

## 1976

7 Jan. **Wintry weather** - Heavy snow and strong winds hanelled in the year 1976, snow fell heavily from the afternoon of 31 January on and within a couple of hours roads had become treacherous for drivers.

**Linn of Freuchny** - Two thirds of the housing development at Linn of Freuchny was completed by Christmas - a total of 138 houses out of a total of 221. The contractors are Cruden's of Mussleburgh.

**Wild goats** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows the two wild goats that have been spotted along the Banffshire coast during the last 6 weeks. The photograph was taken on the outskirts of Findochty.

**Winter sales** - A number of shops are advertising winter sales. T. M. Jack (not called the Little Wonder now) of 33-37 East Church Street, Robertson's 13 High Street. General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street.

14 Jan. **The Swimming Pool** - Buckie's Swimming Pool was officially opened on Saturday afternoon by Alison Smith (110 21 Barhill Road, Buckpool. The pool has been in use since June.

A programme of competitive and display events took place afterwards to entertain the large crowd.

Alison was chosen to open the pool after her poem, written for a competition and titled 'The Pool' was judged to be the best out of all the entries. (The poem is found on the front page of the 'Advertiser'.

Mr J. M. Anderson, Convenor, on behalf of Moray Council, accepted the new swimming pool, which was financed by the town councils of Buckie, Cullen, Findochty, and Portknockie and by Banff County Council.

**More winter sales advertised** - Henry Packman, Complete House Furnisher, 72-76 Mid Street, Keith. Ritchie's Draper etc. 72 - 74a East Church Street, John Sandison, 22 East Church Street, Andrew Begg, Shoes etc, 14 - 16 High Street. C. I. Shearer, Draper and Outfitter, 6-8 East Church Street.

Advert - Glenelg Insurance Brokers, Allan S. Campbell, 26 Richmond Terrace, Portgordon.

21 Jan. **Boat launch** - The **Joysona**, a 75' seine net trawler built at a cost of £200,000 for Skipper Wm. Humphrey, Sunart, Duguid Street, Buckie, was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & Mackenzie on Saturday morning. The new vessel has been named after his two twin daughters, Joyce and Shona.

Mr Humphrey, Senior, is part owner of the Joysona, formerly skipper of the **Orion** for the last three years. James Cowie, Mate and Engineer, Wm. Costello, all of Buckie, are also part owners. The Joysona has been fitted with a 550 hp Kelvin diesel engine and carries a Sutherland hydraulic seine-trawler winch. She is also fitted with the latest fish-finding and navigation aids and a gutting shelter will be added.

**Linda came first** - Linda Murray, 4 Cooper Street was the winner of a top prize in the Primary School section of a regional essay competition with the theme - 'Keep Grampian Beautiful'

**Former garage owner dies** - Charles 'Poosie' Robertson died last week at the age of 59. He started his business career mending bikes in a small shed in Portessie. After war service he had a cycle shop at 14 East Church Street which he owned up until his death. He bought and ran the Central Garage on West Church Street for a number of years. (A report is given on the front page.)

**Adverts** - Gordon Stables, Painter and Decorator, 65 Mid Street, Keith  
Henderson Construction, 15 Stewart St. Portgordon. All Classes of building work,  
also plumbing work and central heating

**Special Clearance Sale** - General Drapery Store – 51-53 West Church Street  
and 30 Market Street, Aberdeen.

28 Jan. **Cullen Savings Bank museum window** - The features on display at  
the present time trace the development of radio from the very earliest crystal  
sets to the most modern transistors.

**Wind damage causes game to be postponed** - Buckie Thistle's game with  
Rothes was called off after gale-force winds rendered the enclosure unsafe. The  
winds sheered the horizontal bars at the back of the 50 yards long covered  
structure from their mountings. When the ground staff arrived in the morning  
they found the whole enclosure more or less resting on the boundary wall and  
the advice of engineering experts is that the whole structure must come down.

4 Feb **Boat launch** - The 65-foot long steel built stern trawler, **Janeen II** registered  
BCK29 was launched on Saturday morning from the shipyard of Messrs Herd &  
Mackenzie. The new vessel has been built for Skipper Joseph Smith, 47,  
Kingsmead West Cathcart Street, Buckie as a replacement for the **Janeen**  
which he skippered for 7 years.

The Janeen II has been fitted with a 375 hp Kelvin diesel engine and Sutherland  
trawl winch. The instruments in the wheelhouse includes the most up to date  
navigation and fish finding devices.

Mr Smith has been a skipper for 15 years and before the Janeen he had the  
**Avoca**.

**Advert** - To mark the opening of his new shop at 1 Cluny terrace, Dennis  
Murray is offering furniture at 20% off manufacturer's prices.

11 Feb **Bird Talk** - Roy Dennis is to give a talk on Wednesday 11 February 1976 on  
Scottish Birds Past, Present and Future. **(P4 columns 7 and 8)**

18 Feb The Portgordon Spies - TV film reconstructs the wartime spy story. **(P1  
columns 1,2,3,4,5,6.)**

**Shop now not to close** - Following on the death of Mr Sharif in a road accident  
it was planned to shut the shop of Mr Sharif and Anwar at 3 St Andrew's  
Square but it has now been decided to remain open after all as circumstances  
have changed.

Feb 25 **Boat launch** - A stern trawler built to a Danish design, the Margarethe Bojen  
was launched from the shipyard of Jones' last Tuesday completing a unique  
double for the yard.

Three years ago the Frances Bojen, sister ship, was launched. The two will link up  
with the Grimsby fleet and intend to participate in pair trawling. The  
Margarethe Bojen was built for Jens Bojen who lives near Grimsby.

Both boats are similar in length measuring 65' over all and each fitted with  
280 Kelvin diesel engines and Norwinch hydraulic trawl winches.

The crew accommodation is aft and on either side of the she has a hydraulic net  
hauler.

**Interesting tale of a coin** - A George III coin was found at Bog of dated 1788,  
It was found by woodcutter, Peter Addison, 26 Bryson Crescent, Craigbo who was  
cutting through the trunk of a fallen oak tree. When the blade of his saw struck

something solid. When he broke open the trunk he discovered the coin lodged in the centre. The coin, gold coloured, is in near mint condition except for a worn part on the back. It had been in the trunk of the tree for nearly 200 years. Finding the coin in such a big tree was like finding a needle in a haystack since the coin only measured  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter and it was a huge tree only a chance in a million that the saw should pass through this point.

It seems likely that someone lodged the coin in the tree when it was a sapling since it is not uncommon for this species of tree to grow for 150 years.

Written on the coin are the words Deo Gratia - by grace of God. British coins still have this though in an abbreviated form. On the reverse side of the coin is the crest and head of George III.

**Advert** - Grant's Ice Cream have vacancies for two assistants. J. A. Grant, Easter Bogs. Ice cream processing 40 hour week over five days. Training given - transport from Buckie.

Advert - Elnett hair spray 1309 66p for 49p while stocks last. James E. Green, 7 East Church Street.

3 Mar **New taxi firm** - Oag's Taxis others include - Grove Taxis, Joe Dawson, Sudding Car Hire and Taxis, Cluny Taxis, Haven Taxis, Tony's Taxis.

Mar 10 **Poem** - 'Tatties and Saut Herrin' by James Slater, Portsoy. (Find it on page 3)

**Thistle new signings** - Buckie thistle signed ? Coutts from Keith F. C., Alan Johnston from Elgin City and schoolboy, Andrew Hunter.

**New name on chemist shop** - The chemist business at 7 East Church Street formerly known as James E. Green has been transferred to W. Summerfield of R.W. F. Wilson and Co. James Green had been in business for 8 years and offered thanks for the support he had been given in that time.

17 Mar **New club to open** - Buckie Thistle Social Club, formerly the Volunteer Hall or Drill Hall on West Church Street is to open for the first time on Thursday 18 March.

