a number of sheds and one garage would also be done

**Dances at Cullen** - A dance will take place in the Town Hall on Friday 10 March when Lucas and the Harmony Express will make a special visit to Cullen. The following week a group from Edinburgh called **Index** will play with **Mr Fantasy** the week after.

**Girls Nautical Training Corps-** Training will recommence on Monday 13 March at 7.30pm in the Sea Cadet Hall on Low Street. New entries welcome.

**Officials elected at the AGM of the Women's Gas Federation for 1972/73** - Chair - Mrs J. Scorgie, vice chair - Mrs O. Bannerman, secretary Mrs M. Chisholm and treasurer - Miss N. Clark.

**Opening announcement** - - Shoe Repairs - R. Scott- West Church Street, entry by King's Café Lane. Opening Monday March 13.

**Stake Ness** - Speaking on the lack of confirmation regarding Stake Ness, Ronald Fraser, prospective Liberal candidate for the county said that Banffshire cannot live on hope.

Mar 16 **Firm founder dies** - One of the founders of the Buckie engineering firm, Hamilton Brothers and former town councillor, William Hamilton died on Wednesday at his home in Argyllshire at the age of 90.

It was in 1920 that William Hamilton together with his brothers, John and Stewart set up in business in Buckie as boilermakers and steel platers.

He left Buckie in 1936 to take up employment in John Brown's shipyard on the Clyde and was involved in the construction of both liners, Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. He returned to his native town of Ardisaig after W.W.II.

Hamilton Path, which links Mill Crescent with East Cathcart Street, was named in his honour.

**Jumble Sale** - It has become something of a annual event, the Buckie Rovers jumble sale, will take place this year on Friday in the Town House. Admittance a silver collection.

**Shifted to Portsoy** - For the one week the weekly Friday night dance normally held in Cullen Town Hall will on the 31<sup>st</sup> March take place in the Town Hall, Portsoy instead.

**Death of a singer** - Durward Lely the well known singer died at his home on South Street, Fochabers last week. He was 89.

He was the eldest son of the late Durward Lely who won international recognition as a tenor while Durward Lely Junior was a polished baritone and sang in several grand operas. Later he went into theatre management and was assistant manager of the Kings theatre in Glasgow for 26 years. He retired to Fochabers 14 years ago and together with his wife is buried in Bellie Churchyard.

**Buckie Rovers get gift of a football strip** - Local junior football club, Buckie Rovers, have received the gift of a complete new football strip from W. McFarlane, chairman of Falkirk F.C. Bairnspool.

Mar 23 **Boat launch** - A 77' long seiner/trawler built for Skipper Dennis Reid, 4 James Street, Buckpool and others was launched from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son on Saturday. The new vessel which cost £86,000 to build has been named **Conquest** after Skipper Reid's previous boat a 70 foot boat built at the same yard only five years before. This has been re-named **Contester** and will be taken over by George Findlay, Portessie. The Conquest will be powered by a 450hp-caterpillar diesel engine and will be equipped with all the latest navigational and fishing gear including a fish-gutting machine.

**Top speaker** - David Porter, 18, a sixth year pupil of Buckie High School, son of Mr and Mrs David Porter, Headmaster of Findochty School won the annual public speaking contest organised by Buckie Speakers Club and held in the school on Tuesday evening. The title of his speech was Bottles. Malcolm Wilson also a sixth year pupil of Cullen came second.

**Dance venue and music provider** - With the Town Hall in Cullen unavailable the organisers have switched the dance to be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Portsoy Town Hall. The group booked to play is Dave Edmunds Rockpile with Andy Fairweather Lowe.

**Closing down sale** - Wm. Marshall and Co. (Buckie ) Ltd. 36 Marine Place, Buckie - Netting, Twine etc.

Mar 30 **In memory of** - Professor Wm. D. McHardy, Regis Professor of Hebrew at Oxford University whose late parents lived at Grant Street, Cullen gifted a beautiful bound copy of the New English Bible to Cullen Parish Church in memory of his parents. This was handed over a special service held in the 736 year old building on Sunday forenoon and accepted by the minister, Rev John T. Guthrie.

**Dance venues and music providers** - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 7 April when dance music will be provided by **Smiles**.

A Nostalgia Night will take place in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin on Monday 17 April featuring the original Two Red Shoes Band - Alex Sutherland's Band. George Inch, Bobby Henderson, Frank Drake, Dave Matheson and Graeme Nairn. In a guest spot the famous Alan Esden Jazz Band Admission 50p.

**Buckie taxi service** - Falconer's Taxis, Joe Dawson, Harbour Street, Tony's Taxis, Maynes Taxis, and Cluny Garage.

**Buckie Thistle Player of the Year.** Twenty-year-old Raymond Cardno from Maud, was chosen as the first Thistle to be awarded this honour since the award was

resurrected. Raymond is a student at Aberdeen University and has played for Buckie for the past year and a half.

**Retired Tailor and Outfitter dies** - Alexander Hay who was in business in Buckie for nigh on 65 years and whose home was Gowanlea, West Church Street, died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary at the age of 89. He had his shop on West Church Street for many years next door to the Ladies Shop ran by his daughter, Clara. He was a native of Forres. He was described as the Grand Old Man of Scouting, this being one of his greatest passions. Earlier in life he was a keen freemason. He was an elder of the South and West Church and a JP

**Methodist Church Re-dedicated** - The Methodist Church on Pringle Street was re-dedicated on Sunday, the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the building and after £1000 had been spent on a renovation scheme. During the time that the work was taking place services were held in the hall.

**End of the season** - Buckie Thistle finished up in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Highland League table, the best for many years with 30 points averaging out at a point per game. The last two games played were against Elgin City, their greatest rivals, to be beaten on both occasions. The score on the last game played at Victoria Park was a one goal victory for the Black and Whites.

The team was - Shand, Gordon and McDonald; Flett, Cardno and Lyon; Innes, S. Morris, McHardy, Sinclair, and L. Morrice. Sub. Bagshaw.

April 6 **Findochty Town Council lodges protest** - After having time to study all the buildings in the village which were listed to be of architectural importance and of historical interest, the council reacted in much the same way as other local authorities in Banffshire have done in recent weeks

**Cullen Dance** - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 14 April when dancers can hear the music of **Five in a Bush**.

**Buckie High School Orienteering Champs** - Four pupils from Buckie High School won the Scottish Schools Orienteering Competition. They were - John Ligertwood, M. McKay, M. Banks and D. McKay.

**Hall for the Baptist Church** - An application on behalf of the Buckie Baptist Church for a warrant to erect a new hall on Cluny Terrace has been granted by Buckie Dean of Guild Court.

**Winner's Speech** - The speech, 'Bottles' by David Porter, 18; which saw him come first in the recent public speaking contest at Buckie High School is printed in full on page 7

**Isla St Clair Sings** - Isla St Clair released her first L.P. called 'Isla St Clair Sings Scottish Traditional Songs'.

Apr 13 **New minister for the Enzie** - Rev Donald Macdonald who preached as sole nominee in Enzie and Portgordon churches on Sunday has been unanimously elected the new minister of Enzie Parish Church.

**Buckie architect explains** - *John A. G. Niven of the Environmental Conservation Unit at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh, whose parents Mr and Mrs John Niven, live in Buckie, had a letter in the local paper. In this he explained the need for bringing in the measures to care for buildings and other features of interest in the country which have led to a lot of gnashing of teeth by the various town councils throughout the country, including those in Banffshire. He went on to say that listing our built environment is an acknowledgement of the unique environment we possess.*

**The Mill, Tynet gets a drink's licence** - Confirmation of the granting of a provisional public house licence for The Mill, Tynet (the former meal mill) was agreed on Tuesday

by the Banffshire Licensing Appeal court. The application was made in the name of G.W. Christie, director of Christies (Fochabers) Nurseries, Ltd.

It is intended to retain as much as possible of the former mill's character at the same time providing a public house restaurant cum function hall capable of seating 120 people.

**Spikes' present serial is titled 'Robbie Rawn - Special Agent**

Apr 20 **Old established Buckie firm to close down.** After being associated with the local fishing industry for well over a century the Buckie firm of Wm. Marshall and Company Ltd Net Manufacturers and Rope Makers is closing down shortly on the retirement of the present managing director, Jack Davidson. **A full report is given on page one**

**Re-birth of Buckie Brass Band** - After being out of existence for more than 20 years a brass band is to re-formed in Buckie under the leadership of Andrew Leith, a music instructor in Banffshire schools in the Buckie area.

