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4 Jan **Buckpool Harbour** - Moray District Council have received no objections as yet to their proposal to make a compulsory order for over 5 acres of land at Buckpool Harbour.

The council's aim is acquiring the land is to implement an improvement plan for an area which has been described by local residents as an eyesore and a health hazard.

**The Portgordon toilets** - Following the damage caused to the public toilets at the harbour Moray District Council told local councillor Tom Howe that they would only agree to repair them one more time.

**Advertisers in this issue -**

Alex J. Slater, House Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street

Doolin and Clarke , Painters and Decorators, 44 Great Western Road.

Hair Boutique, 2 Craigenroan Place, Portessie.

J. Widdrington, Bitumen Roofing Sub Contractor.

Peter Reid, Plumber and Heating Engineer, 25-27 High Street.

Andrew Wyper, Slater, 13 Turner Street.

George Cowie, Builder, 1 Cooper Street.

Barron Brothers, Cooker and Washing Machine Repairs, 99 Mid Street, Keith.

Robertson Ltd. House Furnishers, 13 High Street.

Printing Services, W. F. Johnston and Sons, 13 - 15 West Church Street.

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Hays Wallpaper and Paint, 41a West Church Street.

Harper Bungalows Ltd, 48 South Street, Fochabers, Housing Sites in many places throughout the region.

Henry Packman, Furniture and Bedding , Discount Store , 72-76 Mid Street, Keith.

R. S. Cruickshank and Co. Radio, TV and Electrical Contracting. 32 West Church Street.

Robson's Removals, 58 Union Street, Keith.

C. I. Shearer, Draper and Outfitter, 6-8 East Church Street.

R. Johnston, Wallpaper and Paint, 68 West Church Street.

Jon's Plaice, Fish and Chip etc. etc. 23 West Church Street.

Norman McGregor, Painter and Decorator, King Edward Terrace, Portknockie.

Cliff Smith, Plumber, 14 King Edward Terrace, Portknockie.

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Francis Ritchie, Draper, 72-74a, East Church Street.

Christie, Florist, 10 High Street.

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Stewart McLachlan, Plumber and Heating Engineer, Cathay Terrace, Cullen.

Allan Jamieson, Coachbuilder, Highland Yard.

Sudding's, Cluny Terrace, Taxis , Self-Drive, Van to hire etc.

Glenelg, for your car insurance - 15 East Church Street.

Alex Mair, Denby ware - 8-10 Seafield Street, Cullen.

Mackays, 5 East Church Street.

General Drapery, 51-53 West Church Street and 119 High Street, Elgin.

Sam Cowie, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 27 East Church Street.

Leys and Duncan , Radio, TV and Model Centre, Low Street, Banff.

Gordon's Carpet Shop, Lossie Wynd, Elgin.

Books of all kinds - W. F. Johnston and Sons

Babv Shop, Bridge Street, Portknockie.

George Robertson, Draper, Cullen.

Davidson's of Cullen, Electrical Engineers, 29 Seafield Street.

T. M. Jack, Ladies and Gents Outfitters, 35-37 East Church Street.

Gents Hairdresser, 1 Gordon Street.

Sandy Anderson, Painter and Decorator, 36 Great Western Road.

D. J. Cruickshank, Photographers, Turriff.

Rosiers' of Huntly, House Furnishers.

Mace, Supermarket, 11 St Andrews Square, Buckpool.

Spar, Supermarket, Milton Drive.

Templeton's , Supermarket, High Street.

John McGregor, D.O. Osteopath, 9 Souter Drive, Inverness. Consultations by appointment in Buckie on Fridays and Saturdays.

### **Garages**

Wakes Garage, Cullen (The garage moved to the site of the former Bauds smiddy on the A98.) **West End** Garage, Arradoul (John Duncan)

Cordiner's, High Street. (Had been Moravian Garage for a long time by 2002)

Hawco and Sons, Elgin

Cathcart Garage, (Originally owned by Charles and Pearl Hay, later bought by Brian Rigby and his wife.)

Joe Dawson (An old established business on Harbour Street.)

Deveron Motors, Macduff

Regency Garage, Commercial Road. (The garage later moved to High Street on the outskirts though petrol was still sold at the original site.)

Thomson's Motors, Ellon.

Millbank Garage, High Street. Archibald Motors, Barhill Road. Barhill Garage, Barhill Road.

### **Joiners and Funeral Undertakers**

A. Hendry and Sons, Land Street, Buckpool.

Campbell's Railway Terrace and 2 Sutherland Crescent.

Wm. Thain, Aboyne Street, Gordonsburgh, Buckie.

Alex Bain, Baron Street.

Billy Mair, Main Street.

11 Jan **Now re-opened** The Flamingo Room (Elgin) (Could this have been the former 'Red Shoes?') as a licensed ballroom with a full restaurant service if desired every Friday and Saturday. Friday from 7.30pm till 12 midnight and Saturday from 7.30pm till 11.30pm.

Admittance on both nights £1. Tickets now on sale at the Park Café for the dance on New Year's Eve £1.

Music by our resident group, **Hot Toddy**.

We regret that only persons aged 18 years or over may be admitted. This is a condition of our licence.

**Planning application** - The erection of a bungalow and garage at site one on Barhill Road for Mr David Higgins, Ice Cream and Sweets Retailer.

**Skateboarding** - A photograph in this edition shows a group of boys in the car park adjacent to the swimming pool testing their skills on skateboards. The skateboarding craze was sweeping the country. It was noticed that it is advised to wear protection on arms, knees etc. that none of the boys were wearing any - perhaps this wasn't see as 'cool'.

**Strathlene - a children's paddling pool?** Moray Council Recreation Committee has approved a recommendation that the open-air swimming pool at Strathlene - badly damaged by freak waves recently - be converted to a paddling pool for youngsters at a cost of £9,000. Councillor Frank Anderson, Buckie, who put forward the proposal said that it seemed a reasonable plan

\*\* **Drugs stolen** - following a break in at a chemist's shop in Findochty, it was discovered that a quantity of drugs had been stolen. (Although this kind of thing was all too common in 2002, it was probably the first time that one heard of drugs in this way.)

**Football** - Buckie Thistle were beaten by Albion Rovers at Coatbridge in the second round of the Scottish Cup. The score was 1-0 with the goal being scored in the dying seconds of the game.

**The Thistle team was** - Joe wood, Cowie, Bruce, Cardno, McAndrew Souter, McDonald, Slater, Johnny Wood, Coutts (Simmers), Nicol (Scott).

**Thistle Travel Club** - The newly formed Thistle Travel Club ran four buses to the above match. Prior to leaving Buckie for the game one of the organisers, George Davidson handed over a new strip to team coach, Danny Fitzimmons.

**Disco Night** in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday first plus Go-Go Girls, 9.3-pm till 1am.

18 Jan **Front page headline reads** - "Havoc as Storms and Flooding Hit Coast."  
Stewart Street and Lennox Place in Portgordon were badly flooded as the high seas broke over the wall. A picture is shown of the scene but unfortunately the reproduction is poor.  
Portessie was also affected with a number of properties from Peter Hythe to Craigenroan under water.

**Another front page headline** - Fishermen are adamant that nothing less than a 50 mile limit will do.

**Drapery Sale** - Cluny Hotel - Abdul Brothers, Brechin.

**Its Winter Sale time again -**

Jean Pirie, Strait Path, Banff, Ladies Outfitter, Hats etc.

John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street.

Baby boutique, 45 West Church Street.

Mackay's, 5 East Church Street.

Alex Slater, House Furnisher, East Church Street.

