

**1981**

6 Jan **A Memorial Plaques Committee of nine people** was formed at a meeting held in the Town House on Monday evening. The community council, under the chairmanship of Mr Sandy Wilson, convened the meeting. Elected chairman of the Plaques Committee was retired skipper, Mr George Murray, Baron Street. Other members of the committee elected were – Wm. Mair (Portknockie) and Alexander Murray (Buckie) both members of Grampian Regional Council, Peter Slater and Rev Fred Coutts, Buckie Community Council Gilbert Smith representing the boatowners, Scottish Boatowners, Mutual Insurance Committee, Mrs Agnes Lawson, and Mrs Jean Hillier, the two ladies who proposed the scheme.

**The Gangrel** – tells a good story about **Captain John Gordon, laird of Buckie** who accompanied his feudal superior, the Earl of Huntly to Donibristle Castle in Fife to arrest the Bonnie Earl of Moray in 1592. It was Buckie that struck the first blow, which ended in the death of Moray.

Later we are told the new Earl of Moray married Lady Anne Gordon daughter of the man who had helped murder his father.

**Lodge Gordons 589** – Brother J. H. E. Clarke was reinstated as RWM of the lodge.

**The story of the Fishermen's Hall** – part one by W. G. C.

**Buckie Rovers** were forced to switch venues when it was found that they were unable to play their 'Scottish' cup tie against Shettleston (A Glasgow side) at Victoria Park because of the state of the ground. They were narrowly beaten by one goal to nil. Alex Sammon, their recent signed 'keeper from New Elgin had a tremendous game though all the team played well and were not in any way disgraced since Shettleston were a highly rated side. David Sellar, the Rovers right back shared the Man of the Match award of £25 with Reid of the home side.

**A poem is found on page 9.** This is written by L.J.I. Portgordon and titled 'The Boatie'

Jan 13 **Fishermen's Hall re-opened** - The hall had been closed for three weeks after a large chunk of plaster fell from the ceiling. The ceiling has now been repaired with a promise that the hall would receive a face-lift in the not too distant future.

**Committee seek harbour premises** - The Seamen's Memorial Committee are interested in acquiring premises at the harbour and are to write Grampian Regional Council for the use of the room above the harbour office which was designed as a retreat for retired fishermen but never used. They are to ask that the use of the room be changed to a Memorial Room. Four more ladies became members of the committee – Ms Joey Bowie, Mrs Patricia Hillier, Mrs Fiona Bruce and Mrs Elsie Phimister. Mrs J. Hillier was appointed vice chairman.

**Advert** – R. S. R. Painters and Decorators, 22 Seaview Road.

**Things re looking up** - No fewer than five photographs are shown in this edition taken at the 2<sup>nd</sup> round Scottish Cup match between Buckie Thistle and Stranraer at Victoria Park on Saturday. Still no team lines given which is a nuisance. There were 2,300 at the match.

**Hurrah the Rovers get a mention too** - They beat Deveronside by three goals to one in a league game. Keith Sutherland scored with a penalty, David Findlay and Neil Murray were the scorers

**Advert** - Bruce Mitchell, High Class Butcher and Poulterer, 3 Gordon Square, Portgordon.

**The story of the Fishermen's Hall.** Part 2 by W.G.C.

Jan 20 **Banker to retire** - Mr Tom Morrow, Manager of the Clydesdale Bank, Cluny Square, Buckie, for the past ten years is to retire at the end of the month. He began work in the bank in Aberdeen 44 years ago. He left school to work in a fish shop but with the fish trade in a depressed state in 1934 as it is now and in 1937 turned to banking. Apart from 6 years war service in the radar section of the REME in which he was a corporal he has been in banking ever since. He came to Buckie initially as an accountant, moving later to Lossiemouth as manager before returning to Buckie.

**Notice** - Buckie Thistle are to meet Stirling Albion in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the Scottish Cup at Victoria Park on Saturday 24 January 1981. Adults £1.00. Juveniles and OAP's 50p. Enclosure 30p.

**Templeton's Supermarket** is now open from 8.30am till 7.30pm every Thursday and Friday to suit customers.

**Sales** - Hay's Ideal Homewares, 25 West Church Street. Wallpaper and Paints .  
Robertson's Buckie and Banff, Furniture, Carpets and Venetian Blinds.  
Ladyfare, 19 East Church Street, clearance  
Sale of the Century - Alex J. Slater, Complete House Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street.  
T. M. Jack, Menswear, 35-37 East Church Street.  
General Drapery Store (under new management Mr John Morrison ) 51-53 West Church Street  
Francis Ritchie - Winter Sale - 72-74a, East Church Street.  
Shearer's annual clearance - 20% discount on all made to measure suits, jackets and trousers ordered this month. C. I. Shearer and Sons, 6-8 East Church Street.  
Peter G. Slater, Gents Outfitter, and 65 West Church Street. 15% reduction on all stock. Made to Measure suits 10% reduction in January orders.  
Firth Furnishers, 33-35 West Church Street.  
John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street.  
George Sutherland, 21 West Church Street. Annual winter sale 20% off all fashion shoes and winter boots.  
Baby Shop, 5 Bridge Street, Portknockie, 15% off all stock and 25% off reduced rail.  
Anne's 29 West Church Street also Alex Mair, 8-10 Seafield Street, Cullen 20% discount.  
McGruther and Marshall Ltd Buckie 20% cash purchases on DIY during January.