**Dance venue and group booked to play** - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 28 April. The group booked to play is the **Time Machine**.

**Head of family bakery firm dies** - Mr David Lindsay 'Lin' Fowler, died suddenly at his home, Garlogie, West Church Street on Monday. He was 67. . He is survived by a family of 7 sons and one daughter. **A full report on the firm and also the life of 'Lin' Fowler is given in this edition of the local paper.**

**Boats launched** - Two boats were launched from Buckie shipyards within half an hour of one another on Saturday.

The two boats were a 56' seiner/trawler, **Unity** and a 62' twin screw motor sailing luxury yacht, **Southern Cross**.

The steel-hulled Unity was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie for W, J. B. Smith, Portessie and his son in law, John Flett, Linn Crescent. Skipper Smith previously had the **Fragrant Rose**. The new vessel will be powered by a 300-hp Caterpillar diesel engine and has been fitted with all the latest navigational and fishing aids. She will be ready to sail in two week's time.

The yacht, Southern Cross was built by George Thomson and Son for Major Frederick W. Cunduff a director of an engineering company in Cheshire. The **Southern Cross** is the largest yacht to be built at Thomson's yard to date.

She has been built of Burma teak and is ketch-rigged with spruce masts and terylene sails and is fitted with 2 172 hp Gardner engines. There are sleeping berth for 8 persons in four beautifully equipped and furnished cabins and there are 2 bathrooms with showers. Oil-fired central heating is installed throughout.

The **Southern Cross** will be rigged out with her sails in Buckie harbour and is expected to leave the port in about a fortnight's time for Tarbert on Loch Fyne where she is to be based for the time being.

\* On Tuesday, three days later a 35' Spey class motor/sailer yacht built for an Aberdeen business man, George Webster, Chairman and Managing Director of Webster Tyre Co. Ltd was launched from Messrs Jones' Shipyard.

The ketch-rigged vessel, christened **Hypereas**, is the 24<sup>th</sup> Spey Class yacht to be built by Jones since the firm introduced the series to the yachting world in 1960.

On page five there are pictures of both the Southern Cross and the fishing boat Unity. But unfortunately the quality of reproduction poor.

**Former Buckie High School teacher of English and Geography dies** - Miss Annie W. Milne known to generations of pupils as 'Fatty Milne' to distinguish her from another Miss Milne who was quite slim. Perhaps because I liked the two subjects she taught I found her to be a good teacher and a very nice person. The fact that I was to become a geography teacher myself many years later could in no small measure be related back to the interest in the subject she installed. This was helped by the geography books she loaned me to read.

Her home was at 74 Murray Terrace, Aberdeen but she died in Woodend Hospital on Saturday at the age of 80.

She was a native of Turriff and graduated at Aberdeen University in 1912. She came to Buckie High in 1927 where she stayed until she retired in 1951.

\*\*\*\* **Buckie Rovers get their biggest beating ever** - *Buckie Rovers were beaten by ten goals to one by Islavale in a North Regional North Section Junior League game on Saturday. (The writer of the day in 1972 said that it was the club's defeat for many years Al Nath who has written the history of the Rovers would be inclined to say that this is the heaviest defeat they have ever suffered from the time they first joined the juniors in 1946 and again in 1961 up until the end of season 2001/2002)*

**Proposals put forward by Ron Stewart, Burgh Surveyor and Councillor Murray** - The filling in of the railway cutting from North High Street to Cluny Place and from Cluny Place to North Pringle Street. At the same meeting a Councillor A. J. Murray proposed that the north west and north east quadrants of Cluny Square should be laid out in flower beds with a number of seats being provided. **(What the burgh surveyor proposed came to pass, the railway cuttings being filled in as far as the north end of West Street in the late 1980's Councillor Murray's suggestion didn't take place completely though flower beds were laid out on the north east again in the late 1980's)**

Apr 27 **Young hero receives an award** - Sixteen year old Alexander Graham Legge, 20 Yardie was presented with the Royal Humane Society Testimonial on Parchment by Provost Edward Douglas at a ceremony in the Town House. Alexander rescued learner swimmer, Alan Milton Greg of 21 Yardie on Tuesday 20 July when his attention was drawn to Alan Greg lying motionless in the water just off shore at the Yardie. **The full story is given on page one.**

**Teams to play in the Buckie and District Welfare League for season 72/73** - Portsoy, Cullen, Buckie British Legion, Keith, Whitehills, Cornhill, Portknockie and Findochty.

May 4 **Buckie Thistle sign three new players** - Mike Winton (Keith), Gordon Davidson, formerly with Rothes and Frank Laws who was with Huntly.

**Driving tuition given** - D. Pirie, 13 Reidhaven Street, and Portknockie. MOT appointed instructor.

**The Quines** is the name of a poem written by the former native of Portknockie, who calls him or herself, 'Exiled'. This is found on page 9.

May 11 **Portgordon butcher's business changes hands** - Fred Murray is giving notice that he has sold his business to Alex Hay. (The shop was on the 'Square' behind the war memorial.)

No tourist office for Buckie this summer - This was the answer given to Mr Riddel, Buckie Town Clerk by the North East of Scotland Tourist Association. The matter will be considered next year. ( They claimed that they had no staff to man the office and had difficulty getting volunteers. )

**For Christian Aid** - Soup and sandwich lunches are to be served in the North Church Hall on Friday of next week, tickets for adults to cost 25p with children 10p.

Presents given for long service - Miss Minnie Herd, 10 Wallace Avenue, Buckie retired from W. A. Baxter and Sons, Food Manufacturers, Fochabers last week after 11 years of service. Ian Baxter, a director of the firm, presented her with farewell gifts. Minnie had a thank you note in the local paper.

**Thistle crash out of the Dryborough Cup** - - Buckie Thistle was well beaten by five goals to one by the top scoring team, Inverness Thistle, in Inverness. Johnny Cowie, a Buckie lad, playing at centre forward for the Inverness side scored two of the goals.

Buckie had their three new signings in their team - Winton (Keith), Laws (Huntly) and Davidson (Roths)

The Buckie team was - Shand, M. Cowie and McDonald; Flett, Anderson and Lyon; Winton, Laws, Kennedy, Morris and Davidson. Sub. Cardno.

May 18 **Car smash on the A9 claims the life of Findochty teenager.** - Arthur Smith, 18, 9 Seafield Street, Findochty died in an ambulance on its way to Raigmore Hospital, in Inverness following a three car smash on the A9 north of Aviemore in which two of his friends were injured.

**New minister for the Enzie** - Rev Donald Macdonald, a retired engineer who entered the ministry two years ago has been inducted at Enzie. Church of Scotland.

Strathlene Bathing Pool will open for the season Saturday 27 May at 10am. The tennis courts and putting green will open on Saturday 20 May at 2.30pm, R. Stewart, Burgh Surveyor.

**Dance venue and music provider** - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 26 May when the group booked to play will be **Sunshine**.

**Dance in the Legion Hall** - The Royal British Legion (Buckie) is to hold a dance on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 May. Groups booked to play are - **Take Three and The Strollers**.

**Cullen Beach Tearoom and Shop will** open for the season on Saturday 27 May. Alex Mair, 8-10 Seafield Street, Cullen.

May 25 **Opening announcement** - Stanley Bowie, 3 Wood Place, Portknockie is commencing in business as a contracting electrician.

**Coffee Morning** - Buckie Baptist Church are to hold a coffee morning in the church hall **Sandy Herd and his Herders** are to play at the Strathlene Hotel on Saturday night.

**Windy Miller is the name of the band booked to play** in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday May 26.

**Councils say no to membership of the Convention of Royal Burghs - Buckie** and Portknockie **Town Councils both** decided to opt out **of** membership of the Convention of Royal Burghs.

**Greeting Tae 'Exiled'** by 'Slochie', is the name of a poem found on page 10.

A new way of raising money - A soup and sandwich lunch, a new method of raising money was tried in the North Church Hall on Friday of last week in aid of Christian Aid. met with great success. There were 250 people present.

Adults paid 25p with children 10p for a snack that cost scarcely 5p thanks to the generosity of local shopkeepers and others.

The meal was served by a team of ladies drawn from many churches in the town.

**Buckie Thistle AGM 1972** - Despite the new spirit and enthusiasm pervading in the club the small crowd that attended the annual general meeting was disappointing. Abby Gowie was unanimously elected president, James A. Smith vice president, secretary, John A. McIntosh and treasurer, Alex Watt.