Henry Packman, Beds and Furnishing, Mid Street, Keith.

John Moir, Fochabers, Knitwear, Tweeds, Crafts.

C I. Shearer, Draper and Outfitter, East Church Street.

**Buckie Speakers' Club** - President Bruce Roy welcomed members of Buckie Speaker's Club to their first meeting of the new session held in the St Andrews's Hotel on Thursday. Chairman for the evening, Ian Moir introduced prepared speeches by Peter Bruce, 'A Small World' and Allan Fraser, 'An Exercise in Caution' Dr Wilcox gave an impromptu speech on a recent visit to the United States.

George Jappy was evaluator of a topic session set by George Smith and Bill Cook evaluated the whole evening's performance. John Watt was timekeeper.

25 Jan. **Help for Storm damage repairs** unlikely - Though Grampian Region Council have said that they will seek assistance from the Scottish Development Department to undertake the coastal repair work following the damage done by high seas a fortnight ago it looks as this will not be forthcoming.

**Thistle Removals** - Proprietor Dennis Murray, Local and Long Distance removals expertly carried out at competitive prices. Please contact us for a free estimate before moving. Distance no object, regular runs to South of England and Wales. (This must be about the start of this firm as it was the first time that an advert had been seen.)

**A further advert-** Dennis Murray, 1Cluny Terrace. Furniture of all kinds at competitive rates. Note that we now also do removals.

**Advert** - Wyns', 232 - 238 High Street, Elgin. Carpets and Fabrics. Sale at Old Kirk, Furniture Warehouse, Moss Street.

**Advert** - Sale at James Annand, Ironmonger, 104-108 Mid Street.

Feb 1 **Dinner Dance** - Campbell's (Joiners) Dinner Dance will take place in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday 10 February. Music by Jimmy Donald and the Drifters. Tickets £3,50

**Town Hall Cullen** – A Triple Spectacular, The pop group sounds of Caesar and three very talented Go-Go dancers – Cherry and Disco on Friday 10 February 9.30 till 1.30am. Admission £1.

**Banffshire escapes the worst** - More storms hit parts of Scotland during the past week but Banffshire and the north-east escaped the worst of the elements. Despite this the roads from Findochty to Portgordon were under several inches of water in parts.

**Sale at Norma's** – Ladies' fashions - 65 West Church Street. (This shop at the corner of West Street has over the years seen more changes of uses than most others. In December 2002 it became known as The Black Dog with the stock ranging from large wall clocks through various kinds of cards to leather belts etc. etc. It had been closed for some time with its previous use being as a saddlers.)

**Buckie Speakers' Club** - Five minute prepared speeches were given by Allan Fraser whose subject was 'Water'. Ian Duncan's speech was , 'There's Goat To Be an Answer' while 'The Ghostly Letter Box' was the title of Mike Harvey's contribution. Bill Cook presented a series of topics based on press cuttings, which were evaluated by Bill Iannetta. The General Evaluator was Bill Cecil while the timekeeper was Bob Archibald.

**Please Sir!** Buckie Rovers make an appeal to Moray District Council for a donation from Buckie Common Good Fund. They said how the pool of players was 16 with 7 of them being under the age of 16.

8 Feb **Major project for Buckie ??** A Buckie councillor has succeeded in getting a higher priority for the construction of a proposed £750,000 leisure complex in the town. The project may now go ahead in 1980 rather than 1983 or even later as had been first predicted.

The complex which would include a new public hall facilities had already been put back as it was scheduled for a 1977 start

Councillor Anderson was of the opinion that the Fishermen's Hall was an old building (opened in 1886) and could not, to his mind, be improved to the kind of state that he would like to see.

Councillor Eddie said that he felt that it was more important to give higher priority to facilities, which did not already exist, in the area.

The Recreation committee however finally decided after discussion that another major project, the provision of a sports hall and ice rink complex should be allocated category 'B' and the Buckie complex should take its place with the higher priority.

**New Showroom** - Peter Reid, Plumber and Heating Engineer, who has been in business since 1962 opened a new showroom at 23-27 High Street in the property that once was occupied by McWilliam and Sons Bakers and Tommy Paterson, Grocer.

**Four Dinner dances** - Four different organisations held their annual dinner dances in the St Andrew's Hotel over recent weekends, usually Friday. These were - Fishermen's Ball, Thorn Lighting, Richard Irvin and Son and Seafield Hospital staff.

**Advert** - Boyd's, Ladies Outfitter, The Square, Huntly

15 Feb - **New plans for Strathlene open -air swimming pool** - At the meeting of Buckie Community Council this week members discussed what they had heard were the latest plans by Moray District Council for the site at Strathlene. These were to fill in the existing pool and construct a children's paddling pool immediately to the east and landscape the area. Perhaps not surprisingly members were annoyed that they had not been consulted regarding the newest plans.

**New council member** - Members of the community council agreed to co-opt Mr John Legge a Postal and Telegraph Officer with the Post Office of 19 Milton Drive to take the place of Mr W. S. Taylor who has moved outwith the town boundaries. The

appointment only requires to be ratified by Moray District Council seen as being a mere formality.

**Sales** - Firth Furnishers, 33-37 West Church Street and Cluny Sports, 29 West Church Street.

**An extension** - Holders of Grampian Region's Concessionary Travel permits will shortly be able to travel to Inverness and Dundee for half fares.

**Advert** - Caravans Ltd, Lynton, Stanley, Perth.

22 Feb **'The Buckpool Quine'** is the name of a poem found on page 4 and written by L. J. Innes of Portgordon.

**Radio Buckie** celebrates its third birthday.

**Buckie Thistle could lose three players** - George McAndrew who has played at centre half has signed for Elgin City while Ian Bruce, full back and Geoff Coutts, a half back have both asked for their release.

This follows a bust up when the five Aberdeen players on the books were fined and suspended last month for missing training. (As it happened the last named were there until the end of the season. )

Mar 1 **Buckie policeman , Robert Stephen, reported missing**

**Boat launch** - The 80' steel seiner/trawler, **St Kilda** was launched last week from the shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie. The **St Kilda** has been built for partners, Skipper John Thomson of Lossiemouth and G. C. Mackay of Lochinver at around £400,000. The **St Kilda** was a new design of vessel for Herd and Mackenzie and its trials will probably take place in about three week's time.

It has been furnished with all the latest electronic aids and the main engine is a Caterpillar D348 that can produce 720hp at 1,800 revolutions. Mr Thomson was formerly the skipper of the **Horizon** a 78' seiner/trawler which was also built by Herd & Mackenzie in 1969.

**Buckie Speakers' Club** - The members who gave five minute prepared speeches at the meeting last Thursday in the St Andrew's Hotel were Peter Slater and George Jappy. The title of Peter's speech was 'A Forgotten Art' while that of George's was 'Putting the Boot In'.

George McKenzie was chairman for the evening while Ian Duncan introduced a series of topics. The responses to those were evaluated by Allan Fraser. The General Evaluator was Dr H. W. Wilcox while Bill Cecil was time keeper.

**'Hame'** is the title of a poem found on page 8. This was written by someone who calls himself simply as Exile.

**Buckie Boys Football Association** - A meeting is to take place to gauge what interest there might be in setting up a Boys Football Association in Buckie. This is to take place in the Town House on March 16.

**Major fire** - The property occupied by Walker and Smith Electricians on West Church Street (opposite the former Playhouse Cinema) was gutted by a major fire last Thursday. The shop was well stocked with electrical goods and this plus the damage to the property is likely to amount to thousands of pounds according to George Walker, proprietor. A photograph in the 'Advertiser' shows the property after the fire.