**Knitting Wool Sale** - Morlands Knitwear and Yarns, in the Cluny Hotel on Thursday 22 January.

**Advertising weekend entertainment** - Buckie Thistle Social Club, West Church Street, Buckie District Masonic Club, Newland's Lane, Strathlene Golf Club, Royal British Legion, Buckpool Golf Club, The Mill Motel, Tynet, St Andrews Hotel.

**Winter weather hits Buckie** - A number of pictures of scenes shown, the quality of the reproduction considerably improved from that of years 1978,79,80..

**Ex Buckie High School Broadcasters join Grampian Hospital Radio** - Grampian Hospital Radio is to start broadcasting on January 14 and four of the new service staff have already had experience with Buckie Hospital Radio. Keith Fraser, Steve Wilson, Andrew Merson and Mary Reaich whose studies have taken them all to the Granite City.

**An Alphabetical Quiz by Dodie A.** He says there are some horrible puns in this week's puzzle so advises those who may have a sensitive disposition to skip it and move on to more restful reading such as Reflections or the J J column. As usual the first letter of the word is given and also the number of letters.

Letter	No. of letters	Clue
A	(6)	I shall enquire of the lady about the state of America.
B	(5)	Hercules making char.
C	(7)	Sexy grub.
D	(8)	I and an old penny have a country between us. It gives us a statesman.
E	(3)	Animal Maggie (Thatcher) wont make turn.
F	(9)	It's rash to cheat Nelson's osculatory friend.
G	(9)	Happy Rock for a bag.
H	(6)	I'm attached to another bag! A president could fill it.
I	(12)	There's a fruit in the old penny for this American town.
J	(4)	He's after the union, and a lot of bowlers are keen to contact him.
K	(5)	Town between Gilbert and Chesterton.
L	(4)	Start reading him when you've finished Bacon!
M	(8)	I'd miss our Ian! Especially if he's insides partly U.S.
N	(5)	Seems like the hives deserted for the Biblical prophet.
O	(5)	Oh come! It's picked by prisoners.
P	(8)	Take a broad view of dad, Nora, and mam
Q	(9)	In a French cathedral, he'd quite a lot of backing.
R	8)	What a one-basketed Russian monk says he does with all his eggs.
S	(5)	Edward took a stone from this edible place
T	(3-4)	It's the limit of human understanding .
U	(6)	Useful overcoat these days – especially in Ireland
V	(6)	Anger follows the flirt. She may have stuck somebody for the drinks.
W	(5)	Pan's pal known for her hut.
X	(6)	Sex Rex. Not a forward footballer, but a backward monarch.
Y	(8)	When the Queen had four Mary's
Z	(9)	No-----not another prophet! Yes and the cook's after a backward ounce!

The answers will be give in another place so that you won't be tempted to peek.

**'Coorse Weather ' is the name of the poem** found on page 7 and written by Bob Watt.

Jan 27 **Boat launch** – A 74 foot seiner trawler, christened the **Amaranth** by the wife of the Skipper Eddie Fiske, was launched last Wednesday morning from the shipyard of Messrs Jones, Buckie. The new vessel was built for the Lossiemouth partnership of Fiske, Main ,Duthie & Co.

Amaranth is a Greek word meaning everlasting and this will be the third boat owned by the Fiske family to bear the name. The first was built at Lossiemouth in 1911 for William Fiske, Eddie Fiske's grandfather, while the second belonged to his uncle Jimmy Thomson of Lossiemouth and was built at Banff in 1932.

Skipper Fiske's previous command was the **Leander**.

The vessel is the sixth of a series built at the yard and is powered by a 300-hp diesel engine. She is fitted with all the latest equipment including a refrigerated fish room.

Since being forced through lack of orders to make several of their workforce redundant late last year Jones Shipyard have been able to keep the remaining 84 employees in work. At present though another boat is being built the managing director of the firm is not overly optimistic about the future.

A photograph of the Amaranth is shown on the front page, registered INS 287.