The first of which is hoped to be many dances will take place on Friday and Saturday 19 and 20 March. There was a big advert on page 4. The manager of the new club is 29 year old Mr Norman Willox, an ex Navy man from Cornhill

**Advert** - John Black, Building Contractor, Moorfield, Arradoul. Lorry with driver for hire.

24 Mar **Boat launch** - A 74' seine net trawler, christened **Shalimar** INS 175 was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son on Saturday. The Shalimar has been built for Dan Sutherland, Dunbar Street, Hopeman and his part owners. The new boat is a replacement for the first Shalimar, which is to join the Peterhead Fleet. Dan Sutherland has been a skipper for 12 years with his first boat being the **Gardenia**.

The new Shalimar is to be fitted with a 425hp Kelvin diesel engine.

**Buckpool Golf Club** - Moray District Council are prepared to contribute £9,000 to the £100,000 project at Buckpool Golf Club to allow for the provision of changing accommodation for the use of Buckie and District Welfare League teams playing on the nearby Merson Park. The £9,000 will come from the Common Good Fund, which came to the District Council on the demise of Buckie Town Council

**Advert** - For people going places Nairn Travel will be in the Town House, Buckie every Wednesday afternoon from 1 till 5pm. Literature and holiday

programmes available. We can assist you in making your travel or holiday arrangements.

**High School Speech Contest** - Audrey Harvey won the annual speech contest ran by Buckie Speakers' Club for senior High School pupils, Gareth Hill was second and Lynn Robertson and Alison Hunter third equal. There were ten entrants this year. The President of Buckie Speakers' Club, Mr Bill Cook, congratulated the winner and all the other speakers..

**Rare bird** - A shore lark was reported to have been seen at Tynet. The Shore lark breeds in the far north and is found in some places in eastern but very rarely here. It frequents shores, beaches and estuaries. With its winter plumage it is rather inconspicuous but in summer it wears a yellowish dress with black bib and horns which is just detectable in winter.

**Buckie Thistle Social Club** was opened last Thursday by Ally McLeod, manager of Aberdeen F.C.

Cabaret spots have been very popular since the club opened and will feature Juniper Green on Friday 26 March and Gerry and the Pacemakers the following Friday, 31 March.

31 Mar **Buckie Thistle Social Club** - A report is given in this edition of the 'Advertiser' on the opening of the club. This is found on page 4. It was done by Ally McLeod driving a ball through a specially designed paper screen.

**Adverts for funeral undertakers** - Alexander Hendry and Sons Joiners and Undertakers. Land Street, Campbell's, Joiners and Undertakers, Railway Terrace, Buckie, Wm. Thain, Carpenter, Joiner and Undertaker, Aboyne Street, Gordonsburgh, Alex Bain, Funeral Undertaker, Carpenter and Joiner, Baron Street, Billy Mair, Carpenter and Joiner, 99 - 103 Main Street and 7 William Street.

Apr 7 **Overseers of Rock House to change** - The running of Rock House on East Church Street, Buckie, a home set up in 1970 by the Shipwrecked Mariners Society for retired seamen and their kin is to be taken over by the British Sailors Society. The Shipwrecked Mariners Society had indicated in December that they intended to terminate their responsibility towards Rock House, their only home in Scotland. The local management committee headed by Buckie draper, Charles Shearer will continue to function with no change taking place for the residents in the six-roomed house.

**Early bird** - Ian Middleton reported that he had seen a black cap, cock bird at Arradoul in the past two weeks. They usually arrive in this area about late April.

**Advert** - Alex Smith, Painter and Decorator, 2 Oglivie Street, Portessie.

**Strathlene Hotel** - Mr Malcolm McDavid was granted a renewal of the license for Strathlene Hotel despite a number of objections.

**Advert** - Wanted an attendant for the Buckie Museum . Hours - Monday - 2 to 4pm; Tuesday to Friday 10-12 and 2- 4pm, Saturday 10am till 12 noon. Wage £1215- £2529 NJC clerical grade scaled to number of hours and weeks worked.

**The Trend Shop** - R. Johnston, 68 West Church Street for all leading brands of paint and wallpaper.

**Clearance sale** - G. Herd, 3 Seaview Road, Findochty begins on 15 April.

14 Apr **A trip to Essex and co-option** - Keith Fraser and Alison Sutherland, two senior pupils at Buckie High School and presentation and production controllers, accompanied Mr Jeff Jones, PT Chemistry to the National Association of Hospital Broadcasting Services AGM held at Basildon, Essex. Keith was co-opted on to the executive committee of the National Association of Hospital Broadcasting Services.

21 Apr **48 years service with the P.O.** John Murray, 3 Rathburn Street, Gordonsburgh, retired on Friday after 48 years service with the Post Office. A report and picture on the front page shows him receiving a presentation

**Former Buckie Thistle player dies** - A report is given on the front page of this edition of the 'Advertiser' of former Buckie Thistle player of the early 1950's, George 'Dodie' Gordon. He was one of a family of ten, four boys and six girls, formerly of 16 James Street, Buckpool who died recently in Edinburgh. He played first for Welfare League team Home Guard just after the war later, the Rovers, Buckpool Celtic, Buckie Thistle and Rothes.

**Lost their last game** - Buckie Thistle lost their last game of the season when they were beaten by Huntly at Christie Park by the only goal of the game. They finished up with 24 points from 30 games. This was 8 points less than the previous season.

**J.J. Column** - Jeff Jones, PT Chemistry at Buckie High School and the leading light behind the setting up of Radio Buckie wrote his first article in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. In his column he chatted about the 'Pop Scene' new records and groups. (Radio Buckie was still operating and Jeff still writing his column in November 2002 as this snippets were being typed up.)

28 Apr - **For and definitely against** - Letters in this and previous copies of the local paper tell of the difference in opinion between Alexander 'Sandy' Wilson architect former planning officer with Banff County Council and Donald Barr, PT Music at Buckie High School regarding the new extension that has been built to Cluny Hotel in the south west quadrant of Cluny Square. (I have to say that my sentiments were in the same vein as Donald Barr's in that the new building was entirely out of keeping with the rest of the buildings on the square and stood out like a sore thumb.) One letter asked Donald to wait until people had time to get accustomed. I don't know how long we were supposed to do this but unlike drink it hasn't improved with time.

**Portessie man lost at sea** - Portessie trawlerman, Peter Cowie, 45 of 4 Chancellor Road, Craigbo was lost overboard from the Aberdeen trawler, Annwood.

**Teams entered for the Welfare League** - Propeller Works, Cornhill, Macduff, Portsoy, Whitehills, Portknockie, Keith, Cullen, Jones' Shipyard, Buckpool, St Marnans, Thistle Athletic.

**Advert** - Morven Property and Business Consultants - 15 East Church Street to open new Buckie office.

\*\*\*\* **Lodge Gordons 589** - is to hold a **Centenary Dinner** in the St Andrew's Hotel on Saturday 8 May at 6.15pm. Brethren requiring tickets please apply to A. Ingram, Secretary, Titness Street.

5 May **Portgordon G.O.L dies** - Mrs Jane Reid, 17 Richmond Place, Portgordon, died at her home on Sunday just six weeks before her 102 birthday.

**Findochty people are nae pleased** - Moray District Council's decision to lump Findochty along with Portknockie and rural Rathven has not gone down well with the people of Findochty who argue that just as they had their own town council they should have their own community council.

**Cullen Bay Hotel** - Their advert took up almost a whole page in the 'Advertiser'. They were extolling the virtues of their new restaurant with a new a-la-cart menu.

**Queen's Guide** - Catherine Morrison, 16, Edendale, Barhill Road, gained her Queen's Guide Certificate and badge. She is a young leader in the 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Girl Guides.

**Tops are Tops!** A wide variety of styles and colours in cotton and cheesecloth. T. M. Jack, 33-35 East Church Street.

**Ladies Tartan Skirts** - C. I. Shearer and Son, Drapers and Outfitters, 6-8 East Church Street.

**Buckie High School footballers-** Found on page 4 two photographs of school football teams from Buckie High School. One shows the senior team, the other under 13's. The seniors were trained by Willie McDonald (Buckie Thistle player) while the under 13's have been trained by Willie Cowie (Buckie Thistle manager.)