June 1 **Opening today** - 'The Shoppie' on Cluny Square in aid of the RSPCC District Funds.

**Last of the clippies** - The last bus conductress attached to the Buckie depot of Messrs W. Alexander and Sons (Northern) Ltd made redundant as a result of the one-man operated bus in the area was paid off last week. She was Miss Nan Murray, 88 Well Road, who has served with the company since 1948.

Since the change over to one-man buses some months ago there has been a steady run down in the staff of conductresses, which at one time reached a peak of 15.

**Latest addition to the Buckie fishing fleet** was launched at Macduff last Monday. Christened the **Ocean Hunter** she has been built for George Cowie, The Bow, Buckpool, his father George Cowie, East Carlton Terrace Police Judge Abby Gowie and MDM Ltd.

**Boat launch** - A 54 feet modified Danish type seine net fishing boat, **Lairlochie**, was launched on Monday from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie for the Delga Fishing Company of Grimbsy.

The **Lairlochie** has been built on similar lines to the Pacemaker which was built by H & M in 1969 for the same firm.

The **Lairlochie** has been fitted with

**The proposed nuclear power station at Stake Ness** - The writing would seem to be on the wall was the view given by Provost James McPherson of Macduff at a meeting of Banff County Council.

**Aberchirder Flower Queen 1972** Miss Heather Geddes, 44 St Peter's Road an employee at the local electric lamp factory was chosen for the title at a dance held in Aberchirder on Friday night.

**Death of former Thistle Player/Coach** - Jimmy Simpson, the former Scotland and Glasgow Rangers centre half who was player coach with Buckie thistle during season 1946/47 died suddenly at his home in Kings Park, Glasgow on Saturday. He was 63. His son, Ronnie played in goal for Queen's Park, Third Lanark, Newcastle, Hibs and Glasgow Celtic.

June 8 **Dance venue and music provider** - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 16 June is Mickey Finn who come from Edinburgh.

**New Depute head teacher appointed** - Mr Ron Urquhart has been appointed the new Depute Headteacher at Buckie High School in succession to Mr Thomas Laing who retires at the end of the term.

Other appointments made were - Assistant head teacher Guidance - Mrs M. Green, Assistant head teacher Curriculum - Alan J. Souter, Assistant head teacher Administration - Robert J. McGowan, Roy Boylan, PT Maths, Joseph Doyle PT Biology, Wm Cowie, PT PE (Boys), Alfred Milne, PT Careers and Leisure. The following house staff has been appointed APT's Miss Isobel Gray, Wm Douglas, Miss Isobel McLean, Ian Cole, Miss V. Mair, George Smith, Miss Helen Slater and Sam Smith. Alister McKay APT administration and Mrs F. Forbes APT Maths.

\*\*\*\* **A new move in shipbuilding** - A glass reinforced plastic hull moulded at Hatson, Orkney which is to be fitted out as a luxury motor yacht was towed to Buckie last week by the coaster, Elwick Bay.

The G. L. Watson designed hull is the first 54' hull produced by Halmatic (Scotland) Ltd. At their Orkney plant. It is basically a hull form which the company hope will win the interest of Scottish fishermen but the first one has been ordered by an American businessman, Mr Robert Ferguson, Everglades, near Miami, for cruising in the waterways of Europe.

The job of fitting out the yacht which is expected to be ready for next years cruising season is being undertaken by the Buckie shipyard of Messrs Jones.

June 15 **Groups to play for dancing in the British Legion Hall** - Friday 16 June - **Take Three**; Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June - **Country Folk Four**. On the 23 June the group will be **Midsummer Day**.

**Look out for the blue van** - Fresh fruit and vegetables, Norman Calder, Portknockie.

**Dance in the Spey Bay hall** - Bill Geddes' band will play there on Saturday 17 June.

**Coffee Morning** - Buckie Ladies Lifeboat Guild held a coffee morning in the North Church Hall and raised the sum of £97 for lifeboat funds.

\*\*\*\* **Boat launch** - The 70 seiner/trawler, **Lindisfarne** took to the water from the shipyard of Messrs Jones on Monday morning. She has been built for Skipper Clifford J. Ellis, North Shields and has been fitted with all the latest fishing gear and navigational aids. She is powered by a French-built Badouin 435hp diesel engine, the second French engine to be installed in a fishing boat by Messrs Jones. There is a photograph of the boat on page 6.

**We dinna wint ony mair dances** - A petition signed by 44 residents calling for an end to the controversial Friday night dances in the Town Hall was placed before Cullen Town Council on Friday night. This followed on a number of letters on the subject found in the local paper in recent weeks. These spoke of patrons of the dances causing vandalism in the village.

Bailie Wm. Cook challenged the claims of vandalism saying that there was no vandalism at all on Friday nights, maintaining that the dances were very well run.

**The lease of the hall unfair** - The L.C.B. Entertainment Agency who run the Friday night dances had a letter of their own in front of the council. They said how they were very disappointed by a council decision to allow the burgh football club and Buckie Round Table to run dances in the hall on three Fridays during the summer. They described this as grossly unfair and threatened to look elsewhere for hall accommodation. They said how they often ran dances at a loss in Cullen and the dates allocated to the gala events were among the best in the year.

The councillors took different stances. Mrs D. Donn and Bailie Cook both said that the LCB brought a lot of money to Cullen apart from paying £800 a year for the hire of the hall. Councillor Findlay who is also vice chairman of the football club said that the LCB ran the dances for profit while the football club ran the dances in aid of charity.

June 22 **Christian Aid** - A total of nearly £421 was raised during the recent Christian Aid Week held in Buckie and District.

**Hill climbers are early risers** - Forty people climbed the 1050 feet high Bin Hill near Cullen on Sunday morning to watch the sunrise and took part in a short service at the summit conducted by Rev Ainslie Walton, minister of Buckie North Church.

**Do you want a taxi?** Try Sudding's Taxis and Hire Cars, Cullen 258. Haven Taxis, 2 Reidhaven Street, Ianstown, 2300.

June 29 **Cadets now have a boat** - Buckie Sea Cadet unit has recently taken possession of a 16' fibreglass powerboat with an inboard engine, which is certain to prove a big attraction for the cadets. The new craft was delivered to Buckie by road and was launched at Cluny Harbour last week by Dr John F. Cameron, chairman of the local unit committee.

**Home on holiday** - A story on the front page spoke of Mr W. H. 'Willy' Hutchison, A Company Director (Book Publishing) of Natal, South Africa who was home on holiday in the county town where his father used to live.

He is the son of the late Mr George Hutchison who was for a journalist with the Banffshire Advertiser in Buckie and author of the book, "The Days of Yore".

**Application for change of use** - Mr and Mrs Wm. Mair, Mamre, King Edward Terrace Portknockie have made application to Banff County Council for permission to change the use of a domestic garage to a hairdressing salon at the above address.

**Bay City Rollers** - The popular group from Edinburgh are to be playing at a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen, on Friday 14 July.

**Taxi Sir?** Sudding Taxis and Car Hire now have an address and phone number in Buckie, at 19 Cluny Terrace - 2442.

**Unemployment figures show a decrease** - The recent figures show the lowest level of unemployment in Banffshire for nearly two years. The buoyant state of the building industry has had a significant effect though the basic industries of fishing, fish processing, agriculture, forestry, woollen textile manufacture and whisky distilling continue to thrive and in some cases show an expansion. This was said by Mr George Tait, manager of the Buckie Labour Exchange and secretary of Banffshire Local Employment Committee at a meeting in Buckie last week..

**Brass Band** - The recently formed Buckie area school brass band under their conductor, Mr Andrew Leith, made its debut in public on Sunday, leading the praise at the forenoon service in the South and West Church. Mr Leith is instrumental instructor to schools in the Buckie and Cullen area.

**Portgordon Coffee Morning** - A coffee morning in the Portgordon village hall raised the sum of £100 for Enzie Parish Church. The new minister, Rev Donald Macdonald, described the raising of this sum as a splendid achievement and thanked all who contributed to the success of the event.

**Blood donors** - A total of 177 people gave blood at a Blood Transfusion session held in Buckie on Sunday in the Fishermen's Hall. There were 18 new donors.

**Swimming Gala** - The Buckie High School annual swimming gala took place at Strathlene on Monday afternoon. Gordon House were declared champions.