**CSE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION** - This is a new qualification which a number of youngsters will receive this year. This adds to the existing Higher and O Grade qualification and is being introduced into more than 30 secondary schools throughout Grampian this year. Although the CSE was initially designed for about 30% of the pupils, i.e. those seen as being less able, academically, more and pupils have been following this course. Although in recent years only a few schools in Scotland have offered CSE courses they are already well tried in England and Wales. The work was marked internally with Moderators going round the various schools vetting the marks that teachers had given their pupils. Sample papers were then taken and presented in front of a Board that included Headteachers. I was one of the Moderators, paying visits to schools in Aberdeen, Peterhead, Fraserburgh and Forres.

**Advert** - J & I Esslemont, Portgordon, Drapery sale.

lb.	Butchery Department -	Steak mince -	90p per
	Beef sausages -	60 per lb.	
	Streaky bacon -	72p per lb.	
	Gigot of pork -	95p per lb.	
	Grouse Whisky	£5.49	
	Bells Whisky	£5.39	
	Eggs ½ dozen size 3	30 pence	

**New company formed** - Five skipper/owners of fishing boats have formed a company to act as their agents. The Buckie Inshore Fishselling Company has been registered with £50,000 capital at 19 East Church Street.

The business started 6 months ago as a partnership between skippers Lewis McKay, 59 East Church Street Francis Lawrence, 9 Cameron Crescent, Wm. Wilson, 8 King Street, Ianstown, John Flett, 19 Provost Reid Crescent and James Robertson, 3 Harbour Terrace, Portknockie. Fraser Weir is manager.

**Whole page** - The advert for the Co-op Supersave supermarket took up a whole page.

**The answers to the Dodie A Quiz are** - Alaska, Bruin, Crumpet, Disraeli, Ewe, Foolhardy, Gladstone, Hoover, Indianapolis, Jack, Keith, Lamb, Missouri, Nahum, Oakum, Panorama, Quasimodo, Rasputin, Scone, Toe-Nail, Ulster, Vampire, Wendy, Xersces, Yestreen, Zoaroaster.

**Thistle goes down** - Buckie Thistle was beaten at home by three goals to one in the Scottish Cup. John Colquhoun a 17-year-old super sub came on after 65 minutes and scored the two goals that took Stirling through. John Colquhoun later signed for Hearts and for a time in the late 1990's wrote a column in the newspaper, 'Scotland on Sunday'.

**Buckie Rovers beat Islavale** (Keith) by two goals to nil at Merson Park on Saturday. The Rovers top scorer, Keith Sinclair, scored when he connected with a cross from Neil Murray's cross. The second goal was scored by sub Ian Coull with his first kick of the ball. Ronnie Smith took the eye with his strong running and individual skills.

\*\*\*\* **A poem is found on page 9.** Written by J.G. S. it is titled **Oor Blessin'** Given below -

Tae a' you fowk in friendship meet,  
Wha cares pit by, an sairs forget,  
Tae ilka bony lauchin ` child  
Wha's mind can be wi' ease beguiled;  
Tae ilka sair forfochen ane  
Her pairtner loast, bides on her lane;

Tae a' wha mony days hiv seen  
 Wha's earthly race may seen be deen,  
 Tae a' at hame, tae a' at sea,  
 Baith near and far, faur - e'er they be,  
 Tae every achin' hairt forlorn  
 That may some lo'ed and lost ane mourn,  
 We send through wind an sleet an' snaw  
 "A Guid New Year tae ane an' a'"

**Advert** - Motor body repairs Cars and Commercial, accident damage , Eddie Thomson, Aultmore, Keith.

**The story of the Fishermen's Hall** - The concluding article on the Fishermen's Hall, written by W. G. C. is found on page 13 of the 27 January edition

**Quality shoe sale** in the Cluny Hotel on 7 February. James Donn, Fraserburgh.

3 Feb **The cocksure loon got it wrang** - Maybe you could do better. Read the following sentence and then decide Would you accept a job with a salary of £5000 per year with half yearly rises of £50 or a job with the same salary but with an annual rise of £200?

Following all the Burns Suppers Dodie A thought that he would make out an alphabetical quiz with more than a slant to Robbie Burns

Letter	No of letters	Clue
A	(6)	Weighty protection for Rabbie's spouse
B	(8)	Con Banks for the Bard's barley cakes.
C	(6)	Order one of the 'Twa Dugs' to grab the girl!
D	(6)	Auld's paternal nick-name.
E	(5)	Scotia's darling seat.
F	(6)	"Holy Wullie" sounds like sea-going Buckie man
G	(4)	Girl drew him thrice on Valentine's Day.
H	(6)	Grey cloth mentioned in "A Man's A Man for a' that"
I	(6)	He asks Mary if she will go there with him.
J	(2)	John Anderson's friend starts joke.
K	(7)	Wee-hained cottar's cheese.
L	(7)	A balloon-shaped Bonnet worn by a lousy lady.
M	(7)	The Scotsman's drinking place is Rabbie's last child.
N	(6)	She's awa' - the goat!
O	(5)	Lady who only had one pub in Land Street.
P	(4)	What Rab and Allan did to Willies peck o' maut?
Q	(5)	Cottage implement for grinding corn.
R	(5)	Rabbie's ornithological namesake.
S	(6)	"Buttered ----- wi fragrant lunt set a' their gals asteerin?"
T	(7)	Wi' this cheap tippie we fear nae evil
U	(7)	Bruce's orders laid him low!
V	(10)	Yestreen at the -----dealing, My heart tae my mou' gied a sten
W	(7)	Rabbie's dad.
X	(4)	Other name for what Burns called Yule tide.
Y	(8)	When the dance gaed through the lichtet ha!
Z	(4)	When Rabbie Burns was at his best He chased the bonnie quines with yest And even when he wisna weel He chased them a' wi unco .....