Both teams had very successful seasons, the seniors and under 13's having won their sections. The under 15's were just pipped for the title while the under 14's came fifth.

**Portgordon Ladies Hairdresser business changes hands** - Denise Cowie has sold her business and extends thanks to all those who have been customers during the time she was in business.

**Photographer to close business** - Langley Forbes, Photographer, 39 High Street is to close up shop on 22 May due to a change in ownership of the property. He wishes to thank all customers for their patronage.

**Advert** - Moray Firth Property Advertiser Centre, 5 West Cathcart Street. Selling and buying property. Advertise at this centre - call and see our register.

12 May **Re-Consecration of St Peter's Church altar** . This has now taken place following months of hard work. **(report given on front page.)**

**No go for Portgordon plans** - Moray District Council have turned down the plans submitted for the development of the four acres of derelict land surrounding the old railway station. The idea of creating a holiday camp was turned down on the grounds that the village's over-taxed water supply would not be able to cope.

The application made by Scottish Overseas Services could be considered again at a later date once the water supply had been re-assessed.

What had been envisaged on the four acre piece of land was the creation of outdoor tennis courts, miniature golf, children's play area, toilet and washing facilities, a games room and T.V. lounge.

**New Tory candidate** - David Myles, a Mearns farmer, is to fight the Banffshire seat for the Tories. He succeeds Jimmy Gordon who resigned because of business commitments.

**Strathlene Hotel** - The first advert for a long time gave information about discos that are ran in the hotel every Friday evening.

\*\*\*\* **Lodge Gordon's 589 special celebrations** and re-dedication ceremony took place in the Town House on Saturday evening. The lodge Right Worshipful Master, Brother Wm. Booth welcomed the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Captain Robert Wolridge Gordon of Esslemont.

\*\*\*\* A picture of the office bearers along with the deputation from the Grand Lodge is shown on page 4.

**Football team withdraws from league** - Keith Dynamos for many years one of the top teams in the Buckie and District Welfare League have been forced to withdraw from this season's league and cup competitions because of finding it difficult to raise a team.

**Bus tokens** - The first issue of Bus Tokens for the year 1976 costing (£3) will commence on Monday 17 May.

19 May **Salmon fishing on the River Spey** - Photographs on the front page of the 'Advertiser' show one of the three crews that fish the lower reaches of the Spey for the Crown Estates. They reported bigger catches of grilse and trout than for some years past. It is the grilse and trout not to mention salmon that makes the River Spey an angler's paradise as the fish make their way up river to spawn.

The men in the photograph were named as - John Davidson, Frank Taylor, Jim Mitchell, Willie Gray and Sandy Little.

**Adverts** - Stewart McLachlan, Plumber and heating Engineer, 13 Cathay Terrace, Cullen.

Wm. Cooper, Electrical Sales and Service, 17 Reidhaven Street, Ianstown.

**Advert** - St Andrew's Hotel, New dining room opened for lunches and high teas.

**J. J. Column** - Found in the 'Advertiser', written by Jeff Jones, PT Chemistry at Buckie High School the instigator behind Radio Buckie wrote a column every week in which he spoke of the newest records released by the various groups. He was still penning a similar column in November 2002 when this was being typed up.

**Grampian Regional Council Educational Department** - Elgin Technical College list of all the various course being offered in the session 1976/77.

26 May **Norwegian seaman retires** - A Norwegian seaman, Captain Otto Thorensen, who made his home in Buckie after fleeing to Scotland in a fishing boat with five other compatriots in 1940 following the invasion of his country by the Germans has retired after 47 years in the Norwegian Merchant shipping.

He married a Buckie woman and had their home at 35 Cameron Crescent. As they grew older they stayed for a considerable time in Very Sheltered Housing at Linn Coort, Linn Avenue. He died in 2002.

(A report on the life of Captain Thorensen, including his war experiences is given on the front page of this edition of the 'Advertiser'.)

**Buckie Rovers going well** - They were in four finals and according to the scribe of the time, deserved to be in this position.

June 2 **El Alamein hero dies** - The death took place on Monday in Seafeld Hospital of Mr Andy Geddes who conquered severe disability to serve the community of the Enzie as sub postmaster for 27 years.

Andy, 64, a native of the Enzie was a member of Montgomery's 8<sup>th</sup> Army who fought in the North African desert campaign. It was at El Alamein in

November 1942 that he suffered severe injuries to his arms and hands from a mortar bomb. Following his injuries he spent two years in hospital first in South Africa and then in Britain but was left permanently disabled. He returned home in 1946 and accepted the offer to become sub post master at Enzie where he established his sub office in a small building next door to his house at East Cottage on the Cullen to Fochabers road.

He retired in 1973 when the office was closed down. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth who he met as a nurse in hospital.

**New lease of life for Cluny Hotel** - A report on page four tells of the re-opening of the Cluny Hotel after being closed for a number of years. Along with the extension it said how the venture by Christie's (Fochabers) had revived a 'dead' corner of Cluny Square.

The firms that were involved in the work were - Adam Cowie, Builder, 2 Cathcart Street, Portgordon who undertook all the masonry, concrete and tile laying in the Cluny Hotel. Thain and Davidson Electricians. 5 Commercial Road, Donald Harrold, 19 West Street, Fochabers, plastering work John Gray, Kirkview, The Square, Fochabers, all the paint work.

**With the above** - Whole page advert in the 'Advertiser' read - Christie's (Fochabers) Ltd have pleasure in announcing that the Cluny Hotel will open on Thursday 3 June at 5pm, we shall appreciate your custom.

**Far has a' the fitba' players gane?** Cornhill have scratched from two cups in the Buckie and District Welfare League citing as their excuse the difficulty of raising a team. They are the second team to have had this problem with Keith Dynamos packing altogether for the same reason some months earlier.

**Whitehills F.C.** This edition of the 'Advertiser' carries a photograph of Whitehills F.C. football team who took part in this years Buckie and District Welfare League.

**New hairdresser shop to open in the 'Paraffin City'** - Aileen, Hairstylist, Portgordon will commence in business on Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note** - Buckie Rovers are holding a Cake and Jumble Sale in the Portessie Hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30. silver collection.

**Personal** - Due to incompatibility Cammy's wedding is postponed meantime. Margaret.

9 June **Dancing in the Fishermen's Hall** - Saturday night dances in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, are to continue despite a protest by Councillor Mrs Ethel Brown that it was after midnight before the hallkeeper got cleaned up. Other councillors disagreed with her suggestion that dances should stop at 10.45pm. She said that previous promoters always had the hall cleared by 11, but the present ones allowed the dance to continue until 11,30pm.

**Buckie Rovers win the Matthew Cup.**

The team was - Matthews, Mitchell, Johnston; Cowie, McDonald, McKay; Nicol, Smith, Taylor, Innes and Cormack. Brian Taylor scored a hat-trick.

**Welfare League further depleted** - Jones' (Shipyard) tendered their resignation from the Buckie and District Welfare League. In this case the reason cited was financial difficulties.

**Welfare League news** - Cornhill were fined £4 for failing to fulfil fixtures. One of their problems had been resolved, they now had a new park to play on.

**Advert** - Edinburgh Tile Distributors Ltd, 61 High Street, Elgin. Also at Aberdeen and Inverness.

**For sale** Ground at Cross Lane with outline permission for the erection of one dwelling house, - walled on three sides. Smith and Wilson, Solicitors. (Eric Stalker, Plasterer, had a house built on the site. I did the plaster taping The house was later sold to Stewart Benson still later to Mrs Smith who was the owner in 2002.)

**Butchers business** opened at 1 Seaview Road, Findochty by Peter K. Gordon. The business formerly traded under the name of R. M. Menzies.