**Body of missing policeman found** - The body of missing Buckie policeman, Robert Stephen was found last week after two weeks search on the foreshore about ¼ mile east of Portsoy. Mr Steven who was 44 had been missing from his home on Cathcart Grove since the previous Saturday morning. He had been 21 years in the Police Force

and for the past five years had been stationed at Buckie. He is survived by his wife and a two of a family.

Mar 15 **Will we see a new local harbour made?** A site between Buckie and Findochty has emerged as the only suitable site in Moray District's 30-mile coastline where a major harbour development could take place if required for any future petro-chemical complex.

The site on the coastline, opposite the Strathlene caravan site is one of three selected for further study to identify suitable sites for an all weather harbour in the Grampian Region for natural gas tankers.

The chances of such a development-taking place at Strathlene, however, are very narrow to say the least.

(At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century fishermen in Portessie had plans forward for the construction of a harbour at Craigenroan, almost in the same place as that identified in the recent study. This fell through when the greater number of fishermen living in Buckie voted for extension to Cluny Harbour above improvements to Buckpool Harbour or a new harbour at Craigenroan.)

**Highland League football** - Unlike previous years (and the present situation in 2002) the reports on games played by Buckie Thistle given in the 'Advertiser' were sporadic to say the least. However, in this edition one will find a report by guest writer, Donald Barr, PT of Music at Buckie High School and a Thistle supporter. One has to say that the report is a bit odd and leaves a little to be desired. One can just about make out that the Thistle won, beating an Inverness team, though we are not told which one.

22 Mar **Buckie Lyric Opera Company is** to present The Black and White Minstrel Show in the Fishermen's Hall on Thursday and Friday 30 and 31 March.

**Buckpool Victoria FC** is to hold a disco in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 25 March from 8pm till 11. Music by Syd's Disco. Admission 75p to those 18 and under.

**Opening announcement** - R.D. 'Eric' Soutar 17 McKenzie Road is now in business as a jobbing joiner and would welcome enquiries.

**Advert** - Alex and Joan Hay, 18 Castle Terrace, Cullen Photo Services.

**Boys Club Football is to start in Buckie.** This was decided at a meeting held in the Thistle Social Club last week.

The club will be ran along the same lines as Elgin Boys FA. Another meeting will be held to elect officials of the club. It has been proposed that the playing season should run from April to June and possibly extended to August. (Later around the year 2000 girls were admitted into the club when there seemed to be interest among some girls to play football.)

\*\*\*\* **Fochabers WRI Dinner and Dance** - This took place in the St Andrew's Hotel. A photograph taken at the 'do' shows some of the gathering. This is shown on page 11 though unfortunately once again the reproduction is fairly poor.

Mar 29 **Buckie Youth missing and then found dead** - 16 year old David Innes Homewood, High Street who went missing when he failed to return home on Saturday night was found dead on Monday night in Cluny Harbour. His mother said that when he left home on Saturday evening he said that he intended to attend a disco and seemed to be his usual self.

David who left school a short time ago began working as an apprentice at the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie a fortnight ago. He is survived by his parents and four brothers and one sister.

**Most Entertaining Speaker** - Linda Gray, a 4<sup>th</sup> year BHS pupil won the prize for the most entertaining speaker at the Schools Public Speaking Forum held in Keith.

**Speakers Club winner** - John Fowlie, a member of Buckie Speakers' Club, Principal Teacher of P E

At Keith Grammar School won the Northern District Speech Contest held in Aberdeen. His speech was titled 'Judge Not'.

He now goes forward to the National Finals in Blackpool next month.

This will be the second time such an honour has come to a member of the Buckie Speakers' Club for three years ago Ronald Urquhart, then Depute Rector at Buckie High School won the National Competition.

**A meeting of the Speakers' Club** - Five minute speeches were given by Bob Archibald - 'As You Like It', Allan Payne - 'Never Mind the Width Feel the Quality' and Bill Taylor - 'A New Outlook'.

Office bearers elected for the next session were - President - Mike Harvey, vice president - Bill Cecil, secretary - Duncan Jamieson, treasurer, Ian Moir, social secretary, Allan Fraser and educational director, George Jappy.

5 Apr **Saga at an end** - The long running saga of Buckie's new toilets appears to be almost at an end now that Moray District council have reached agreement on where they should be sited. The council have agreed that they should be on the Newlands Lane car park despite protests from nearby residents backed by the community council who suggested a better site would have been the junction of Shanks Lane with Newlands Lane. (In the year 2002 a member of the community council had the occasion to use the toilets and remarked how clean and tidy they were. The toilets have always been manned with users having to pay to use them. This has paid off since there has never been any complaints re smell etc. since they were put up and they do appear to be in as good a place as any.)

**Advert** - Bob Taylors' Carpets 14 Mair St Portknockie.

Apr 12 **Buckie Speakers' Club** - Five minute speeches were given by Charles M. Brown (Manager of the Thorn Lighting) title 'Parliamento Craigbo. Ian Duncan, 'It's Only Words'. George Smith was chairman, George Jappy presented the topics, General Evaluator was Ian Moir and time keeper Mike Harvey.

18 Apr **Region election** - Straight fight between Hugh A. C. Munro SNP and A. J. Murray, Conservative, sitting member.

25 Apr **A cycle club to be formed in Buckie.**

**Rochdale Traders sale in the Cluny Hotel** - 27 and 28 April

May 2 **National acclaim** - John Fowlie a member of Buckie Speakers' Club gained national acclaim when he was placed second in a National Speech contest at Blackpool. John who is Principal Teacher of PE at Keith Grammar had as the title of his speech, 'Age and Ego' He was competing against 6 speakers from clubs throughout the UK who like John had all won area contests.

**Closing down** - The tea room at 50 East Church Street, will be closing down as from May 8 and we take this opportunity to thank all those who supported us in the past 8 years. Mr and Mrs Wm. Pirie.

**Sensational discos** - Fishermen's Hall on Friday 5 May and Friday 12 May from 9.30pm till 1am. Great mad double - don't miss out be there.

**See our latest fashions in children's wear** Young World, Hope Street, Portessie, sizes up to 14. Belart, Drumella, Paula Lee, Shamrock etc.

May 9 **Murray hold Buckie in Regional Election.** He fought off Hugh Munro in a 42% vote to poll 1524 votes to 1137.

**Death of former 'Advertiser' editor** - The death took place in Aberdeen at 20 Bon Accord Square of John Moar, Superintendent of Aberdeen Town and Country Association for Teaching Blind in their houses. He was 65.

At one time he was a journalist and editor of the Banffshire Advertiser but it was in the field of social work and in particularly welfare of the blind which had been his career for over a quarter of a century.

He trained as a linotype operator with the 'Advertiser' and later worked with the 'P and J'. He was the eldest son of a former town councillor.

John served in the RAF during WWII and on demob returned home to become editor of the 'Advertiser'. His technical experience worked very effectively with his journalistic talent.

A serious illness left him with eyesight impairment this led him into social work where he trained as a teacher of the blind. He travelled all over the north east up until 1967 when he was promoted to the position of Superintendent when his work took him from the Mearns to Orkney.

A founder member of the Buckie Toastmasters Club (now the Speakers' Club) and also a keen supporter of Buckie Thistle Supporters Club.

**A last game win** - Buckie Thistle beat Forres Mechanics by seven goals to three in the last game of the season. They had two new faces in their line up. George Adams ex Aberdeen, Partick Thistle and Petershill at centre forward with Aberdeen school boy, 17 year old John Shirran on trial at centre half. Shirran had played the previous week for Scottish Schools against their English counterparts.