**A poem is found on page 8 titled Robert Burns** - This was written by Wallace G. Kerr, Toronto, Canada.

Feb 10 **Ice-rink for Buckie** - Moray District Council decided to have an artificial ice-rink constructed in the Fishermen's Hall for a trial period from May through to August, a time when the hall was used less often for other things. The ice-rink costs £19,500.

**Playhouse – Keith** Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – The Blues Brothers AA Full programme 7.30pm. Next week The Big Brawl. ( I have many happy memories of the Keith Playhouse. I saw my first ever film there sometime in 1938, not long after it was opened. Miss Gordon my teacher in Standard One at the Green's School sent stamps to the value of the entrance ticket to allow me to go to the Saturday matinee. I visited the cinema many times afterwards when I spent my school holidays at the Bush Farm or at weekends, and still later when I had the company of a lady friend. I remember cycling all the way up the Enzie Braes from Clochan to take her to the pictures one Wednesday evening. It was sad to see it completely demolished in 2002 and the ground cleared. )

**Bruce's Sports Outfitter and Fishing Tackle dealer** – 61 West Church Street. Sale now on.

**Cluny Fashions 7 High Street**, were also having a sale.

Feb 17 **At last** The football report of both Buckie Thistle and Buckie Rovers at long last gave the scores at the top so that you hadn't to plough through the whole report to find out who had won. Unfortunately it wasn't yet thought to be the done thing to give the teams, which was a pity.

Buckie beat Deveronvale by four goals to 1 while the Rovers drew two all with Rosemount of Aberdeen in the Dryborough Cup. David Findlay (Parl) and Keith Sinclair with a penalty were the Rovers' goal scorers.

Feb 24 **Buckie Thistle now has a taxi business** being run under the Commercial Manager, James Slater as a money-raising ploy. The business is operating from the garage on Colonsay Place.

**Who was he looking at ?** Do you know the answer to this old chestnut? A chap gazing at a photograph says: "Sisters and brothers have I none, but that man's father is my father's son."

**This week's puzzler.** If a clock on a steeple takes ten seconds to strike the hour of ten, how long will it take to strike 12. Think about it, the answer is not 12 seconds.

**Dodie A was amazed that** some puzzlers cannot or will not admit that a rise of £50 every half year is better than a rise of £200 ever year. Let Charlie be an Englishman who is employed at a salary of £5000 a year. He is told that he is due a £200 rise at the end of the year. His pay will then be £5200. At the end of the second year it will be £5400, rising by the same increments to £5600 in the third year and £5800 by the end of the fourth. His mate an Irishman called Paddy was stupid enough to accept a rise of £50 every half year. For the first six months he took home £2500, the same as his English partner., before his rise was due when his pay went up to £2550. He was thus £50 better off than the more clever English bloke; not only that but he was due a rise of £50 for the first six months of his second year meaning that he was now on £2600. For the second part of the second year he received another rise of fifty pounds so he now drew £2650 which meant he was again fifty pounds ahead of his partner. In fact he was always £50 per annum better off and they say that the Irish are thick – I ask you. ("I still dinna get it" - Allan)

**Advert** - Robert McLaren, Painter and Decorator, Keith, Specialist in Ames Taping and Textured ceiling and wall finishes.

**Advert** – Dennis Scott, MSAAT, Architect Technician and Building Consultant, 3 East High Street, Portgordon.

**Advert** - Best Service, best prices, Malcolm Grant, 16 Low Street, Removers, Storers, Auctioneers, Valuers, Complete house clearances.

**The answers to the Marie Johnston quiz** – Armistice, Brandish, Callander, Damages, Euphrates, Fanatic, Galatea, Habits, Insolent, Jealousy, Kittiwakes, Lackadaisical, Magnesia, Nahum, Obstretician, Panama, Quack, Reuters, Shiftlessly, Turkey, Urgent, Veranda, Wallflower, Xenophobia Yestreen, Zebra.