Jul 6 **Three teachers call it a day** - Three senior teachers retired from Buckie High School last week. Between them they had completed 122 years of service. Thomas J. Laing PT Classics and Deputy Head for the past 19 years (43 years), James Green, PT French and German (39 years), Robert W. Carstairs, Teacher of English (40 years)

**Closing down** - Mrs Imlach, Draper, Station Road, Portessie.

**Summer dance** - Lodge Bulwark 1202 are to hold a dance in the Town Hall, Findochty with music by Bill Geddes' Band.

**Wanted a librarian** to take charge of the new joint school and public library being provided in the grounds of Buckie High School.

**School Duxes** - There were joint duxes at both the senior and primary level at Portessie School this year. Janice A. Reid and Lorraine Coull shared the secondary title while Maureen E. Ferguson and Linda H. Grant shared the primary one.

**Last prize-giving at Portknockie Secondary School** - After the summer break 60 pupils will be joining Buckie High School, as will teachers, George Smith, English and David Summers Art. Eight teachers all told will be leaving. The Dux of the school and winner of the Portknockie Town Council prize is Fiona J. Burgess. David Summers is this year's Dux of the Primary Department and won the Bruce Prize

**Buckie High School Dux** - The title was shared between Myra I. McLean and Janice M. Shearer.

**Portessie School Secondary Department** is also to close with 60 pupils and a number of members of staff moving to Buckie High School after the summer holidays. All together nine members of staff are leaving the school for various reasons. Ian Cole, English/History, James Thomson, Technical, Andrew Stott, Art, Mrs Bowman, Home craft (visiting) and Ms Edith Binnie are all moving to Buckie High. Alex Thomson who has taught PE is giving up the post.

**Primary Dux at Portgordon** this year is Gordon A. Coull

**Forty six years a teacher and never one day off ill in all that time** - This is the amazing record of Miss Catherine (Kathy) Mair who retired from Portessie School at the end of term. She started her teaching career in 1926 at St Peters before moving to Rathven and then Portessie where she completed 45 years.

**Opening announcement** - J. I. Reid, 17 Commercial Road. All types of welding and car body repairs.

Jly 13 **Summer Gala** - Buckie and District Round Table are to hold a Summer Gala at the end of next week - from Friday until Sunday.

A big advert on page two of the local paper shows how a large number of varied events were planned to take place.

The programme is as follows -

**Friday** (evening) Gala Dance in the Town Hall Cullen with music by 5 in a Bush and Biffo.

Fishing Competition at Cluny Harbour

Putting competition at Queen Street

Bowling Gala Competition at the Victoria Bowling Green

Tinkers Ball in the Royal British Legion Hall

**Saturday** (morning) Market in Cluny Square, Teddy Bears Picnic and Balloon Race, coffee morning in the North Church Hall

" (afternoon) Decorated vehicle parade led by Bon Accord Ladies Pipe Band, Aberdeen, Junior Five-a-side football competition and sponsored penalty kick prize competition at Victoria Park.

" (evening) Barbecue in Cluny Square, Wheel of Fortune, Folk Music and Bon Accord Pipe Band.

**Sunday** Gala 18 hole Golf Tournament at Strathlene Golf Course. Special prize of a coloured TV or £250 cash for a hole in one.

" (afternoon) Kiddies Games in the Ian Johnston Park, donkey and pony rides, balloon race refreshments.

" (evening) Folk, Rock concert in the Fishermen's Hall with The Crofters, My Dear Watson, The Summerset, Whiskers Galore, My Ain Folk, Travelling Folk, Freda Morrison and John Stewart. Admission 40 and 30p

All proceeds from the Gala Weekend to go towards the completion of the facilities in the Ian Johnston Park

**Other groups playing in pubs and dances** - McCombie Rhythm, Malt and Barley, Par Four, Carlton, The Teenagers, The Two S'. The Two of Us.

**Buckie businessman dies** - Mr Eric Tindall Scott a well-known Buckie businessman, proprietor of the Ideal Homeware stores at 25 West Church Street died in Woodend Hospital on Friday at the age of 62. He came to Buckie first in 1930 as manager of the branch of the Fraserburgh Ironmongers, R. Tindall and Sons Ltd. His father was managing director of the firm.

In 1934 he bought the Buckie branch and moved from 1 High Street to 17 High Street. He was called up during WWII but discharged through ill health in 1943. He opened a furniture shop at 33 West Church Street in 1946, three years later he sold both shops to Robertson's (Fordyce) and moved to Aberdeen. He had an ironmonger's shop on George Street for 2 ½ years before moving again to St Helier in Jersey where he opened a Fancy Goods shop. He held this for a number of years before once again returning to Buckie in 1966 to open the Ideal Homewares store at 25 West Church Street near to his former premises. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Jly 20 **A move for the district nurse** - Miss Kathleen McGrory, district nurse based at Portknockie for the past 22 years was presented with a sideboard and occasional table from local organisations to mark her departure to a similar post in her home town of Buckie.

**Dance in the Portgordon village hall** - There will be a dance in the Portgordon hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July when Steve Diamond Night Rider Discotheque will supply the music. Dance will continue from 8.30 till 12.30am. Admission 25p. A free bus will leave Cluny Square returning after the dance.

**Buckie and District Round Table** are to run a 'Peter Fair' dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 28 July. Music to be provided by three groups - **Cupids Inspiration, Mr Fantasy and the Billy Steele Combo.**

**New appointees** -Three new Principal Teachers have been appointed at Buckie High School, they are - Miss Isobel Sandison (French), Mr A.P. McKay (German) and Mr Wm. Cowie (PE) Boys.

**Buckie Thistle beaten by Elgin City** - In a pre-season friendly Buckie Thistle went down by two goals to nil in a match played against their old rivals, Elgin City at Victoria Park. The home team was - Sutherland, Cowie and McDonald; Flett, Cardno and Lyon; Winton, Laws, Dawson, Davidson and Dalziel. Sub Innes.

**Death of Miss Winnifred Simpson** - The death took place in Elgin on Saturday of Miss Margaret Winnifred Simpson. She was well known as a poetess but she had many other interests. She was a daughter of the late Mr John Simpson who was a banker in Buckie.

Jly 27 **Round Table Weekend Gala** was declared to be an outstanding success with gross takings being over the £1000 mark.

**Jimmy Grant and his horse Davy** - A photograph on the front page shows Jimmy Grant of Rathven standing beside the model of a Clydesdale horse that he had built to fill the shafts of his farm cart. Since he had the feature set up outside his home visitors galore have stopped outside the house to ask if they and their children might have their photograph taken standing by 'Davy' as the 'horse' has been named after his youngest son. **The full report tells of the material that Jimmy used to build the model.**

**Opening announcement** - George and Daniel Davidson have started up in business as joiners and will be trading under the name of 'Davidsons (Joiners). Home address 26 East Church Street. Workshop, Baron Lane.

**Application made for change of use of land** - Alan Robertson has applied to Banff County Council for permission to change a piece of land at Seaview Road from open space to residential use.

**Cullen dance** - A new named group will be appearing at the Friday night dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on August 4<sup>th</sup>. They go under the name of **Bedtime Story** and will be backing Twilight Zone.

**Change of format for Cullen F.C, Gala** - This year as a change from those of former years the summer gala is being held of selected days instead of over a ten day period. One of the days was Saturday when a barbecue was held in the Square in the evening. There was also a Wheel of Fortune. A dance followed in the Town Hall. Among the other attractions was a log sawing and block chopping competition and also a raw egg-eating competition. While the log sawing competition attracted a large field only three contestants stepped forward to eat the eggs. This was won by Mr J. Hay, Seatown who won the competition by swallowing 17 eggs without as much as

blinking an eyelid. Mr Hay is well known as the leader of the barefoot walkers who walked from Lands End to Cullen and from John O' Groats in aid of charity.

Aug 3 **The Paddling Pool in the Ian Johnston Park** - A photograph on the front page of the local paper shows members of the Buckie and District Round Table as they formally hand over the newly constructed paddling pool at the Ian Johnston Park to the care of Buckie Town Council. The pool cost £1200 to construct with half being paid by the Round Table and half by the town council. (The pool was much enjoyed by small children it was such a shame that it had to be emptied after vandals threw pieces of broken bottles into the water making paddling there very dangerous. And very time consuming clearing the pool time and again. Eventually it was filled in all together).

**We're nae a poor, it would seem** - Around 80 brand new cars bearing the registration letter 'L' which came into use on Tuesday of this week are being delivered to customers from Buckie garages this week.