16 May **Maltings for Buckie** - A multi-million pound maltings complex for Buckie has been given the go-ahead by Moray District Planning Committee.

**Advert** - Eric Stalker, Plasterer and Builder. We specialise in Ames Taping, Plaster Work, Wall and Floor Tiling, and also renovation farm buildings and garages.

**New appointments at BHS.** - Mr Peter Cowie from Lossiemouth High School started duty at Buckie High School as APT Guidance. He will be in charge of the boys in Lennox House and will teach in the History and Modern Studies Department. Mrs Linda McPherson began teaching in the English Department.

**The end of the Teachers Special Recruitment Scheme** - The Scottish Secretary of State, Bruce Millan has decided to end the Teachers Special Recruitment Scheme under which grants were given to people in other employment who wish to enter teaching. The scheme was first set up in 1951 to help overcome the critical shortage of teachers. The reason for ending the scheme is seen to be the significant improvement in teacher supply.

**Poem** - 'Findochty' This is found on page 7. The theme is snow, with different aspects of it. No name is given for the person who wrote it.

**Buckie Rovers beat Islavale** by four goals to one in the semi-final of the Matthew Cup. Mike Smith had two goals with P. Clark and Wm. Robertson the other two. The Rovers also beat RAF Kinloss by five goals to one in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the North of Scotland Cup. Mike Matthews was said to have had an excellent game. Mike Smith had two goals, with Dennis Clark, Alan McDonald and Peter Clark having the others.

**Books available from W. F. Johnston's** Lords of Misrule - Nigel Tranter, Mary Queen of Scots - Jean Plaidy, Binder Twine and Rabbit Stew - Joan Kent, (tells of her country childhood through the 1930's and 40's a vanished way of life.) The Stone Maiden - Alexandra Munnors, Caroline - David Jacobs and The Churchill Commando - Ted Willis.

23 May **Advert** - Doug Steele, Slater, 17 Craigbo Terrace, Portessie.

**Advert** - Oliver Mair, Slater, Seatown, Cullen.

**Advert** - J. Widdrington and Son, 3 Dunbar Street, Bitumen Roofing Specialists. Sub contracts required.

**Welfare League teams** Portessie and Buckie Thistle Colts - Photographs and names -

**Portessie**

John Smith, George Mair, Alan Grant, Wm. Smith, Campbell Farquhar, Arnold Innes, Sandy Comfort, George Addison Keith Temple, Graham Campbell, Gordon Shearer, Jarvis Anderson.

**Colts**

Robert Wilson (Sec.) Alex Fulton, John McIntosh, Neil Murray, Alex Sammon, Martin Reid, Kevin Fraser, John Geddes, Sandy Clark (manager), John McIntosh, Michael Johnston, Tony Cowie, Paul Much, Ian Campbell and Donny Robertson.

30 May **Buckie Highland Games** - The first ever Highland Games to be held in the town took place on Sunday afternoon, a day bathed in glorious sunshine. There were 3,200 spectators present.

The games were organised by the committee of Buckie Thistle F.C. as part of their campaign to raise £10,000 to equip their home ground, Victoria Park, with floodlights.

**New owners** Mr and Mrs Frank Slater 40 Linn Crescent have bought over the Sports Shop at 5 High Street from Mr and Mrs Reid with entry at 31 May.

**Wanted** - Thorn Lighting, Marchmount Crescent require an Industrial Engineer.

**Buckie Rovers** won the Matthew Cup when they beat Lossie United by three goals to one. Kenny Nicol and Sandy Innes scored the goals. The Rovers also won the North of Scotland Cup when they beat Burghead by five goals to two. The goal scorers were Peter Clark 2, Sandy Innes 2 and Mike Smith.

June 6 **Fancy a job?** - Buckie Rovers require a secretary, in fact the Rovers need more committee members as they are operating at present with a bare minimum. Sandy Innes who has held the post of secretary for a number of years has intimated that he won't be standing for re-election due to other commitments.

**Reopening** - R. J. Erskine, Ironmonger, 26 East Church Street will re-open after extensive repairs and alterations to the property on Thursday June 8. 'We shall have on offer a quantity of fire-damaged and shop soiled goods at bargain prices.'

**Poem on page 6** This is titled 'The Winding Walks'

13 June **Face lift for Buckpool Harbour** - The sum of £80,000 is to be spent on the scheme turning the former harbour at Buckpool into a park, The scheme which will be carried out in two initial stages is to be financed by the Scottish Development Agency as part of a programme for the development of derelict land. The 'Advertiser' has three pictures on its front page - a) as a fishing port (past); b) as a dump (present); and c) an artist's impression of the area in the future based on draft plans.

**Boat launch** - The 74' seine netter/trawler, Ocean Herald II was launched from the yard of Jones' Shipyard, Buckie last week for Skipper Robert Patient, 37 Barfield Road and partners. The new vessel will be powered by a 500 hp Kelvin diesel engine and her design includes a whaleback and gutting shelter and the insulated fish room contains a cooling plant.

**Buckpool Victoria** - A photograph of this Welfare League team is shown in this edition of the 'Advertiser' with all the players named. They are C. Gillies, M. Thain, A. Robertson, G. Mair, V. Gillespie, A. Samuel, E. Rumbles, E. Hay, Eric Geddes (Manager), N. Geddes, N. Murray, B. Wojcik, B. Middleton, N. Innes, I. Fraser and R. Mitchell.

- 20 June **Portgordon School are hard to beat when it comes to competitions** - Four P6 pupils, Wm. Cecil, Bruce Coull, Charles Bruce and Kevin Findlay won first prize in a group painting competition. The class were given free tickets to the Pantomime 'Jack and The Beanstalk' at Eden Court in Inverness. William Cecil also won first prize in the Milk Marketing Board word-building competition and his prize was a bicycle of his own choice, £25 also went to school funds. Finally in a painting competition run by organisers of the 'Catch 78' Fisheries and Marine Equipment Exhibition in Aberdeen a competition open to all Primary Schools in Grampian, Portgordon won two of the six prizes awarded. In the 9-11 age group Gary Ross of P4 won the first prize of £20 and William Farquhar P5 won second place and a prize of £5 (£10 shared between two pupils) A photograph of the winning pupils is shown on the front page of the 'Advertiser'.
- And the big sales still continue** - Rochdale Traders are to hold a big sale in the Cluny Hotel on Thursday 22 June.
- Sale** - General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street.
- 27 June **High School pupils to make an LP (record)** Buckie High School Strathspey and Reel Society are to give two live performances in the Fishermen's Hall which are to be recorded as a Long Playing record. The entire proceeds of every record selling at £2.50 each are to go the Brittle Bone Society.
- Pre- Alteration sale** - Hunter and Pirie, Electricians, Radio, TV and all electrical goods are to hold a pre alteration sale with 15% off all goods.
- A one day bargain sale** - Keith Fashion Centre - 150 Mid Street, Keith . Cluny Hotel, Thursday 29 June.
- Boat launch** - A 75' wooden seiner/trawler, costing £280,000 was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd and Mackenzie on Friday. The new vessel, which has been built for Skipper A. McPherson of Hopeman, was christened, **Harmony**. He previously owned the **Saffron**. The Harmony follows an existing yard design and is powered by a 500 hp Kelvin diesel engine and has a Sutherland hydraulic seine/ trawl winch, fishing hydraulics, rope reels and a Rapp power block on a HIDB crane. The vessel is fitted with a steel deckhouse and an all alloy whaleback and deck shelter.
- Jly 4 **Doctor to retire** - Dr Eric Hendry is to retire after 30 years as a GP in Buckie. He took over his father's practice in 1946 after service in the RAMC in West Africa, India and Burma.
- Another outside trader** - A massive sale by Inter Zippa Clothing Company, Blackpool will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 5,6 and 7<sup>th</sup> July. On sale will be anoraks, hardware, boots, women's shoes with massive heels as shown in the small sketches, clogs, Chelsea boots (nappos) for men, watches, clocks and radios.
- Advert** - Barhill Garage, prop. Christie Morrison.
- 11 Jly **Headlines on front page** - Reasonable year at Buckie harbour. Disgusting state of Buckie phone boxes.
- Opposition** - Entries are invited for a New Dart's League being formed in Buckie and District. These will be accepted up until 18 July by applying to Mrs L. McKay, c/o Craigenroan Bar, Portessie.
- Buckie and District Darts League** - annual general meeting will take place in the Town House on Tuesday 18 July. All teams, including clubs wishing to join are asked to apply to H. Murray, Rathburn Hotel.