**Buckie Rovers were beaten** by two goals to one by Rosemount (Aberdeen) in the replay of the Dryborough Cup. The match was played at Linksfield Park. Sandy Sammon the Rovers' goalkeeper had to call off unexpectedly and the versatile Keith Sinclair took over between the sticks. One of the Rosemount goals was from the penalty spot.

**Rovers' photograph** - Reading from left to right back row – Jimmy Mitchell, trainer, Dennis Clark, Alan Reid, David Sellar, Johnny Cowie, Sandy Sammon, Ian Taylor, George Cowie, Ronnie Smith. Front from the left – Neil Murray, Keith Sinclair, Billy Cormack, Mike Smith, David Findlay, Sandy Thomson (linesman)

**New man at All Saints** - Rev Stanley Bennie has been appointed Episcopal priest for the parish of Buckie and Portsoy. He came to Buckie from Ullapool where his parish covered a large area, including the Isle of Skye.

Mar 3 **Former proprietor of the 'Advertiser' dies suddenly** . Mr Jack Johnston, former proprietor of the Banffshire Advertiser died suddenly in Spynie Hospital last week. He would have been 78 in June.

On leaving school he started work in John Calder's shop and saw service at Jones Shipyard. He then entered the family business to devote his whole life to the Banffshire Advertiser.

He took over the business on the death of his father in 1939 and retired in 1968 in favour of his son Ian. Sadly Ian died shortly afterwards though his name lives on in the name the Ian Johnston Park. The other son, Billie is an executive with General Motors in Oshawa, Canada.

**Dedication service** - On Sunday 8 March at 11.am a chair will be given in memory of Rev George Duncan will be dedicated at this service.

**Opening announcement** - The Bookshop at 12 Baron Street.

**Vandalism** - Two Buckie school suffered badly at the hands of vandals at the weekend causing £1000 of damage. The schools were Millbank Primary and the annex also Buckie High School.

**Fresh Fruit** - Ramages fresh fruit can be had from Cowie's at 39 East Church Street.

**Another big sale in the Cluny Hotel** - Redram Supplies Ltd, 351 Hollens Road, Oldham Lancs. Prices truly unbeatable – the selection of mainly textile goods is simply phenomenal. Come see them at the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

\*\*\* **Hepworths closing down sale** starts on Monday 2 March with 25% off all stock. – suits, jackets, trousers, raincoats, overcoats, casuals, shirts, ties, socks, belts, casual shirts, jeans, cords, underwear. Yes you can use your club 24 card. Hepworths had been 40 years in Buckie, Norman Mackinnon, manager, said that the break in which occurred a fortnight ago in which clothing to the value of £7,000 was taken had nothing to do with the decision taken by the head office to close down since the loss was covered by insurance.

Over the past two years, however, the slump in local industry has had a major effect on sales so that the decision was taken over a month ago to close the branch. Performance of a branch, he explained, was not judged against a branch of a similar size but on how much had been sold in previous years. The Buckie branch was selling less and less every year so head office had no other option but to close the branch at 17 East Church Street, Buckie.

**Another building society office opened** - The Anglia Building Society opened an office in Buckie at 3 East Church Street. (The former North Church manse - next door to James Mackay's) The manager is Mr Gordon Stephen. He was asked whether it was wise to open in Buckie at a time of depression when there were already building society agents in the town and the Leicester Building Society had only recently opened an office. He explained that the decision to open in Buckie was taken two years ago when the economy had been considerably healthier but added that once the difficult spell, we are going through at present, is over I think there should be a reasonable future in Buckie for both Leicester and ourselves.

**Advert** - Cox - Fish/COFROST, March Road. We now sell fish daily, fresh and frozen

**Advert** - Longmore Taxis - Now radio controlled. Telephone 324xx. Any time any where Also executive wedding hire.

**A full page spread** - Anglia Building Society

**Campbell's 'Do'** A photograph on the front page shows a group of those taken at Campbell's Joiners annual dance in the St Andrews Hotel. (The quality of reproduction could have been better.)

**For sale** - Taxi business for sale Good reason given, phone 320xx

**Community Council agrees to making a cassette** - Jeff Jones suggested to the members of Buckie Community Council that they might consider producing a cassette that could be sold in aid of charity. The suggestion was accepted in principle.

**Dodie A** said that he found it strange that people should still have difficulty with the old chestnut, 'brothers and sisters, I have none, asking who the man was looking at in the photograph. He was looking at a photograph of his son Dodie says it may be made clearer if one takes the statement in two parts - "That man's father - is myself" and then "My father's son - is also myself"

**Dodie A has also given the answer to the clock question** if taking ten seconds to strike ten how long would it take to strike twelve. He agreed that it was not so obvious as would first appear.

The point in (he says) is that the time factor operates immediately the clock strikes its initial 'dong' so that one does not count. The question really boils down to "If a clock takes ten seconds to cover NINE INTERVALS how long will it take to cover 11? The answer is eleven and 1/9<sup>th</sup> second.