16 June **Buckie North Church 100 years celebrations -- Big article takes up much of the front page. Worth noting .**

**Opening announcement** - Bob Taylor (Carpets) Shop opening at Grant Street, Cullen on 15 June.

23 June **Full House** - The North Church was full on Sunday when apart from Rev Coutts two former ministers were present, Rev Ainslie Walton and Rev John Henderson. **(report on the service is given on page one)**

**RNLI First Gala Day** - The first full-scale fund-raising event to be staged by the local branch of the RNLI took place on Saturday. It was a great success with 2000 people being present . The sun shone and the crowds turned out what more could one ask for. (The Lifeboat Gala continued to be a success throughout the years with many stalls etc. being located in the new fish market. In 2002, however, new safety rules meant that people were not to be allowed to congregate in large numbers around the harbour so the gala site was moved to around the 'Buckie Drifter' museum. This was a much smaller area with not the same facilities for firms coming from some distance away as in former years. Whether the gala was enjoyed the same degree of success is not known.)

**Fochabers celebrate 200 years of history** - (A report is given on page one of the 'Advertiser')

**The Strathlene Swimming Pool** was opened to the public last week for the summer season. As part of the face lift to the salt water pool a new diving board and grease pole have been installed to encourage children and parents to make full use of the pool. The pool will also be open for model boat sailing and canoeing.

In charge of the pool for the next 11 weeks will be Mrs Lilian Jamieson an attendant/instructor at Elgin baths for 11 years.

She said that the emphasis was to be on a fun area with swimming only being one of several attractions for locals and holidaymakers alike.

**The J.J. column** - Keith was mentioned along with Michael Holloway in the J.J. column where they had taped the recent Leapy Lee concert in Buckie Social Club.

**More success for Buckie Rovers** - The Rovers won the Gordon Williamson Cup Matthews, M. Innes Cormack; McDonald, Clark, McKay; A. Innes, Cowie, Nicol, Smith, Taylor.

**Grandson for Bertha and John Niven** - Grant Niven was born on 9 June to Robert and Margaret Niven at Stirling Royal Infirmary.

June 30 **Sudden death of Buckie teacher** - Alan Souter, Assistant Rector (Curriculum) of Caenlochan, Cameron Crescent died last Tuesday . He was in his 50's. A

native of Greenock he was an expert botanist and was working on some specimens near Portsoy when he collapsed and died.

A keen weather man he served in the Meteorological Division with the RAF during WWII.

He is survived by his wife Marian and two sons, Alan and Ian.

**Three months ban** - Moray District Council have imposed a three month ban on dances in the Fishermen's Hall after reports had been received about disgraceful late night behaviour by some youths.

**High School Dux** - Wilma G. Mair, 16, 7 Old Church Road, Cullen is this year's Dux of Buckie High School.

**Portgordon hold a Gala** - The first ever Gala held in the village, organised jointly by the community centre and village committee, proved to be a great success. The event, which extended over a four day period is likely to have raised a good sum which will be used to improve amenities.

**Buckie Rovers F.C.** had one, if not their best, season ever in terms of trophies won taking six out of the possible 8 on offer.

Advert - Alexander Smith, Painter and Decorator, 2 Oglivie Street, Portessie. Phone 31205. Estimates free.

Jul 7

**The reproduction of photographs in the local paper continue to be extremely poor with it being impossible to make out the people in the pictures in many cases.**

**The facts of life** - At the annual Buckie High School prize-giving ceremony the rector, Mr George McKenzie told the senior pupils some of the facts of life, one of these being that job prospects were poor for all school leavers.

**Advert** - G & G. Roughcasters. 14 Cooper Street.

**Buckie High School teachers retire** - Miss Elizabeth Young, 15 James Street, retired after 21 years as a teacher in the H.E. Dept. of Buckie High School. Miss Vida Mair, Rose Villa, 25 High Street, Portknockie, who taught English and Mr George Raich, West Carlton Terrace a Technical Subjects teacher.

**Jimmy Gordon, Painter** - The death took place at Braeview Cottage (The Doocot) of James Gordon, retired Master Painter. He was 76. He leaves a wife Alice.

14 Jul

**Duke of Kent paid a visit to Buckie on 6 July 1976.**

**Parking problems** - Residents on East Church Street are up in arms against the amount of vehicles parked in front of their gates while Newlands Lane car park lies almost empty.

**Christian Aid Week** in Buckie, Portgordon and Enzie raised the sum of £1176.21.

**The first Scot** - George Murray 18A Titness Street, Regent Villa, graduated BSc in Offshore Engineering from Heriot Watt University, the first Scot to gain the degree which was introduced by the university only comparatively recently. This year's three other graduates came from Norway and Malaysia.

**First of 10,000** - Shona Cowie, 13, 84a Main Street, Buckpool, won the first prize in the National Bible Society of Scotland essay competition.

A second year pupil, Shona's entry was chosen from over 10,000 essays from schools all over Scotland and it is the first time that the top prize has ever come to Buckie. Although in previous years pupils have featured in the top 20. The competition was open to all second year pupils throughout Scotland and the prize was a handbook of the Bible.

**Road casualties named** – The two people killed in a car smash in the Fochabers' Woods last week were 30 year old David Purves, 4 Byres Cottages, (near Fochabers) and his four year old son, Iain.

**A rare event nowadays** - A two-band dance will take place in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday 23 July 1976 from 9pm till 1am. Featuring the Dead End Kids and in support another great group. Tickets £1 at the door. Prizes £7.50, £5 and £2.50.

**Buckpool Golf Club** - As part of their gala activities a marquee dance will take place on Friday evening July 16 to music by the Don Grant duo with Patsy and the sound of Parallax. Admission 75p. On Saturday July 17 a dance and barbecue with music by Country Style and Parallax.

21 Jul **Some feat – some feet!** The front page gives space to the exploits of a man who ran the 120 miles through Death Valley in California - the hottest place on Earth and made the return journey only hours after completing the first leg. The man in question, Max Telford, a 40 year old New Zealander has been visiting his in-laws, Mr Alex Wood and his wife at 10 Craigview Road, Portknockie.

**You can't pull it down** - This was the answer given by Moray District Council Planning Committee to Seafield Estates who had submitted an application to demolish the 18<sup>th</sup> century Temple of Pomona, which was built in 1788. The statue of Pomona was removed some time ago from the temple to save it from being vandalised and may be in now in the cellars of Cullen House. **(A full report is given on page one.)**

**Buckie Rovers take a photo call** - The photograph on **page 5** shows the team with the six trophies which they won this season, five of them within the three weeks at the end of the season. The players are all named.

**Portsoy Football Club** is to hold a 'Tattie Shed' dance on Saturday 24 July. Music to be provided by the Dead End Kinds. The dance will run from 8pm till 1am with admission being 80p.

**Rovers AGM** - This will take place on Wednesday 28 July in the boardroom at Victoria Park. G. Henderson, President.

28 Jul **Peter Fair Tradition blotted by Commercial Gluttony** so read the headline on the front page followed by a report.

**Death of former Thistle player of yester-year** - George Cowie, 76, of Gordon Street a former Buckie Thistle player of the 1920 died this week. Previous to playing for the Thistle he was a Rovers' stalwart. He was a fisherman all his life. He leaves four daughters and one son.

**Taking the plunge** - A photograph (unfortunately quite poor) on page 3 shows a group of youngsters about to take the plunge at Strathlene Open-air Swimming Pool. They were taking part in a 'Splash In' organised by Moray District Recreation Department.

**For sale** - Redburn House, formerly the Union Bank and house on St Peter's Terrace is up for sale. The building, three storey high consists of 14 rooms and a basement, kitchen, washhouse, cellar and large store.

Aug 4 **Passes at 'O' Grade** - Arithmetic, Art, English, Navigation, Physics, SNK and Ed. K. S. F.

**Some friendly !** Buckie Thistle 0 Airdrie 7  
Wood, Cowie and Bruce; McAndrew, Andrews and Grubb; McDonald, Coutts, Nicol, Monaghan and Pirie. Subs. Lyon, Flett and Hunter.