This is nearly double the number at the start of the 'K' registration a year ago. Cordiners head the list with 25, followed by Millbank on 22 The Central with 17 and the Regency with 15.

**A bit Irish but still** - The Cullen dance due to take place on August 11<sup>th</sup> is to be transferred to the Town Hall, Portsoy. The group booked to play is **Sweet Blindness**

**Gordon Campbell, MP for Moray and Nairn officially opened the new Spey Bridge at Fochabers on Friday.** The bridge, which takes the place of the former bridge carrying traffic on the A96, cost £400,000 to build. It was later in opening than had been planned after a bridge of the same design built elsewhere in the British Isles collapsed and a lot of additional checking had to be done before the inspectors would allow it to be opened.

\*\*\*\* **A new fishing boat design** - The first of the Campbeltown shipyards 80feet all welded steel seiner/trawler **Argosy**, aroused a great deal of interest at Lossiemouth harbour on Friday where she was on view before going into service.

Built at a cost of £111,000 the **Argosy** was launched recently at Campbeltown for Skipper Andrew Campbell of Lossiemouth and a sister ship is currently under construction in the yard at Trench Pont Argyll for his brother William who collaborated with the yard on the design of the vessels.

Two Buckie brothers George and James Murray have ordered A third 80 footer.

The Argosy has been constructed throughout of Lloyd tested mild steel and is fitted out for seine netting and stern trawling. Its safety equipment includes two ten man liferafts, fire-fighting equipment, and special fitting for the engine room.

The skipper's cabin is situated on the main deck under the wheelhouse and each berth for an eight-man crew has a foam rubber mattress, bedlight and other fittings.

The wheelhouse is fitted with steering console and wheel an overhead compass and all navigational aids.

**Nae shout for Peter Fair** - The age old fair and market might never have taken place in 1972 as the local paper considered it not worth as much as one paragraph or a single photograph. The only mention of Peter Fair was found in the advert for a dance in Cullen.

Aug 10 **Stake Ness Project shelved** - Employment hopes for many in Banffshire were dashed when it became known that the nuclear power station which many felt sure was to be sited near Whitehills was not now to happen. Boddam near Peterhead has been chosen not Stake Ness as had previously been announced.

**Advert** - Buckie Thistle Supporters Club present Bill Geddes the Rhythm King of the North in a Grand Carnival Supper Dance in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday 18 August. Tickets costing 1 guinea may be had from members of the committee or patrons may pay at the door. Menu - steak and chips, Scampi, Salad and chips, Gammon salad and chips.

**Portgordon and Portessie dances** - Steve Diamond Night Rider Disco will play at a dance in the Portgordon Hall on Friday 11 August from 8.30pm till 1.am, Admission 30p A bus will run from Cluny Square returning after the dance. On Saturday 12 August Steve Diamond will be in the Portessie hall. The dance will run from 8.30pm till midnight. Admission 25p A free bus will run along the coast to Portknockie after the dance.

**Dancing in the Marine Hotel on Sunday nights** from 8.15pm. to music by the **McCombie Rhythm**. Over 18s only Admission 20p.

**Advert** - Billy Garden, 4 The Bow, Buckpool, Carpet Fitting, Linoleum, Tiles. Contract work undertaken.

**Community Councils in the Local Government Reform** - A memo on **page four** tells what their task or remit was to be

**The Fochabers Gala broke all records this year** with the total drawings amounting to £3,625. There will be considerable expenses to be paid but it is hoped to make a profit of £2000 clear, which will be £200 more than in 1971.

**The longest ship ever to enter Buckie Harbour**, the 259 foot long Irish container vessel Mayo arrived in the port on Monday sailing before midnight the same day after discharging a cargo of 300 tons of bacon from Aarhus in Denmark. The ship, which occupied the entire length of one of the main piers at the harbour, aroused considerable interest among townspeople and visitors during her brief stay.

Three lorry drivers, none of them local, who were involved in the distribution of the bacon were charged with stealing some of it. The crime came to light when another driver reported to the police that his load had been tampered with as the lorry was parked in Buckie over night.

**Buckie Thistle won their first game of season 72/73**. The beat Nairn County at Buckie by the only goal of the game. Both sides lost players after only 12 minutes of play when Jim Hazel of Nairn and George 'Dod' Bruce of Buckie suffered head injuries that required hospital treatment.

Aug 17 **Robert 'Bob' Dawson Flower Show Champ** - Bob Dawson, 36 Land Street, Buckie won the Gray Silver Fruit Bowl at Cullen Flower Show, the premier trophy for the exhibitor gaining most points overall. A committee member he won the cup for most points in the flower section last year. **A report on the show is given on page 1.**

**Male pensioner Champion rug maker** - The front page carries an article about Mr Archie Tulloch, 66, a former distillery worker and native of Aberlour who became disabled 15 years ago and who has been a resident of Netherha' Old Folk's Home for the past three years. He took up rug making as a hobby and soon earned himself a well-deserved reputation as a master of the craft. Over the years with the aid of his solitary tool - hook - and thousands of short lengths of wool in a myriad of colours he has made rugs of all shapes and sizes for friends and other people in a multitude of patterns, including some of his own design.

He won a first prize at Keith Show with a richly coloured deep pile rug measuring 6' by 3' that he completed in 14 days.

The only snag to rug making, he has found, is the cost of the wool that need for the 'Keith Show' rug cost £18.

**Advert** - Fine oatmeal - the kind you like- always available at the Mill of Rathven.

**Cullen Football Queen** - Chosen as this year's Cullen Football Queen is 14 year old schoolgirl, Miss Rhona Mitchell, 25 Killand Road, Inverurie. She was selected at a dance being run by the club in the Town Hall, Cullen.

**Whitehills are Champs** - Whitehills won the Buckie and District Welfare League in season 1971/72.

**Buckie's reserve keeper being watched** - A number of senior football clubs, including - Dundee United, Liverpool and two other unnamed English league clubs are reported to be showing an interest in Buckie Thistle's reserve keeper, Alastair Sutherland.

**Boy dies after harbour fall** - A boy of ten died after falling 20 feet into the sea off the west wall of Buckie Harbour and landing on rocks over which a heavy swell was running at the time. He was David Milligan. His sister, Catherine, 11, with whom he had been playing at the time clambered down to where he was lying and tried to rescue him before rushing for help. David was brought ashore and given artificial respiration but he died on the way to the hospital.

**Dance venue and music players** - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 25 August is the **Cody Sound**.

**Portgordon and Portessie dances** on Friday and Saturday nights with Steve Diamond still continuing.

**Christies Nurseries (Fochabers) Open Day** - Sunday 3 September. Admission 12p and 8p. Teas at the house garden 15p. Large car park on Buckie road opposite nursery gate. Proceeds in aid of local charities

**An interesting map** - A letter to the local paper by A. Smith, Cheshire spoke of a map he once had which showed proposed plans for extensions to Buckie Harbour. This was drawn at a large scale and drawn in full colour. It showed a breakwater commencing at the Yardie and linking the Mucks with Craigenroan with jetties at Ianstown, Peterhythe and Rannas Place, Portessie. He passed the plan on to a colleague and friend the late Alexander Farquhar, Craigview, Portessie who expressed a wish to keep it. It would be interesting to know if it was still held by the Farquhar family as I'm sure that it would arouse considerable interest today. Mr Smith said that the map had been brought to his mind following an article he had read in the Banffshire Advertiser regarding a possible extension to Buckie harbour in view of sharing in the North Sea oil boom.

**Big win for the Rovers** - Buckie Rovers beat Islavale by 11 goals to two in a trial game prior to the start of the new season. James Geddes had seven goals, Brian Taylor three and Bobby Davenport one. Keith Sinclair and James Leask had the 'Vale's counters.

**Findochty came close** - Though Whitehills won the Buckie and District Welfare League it was only difficulties in raising a team that scuttled Findochty's chances slipping away towards the end though at the end only were two points short of the 'Hills. They did take the Brown Cup by beating the British Legion by 3 goals to one on Friday night.

Aug 31 **New fowk in the Wallace Avenue shoppie** - Mr and Mrs Annandale are the new proprietors of the General Grocers shop at 7 Wallace Avenue. They extend a welcome to old and new customers.