Mar 17 **Now no way over Mill of Buckie bridge** - The bridge over the Buckie Burn between the end of Highfield Road and the farm of Mill of Buckie the state of which has given concern for some time has now been completely closed off.

Mr Craib of Wester Gauldwell Farm. Craigellachie on whose land the bridge stands was served with a notice to either repair the structure or render it safe with work to begin within seven days and completed by 6<sup>th</sup> March.

The bridge is now inaccessible to the public by the erection of a 10-foot high corrugated iron barricade on both sides of the structure.

**Opening announcement** - David Smith ARIBA ARIAS Dip Arch (Leicester) Chartered Architect, Bank of Scotland buildings 19 East Church Street.

**Mother's Day lunch at the Cluny Hotel, Sunday 29 March** - 3 course and coffee £2.75 including either a hot meal or cold buffet and sweet table. 12.30 – 2pm. Dinners £4.50. Steak suppers, £4.30 served every day including Sunday. High teas on Saturday and Sunday only between 5 and 6.30pm.

**Advert** - T.R. Bass, Hardware and Garden Centre, 31-33 Seafield Street, Cullen. Duke of York, seed tatties, at £1.40 per stone (6.3kgs ) approximately.

**£1000 fine for Buckie Thistle** - Buckie Thistle were fined £1000 by the SFA for the part their fans played in the crowd misbehaviour at the Qualifying Cup final at Boroughbriggs, Elgin. Inverness Thistle was fined £500.

George Rattray , Aberdeen F.A. representative made an impassioned plea to the SFA that the fine should be halved on account of how hard this would affect the Thistle who were struggling financially but with no success. The vote was 21 – 21 with the chairman Willie Harkness, having the casting vote. The two Highland League club at the meeting Brora Rangers and Inverness Thistle voted for the fine to stand which disappointed the Thistle management.

**The answers to the Burns quiz are** – Armour, Bannocks, Caesar, Daddie, Edina, Fisher, Glen (tam) : see poem 'Halloween, Hoddam, Indies, Joe, Lunardi, Maxwell, Nanie, Onlie, Pree, Quern, Robin, Sowans, Tippeny, Usurper, Valentines, William, Xmas, Yestreen, Zeal.

Clearance sale – Cluny Hotel - Friday 27 March , Leather and Suede, Jewellery and watches.

Mar 24 **Tragedy Strikes Again** - the town of Buckie was stunned by yet another fishing tragedy. The local fishing boat, **Celerity**, BCK 142 is known to have been lost in the Pentland Firth along with all 6 of a crew. It was thought that she may have been caught in a trough before being hit by a lump of water.

Another skipper, Albert Watt, of the Macduff boat, Crystal Sea was in the same area and had been speaking off and on to Skipper Sandy Bruce of the Celerity off and off spoke of losing contact on Wednesday morning not long after 5 am.

Lost along with Skipper Bruce 38 of Binview Cathay Terrace, Cullen were Richard Clark 47, 10 Linn Crescent, Buckie, John Innes 45, South View, Cluny Terrace, Buckie, George Reid 35 , 126 Douglas Crescent, Buckie, Francis Goodall 28, Mackenzie Road, Buckie, William Grant 21, 28A Gordon Street, Portgordon.

They were all married men, Bruce leaves his wife Elizabeth and four children, Innes, wife Veronica and three children including daughter Kyron who is married to Sandy Phimister who was rescued off the trawler **Bounteous**. Francis Goodall leaves wife Jean and two sons. Clark leaves his wife Isobel and three children. George Reid who is Clark's brother –in-law is survived by his wife Mary and two sons. Grant leaves his wife Mary who he married only 6 months ago and who is expecting her first child. A daughter of Richard Clark she lost her husband, father and uncle in the tragedy.

**It had been a horrific 21 months for the Buckie area** - The catalogue of disasters began on June 26 1979 when the 58' **Corinthia**, BCK41, with Skipper Edward Lawson and five of a crew were lost off the Orkney Islands.. On December 13 1979 the nine year old , 64' **Ocean Monarch** sank off the Fair Isle with the loss of seven of a crew. The last words heard from Skipper Taylor were " I'm feart we have caught it this time." In January 1980 three men were lost on the trawler **Bounteous** as she was fishing for mackerel off Penzance.

**New laws for CB radio** - Due to the legislation of CB radio it is proposed to start a club in Buckie. All those interested are welcome to attend a meeting to be held in the Cluny Hotel on Sunday 29 March at 2.30pm.

**Bill Forbes the 'Lightning Barber'** An article is included in this edition on page 5 written about Bill Forbes who at the age of 71 had just returned from a lengthy and strenuous safari that took him through some of the most arduous conditions to be experienced in North Africa. Bill had a barber's shop on Cluny Square for a long time before moving to Baron Street. He retired in 1980. (He was a super-fit man and

thought nothing of walking to and from his home in Fochabers to work in his shop in Buckie.)