**An appointment** - Messrs Christie's (Fochabers) are pleased to announce that Mr Stuart Lipp has been appointed manager of the Cluny Hotel and shall be pleased to discuss with you any requirements which you may have in mind.

**Gigantic sale** in the Fishermen's Hall of wallpaper, paints, carpets, household goods and children's clothing, Wednesday 12 July Finney, Bangor, North Wales.

18 Jly **Galas are a the rage** - They are to take place at Portgordon, Keith and Fochabers while Portknockie is to have a Fun Day on Saturday 22 July.

**Summer sales** - Baby Shop, Portknockie, Robertson's Draper, Cullen, Young World, Hope Street, Portessie, Norma's, Ladies Fashions, 65 West Church Street, General Drapery Store, West Church Street, T. M. Jack, Outfitters, 35-37 East Church Street.

**The new complex at Buckpool Golf Club** - The reproduction of the pictures is very poor.

**Advert** - The New Shoreline Restaurant, Marine Place. An attractive Café/Restaurant is now open in Buckie props. Mr and Mrs Noble. We will provide the right atmosphere for that special night out.

**Found in 'Spike's column** a poem entitled Peter Fair. According to Spike it is supposed to have first appeared in the 'Advertiser' of 1948 and was sent on to him by a Frenchman who married a Buckie woman during the war, Beenie Tow, and took her back with him to the south of France.

### Peter Fair

Fit's a' the steer in the town the day,  
Fit's a' the excitement in the air?  
Fit wye's a' the fowkies dressed sae gay?  
It's Peter Fair. It's Peter Fair.

It's the day o' the simmer for young an' aul;  
Gin the wither's fine or weat or caul;  
(There's Muggie neisht door wi' a braw new shawl)  
A' body's makin' for Peter Fair.

Ging up the line and throwe the funs,  
Or tak a motor fae Cluny Square;  
It's the first we've been since we beat the Huns;  
It's Peter Fair. It's Peter Fair.

It's sma'er noo nor it est tae be;  
Ye canna buy sweeties, ye canna buy tea;  
Bit there's solid amusement and plenty tae see;  
So dinger east tae Peter Fair.

There's country jocks, doon fae the hill,  
An fisher loons wi siller tae spare;  
At shooting stalls they'll try their skill;  
At Peter Fair. At Peter Fair.

There's lachin' loons an' skirlin' quines;  
Hingin about 'neth the palm reader's signs;  
Tae pairt wi' their money, bit they winna get mines;  
They fairly rook ye at Peter Fair.

Fower ba's for saxpence, try yer luck;  
Or chairyplanes, an' shogue boats if ye care,

Fit's yer fancy? Ye needna be stuck;  
At Peter Fair. At Peter Fair.

Fowk shovin' ye a'wye an trampin' yer taes;  
Bairns dreepin' their sliders a' ower yer gweed claes,  
It's time we wis heedin' the wye o' the braes;  
So ta ta till neisht 'ear Peter Fair.

Q. Coull

The Frenchman said that he was a reader of the Banffshire Advertiser and a Q. Coull enthusiast. He writes that as Q. Coull has unhappily written nothing for years I am sending this to re-publish.

**Advert** - The Unipart Shop at Archibald Motors Barhill Road, Buckie.

**Clever loon** - This year's Dux at Findochty School and winner of the Alistair John Olson Prize is Graeme Cowie.

**Advert** - R and G. Smith, Carpenters, Joiners and Handymen, 41 Bryson Crescent, Craigbo.

25 Jly **School Janitor dies suddenly** - Wm. 'Jack' Taylor, janitor at Portknockie School died suddenly while playing bowls at Cullen. He was 56 and had been janitor at the school for 11 years. He was prominent in the Scout Movement and Scoutmaster at Portknockie for 20 years. He was a Town Councillor, Dean of Guild and Junior Baillie. He was awarded the MM during the war. He was a founder member of Portknockie F.C. and a prominent member of the local bowling club, well known and highly respected in the village. He is survived by his wife and one married daughter.

**To close** - The Blue Diamond, Ladies Hairdresser, Lennox Place, Portgordon, which has been run by Mrs Rena Morrison is to close on Friday 28 July 1978. Rena and Isobel wish to thank all clients for their faithful patronage during the past years they have been in business.

**Fruit pickers take note** - Highland Fruit Farm Speyside Farm Fochabers. Fruit picking will begin on Monday 24 July. A bus will leave Buckie Square at 7.40am. All those who wish to take part must be over 13 years. Bring a belt.

**Advert** - Dennis Murray, Complete House Furnisher. Long Distance and local runs. Storage space available.

**Football team photographs** - The local paper this week carried photographs of two teams who are playing in the Buckie and District Welfare League. - Cullen and Portgordon. No names are given of the players while the reproduction is, unfortunately, very poor.

**Buckie Thistle pool of players** - Joe Wood (keeper), Malcolm Cowie, Raymond Cardno, John McPherson (Lossie), Hammy Souter, Alan Scott, Robert Nicol, John Slater, George Adams, Dougie Will signed from Peterhead, Bobby Fraser, Dave Oxley, signed from the Broch, Ian Bruce, retained though not signed. Danny Fitzimmons remains as manager/coach with Bruce Roy as assistant coach. And Alex 'Bomber' Thomson, Physio.

**Cullen and Deskford Community Council Gala Week** will run from 29 July to 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**No Peter Fair Dances** - The days are gone when there was dancing boards per Peterie Cormack at the fair itself, or a large marquee dance in part of the field ran by Buckpool Celtic or dances in Buckie and in Cullen - changed times. For the better ?

Aug 1 **The Go Ahead** - The go ahead for a feasibility study into the provision of a deep-water basin at Buckie has been given by Grampian Regional Council, Transport and Roads Department.

**Football match** - Buckie Thistle 2 Berwick Rangers 3 (F)  
Thistle team - Wood, Cowie and Adams; McPherson, Cardno, Nicol; Souter, Flett, Oxley, Fraser and Slater. Subs . Scott, Bruce.

**Peter Fair - Did it take place in 1978???** - The only mention that the age old fair was given in the local paper was that a tea stall was in place at Peter Fair ran by the Buckie Conservative and Unionist Association Ladies Committee. It was attended on both days by prospective candidate David Myles. The sum of £257 was raised. Well done yersels.