**Advert** - A & B Wilson, 12 Seafield Street, Cullen, Groceries, Wines and Spirits

**Trainer wanted** -- Buckie Rovers F.C. are on the hunt for a new trainer, would suit a ex H/L player. Phone Buckie 31596.

Aug 11 **Sixth year passes** - Biology, French and Higher Physics. K. G. F.

**Advert** - C & G. Roughcasters 14 Cooper Street, Roughcasting and Cement Rendering.

**Advert** - Andrew Wyper, Slater, Tiler and Cement Worker, 13 Turner Street.

**Rover's trainer to hang up his boots** - Jim Mitchell is to hang up his boots at the ripe old age of 76. He has been associated with Buckie Rovers for 11 years as trainer. During this time the team have won every junior honour in the north and several instances more than once. (A full report is given on page three.)

**Buckie Thistle sign four new players** - Dave Andrews, ex Deveronvale, Robert Nicol, ex Buckie Rovers, Ian Bruce, ex Dundee and Dave Monaghan, ex Forres Mechanics. (The reproduction of a picture showing the four players is very poor as is one showing the Welfare League team, **Buckpool Victoria** on the same page)

**Thistle make a further signing** - Danny Fitzimmons put his name to paper for the Thistle this week.

**Adverts** Cathcart Garage - Chas. And Pearl Hay proprietors.  
Archibald Motors, Barhill Road.  
Christie Morrison, Haulage Contractors, Motor Eng. Byson Crescent.  
Simpson's Central Garage, West Church Street.  
West End Garage, Arradoul, John Duncan Prop.  
National Tyre Service, 32 Commercial Road.

**Hey! Let's gang ower there** - Strathlene Hotel - Prices reduced  
Nips 22p 1/5 gill bottled beer 18p draught beer 23p per pint.

**Great North of Scotland Balloon Meeting at Fochabers August 12-15 1976.**  
Hot air balloons from six nations are to be present. A big advert told of the various attractions that would be on site. **(see page 6)**

**St Andrews Darts Club** re to hold a Supper Dance in the St Andrews Hotel on Friday 20 August. 8pm prompt. Late licence. Music by the Chordettes.

**Cluny Hotel Supper Dance** - Sunday 15 August. Patsy Thain and the Don Grant Duo. Admission £1.

**Staff wanted** - The Cluny Hotel require a waiter or waitress also part-time bar staff.

The St Andrews Hotel require an assistant barman or barmaid

The Commercial Hotel also wants part-time bar staff.

18 Aug **On TV** - Heather Johnston (8) 8 the Bow, Buckpool is to feature in the Grampian Television Children's programme 'The Kids and Us'. She was spotted at a recent British Legion talent contest at Keith and her parents, Mr and Mrs Sonny Johnston were contacted with a view to giving her a spot in the programme.

Heather has won dozens of trophies and medals at Highland Dancing festivals throughout the north east.

**Bob makes it a nap hand** - Bob Dawson, Land Street, Buckie, won the supreme prize (competitor collecting most points) at Cullen Flower Show for the fifth successive year. He had a number of firsts in the pot plants, cut flowers and fruit sections as well as being prominent in the vegetable sections

**Bob also took the major prize at the Deskford Show the week after.**

**Adverts** Cowie's Fabrics, 39 East Church Street.  
Firth Furnishers, 33-37 West Church Street.

**Balloon Day at Fochabers** - A report on the event is given on page 3. Thousands of paying visitors were enthralled to see 15 balloons of varying sizes and colours take to the sky at the same time. It was a scene that is unlikely to ever take place at Fochabers again.

The balloon that attracted the most attention was the 500,000 cubic feet Gerard A. Heineken the world's biggest hot air balloon.

**'Tis sad, no more back seat frolics** - No more films are to be shown at Buckie's only cinema, the Playhouse, after tomorrow, Thursday. This has been announced by Caledonian Associated Cinemas who said that the decision had been made in light of falling attendances which no longer made film shows a viable proposition.

Manager Bob Souter said that it was sad that 50 years of movies was coming to an end and the decision to shut down had been delayed as long as possible.

The last film to be shown on the screen tomorrow will be 'Love Story'.

The advert on page two read -

**Playhouse Buckie**

Wednesday, Thursday 25 and 26 August - 2 days

Ryan O'Neal in

Love Story (aa)

Also Paper Moon

Full programme 6.30 feature 8.13pm.

**Advert** - Clark's 'Pop-Ons'

In suede, olive, rust, navy truffle, red and brown. Casuals and lacing from

£6.99

Andrew Begg's 14-16 High Street.

**New members of staff at Buckie High School** - Seven new members joined the school staff when it re-opened after the summer recess. They are - John Mearns - English, Miss Jane Lawson, History, Alexander Robertson, Science/Maths, Miss Linzie Bremner, H.E., John Baillie, Miss Elizabeth Paterson and Wm. Maxwell, all Science

Mrs Margaret Wilson Maths is now full time. Sister Mary Clare is once again undertaking temporary teaching duties in the English Department until the Assistant PT English comes in September.

The school roll is presently 1092.

S1 226, S2, 233, S3, 248, S4, 226, S5, 116 and S6 43.

### **Football - Buckie Thistle 3 Keith F.C. 2**

Thistle team - Wood, Cowie and Bruce; Lyon, Andrews and Coutts; McDonald, Flett, Nicol, Fitzimmons and Masson. Sub. Pirie.

Sept 1 **Isla St Clair** - An article on the front page of the local paper gives a report on local singer Isla St Clair who is presently on a 10 week tour of the Soviet Union where it is said she has been a big hit.

**Aqua Princess** - Wilma Runcie, 11, 35 Sutherland Street was chosen Aqua Princess from almost 50 contestants at Buckie Swimming Pool

**To receive Royal Human Society bravery award** - Janice Wood, 11, 3 North Blantyre Terrace, Findochty is to be presented with the Royal Humane Society Bravery Award for saving a four year old girl from drowning in June. (a report is given on the front page)

**New owners for Buckie garage - John Robertson who owns the Moravian Garage in Elgin has bought The Central Garage presently owned by Simpson's of Peterhead.**

**Big shark landed at Buckie** - A 420-LB porbeagle shark was landed at Buckie on Saturday. This is one of the biggest sharks ever landed at Buckie and was caught by the Findochty ripper boat 'Honey Bee', skipper Wm. Campbell of 61 Old Street. He said how it took him three hours to get it aboard his 25-foot boat, which had been fishing for cod 2 miles offshore.

The 7-foot long shark was caught on a line with a braking strain of 160lbs. The shark was bought by Moray Seafoods who said that though they often bought the same species of sharks caught by boats fishing off the west coast but they were never as big as this one. It is though that it had come close to shore where there was rich feeding.

\*\* **Big advert on page 3.** Welcome to Mace Supermarket, 11 St Andrews Square, Buckpool and Springfield Road, New Elgin.  
Some prices shown - 16oz tin of Heinz beans - 12 p, Corn Flakes 23p Tate and Lyle Golden Syrup 33p.

**Advert** - Millbank Garage 18-22 High Street, Buckie  
Cordiners Garage, High Street. Buckie

**Bus permits** Men over 65 and women over 60, blind persons and those permanently disabled

**Open Day at Christies' Nurseries (Fochabers)** Saturday 4 September.  
Admission 20p children 10p. Tea at house garden 20p.

**Advert** - Morven Property & Business Consultants in association with Glenelg Insurance Brokers, 15 East Church Street.

**Closed for the season** - The Mill, Tynet will be closed on Sundays after 8<sup>th</sup> September now that the summer season is over

**Advert** - The Carlton Hairdressing Salon, East Carlton Terrace, Buckie - Moira, Mary and Fiona.

8 Sept. **Advert** - St Andrew's Hotel, Steak Supper and dance every Saturday in the lounge, dancing to resident band.

**Advert** - Cluny Hotel Supper Dance Friday 10 September, with Don grant. Steak suppers - Free Admission. Sunday night Supper Dance with music by Country Style.