**A relic off the fishing boat Celerity** - A battered life buoy marked Celerity was picked up in the Moray Firth and later an inflated, partly -punctured life raft was recovered from the sea three miles north of Peterhead.

**Buckie lawyer dies** - The death took place at Seafield Hospital after a short illness of George 'Doddie' Paterson, veteran Buckie lawyer. He was 81. He lived at Rathven Station for a long time with his brother and sister (both now dead) and was often to be seen chugging up the High Street on his 'moped' on his way home. He worked in his office up until his last illness.

Mar 31 **Another fishing tragedy claims the lives of two** - Two more young fishermen lost their lives on Friday off a Ullapool registered fishing boat off Lochinver. The two men who were lost were Skipper Ian Smith 28 of 2 Blantyre Terrace, Iainstown and David Bruce, 17 Seatown, Buckie, both married men with two young sons. The accident occurred after 1am as the Loch Eresort and sister trawler Ilene was returning to Lochinver after a short fishing trip. Apparently the Loch Eresort struck rocks before overturning and sinking. Kenneth Bruce and Douglas Smith, the other two crewmen were saved after managing to clamber on to the rocks.

**Big congregation pay their respects** - Almost 1000 people gathered at Buckie South and West Church on Friday afternoon for the service in memory of the six man crew of the seiner, **Celerity**, lost in the Pentland Firth in early hours of Wednesday 18 March.

**Come to the dance - the bus is free** - Starting on Saturday 11 April a free bus will run to and from the Garrowood Hotel, Grange starting at Portgordon and going via, the St Andrews Square, Cluny Square, Portessie, Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen.

**Buckie High School public speaking contest** - This was won by Kay Geldart, a fifth year pupil with a speech titled - A Day to Forget, a humorous dissertation on the trials and tribulations of sitting exams was much appreciated by a packed audience in the school lecture hall.

There were 15 contestants.- Morag Middleton, Sharon Smith, James Fowlie and Norma Lawrence all received certificates of distinction while the others received merit certificates.

The judges were - Duncan Jamieson, Ian Duncan, Bill Cook, Bill Jannetta and John Watt. The winner's shield was handed over by Duncan Jamieson, President of Buckie Speakers' Club who organised the contest.

Apr 7 **The poem *Sunset by Tennyson* is found in this edition** -

Sunset and Evening Star  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning at the bar,  
When I put out to sea.

Sunset and Evening Bell!  
And after that ----- the dark;  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark.

But such a tide as dreaming, seems asleep -  
Too full for sigh or foam,  
When the Great Voice from Eternal Deep  
Calls me to Home!

Far, far from out the bourne of time and place  
The tide shall bear me far;

And I shall see my Captain face to face –  
When I have crossed the bar!

**Advert - A New Age of Video** – two whole pages of information and adverts from the various stockists of video machines.

**Buckie Speakers' Club** met in the Cluny Hotel on 19 March. The appointments made for session 1981-82 were - President – John Fowlie, vice president – Stewart Benson, 10 Cross Lane, treasurer, Ian Brown, educational director, Bill Jannetta, social secretary, Alan Lonie.

Major speakers of the evening were – Peter Slater and Ian Duncan, Chairman for the evening was Bill Cecil with Bill Jannetta being Topics Chairman.

**Advert** - R. J. Erskine, Ironmonger, 26 East Church Street, annual stock-taking sale.

**Cordiners Garage, High Street** (later taken over by John Robertson, Moravian) – Main Ford Dealers - The four cars shown in their advert - Fiesta, Capri, Cortina and Granada.

Apr 14 **Plans for the renovation of the Fishermen's Hall drawn up** - Moray District Housing and Technical Services Department have drawn up two detailed plans for the renovation of the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie. The plans will be discussed by the District Council, Buckie Community Council and users of the hall. In addition it was announced that a further £6.500 had been set aside from the Council budget for refurbishment of the building.

There would be no major structural changes.

Plan one visualised the ceiling of the hall being lowered while the existing toilets and changing rooms would be brought up to a higher standard

Plan 2 was much more comprehensive and involved a complete gutting out of the interior of the hall, leaving only the supper room intact. This plan would also involve the upgrading of the kitchen. The plan was very flexible but proposes the removal of the balcony and the stage.

**Another local Girl Guide receives her award** - Norma Lawrence, is seen receiving her Queen's Guide Certificate and badge from Mrs McCorquodale, Commissioner for Moray Girl Guides.

**Notice - Buckie Thistle Boys Club** - Davy Higgins Football Tournament will take place on Sunday 19 April. Qualifying rounds will take place at Merson Park and the Linzee Gordon commencing at 10.30am. The semi-finals and final will be played at Victoria Park commencing at 2.30pm.