**Coffee Morning** - A coffee morning held in the North Church Hall last week for MS raised £250.

Aug 8 **Football matches** - Buckie Thistle played friendly games against both Aberdeen and Partick Thistle.

Aug 15 **'Fitsitcad'** has been laid on by Moray District Council's Department of Recreation to provide a surprise packed evening of entertainment for all ages. This takes place at the Putting Green on Queen Street on Saturday .  
A Pipe Band will play there will be a Fun Mobile, The Incredible Hulk, Barbecue, Brass Band, Dancers, Surprises and fun.

**Dances** - Buckie and District Round Table are to hold dances in the Town Hall, Portsoy on Friday and Saturday 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> July. Music on the Friday by Press Gang and on Saturday by Sound and Vision.

**Great Sale** - Cluny Hotel - Moochers (Do you like the name?) of St Annes on Sea. watches, rings, pendants, bangles, radios, records, and cassettes.

**New book by local author** - Gordon Hay who was born in Portgordon in 1912 where his father had a shop has had another book published. His latest book is called Commonsense Cookery Book, which contains over 200 recipes from a number of old sources. He was aided and abetted by Bill Cowie, lecturer in History and Literature at Jordanhill College in Glasgow. In the book there are many recipes from Banffshire but he says that he can't find any link between Cullen and the 'Skink' that bears its name. He thinks that it is probable that the name of the dish stems from a famous doctor called Wm. Cullen in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century.  
A feature of the book are the mouth watering illustrations, each dish being artistically photographed in colour with an appropriate Scottish background.  
The book is published by Angus and Robertson and costs £4.95.

**Football** - In the first game of the new season Buckie Thistle were away to Inverness Caley and lost by two goals to nil. The Thistle team was - Wood, Cowie and Flett; Cardno, Taylor and Nicol; Slater ( Gordon Robertson), Adams, Oxley, Wood and Scott. Sub. Fraser.

**Aqua Princess** - Ten year old Lesley Robson, 10 Brodie Avenue was chosen as Buckie Aqua Princess 1978 when she won the competition at Buckie Swimming Pool out of 70 entrants.

**Gallery Restaurant** - Brian Davidson and Associates are pleased to announce that the Gallery Restaurant, 5 Cluny Square is now open for business under the management of Brian O'Brien.

**Buckie Thistle Boys Club** restarts after the summer break. Chairman, Bruce Roy said that although they had about a dozen adults they could do with more in the organisation of the club.

29 Aug **Labour candidate chosen** - The new Labour candidate for Banffshire is 29 year old Robert Duncan, a History Teacher at Banff Academy.

**Big advert** for the Gallery Restaurant under new management.

**Football or little football** - Reports on the games played by Buckie Thistle but no team lines given. No mention at all of Buckie Rovers or any of the Welfare League teams.

Sept 5 **Buckie Speakers' Club** held their first meeting of the 1978/79 session in the St Andrews Hotel on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Any male members of the community wishing to join the club are cordially invited to come along and introduce themselves. The club meets on alternate Thursdays with meetings beginning at 7.20pm.

**Buckie and District Fiddle and Accordion Association** was to hold a meeting in the Thistle Lounge at 6 West Church Street in the hope of being able to form a club. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**Cash and Carry** Great Sale of Carpets and Drapery in the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 9 September. Scottish Traders, Dundee.

**Welfare League football** - Cullen beat Thistle Athletic to win the St Valery Trophy.

**New staff at Buckie High School** - Lesley Duncan, Drama, Joan Glen, Chemistry, John Fowlie, House Master, Cluny and P.E., Forbes Hogg, Art..

**Pupil roll at Buckie High School** - At the beginning of the new term the number of pupils was 1060  
Forty less than it was in August 1977 due mainly to a smaller intake in S1.

**Buckie soldier dies in road accident in Germany** - Pte. David Ritchie, 35 St Peter's Road, Buckpool who was serving with the RAOC. He leaves a wife Brenda and two children Michala 3 and David 2. Pte. Ritchie is the second local soldier to die in a road accident in Germany this year.

**Advert** - Moray District Tapers - Painters and Decorators - G.A. Thow and W. G. Russell.

12 Sept **Maltings at Portgordon** - The go ahead has been given for the construction of Maltings at Portgordon despite all the protests that have been lodged from conservationists. Moray District Council Planning and Development Committee unanimously agreed last Wednesday to grant outline planning permission for the £4million Maltings Plant on the outskirts of Portgordon. The firm F. G. Smith of Norwich will be required to take stringent steps to ensure the plant is screened and camouflaged so that it will not spoil the amenity of the coastline.

**Best Garden Winner** - The first winner of the Buckie Garden Trophy for Best Kept council house garden and the recipient of the Bell's Rosebowl is 72 year old Mrs Jeannie Calder, 3 Scott Terrace. The trophy was handed over by Mr Ronald Fetch, Manager of Inchgower Distillery. The runner/up is Mrs R. Gordon, 4 Linn Crescent with Mrs E. Slater, and 55 Bryson Crescent third.

**Opening date** - The official opening of the new sport's complex at Buckpool Golf Club will take place on Saturday 16 September at 6.30pm.

**D'ye want you lobby swept down , or maybe yer lum?** M. Stephen and A. Innes Window Cleaners – also odd jobs considered. Phone Buckie 33xxxx.

**Buckie man dies in police car crash** - A Buckie man, John Alexander Campbell Milne 39 of 7 Bruce Avenue died when the police car in which he was travelling was in an accident near Nairn. He was being taken from Inverness to Elgin for a court appearance when the police van was in collision with a lorry ¼ mile west of Auldearn.

A joiner to trade, Mr Milne was one of two men being taken from Porterfield Prison to Elgin when the accident occurred at 9.15am.

In the police van were Mr Milne, Mr Alistair Sim, 27 an unemployed fisherman of 25 Wallace Avenue, Constable Steven Gammie who was badly hurt and Constable Leslie Cowie 35 and a civilian driver, Mr George Stewart, 56 also stationed at Elgin. Constable Cowie and Mr Stewart suffered minor injuries. The lorry driver escaped unhurt. Both vehicles were travelling east.

**Sheltered flats for Buckie** - The go-ahead has been given for the erection of 25 sheltered flats for old people in Newlands Lane.

**Christmas Lights** – Buckie could well have Christmas Lights this year despite a poor response from the public last Christmas.

Buckie Community Council is to arrange this despite the fact that their appeal to the public for financial assistance and help in putting up the lights last year was largely ignored.

Because of this several members of the council at their meeting last week were against repeating the project.

"All the promise of labour and assistance made at the preliminary meeting last year came to nothing", said Sandy Stewart, it's always the same in Buckie, people are never willing to get involved in anything".

Despite the opposition it was decided to go ahead once again with plans for Christmas Lights.

17 Sept **Night of Nights at Buckpool Golf Club** - A photograph in the 'Advertiser' shows Captain of the Golf Club, Mr Peter Reid unveiling the plaque to officially open the new complex. Other pictures are seen on pages 8,9 and 10.

**Boat launch** - The hull of the new 54 feet stern trawler, Bahati took to the water at the weekend from the shipyard on Herd and Mackenzie. The Aberdeen-registered vessel was built for skipper Ian McDonald, Stonehaven and others at a cost of around £110,000.

The Bahati is powered by a 260-hp Volvo diesel engine and will be equipped with a Sutherland hydraulic twin barrel trawl winch and all the latest electronic aids

It is of a rather unusual design with the engine up forward with the cabin behind and the fish room aft while beneath the whale back there is a messroom.