15 Sept **Marine Hotel owner dies suddenly** - Mr Tommy Murray, the owner of the Marine Hotel for the past 18 years died suddenly on Sunday at the early age of 48. He moved to Buckie from Edinburgh. A married man he leaves a wife and family.

**Advert** - Peter Gordon, Butcher, Seaview Road, Findochty.

**Extension to club house at Strathlene opened** - A poor quality photograph on page 4 shows Mr J. A. Brown accompanied by Moray District councillor, Mr Edward Douglas unveiling a plaque to mark the official opening of the £30,000 extension to the clubhouse at Strathlene Golf Club.

22 Sept **Search for Iron Age info on Greencastle** - An Aberdeen University archaeologist is going over part of the cliff tops at Portknockie with a tooth comb in the hopes of finding the remains of an Iron Age site.

Ian Ralston of Aberdeen University Geography Department has eight very willing helpers, men from Buckie and Cullen, taking part in the 6 week archaeological dig under the 'Job Creation' scheme being ran by Grampian Regional Council.

They have been working at the site above Greencastle Fishing Company's premises for 10 days and already timber and stones have been found evidence that the site was surrounded by a defensive wall of stone within a timber frame.

Mr Ralston said that most of the exciting finds were expected to come once a platform of stone, laid about 200 years ago for drying fish, had been lifted.

**Ex Rovers' players scores three for the Jags.** Robbie Nicol who moved from Buckie Rovers to Buckie Thistle at the start of the season scored all three goals in a 3-2 victory over Rothes.

**Members give the go ahead** - Buckpool Golf Club members gave the thumbs up to a new clubhouse costing £85,000 when they had an opportunity to study the plans at a meeting in the present clubhouse (formerly Seafield Farmhouse) on Friday evening. The new building to be built a short distance to the north of the present club-house will incorporate a squash court and facilities for billiards, table tennis, indoor bowls, badminton, darts and a driving range.

**Advert** - Masons and bricklayers wanted. G. Davidson and Son, 19 High Street.

**Coffee Morning** - Buckie Choral Union are to hold a coffee morning in the North Church Hall on Saturday 25 September from 10am till noon. Tickets cost 20p.

**Advert** - Versatile Window Co. Manufacturers and Contractors. Deskford, Cullen.

**Advert** - Moray Firth Property, Advertising Centre, 5 West Cathcart Street.

29 Sept **Lady Cathcart School to re-open** - With Millbank Primary School now bursting at the seams with pupils Grampian Educational Authorities have approved plans for the re-opening of the Lady Cathcart School in an effort to relieve the pressure.

**Boat launch** - The third boat to be launched by the shipyard of George Thomson and Son went down the slipway into the sea on Saturday morning. The hull of the 74' fishing boat, christened **Astra** has been built for Wm. Fletcher, 27, of 3 Gordon Street, Buckie and registered INS 193. It will be ready towards the end of the year once the superstructure and gear are fitted. The Astra will be powered by a 415hp Kelvin diesel engine and a Sutherland combined seine net trawler winch. Skipper Fletcher, originally from Hopeman, has been a fisherman for 12 years and formerly had the **Vernal** and previous to that, the **Westerdale**.

**Rovers in the doldrums** - After hitting the top last season there has been a change of fortune for the local junior team in recent games. They have lost by five clear goals two weeks on the trot, at home to Lossie United and the previous week away to Forres Thistle.

**Two new cars unveiled** . Cordiners had their new **Cortina** on display for the first time today Wednesday 29 September 1976, while the Millbank Garage, East Road Elgin and 18-22 High Street were advertising the new **Chrysler Avenger**.

\*\*\* **Long established baker's business to close** - John McWilliam and Sons, Bakers, High Street had the following notice in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. Owing to the retirement of Vincent McWilliam the above premises will be closed permanently from Saturday 2 October. Thanks to all our customers for their support during many years in business.

Oct 6 **Well, well!** A well believed to date from the 18<sup>th</sup> century has been found 150 yards from the door of West Lodge on the Seafield Estate. It was found by the son of the resident, who has only recently moved into the lodge, when he was exploring the nearby surroundings. He came across a slab with a hole in the centre only partially visible among fallen leaves etc. On inspection he found that the well was about 4' in diameter and around 12 feet in depth. The brickwork and surrounding stonework was in very good condition. An additional interesting feature was the ten foot long piece of tree trunk that was imbedded in the bottom of the well, this has a hole drilled right down the centre and there is some reason to believe that this was some form of plunger used to bring up water pressure. Though the west lodge is only about 100 years old it seems likely that a larger number of houses had been built in the area in former time. Although the location of great many wells is known this one had not been recorded and has features, which make it interesting.

**Buckie author sees his book in print** - In his book 'Edwardian Scotland' he looks at Scotland Edwardian style and in the 180 pages there is plenty local interest. A month after the coronation King Edward and his Queen passed through Buckie by train on their way to the Braemar Gathering and school children were allowed out of school to line McLaren's Brae to wave their flags and try to catch a glimpse of the Royal couple as the train steamed slowly through the station.

The author who lives at 41 Highfield Road has been in Buckie for five years and it is only recently that his wife Janet retired from Buckie High School where she was a teacher of Modern Languages. This new book makes it five books in total that he has had published.

**Retired teachers** - The recently formed Banff and Moray branch of the Scottish Retired Teachers Association has adopted a constitution and elected officials. Mr J. A. Brown, Rathven, former Headteacher at Portessie School became vice president while Miss Rita Bissett, St Peter's Road, Buckie and Mr George Milton, Portgordon were elected to the executive committee.

**Thorn Lighting** - A Lamp Process engineer is required.

Oct 13 **Trout farm on the Tynet Burn** - A Buckie businessman opened the £20,000 Tynet Trout Farm this week. This is the brainchild of Edward Douglas Junior, a partner in the building firm of Wm. Douglas and Sons, headed by his father Moray District Councillor, and ex provost of Buckie, Edward Douglas. The farm manager is Mr Peter Routledge a native of Stirling who came to The area from Oban where he had been working on a trout farm.

Fish rearing is not an activity that earns money immediately it being quite a slow process and it will be at least a year before the small fish already in the tanks have reached a weight of from 10 to 12 lbs. and ideal size for the table. Mr Douglas is looking at another area where he starts the process of fish farming from the very beginning.

**Boat launch** - Twenty one year after the first **Strathnairn** took to the water from the Buckie shipyard of Jones' her replacement carrying the same name was launched from the same yard.

The new Strathnairn has been built for two Nairn cousins, David Main and Billy Main, whose fathers had the first Strathnairn.

Apart from David who is skipper and Billy mate, Ian Bochel, also from Nairn, is a part owner. David was skipper of the first Strathnairn for six years.

The new boat, which measures 74 feet in length and is powered by a 425 Caterpillar diesel engine, was designed by G. L. Watson and Co. Glasgow. She will join the Peterhead fleet before the end of the year.

**Water a scarcity and ower muckle** - It is odd as I write this in November 2002 that the features in the Savings Bank museum window in Cullen should be concerned about drought conditions on a global scale and how animals and vegetation had adapted to the arid conditions. Odd because from the 14 to the 16 of November 2002 it rained almost incessantly to create flooding in the Elgin, Rothes and Forres areas the like that hadn't been seen for almost 200 years. In Elgin as the River Lossie burst overflowed its banks in several places water to a depth of four to five feet flowed through several parts of the city resulting in damage amounting to millions of pounds. This was the second time in only five years that Elgin had suffered badly from flooding.

It does seem that our climate is changing with far more rain now being experienced than was previously the case. Yet though very heavy rain has been experienced in Britain, Christchurch, New Zealand and even in Portugal where Scotland played football on November 20 there has been no rain in Sydney, Australia, for many months. The lack of water has also been a problem in some central African countries such as Zimbabwe.