**Shop changes hands in Cullen** - Young's Shoe shop on the Square, Cullen has been taken over by Mrs R. Slater.

**All you dancers** - You have a choice of venue on Friday night, either the Town Hall, Cullen or the Village Hall, Portgordon, If you are still fit the following night you can have another fling in the Public Hall, Portessie.

**The new Buckie Youth Club** opens for enrolment on Wednesday 6 September for seniors and the following night for juniors. Enrolment on both nights will be from 7 till 9pm. Membership for seniors to be 25p and 15p for juniors. The new club is open for viewing by the public between 7 and 9pm on both nights.

**The Three Companies of the Girl Guides** all resume their activities on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September-

The 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Girl Guides will meet in the Primary School Hall under their leader, M. Bruce.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Buckie Girl Guides will meet in the Lady Cathcart School Hall.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Buckie Girl Guides will meet in St Peter's School Hall under their leader A. Johnston.

**Buckie Thistle Supporters Club are to hold a coffee evening with Tombola** in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Ticket 15p.

**Buckie Rovers beat Deveronvale** - In a friendly match played at Banff the Rovers came out on top by four goals to three following this up by beating Rothes Decimals in the first game of the new season by one nothing. The goal was scored by ex Thistle player, Raymond Boyd.

**One Rothes team won this week** Rothes (Highland League team) beat Buckie Thistle at McKessack Park on Wednesday night by four goals to one in the Highland Cup ¼ final

Sept 7 **Cullen fisherman killed in car smash** - Twenty-four year old Cullen fisherman, James S. Addison was killed on Saturday night when the car in which he was the only occupant left the road and crashed into a trees a mile east of Cullen on the Banff road.

**Dances** - There will be no dance in the Village Hall, Portgordon this Friday but Steve Diamond will be playing again the Public Hall, Portessie on Saturday night as usual.

\*\*\*\* **Big extension opened at Buckie High School** - Pupils returned to school after the summer break. Senior pupils at Buckie High School returned to occupy the plush new ultra modern three storey block, which forms the first phase of a massive extensive scheme at the school due for completion in two years time.

\*\*\*\*\* **Buckie North Church Young Wives and Mothers Group** - The first meeting of this new group will take place on Thursday afternoon when the guest speaker will be the minister, Rev A. Walton. A crèche is to be provided for children at all meetings.

Sept 14 **Dances** - The Friday night dances, which were taking place in the village hall Portgordon for a time had already stopped and now the Saturday night ones in the Public Hall Portessie, have also come to an end. The Cullen dances held in the Town Hall which have been held for a long time are still continuing despite some people's objections.

**Advert** - R. Johnston, Wallpaper and Paint at 68 West Church Street.

**Notice** - Haven Taxis will recommence on Friday 18 September.

**Boat launch** - A 65 foot long stern trawler christened **The Gem** built for Skipper John Cowie, 13 Castle Street, Findochty and his son Allan Cowie, Armadale, Provost Reid Crescent was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son on Saturday. The Gem is named after one of John Cowie's earlier boats, Presently Allan is skipper of the **Orcades** (built three and a half years ago) while his father has the **Kathleen Anne**.

**The Gem**, which cost £65,00 to build, will be fitted with all the latest fishing gear and navigational equipment and powered by a 230hp Gardner engine.

**Boat launch** - A 66' Danish type seiner/trawler christened **Macandi** was launched on Monday from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. The new vessel, which cost £65,000, has been built for the Delga Fishing Company of Grimbsy where the **Macandi** will be based. She has been fitted with a 200hp Gardner diesel engine and also all the most modern fishing gear and navigational equipment available. She is ready to begin her sea trials immediately.

**A torrent of new teachers** - Seventeen new teachers joined Buckie High School at the start of the new session. Ian Cole, George Smith, Peter Cowie and Neil McKinnon, all teachers of English, Douglas Summers and Andrew Stott, Art, David Munro Maths/Physics, George McRae, Science, Alex Hutchison, Music visiting three days per week. Others are William Cowie, PE, John Cowie, Technical Subjects, James Smart, Remedial, Miss Edith Birnie, Maths, Mrs Isabel Bowman, Home Economics, Mrs Mary Cumming Home Economics, Mrs Janet Hill, Modern Languages and Miss Grace Robertson, Classics.

**Thistle player coach** - Willie Cowie who has returned to his home town as PT of PE (Boys) at Buckie High School has been appointed player/coach of Buckie Thistle. He is the elder brother of Malcolm Cowie who has been playing at right back for the Thistle.

Sept 21 **Geordie Kay goes 'Down Under'** - Mr George 'Geordie' Kay, the Grand Old Man of local sport, a former Thistle player of pre-war days and more recently closely connected with Buckie Rovers the junior football side and the Swimming Club is to emigrate to Australia at the age of 83 to stay with his daughter in Freemantle.

Sept 28 **Dancers take note** - There is to be a dance in the Public Hall, Portessie on Saturday with music by Steve Diamond and his Night Rider Disco. Admission 25p. Free bus returning to Buckie, Buckpool and Portgordon after the dance

**100 year old business to close down** - The Buckie firm of J and T Campbell Ironmongers and Hardware Merchants closed down at the end of last week with the retirement after 50 years association with the firm of Miss Janie Campbell. It was in 1870 that Mr Campbell set up in business as a plumber in premises at 13 Cluny Terrace just round the corner from his house on Admiralty Street. In due course his two sons, John and Tom entered the business to give it its name it has borne throughout its long history and subsequently they were joined by a half brother Alex Campbell who took charge of the tinsmith's department. In 1905 the business was transferred to new premises on Commercial Road beside Cluny Harbour and continued to operate from there until the final move in 1957 to the present shop at 23 East Church Street. John died in 1935 his brother Tom ten years later. Alex died in 1953. While John had no family Tom had four daughters, three of whom served at one time or another with the firm - Mrs Ella Matthews, Buckie, Mrs Janet Knowles, Macduff and Janie who joined the firm half a century ago and who ran it on her own for many years. Since taking charge Janie who lives at Helixville on West Cathcart Street has gradually dropped the plumbing and tinsmith side of the business and concentrated on the sale of china, hardware and ironmongery.

**Opening announcement** - James Campbell, 5 Cooper Street, (son of George Campbell, Master Joiner) is starting in business as an electrical contractor. His business address is Railway Terrace. (James later married a daughter of Norval Campbell and emigrated to the States, but before that he had his father's firm build a bungalow for him on Great Western Road, Buckpool, opposite Alney Villa)

**Dinner and Dance** - Wm. Douglas and Sons, Building Contractors, are to hold their annual Dinner and Dance in the Marine Hotel on Friday 27 October 7.30 for 8pm. Bill Geddes' Band - Tickets £1.75.

**Dance venues and groups** - Dancers attending the dance in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 6 October can hear the sound of the Great New **Mandingo**. The top group **Marmalade** will play in the Town Hall, Elgin on Monday 9 October. Tickets 75p.

**Music in pubs and Hotels is now all the rage** - This coming Saturday the 2 S's will be playing in the Waverley Hotel, Cullen, with The Strollers the following night. In the Rathburn Hotel, Buckie patrons on Saturday may hear **'Yer Ain Folk**. The following night it is the turn of **Good and Country**. The Cliff Hotel High Street, Buckie, will have **Johnny Grigor** to sing and play the accordion on Friday evening with **Jimmy Duncan** on the saxophone, then on Saturday and Sunday you can sing along with **Mark**. Back over in Cullen, those who frequent the Three Kings can hear **Willie Sutherland and Frankie Coutts** entertain on Tuesday 3 October, Friday 6 October, **The Travellers** and on Saturday 7 October, **Whiskers Galore**. In the Anchor Bar, Low Street, Buckie on Friday 29 September you can hear **'Yer Ain Folk'** In the Tartan Lounge, Portknockie on Friday 29 September Willie **and Frankie** will entertain, with **Malt and Barley** on Saturday night. And lastly in the Thistle Bar on West Church Street, Buckie **John Gow** will sing and play on Saturday 30 September.

**Miss Flo Smith, 'Nurse Flo'** Craigenroan Place, Portessie is retiring after serving as a Health Visitor in Buckie and surrounding district for the past 32 year. She received a great many gifts from different organisations including Strathlene Golf Club where she was a member.

Oct 5 **Findochty Youth Club does well.** They won second prize in an environmental improvement project in connection with 'Better Britain' competition sponsored by a major oil company. The report along with a photograph is given on page 6 of the local paper of this date. The photograph shows an attractive garden equipped with steps which the group of around 15 under the leadership of Mr Wm. Nixon, janitor of Findochty School had constructed on the steep bank below the Methodist Church.