**The poem 'Yarmouth' written by Exile is found on page 10 of this edition of the B.A.**

**We want a safer wye tae cross the street** - There is a call for a new zebra pedestrian crossing on West Church Street. Regional Councillor A. J. Murray, Buckie, brought this to the notice of Grampian Regional Transportation and Roads Committee.

26 Sept **101 years not out** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows Mrs Anna Lobban cutting a cake to mark her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday at Rock House on East Church Street where she has stayed for the past seven years.

Mrs Lobban was the youngest of a family of seven. She was born and educated in Buckie and worked for three years in France as an assistant teacher of English and then was in private employment in Calais. She returned to Buckie to Baron Street where her father Mr Wright ran a licensed grocer's shop. She married Wm. Lobban in 1919 who was also a licensed grocer and had a shop on Cluny Terrace. He died in 1939.

Mrs Lobban and other members of her family were members of the Buckie Operatic Society while she became well-known as an accompanist at concerts and functions. She keeps very well for her age and went for a walk along the street in the morning of her birthday.

**Christies (Fochabers)** who recently purchased the Spey Bay Hotel the golf course and the caravan complex have unveiled plans for extending the Cluny Hotel in Buckie. The firm has purchased the property 11 and 12 Cluny Square adjacent to the Cluny Hotel, which they already own.

They say that the purchase will eventually allow the function room of the Cluny Hotel to be enlarged and they hope to increase the bedroom accommodation of the hotel.

**Thistle Athletic take photo call** - The players and their guests of the Thistle Athletic or 'The Colts' are seen in a photograph taken during their night out in the Buckie Thistle Social Club. Kevin is in the photograph.

**Buckie Thistle Youth team pool** - a photograph - Named are - David Reaich, John McIntosh, Peter Clark, Graham Anderson, Tony Cowie, Wm. Geddes, Neil Murray, James Coull, Alan Jagger, Kenneth Cowie, Eric Holmes, David Sellar, John McIntosh, Douglas Will, Wm. Findlay, Wm. Wilson and Kevin Stuart.

**Poem ' Learning to Write'** by James Slater, Portsoy is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.

**Buckie Speakers' Club** - Five minute speeches were given by Mr Wm. Taylor and Mr Arthur Hill. The title of Mr Taylor's speech was Scottish 'Meal - Flour of Scotland - and its virtues while Mr Hill spoke on Burglary.

Mr George Smith was Topics Master while Mr Bill Cecil presented the club with a timing device he had made.

3 Oct **Matron to retire** - Miss Alexina Mackinnon Matron at Seafield Hospital for the past nine years is to retire.

**Sale of sales** - Keith Fashion Centre in the Cluny Hotel.

10 Oct. **Christmas Lights** - The community council have decided to go ahead with the Christmas Lights again this year. They have applied for assistance from Moray District Council

**Closure of long established firm** - Alex Esson, the long established firm of Tailors and Outfitters have closed down with a sale to take place of the shop counters cases, stands etc. etc. (One might have reason to think that the huge number of outside traders who have been holding mammoth sales in the halls in the town over recent years was one of the reasons hastening the closure.)

**Annual Action Ball** - is to take place in the St Andrews Hotel on 27 October. Music by Hebbie Gray's Band, Keith.

**Opening announcement** - Winnie Mair one of the tradesmen paid off from Thomson's Shipyard recently started up on his own as a joiner at 10 Titness Street. Winnie was still going strong in 2003 and around November 2002 moved into a bungalow he had built on Newlands Lane.

**Opening announcement** - Leslie D. Forrest, Baker and Confectioner, Portsoy is to open a branch shop at 19 High Street, Buckie on Thursday 12 October, 1978.

**Advert** - Speyside Growers, Orton, Fochabers, for top quality potatoes and vegetables.

**Death of West St resident** - The death notice of Mrs Margaret Ann Gordon, nee Scott, of 6 West Street appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. She died on 6<sup>th</sup>

October aged 77. Her father was Richard Scott a native of Lossiemouth who had a sailmaker's business.

17 Oct **A poem is found on page 5.** This is called 'Happy Days' and was written by L. J. Innes of Portgordon.

**Sale in the Cluny Hotel** - J. Hamilton, Elgin.

**Buckpool Victoria has night out** - A photograph in this edition shows the successful Welfare League team on their night out. Unfortunately the reproduction is poor.

24 Oct **Buckie Townswomen's Guild** photographs on the front page - The members who sang the old time melodies at the Townswomen's' Guild rally in Elgin Town Hall was a huge success.

**Buckie and District Pony Club** held a gymkhana in a field at Buckie Industrial Estate.

**Buckie Maritime Museum** had 1260 visitors during the 1978 season of two months an increase of 75, During the winter months the district curator and his staff based at Forres will concentrate on improving the catalogue and displays.

**You'll get your chips !** A chip shop under new management is now open to the rear of the Craigbo Stores on Samson Avenue. A grocery department will also be opening soon.

**Tattie howkers get their fotie taken** - A group who were employed gathering tatties as Wester Bogs, Enzie, had their photograph taken. This is seen on page 5.

**Buckie loon trains with Bolton** - Schoolboy John McIntosh 85 Well Road who has already spent three trial periods with Aberdeen went south to play trials with Bolton Wanderers at the weekend. He later had trials with West Ham.

**Cullen Player of the Year** - Alex Menzies, Cullen F.C. Player of the Year is seen receiving his trophy in a photograph on page 7.

**A poem is found on page 7.** This has been titled 'Memories of School Days' written by someone who calls herself Fae a Buckie Quine.

Oct 31. **Coffee mornings are all the rage** - No less than three advertised for the coming Saturday morning. Tickets in each case 25p and all open from 10am till 12 noon.

**Wanted for Buckie High School** - An Instructor in Nautical Studies. Sye Wood got the job

**Fantastic Indoor market** - Scottish Traders in the Cluny Hotel on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Clothes, Car Accessories and Jewellery

**Advert** - James Leslie Plumber and Heating Engineer, 10 Craigbo Terrace.

Nov 7 **Cullen lad is captain** - The skipper of the Scotland Youth football team who have qualified for the UEFA Youth Championships in Austria next spring is Cullen lad, George Cowie. George is in his second season with West Ham United and turned professional last August. One leading English newspaper regarded him as one of the best 20 players for his age in Britain. George's parents live at 3 Findlater Drive.

**The Cullen viaduct is once more back in the news.** The question being asked is should it be preserved or demolished.

**Speed merchant is a native of Portgordon** - John Cowie, 28, who was born in Portgordon became Britain's Formula 1 TT motor cycle champion at Brands Hatch

on Saturday. John is the son of Mr and Mrs Cowie, Larch House Spey Bay. Who recently returned north after living for a number of years in the south.

**A poem is found on page 8.** This is titled 'Echo to a Buckie Quine' A Buckpool Loon's Reply.

**Cluny Janitor dies suddenly** - George Smith, 49, of 20 Seaview Road, Buckpool died suddenly earlier this week. A baker to trade, George who was janitor at Cluny School for 8 years was extremely popular with all the youngsters. He is survived by his wife and son.

14 Nov **Fancy a fish supper ?** A chip shop has just been opened on Milton Drive.

**Thorn Lighting Marchmont Crescent** has a number of vacancies. Wanted are a machinist, fitter and a lamp manufacturer supervisor

**Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** - Portknockie man sergeant John Crawford son of Mr and Mrs John Crawford 28 Admiralty Street is shown in a photograph receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct medal after completing 16 years in the RAF. He is presently serving at RAF Digby. John has completed three tours of duty in Cyprus. He is a married man with two children.