**Advert** - Whitby Curing Co. 27 Commercial Road, Buckie. Persons required to train as single filleters.

**Buckpool greenkeeper retires** - Albert Penwright retired after spending 20 years as greenkeeper at Buckpool Golf course. Albert who has reached 65 was first employed as greenkeeper when the course was owned and maintained by Buckie Town Council and was invited to continue in the position when it was taken over by the golf club. 13 years ago,

Before starting at the golf course Albert was a baker with a firm on Low Street. He first took an interest in golf when his father, Albert senior, was secretary of the Speybay Golf course and first taught him the use of the various clubs.

He and his wife have two sons, Brian who lives in Hull and Kenneth in Staines, Middlesex both who are keen golfers.

Oct 20 **Boats to see a change of use and scene** - Two Fraserburgh boats which have ended their days of seine-netting in the North Sea sailed from the Buckie harbour this week to start a new life on the west coast of Canada.

The Golden Sovereign and the Fertile Vale, renamed the Arctic Fox II and Choice respectively have been bought by two Canadian men who with their families on board set forth on the 6900 mile journey home. The Golden Sovereign was bought for the sum of £9.000 and the new owner who runs 8 week adventure cruises for teenagers off the British Columbia and Alaskan coasts, for which there is a big demand is to convert the Golden Sovereign to a cruise ship.

The two boats aim to sail south to Gibraltar where they aim to rest awhile before setting off across the Atlantic along the Trade Wind Belt. They hope to reach the Caribbean in early spring. They intend to visit Venezuela before beginning the final leg through the Panama Canal and up the coast of California and home.

During the long trip the children aboard will be taught by one of the mothers.  
**(The report is given on the front page.)**

**The Fishing industry faces problems** – The Shadow Secretary of State warns Mr Bruce Millan – “Yield to (the fishing limits) and the fishing industry will die” This was the heading in this week’s Banffshire Advertiser. Almost thirty years further on, in November 200, we were hearing almost the same story over the proposed banning of catching cod in the North Sea

**Buckie Catholics visit Rome** - A party of 20 from the congregation of St Peter’s Church accompanied by the parish priest, Father David Keith, left on Friday for Rome. They have gone there to witness the canonisation of Blessed John Oglivie. He was born at Milton Castle, Keith and hanged in Glasgow in 1615 for failing to accede to King James authority over the Pope in religious matters. The decision to make him a saint came after the miraculous recovery from cancer of a Glasgow docker a few years ago.

Blessed John Oglivie, the son of a wealthy 17<sup>th</sup> century landowner becomes the first Scottish saint since the canonisation of Queen Margaret in 1250.

**Supper dances** are all the vogue. Being advertised by the Cluny Hotel the St Andrews and Strathlene. At Strathlene Sundown, the great new Country and Western sound

will provide the music. The advert carries this note last orders for suppers at 9.45pm. Bar prices still down.

**Football** – Keith 2 Buckie Thistle 0 (H/L)

Wood, Cowie, Bruce, McAndrew, Andrews, Coutts, McDonald, Brown, Simmers, Lyon, Nicol. Subs – Masson, Gribble.

**Darts teams** - Over the last few weeks darts teams associated with the various pubs and hotels have been featured in the ‘Advertiser’ with all the players being names. Among the teams shown up to now have been – The Rathburn, Cliff House, Thistle Bar, St Andrews, Highlander, Thistle Bar, Craigenroan, Grant Arms -Fochabers, St Andrews,

**Notice** – Mrs Wood has re-opened the Drapery shop at 5 Blantyre Place, Portknockie.

27 Oct **100 years up!** All Saints Church marked their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a number of weekend services **(see report on the front page)**

**Presentation of award** - Janice Wood, the 11 year old Findochty girl who saved a four year old girl from drowning in the Findochty harbour in June is to be presented with the Royal Humane Society’s testimonial on parchment in recognition of her bravery at Moray District Council’s meeting in Elgin this morning, Wednesday 27 October. Her parents, Mr and Mrs George Wood will be present when the award is handed over by council chairman, Mr J. M. Anderson.

**Scottish Junior Cup** - Buckie Rovers will travel south on Saturday to play Penecuik Athletic in the first round of the Scottish Junior cup.

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**Natural Gas** - A big advert in the 'Advertiser' read as follows - Next week is conversion week in Buckie, Findochty, Portknockie, Cullen and Fochabers and Scottish Gas will spend the week modifying the burners on your appliances. Please assist us by letting us into your house to do the work.

**For sale** - The property, Vimy Ridge, Fochabers Road, Portgordon is for sale. (In November 2002 it had been lying empty and boarded up for at least two years.)

**Situations vacant** - Lightkeepers are required. Pay in training £1826 rising to £1909 on appointment as an assistant lightkeeper rising by increments to £2136. Principal lightkeepers rate is £2386 rising to £2603. A supplement of £313.20 per annum is also paid. A non-contributory pension. Applicants with small families and from a seafaring or rural background preferred. A clean driving licence is an advantage. On completion of a satisfactory training period lightkeepers and their families are provided with rent and rate free furnished house, bedding, coal and electricity. Uniform is also supplied.

Nov 3

**Face lift** - The sum of £10,000 is to be spent on environmental improvements to the Wallace Avenue/Burns Square area that has been described as 'drab and shoddy'. The state of the environment is seen as being a major factor in the difficulty the council has been having in letting the 48 houses despite the costly modernisation scheme that recently took place.

**Tougher fireworks code this year** - Because of the numerous complaints that have been received new government legislation have been brought into force. Shopkeepers who sell fireworks to people under 16 could be fined up to £200 and a similar penalty for anyone who lets off fireworks in the street or public place. Previously the penalties were £20 and the age limit was 13. Less bangers are also to be manufactured. The revised fireworks code also limits the period when fireworks are generally available in the shops to three days before the 5<sup>th</sup> November and a few days afterwards. Fireworks to be sold in ready boxes selections.

Adverts - Portsoy Builders - Distance no object.  
Davidson's Joiners, Baron Lane.  
Stewart McLachlan, Plumber and Heating Engineer, Cathay Terr.

Cullen.  
Doolin and Clarke, Painters and Decorators, 64 Great Western Road.

**Appointed** - Mr Robert McNie, presently PT History at Marr College, Troon has been appointed Assistant Rector (Curriculum) at Buckie High School.

**Wedding presentation** - Raymond Shewan, 'Advertiser' reporter from Mossstodloch is seen on page 4 receiving a gift from the staff to mark his forthcoming wedding. (The reproduction is once again very poor.) By the year 2002 Raymond had been principal reporter with the Press and Journal in Elgin for a number of years.

**Scottish Junior Cup** - Buckie Rovers lost by four goals to nil against Penecuik in the first round tie.

10 Nov **New member of staff at BHS.** – Alastair Adam presently an APT Guidance at Perth Academy has been appointed PT Leisure at Buckie High School. He will take up his duties in June.

**A move for Findochty man** - Iain Flett, 26 a native of Findochty has been appointed archivist to Dundee District Council. Ian attended Findochty School, followed by Buckie High and then Aberdeen University where he graduated in History.. Later as a post graduate student he was awarded a diploma in palaeography, the study of ancient writing and inscription and archive administration, at Aberystwyth For the past three years he has been assistant archivist with Glamorgan Council

**Advert** – D. McGregor, Windows Cleaned, Chimneys swept in Buckie and Cullen. Phone .....

**Coffee Mornings** - Three different coffee mornings are to take place this Saturday morning. The North Church Guild is holding one in the hall. The Swimming Club are to be in the Episcopal Church hall and the Portessie School PTA will be in the school hall. In addition the Senior Citizens Club are holding an Afternoon Team in the Community Centre.

Nov 17 **Sixty years on** - Seven local veterans of the battle of the Somme were present at the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this most bloody of battles of WWI at a Festival of Remembrance staged by Buckie and District Branch of the Royal British Legion in the headquarters on Friday evening.

The seven men had their photograph taken but as usual the quality of the reproduction is poor and indistinct.

Wm. S. Cumming, Ronald S. McBeath, Wm. Symon, David McKay, James Bruce and Andrew Shaw. Principal guest was Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, Colonel T.R. Gordon Duff, Drummuir who was accompanied by his wife.