Oct 12 **New name on the dance scene** - Appearing at the dance in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 20 October is The **Mixture**, a new name on the dance scene plus **Oasis**. Admission 40p.

**Dance in the Sandend Hall.** It is not often that there is an advert for a dance in Sandend in the Buckie paper but the group, Premier, are to be playing at a dance there on Saturday 14 October.

**Dance in Portessie Public Hall** - Steve Diamond is to be playing there on Saturday 14 October.

**Cost of a taxi in 1972?** Haven Taxis were advertising their charge for local runs as being 15p.

**Brambles and 'Rodden' berries wanted** Moray Ice Factory Shore Street, Lossie who also own the Ice Factory on McLaren's Brae, Buckie are paying 5p per LB for clean picked bramble berries delivered to their Buckie factory. They will also pay 39 for rowan berries -.

**Buckie man bound for Kenya** - Twenty -one year old architectural student, Robert K. Niven flew out to Kenya last week to spend a year working as an architect on housing projects in Mombasa under the VSO.

**Forty lose jobs at Fochabers** - With the closure of the bakery and confectioner firm Wm. Murray and Sons forty people were made redundant. The workforce was offered jobs in Inverness where there were six houses available but only two people accepted the offer. Murray's have been in business in Fochabers for forty years. Burnett's of Inverness will now be supplying bread to Fochabers and area.

Oct 19 **Road accident claims the life of taxi driver** - Portessie taxi driver James Falconer, 48, a father of five of 7 Samson Avenue, Craigbo was fatally injured when the taxi he was driving collided with a cattle float on the Portknockie to Findochty road. He set up the business three years ago. The passengers in the taxi were three Findochty schoolboys one of which, John Taylor, 7 Old Street, Findochty, was seriously injured and had to be taken to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (John, whose father is a partner in the Taylor's Transport Ltd died five days later of his injuries.)

**Joiner packs his tool box for the last time** - Mr George Craig, Crown Street, and Portgordon who had an association with the Buckie joiner and carpentry firm of A. Hendry and Sons for 53 years ended on Friday. George who started to serve his time as an apprentice with the firm in 1919, apart from an absence of three years during WWII has served with them ever since, the last 20 years as foreman joiner. He received a wallet of notes, handed over by Mr Pete McGrory the most senior joiner with the firm. At the presentation Alex Hendry said how he had served his time with Mr Craig.

Away from the trade George Craig was a prominent figure in local Welfare and Junior football circles being a former president and secretary of both Buckie and District Welfare Association and also of the old Morayshire Junior F. A.

**Scoring well** - Patty Murray who scored a hat-trick in the Rovers' previous match scored a further two on Saturday when his side defeated Stoneywood Works by four clear goals in the North Regional Cup 1<sup>st</sup> round

The first Rovers' team seen printed in the local paper for a long long time was - Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; Boyd, Green and Mackay; Geddes, Davenport, Murray, Mitchell, and Taylor. Subs. Wood and Bruce.

Oct 25 **A new venture** - Nearly 370 barrels of spiced herring - the first consignment of a new venture in fish processing to be launched in Buckie - left the port on Tuesday on board the Svithun a factory freezing ship belonging to a leading Norwegian Company.

\*\*\*\*\* Behind the new enterprise are Cluny Fish Supplies a local firm of fish merchants founded three years ago and now under the managership of Mr Alex Nicol.

Cluny Fish at present employ a staff of 8 but when the forthcoming sprat season gets under way the labour force is expected to rise to well over 20.

**See you at the dance in the Slochie hall on Saturday 28 October.** Steve Diamond and his Night Rider Discotheque will be playing.

**Dances continue in the Cullen Town Hall** - On Friday 27 October the Edinburgh group, **Bay City Rollers** will be present plus local group, **Windy Miller**. On Friday 3 November another Edinburgh group will play, called **Lordy**.

**Boat launch** - A 56 ' trawler, christened **Silver Spray** was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Saturday. The vessel, which cost £55,000, has been built for four local fishermen - Skipper and part owner, Wm. Coull, 134 Milton Drive, Stuart Thain, 53 Mill Crescent, John M. Smith, 41 Great Eastern Road, Portessie and David Mair, 2 Mid Street, Findochty

The **Silver Spray**, which has been equipped with all the most modern of fishing and navigation equipment, will be powered by a **300hp Volvo diesel engine**

**Welfare Society cash hand-out** - The sum of £435 was disbursed to a large number of local organisations at the annual hand out of money give by the Welfare Society. The sums given out ranged from £45 (the only one at this figure) to Buckie OAP's to £5 Buckie Tufty Club with a number of others being given the same.

At the AGM all the office bearers were re-elected unanimously - President - A. Douglas, vice president - A. W. Macdonald, secretary/treasurer D. Lamont.

As the blurb read thirty bodies and organisations received financial help for looking after the welfare and interests of both old and young in the burgh.

- Nov 2 **Buckie Youth Club** meets every Saturday morning from 10.15am till 12.15pm. During this time there is roller skating, table tennis, small games and TV for members. . Members are charged 5p per session for the roller skating plus 5p for the use of skates. Members are 10p

**He didn't have a PSV license** - A Glasgow man who overloaded his car in Buckie was fined £10 when he admitted the offence at Banff Sheriff Court on Tuesday. He had 11 people and a dog in a four seater car.

The court heard that when the police stopped a four seater Ford Anglia car driven by J. K. 27 a motor mechanic they found two men in the front passenger seat, four women one man and a dog in the rear seat and three youths in the boot.

K... told the police that he was in complete control of the car and that there was no danger to his passengers. He had given some relations and friends a lift and before he realised it the car was packed. He had known nothing of the youths in the boot.

A police vehicle followed the car after it was seen to come slowly away from a junction. It appeared to be carrying some bulky objects in the boot and had difficulty picking up speed.

**Poem on page 6** - - Buckie to Portsoy 1972 by Mrs A. W. Moffatt nee Anne Wood, Portsoy now living in New Zealand.

- Nov 9 **Note from the proprietors of Banffshire Advertisers** - Due to alterations we have moved to temporary premises at Fowlers, 10 West Church Street - W.F. Johnston and Sons.

**Three Jumble sales** - Buckie Rovers, All Saints Church and the ACF are all holding Jumble Sales to raise funds. The Rovers will be in the Town House, hall, All Saints Church in their own hall and the ACF in their's. The Rovers raised £40.

**Jobs galore** - Electricians and apprentice electricians are urgently required by Thain and Davidson, 26 East Church Street

**Lady driver wanted** - Lady driver to sit PSV test for minibus and to assist with taxi work , preferably over 25. Apply Maynes Coaches, Cluny Garage.

**Buckie Rovers advance in the Scottish** - Buckie Rovers beat Forfar East End away from home by two goals to one in the Scottish Junior cup. Brian Taylor and James Geddes scored the goals.

**Flares were in in '72,** - James Mackay, Draper, East Church Street were advertising men's flare line trousers of different makes at prices from £4.30 to £7.75. (Flares of an extraordinary width and trailing on the ground were the fashion for young teenage girls in 2002)

- Nov 16 **Buckie man gains a second degree** - John A.G. Niven who graduated BA of Architecture at Heriot Watts University Edinburgh last year received a post graduate degree of MSC in Environmental Conservation from the same University on Saturday. John who is 25 is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Niven 9 Sutherland Street, Buckpool, Buckie.

**Dance venue and group** - **Mixed Spice** is the name of the group who will play at the dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 17 November. The dance will now start at 9.30 instead of 8.30pm as previously. On Friday 24 November the group to play will be **Smiles**.

**The Royal British Legion is to hold a Grand Xmas Carnival Dance** in the hall on Friday 15 December. **The Crofters** will be present while music for dancing will be played by **The Legionaires**. Star turn, Robbie Shepherd. From 8 till 1am with stovies being served. Admittance 75p.

**Buckie Youth Club Disco with Steve Diamond** - Thursday 16 November from 8-11pm. Members 20p non members 30p. **Under 21 years only**

**Buckie Youth Club** will hold a second disco on Saturday 18 November for those **under 14 years**. Members 15p and non members 20p.

**Steve Diamond disco hire** for dances, wedding dances, parties etc. 3 William Street, Buckpool.

**Van De Graaf Discotheque** - Music Pop, Folk, Old Time Keith 2383.

**Cullen railway viaduct** - Banffshire Roads Department favour its demolition.

**Annual Scottish Country Dance Rally** - this took place in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday when the local president, Stuart Morrison, Portgordon welcomed a party of around 160. The Jimmy Blue Broadcasting Band provided music for the evening.