**Portgordon Primary School football team – photograph** - Bruce Farquhar (capt.) David Farquhar, Steven Mackay, Andrew Shore, Bruce Innes, Wm. Farquhar, Bruce Coull, John Gardener, Rory May, Garry Findlay and Francis Jamieson.

**Photograph of ex-servicemen** shown on Armistice Day parade. Around 60 was counted.

21 Nov **Norma's is to move** - The ladies fashion shop known as Norma's which has been at 65 West Church Street for some time is to move to 18 East Church Street. A stock clearance sale will begin on 23 November.

**Queen's Guides** - A photograph in this edition shows two girls, Alison Murray 45 Yardie and Caroline Packman, Fairwinds, High Street receiving their awards as Queen's Guides. They are both 15 and fourth year students at Buckie High School.

**Speakers' Club** - Those who gave five minute speeches were – Mike Harvey who spoke on being a sprog caravanner in a talk he had titled – "A Funny Thing Happened To Me On My Way to my Holiday" Ian Duncan chose to weave a speech around the following "To Do Your Own Thing is nigh impossible being constantly if unaware of aping others"  
Duncan Jamieson was Topics Chairman while Bill Iannetta was General Evaluator.

**A new baker's shop called The Bread Bin will open** on 23 November at 3 High Street, Buckie. Proprietor W. J. Reaich and Son.

**Cross by the zebra two by two  
Into the Bread Bin spic and span  
Best buys in bread are there for you  
Find better value if you can.**

**A Buckie Iona Group** was formed following a visit to Iona.

**Buckie Country and Western Club** meet in the St Andrews Hotel. New members will be made very welcome.

**Death of former Buckie Chemist** - The death took place of Alexander Gauld – a former chemist in the town who had only recently taken up residence in Stockport where his younger daughter stays and is a nurse.

**Keith Fashion Centre** - Sale of sales in the Cluny Hotel

Nov 28 **Foundation stone laid** The foundation stone for the new Masonic Temple and club was laid by past masters Jimmy Duncan of Lodge Gordons and Charlie McLean of Craigenroan. The two lodges have joined together for this ambitious project which is expected to cost £30,000

**Cullen Temple of Pomona must remain** - The Secretary of State for Scotland turned down an application by Seafield Estate to demolish the 18<sup>th</sup> century feature which was built in 1788.

**New editor for the Advertiser** - The new editor of the Banffshire Advertiser is Noel Donaldson, a Caithness journalist who is to take up duty in the New Year.

**To herald the new floodlights** - A Floodlight Opening Gala Night will take place at Victoria Park on Wednesday night 6<sup>th</sup> December to officially mark the opening of the new floodlights. Buckie Thistle with guest players will play against a Highland League Select. At half time Buckie Thistle veterans will have a penalty kick competition with a personality keeper between the posts. The competition will be judged by Alex Ferguson Manager of Aberdeen F.C.

**Thorn Lighting requires** a person to work on production analysis and comparative loss control. 'O' levels and experience in industry would be an advantage.

**Now open** - Harbour Taxis

**Maritime Museum attendance figures** for 1978 which were reported to have far exceeded those of 1977 don't tell the full story said W. G. Cowie. The museum was open for five months a much longer period and also open in the forenoon.

**Buckie Rovers are to meet Irvine Meadow** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Scottish Junior Cup at Victoria Park on Saturday. The visitors have won the Scottish Junior Cup three times. Rovers are a young team with five members only recently moving up from the Welfare League.

Dec 5 Buckie Lyric Opera Company under producer Ruby Hughson presented "Annie Get Your Gun" Among the artistes taking part were - Keith McKay, Steven Wojcik, Mrs Isobel Weir, Mrs Doreen Grigor, Mrs Sheila Gauld, James Anderson, Alisdair Maybury, Sheila McLean, Paula Wojcik. On the organ was Gloria McKay and on drums John Innes. The stage manager was Rob Grant. Choreography was by Mrs Sheena Sievwright, Mr Keith McKay and Miss S. McKay.

**£25,000 clear out sale** of shoes and clothes in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 7 December. M. R. Rasool, Dundee.

**"Tiger has arrived"** in poster and Christmas card form 10p and 6p. Archibald Motors, Barhill Road.

12 Dec **Portgordon man feared lost at sea** - David Morrison 26 of 40 Gordon Street is one of 9 men of the crew of the Peterhead based fishing boat Acacia Wood which is feared lost. Five of his mates come from Hopeman, two from Peterhead and one from Elgin.

**Fears that Maternity Department may close** - Buckie Community Council expressed their concern that the Maternity Department at Seafield may close in the near future

**Speakers' Club** - The members who gave five-minute speeches were Allan Fraser who chose as his title "The Search For An Identity" (Who are the Scots?) "Independence is a Modern Myth" was the title on the speech by Ian Moir, a non-political look at the word independence. Bill Campbell gave a humorous account of a meeting with a former pupil twenty years on.

**For sale – Loanhead Farmhouse, Rathven** - This was bought by T. I. MacPherson, long time PT of Geography at Buckie High School.

**Toch H** – Efforts are being made to form a branch of the Toch H group in Buckie. – an organisation new to this part of the world.

At present six young people and a number of adults have got the project off the ground.

The Toch H movement is a large Christian based voluntary organisation which was formed in 1915. It identifies the needs of modern society and tackles them on a Christian basis.

The Toch H has been associated with many activities, it pioneered the Blood Donor service, Hospital Broadcasting, Leprosy Relief and SOS alarm system for the elderly.

Membership is open to anyone over the age of 16 and there are 12,000 members in 870 branches mainly in Britain but also in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, New Zealand, Rhodesia and South Africa. The Queen, Queen Mother and Hon Angus Oglivie are all patrons.

The chairman in Buckie is Stella Thain 14 Hall Street, secretary - Helen Anderson, Barfield Road and treasurer - Marie Coburn, South West Street. Three young people are Caroline Pirie, 24 Netherha Road, Carol Robertson 18 Bruce Avenue and Audrey McPherson, 24 Low Street.

**Advert** - J & J Sutherland, Joiners 1 Seatown.

**Donations are needed for Buckie's Christmas Lights.**

19 Dec **Switch on** - The Buckie Christmas Lights were switched on by 5 year old Donald Coutts, son of Rev Fred Coutts with young sister Rose Mary looking on. A report on the lights together with a photograph is shown on the front page.

**Advert** - Robertson's (Furniture) Buckie and Banff – Great Annual Sale.

**A poem is found on page 9** titled **A Leavin** by J. M. B.

**Note** - Perhaps of interest to know that the **reproduction of photographs** in this edition are a little bit clearer than they have been

**Wanted a maintenance fitter for Thorn Lighting.** Apply to the manager at Marchmont Crescent.

Dec 26 **Speakers' Club** - The five minute speeches at the meeting held last Thursday were given by George McKenzie, Charles Brown and Jon Watt. Mr McKenzie spoke on the finite nature of oil, its significance as a political weapon - our dependence on it today. Mr Brown gave an interesting account of what occurred after his brakes failed recently on his car. The last speaker, Mr Watt told an amusing story surrounding an incident that took place at a Wapinshaw during his National Service. Peter Bruce was Topics Master with Ian Duncan General Evaluator and Wm. Taylor Topics Evaluator.

**Rovers' Player of the Year** - Dennis Clark, Portessie was chosen as Buckie Rovers F.C. Player of the Year. In a photograph in this edition he is seen receiving a trophy from trainer Ian Cole at a recent dinner dance held by the club in the St Andrews Hotel.