Others present were representatives of the Armed Forces, Army Cadet Force, Volunteer Reserve, British Red Cross and members of R.B. L.

The march in was led by piper, Tommy Smith and music during the evening was played by Buckie and District Band, Gordonstoun School Grampian Police Pipe Band and Buckie Choral Union. Solos were sung by Mrs Farquhar and Mrs Sutherland, Buckie and Mrs Smith, Huntly.

The highlight of the evening was a sketch - The Somme 1916 'Too Great A Cost' written by Rev. W. Jamieson, minister of the local Methodist Church, This depicted trench warfare on the Somme and taking part were Gordon Highlanders 2/51 Highland Volunteers, Buckie Choral Union, Piper Tommy Smith and a drummer from Grampian Police Pipe Band.

Members of Buckie High School Drama Group also took part in the programme, which ended with community singing led by Andrew Leith conductor of the Buckie and District Band.

Three chaplains took part, Rev Jamieson, Rev Donald Macdonald, Enzie and Father Keith, St Peter's, Buckie.

**Townwomens' Guild** - The annual general meeting of Buckie Townwomens' Guild took place this week with the following office bearers being appointed. President – Mrs Jean McGrory, vice president – Mrs Ella Donald, secretary Mrs Jean Taylor, treasurer, Mrs Dorothy Reid. Committee – Mrs J. Johnston, Mrs P. Johnston, Mrs M. Johnston, Mrs J. Sandison, Mrs Alexander, Miss I. Garden, Mrs M. Anderson and Mrs Wallace.

**Buckie Harbour - Grampian** Regional Council are to explore ways and means of improving the viability of the harbour with the hope that more cargo shipping can be attracted and also some spin off from the oil industry.

**New address** - J. H. Smith, Builders, formerly of McIntosh Avenue, Craigbo, is now at School Road, Portessie. All classes of mason work undertaken.

**Closing down sale** - M. Sharif and M. Anwar, 3 St Andrew's Square - Ladies, Gents and Children's wear also household and fancy goods. (Mr Sharif was killed in a road accident near Edinburgh some months before.)

**Ladies Mod shoes** - Andrew Begg, Shoemaker, 14- 16 High Street.

Nov 24 **Three Police Sergeants now based in Buckie** - With Sergeant Kenneth Mackay taking up his new post at the Buckie police station this brings the complement to three. Sergeant Mackay is a native of Aberchirder and has been in the police for 15 years.

**More dart team photographs** - This week it was the turn of the Craigenroan Bar and the Highlander.

**A rare event** - A dance is to take place in the village hall, Portgordon, on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. It will continue from 8 till 11.30pm with music played by the group - Five -A-Side. Admission 50p. The dance is being held in aid of a Playground for Portgordon.

Dec 1 **Tory candidate is Buckie man** - Mr Charles Donaldson is to fight the Orkney and Shetland seat for the Tories which has been held for the Liberals by Jo Grimond for many years.

Mr Donaldson, 42, is senior partner in an Edinburgh firm of architects and a son of the late Andrew Donaldson who ran a garage and car hire business on Newlands Lane. Both he and his mother are now dead but his sister, Mary, lives at Whiteash, Letterfourie .

He was educated at Buckie High School before studying architecture at Scott Sutherland's later Robert Gordons. On graduating he worked in London before moving back to Scotland and Edinburgh in 1961 and opened an office for Covell Matthews and Partners. Mr Donaldson holds a pilot's licence and it has been known for him to fly north to see his relatives and land at the disused wartime at Dallachy.

**Strathlene Hotel is up for sale** - It will not, however, be bought by Moray District council to provide ancillary facilities for the nearby caravan site. The feeling is that it could not be justified in the present economic situation and it was decided by nine votes to five not to buy the property.

**Change of address** - F.S. Benson, Architectural Consultant, has moved with his new address being 70 West Church Street. (This was formerly the Convent )

**A football team for Portgordon?** - A meeting is to take place to discuss the possibility of raising a team in the village to take part in next year's Buckie and District Welfare League. Portgordon hasn't had a Welfare League team for the past six years. The men behind the move are Mr Lachlan Stuart and Mr George Milton.

**Coffee mornings are become more and more common** - They are seen as good money affairs. Three such events are to take place this Saturday . Netherha Old Folk's Home are holding one in the North Church Hall. Buckie Conservative and Unionist Association, Buckie Branch will be in the Town House while the Royal British Legion will hold their one in the headquarters on High Street

**More to give away this year** - A total sum of £485 is to be distributed by Buckie Welfare Society this year , up by £150 on last year. The sums to be

given to the various organisations varied from £60 to the OAP Association to £15 to the Boys Brigade. **A donation of £25 was received from the Buckie Rovers' committee.**

President – Mr A. Douglas, vice president – Mr A. Geddes, interim secretary and treasurer – Mr A. Douglas.

Dec 8 **'My Fair Lady'** Buckie Lyric Opera group which was revived two years ago put on a performance of 'My Fair Lady' in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. It was described as being most professional. A photograph of the three leading ladies is shown on the front page – Isobel Weir, Sheena Sievwright and Helen Sandison.

**Advert** - Pool Salvage – 17-19 Land Street, Rubbish removed from houses, shops and gardens etc.

**Advert** – Lawncare – Bank Street - Get your mower sharpened now.

**Opening announcement** - 'All Seasons' will open on Thursday December 9 on Cluny Square Prop. H. Cox. Call here for fish, fruit, flowers and vegetables. This is a replacement for the existing fish shop on East Church Street.

15 Dec **Journalist dies** - Mr Jim Taylor who became one of the north's best known free lance journalists after moving to Badenoch from his native Buckie died after a short illness. He was 59.

A butcher to trade Mr Taylor was a partner in his father's business in Buckie before setting up his own butcher retail shop on West Church Street.

He continued in the trade when he moved to Kingussie in 1965 but began to concentrate on reporting providing local and national newspapers with snippets of news. Mr Taylor decided to turn full time reporting and moved to Aviemore.

He is survived by his wife, five daughters and two sons.

Dec 22 **Promotion for Clochan airman-** John Johnston son of Mr and Mrs W.F. Johnston, Sunnybrow, Clochan has been promoted to the rank of squadron leader. A trained pilot, Squadron Leader Johnston was the leader of the RAF free-fall parachute team, Falcons, last year. He has now given this up although still associated with parachuting in the Air Force.

He is a former pupil at Enzie Public School where his father was headmaster later attending Buckie High School.

He qualified as a teacher of Physical Education at Jordanhill College in Glasgow and taught for two years before joining the RAF 10 years ago.

He is a married man with two of a family.

**Banffshire Field Club** - A complete set of Banffshire Field Club transactions from 1880 to 1938 is now in the possession of the club after much effort on the part of an ad hoc committee.

**Hoax fire call leads to accident to Buckie fireman** - A hoax fire call resulted in Billy Booth shattering his scapula and breaking a rib after his bike skidded and he came in contact with a concrete post as he cycled from his home on Bryson Crescent to the fire station.

The tender called to an Enzie Cross roads found that they had been sent on a fool's errand. Billy was naturally annoyed at a person's stupidity and said that if it had been his head that came in contact with the post his skull would have been cracked perhaps fatally.

**Buckie Thistle idles for three weeks** - First snow and then hard frost has rendered ground unplayable resulting in the fact that Buckie Thistle has not played for the past three weeks.

**Richmond School pupils** - A photograph shows the children who attend Richmond School at Clochan enjoying their Christmas Party at Buckie Swimming Pool. The reproduction as ever is poor.

29 Dec **Rovers' 'Player of the Year'** Sweeper, Dennis Clark was this year voted 'Player of the Year'. He was presented with a trophy by manager, George Henderson at the club's dinner dance held in the St Andrew's Hotel last Friday. Winner of the first prize (£50) in the raffle was P. Clark, 15 Barhill Road.

**Economy measures bite** - Fochabers Tourist Office in the Public Institute on High Street is to be closed as an economy. Grampian Tourist Board has closed other similar offices through the area.