**Chosen for the select** - Three Buckie Thistle players were chosen to for the Aberdeenshire F.A. Select to meet the North FA XI in the Chick Allan Memorial match. Willie Cowie and Mike Winton will form the right wing while Malcolm Cowie will be in his usual berth at right back.

Nov 23 Cullen **Railway Viaduct Seems Doomed reads the headline on the front page.** (Despite a greater number of vehicles on the road, since 1972 not to mention an increase in the size of many, the viaduct was still standing and not appearing to give any great trouble in the summer of 2002. The viaduct forms part of a long distance walks and cycles track along the Moray Firth coast.)

**Still more Jumble sales** - 5th Brownie Pack, Buckie Thistle Ladies Committee.

**The first trainee to be sponsored by the newly formed Buckie and District 'Captain Scott' committee** is 18 year old Portknockie apprentice William Milne. He left Buckie for Plockton this week. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Milne, 12 Craigview Road, Portknockie, an apprentice carpenter with Herd & McKenzie builders of the 'Captain Scott'.

He is the first to be chosen by the committee since it took over the running of the special fund set up by Buckie Rotary Club last year with the object of sending a boy from Buckie district every year on one of the ship's cruises.

A 19-year-old apprentice shipwright with Herd & McKenzie, George Campbell, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Campbell, 13 Seatown returned home last week from the 'Captain Scott's' last cruise on which his employees had sponsored him.

**A massive score line** - Buckie Youth Club swamped Peterhead Youth Club by 15 goals to nil in the semi final of the Beacon Football Trophy at Linzee Gordon Park on Sunday. The Buckie Youth Club now meet Bucksburn Community Centre in the final of the competition, played over two legs.

**They'll surely come from all round the world to this Cullen dance** - **Atlas** is the group playing in the Town Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Boat launch** - A 66' Danish type fishing boat built for Skipper Jens Bojen, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones on Monday. She was christened Frances Bojen. The new boat will be used for pair trawling in the North Sea and has been fitted with all the latest fishing aids and navigation equipment and powered by a 230hp Gardner diesel engine.

This is the first Danish type fishing boat that Jones have built for many years, was launched complete and expected to sail to join the Grimbsy fleet by the end of the week.

**Toilets closed due to vandalism** - Because of vandalism at the new toilets in the Ian Johnston Park, Buckie Town Council has found it necessary to close them until the beginning of the next summer season. The toilets had been left open until 4.30pm daily for an experimental period at the request of several organisations in the town.

**Buckie Rovers made it 12 wins in a row** when they beat Bishopmill by five goals to nil. David 'Pecos' Mackay had a hat-trick. Raymond Boyd, former Thistle player now with the Rovers, received a wedding present handed over by trainer, George Walker.

Dec 7 **Boat launch** - A 56' stern trawler built for two Banffshire men, Skipper Wm. J. Mair, 4 Logie Avenue, Cullen and Wm. Clark, 9 Yuill Avenue, Buckie and others was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Saturday. The new boat was christened, **Celnius**, the old name for the Cullen area. The steel built boat cost £55,000 to build and is fitted with a 300hp caterpillar diesel engine and all the latest fishing aids, gear and equipment including a hydraulic winch and power block. Skipper Mair plans to start sprat fishing immediately in the Moray Firth along with MB **Unity** of which the **Celnius** is a replica and two other similar trawlers, the **Golden Strand** which is skippered by his brother, Cecil Mair and the **Janeen**. All three boats were also built at Herd & McKenzie's yard.

**The recent Brownie Jumble sale raised the sum of £28 for pack funds.**

**New owners of the Ideal Homewares store and Rathburn Hotel** - Mr and Mrs Wilson formerly owners of the Rathburn Hotel have taken over the Homewares Stores. In turn Mrs E. Forrest has taken over the Rathburn Hotel.

**Free dance** - Buckpool Boxing Club are to run their usual free Christmas Dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday 15 December from 9.15 till 1am. There is a late license. Music to be provided by the **Country Style Dance Band**.

Three Coffee Mornings were advertised this week - One is to be ran by the 6<sup>th</sup> Brownies in the Catholic Institute. All Saints Church are to hold their one in the hall while the organisation - National Fund For Research into Crippling Diseases will hold a coffee morning in the North Church Hall, Tickets in all cases cost 15p.

**Jobs offered** - The Marley Tile Company Ltd advise all youths wishing to commence an apprenticeship as roof tilers should contact either Mr G. J. Jack or Mr T. Lawson at our Inverness depot.

Dec 14 **Butcher's business changes hands** - Tommy Taylor who has been running the butcher's business at 42 East Church Street (next to the Post Office building) on his own for a number of years following the retiral of his brother has himself now called it a day. The shop has now been taken over by James Grant.

**Dance in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin on Christmas Day** - Two bands will play one is **Santiago** the other the **Graeme Nairn Band**.

**Boat Launch** - The first new vessel to join the Wick fishing fleet for 12 years was launched on Saturday from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son. The 71' seiner/trawler, christened, Boy Andrew I costing £81,000 has a cruiser tern. She has been built for Norman Bremner, Wick's leading skipper. The Boy Andrew I called after Skipper Bremner's present boat will be powered by a 425 Caterpillar diesel engine and will have all the latest fishing gear and equipment including a hydraulic seine and trawl winch, power block and also a Shetland gutting machine.

The Boy Andrew I is the third new fishing boat to be launched from the three Buckie shipbuilding yards in just over a fortnight and the fifth to be launched by Thomson's in the last 12 months.

At present a 56' seiner/trawler for Wick and a 65' trawler for Buckie and four other boats are also on order ranging from 58 to 73' and guaranteeing work for the yard for the next 18 months.

Dec 21 **New site for Buckie War Memorial needed** - - The public are to be invited to comment on a new site for the War Memorial which has to be shifted from its present position to allow improvements to the sewage system to take place. The business was discussed at the town council meeting on Monday evening. One councillor spoke of the base beginning to crack in places due to vibration from traffic. A suggestion was put forward that it should be sited in the north east quadrant of Cluny Square which might be laid out in grass with seats. A notice appeared in the local paper

\*\*\* **The 'Captain Scott' returned to Buckie on Friday to undergo a refit at her builders - Herd & McKenzie's shipyard.**

**Cullen dances** - A number of dances are to take place in the Town Hall, Cullen over the festive season. On Friday 22 December a new name on the dance scene - **Roust - A-Bout**- will be playing. On Christmas night **Sundance**, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> **Oasis** and on the 1<sup>st</sup> day on 1973 - **Atlas** make their return

**Festive Greetings** - Malcolm a Yvonne McDavid, family and Staff of the Strathlene Hotel wish all friends and patrons a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

**A new Council Chamber** - Buckie Town Council approved the proposal to convert the former county library room in the Town House into a council chamber at a cost of £1729 including the provision of tables, chairs and furnishings.

**Trawler cook honoured for life saving** - Mr John C. Buchan, 48 of 8 Alnath Place, Buckpool received the Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Parchment for rescuing an 11 year old boy, John Cowie, 14 Bruce Avenue from drowning in July last, at a ceremony in the Town House last Monday evening. Mr Buchan is cook aboard the Aberdeen trawler, Cedarlee.

**Trophy stays in Buckie** - Buckie Youth Club retained the Beacon Football Trophy when they beat Bucksburn Community Centre 4-1 in the second leg of the final at Linzee Gordon Park on Sunday. Over the two games they had an aggregate score of 8 goals to four.

Dec 28 **Cullen Dance and band booked to play** - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. The group booked to play is **Bedrock**.

**Now at 1 Gordon Street** - Billy Garden, for Floor covering and Household Goods.

**New Clubhouse opened at Strathlene** - The new clubhouse built at Strathlene Golf Club and provided by Buckie Town Council from the Common Good Fund at a cost of over £6000 was opened on Friday evening by Provost Edward Douglas.

**Buckie Thistle end year on a high** - Buckie Thistle had perhaps their biggest wins yet over their Banffshire rivals in their annual festive season derby games when they registered a win of six goals to one.

The team was - Shand, McDonald and Cardno; Lyon, Wright and Flett; Winton, Wm. Cowie, Simmers, Davidson and Smith. Sub. Kennedy.