**Notice** - The Thorn City Breakers Club will meet in the Cluny Hotel hall on Sunday 19 April.

**Adverts** - Wm. Hay, Joiner and Contractor, Buckie. Jake Coull, Mason, all building work, Portknockie.

Doolin and Clarke, Painters and Decorators, Buckie. A. Innes, Carpets and Upholstery Cleaned, Buckie

I. McAllion, Window Cleaning, Douglas Crescent. Geo. Cowie, Builder, Cooper Street, Buckpool.

James Leslie, Plumber and H.Engineer, Craigbo. Dennis Paterson, Slater/Tiler, Reid Terrace, Portgordon

A. Smith and Son Painter and Decorator, Artexing and Ames Taping, Oglivie Street, Portessie.

James Parkes, Slater and Tiler, Lady Road, Buckpool

**Buckie Thistle hit a bad patch** - Rothes 1 Buckie Thistle 0; Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 0

**Advert** – Score with Thistle taxis – all cars fully comprehensive for five passengers. 2p for every phone call received goes to charity. The total is no standing at £60,00. Phone Buckie 339xx

Apr 21 **Buckie Lifeboat Guild celebrate 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of founding.** A photograph is found on the front page.

**Death of Lollipop man** - Benjamin McKay who for the past three years had been the 'Lollipop Man' for Cluny Primary School children at the Queen Street/West Church Street junction died in hospital at the age of 67. Mr McKay who lived at 31 James Street was a native of Sandend and spent most of his life at sea. His most recent berth was on the fishing boat **Lucerne**. He is survived by his wife two sons and one daughter.

**The Mill Inn at Tynet is to be extended** - The extension will link up the existing buildings and make it into a hotel. The additions include four additional bedrooms, a resident's lounge with a link to the Mill building.

"This can be taken as a gesture of our confidence in the future", said manager, Peter Robertson who added, "we find the demand for accommodation is there and up to us to fill it."

**The Coffee Shoppe, Findochty is now closed** - The business will shortly be for sale but meantime we would like to thank our customers for their support.

**Advert** - Alex McKay, Portknockie, all classes of carpentry and joiner work undertaken.

**Buckie Youth Club, which started four weeks ago,** has had an encouraging response from local youngsters. Attendance at weekly meetings have ranged from 40-60 something that has greatly pleased the organisers. The activities include, hairdressing for the girls, five aside football, indoor hockey and a demonstration of air weaponry handling and shooting given by an expert for the males.

**End of Championship dream for the Jags with two further defeats** - Huntly 2 Buckie Thistle 1 and Thistle 1 Brora Rangers 3.

**I'm ashamed of this part** - A letter to the Advertiser said; "I have visited most of the beauty spots of what we are so proud of in Moray District. I now wonder which spot within the district we should be most ashamed of. Could it be that part of the old LNER who passes through Buckie bordered to the north by Buckie Bowling Club and to the south by the Church of Scotland? James Murray 76 East Church Street. April 21 1981. (There has been talk of tidying this area up and making a walk from North High Street to the site of the former railway station for many years, in January 2003 the project took a step nearer when money was allocated for the work. Don't hold your breath for too long!)

**Garages advertising in the 'Advertiser'** – Archibald Motors (prop. Eddie Malcolm) Barhill Road, Frank Ogg and Son, Aberlour, Huntly Motors, Torry Street, Wakes Garage, Cullen (Sandy Hay), The West End Garage, Arradoul (John Duncan), Cordiners, High Street, Buckie. Moravian Motors, South Pringle Street, Millbank Garage, High Street.

Apr 28 **Get your skates on!** - The artificial ice-rink in the Fishermen's Hall is to open this Friday at 2.30pm. Back in February of this year Moray District Council Recreation Committee agreed to accept the offer from the Scottish Sports Council that if they bought the rink at a cost of £19,500 they would pay 90% of the cost.

The 2000 sq. feet structure will come complete with skates. Mr Bob Cherry, Moray District manager of Recreation is confident that the numbers that will be keen to skate will meet running costs.

Grant Morgan, Chief Assistant in the Recreation Department stressed that setting up the ice rink in the hall would not in any way affect the plans to renovate the building.

**New pavilion at Linzee Gordon Park** - The official opening of the new sports pavilion at Linzee Gordon Park will also take place on Friday. Initially the changing rooms and showers will be used by Welfare League football teams but is hoped that the use of the pavilion will be extended in coming months. Gary Morrison designed the structure.

**Playhouse, Keith.** The film showing this week on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday is 'Breaking Glass' An AA film - its sensational!

**The quality of the reproduction of the photographs in the 'Advertiser' is once again fairly poor.**

**Who is Buckie Thistle's top fan?** A search is about to take place to find out who might be described as

The Thistle 'Fan of the Year'. This idea was put forward by manager Alan White and taken on board by the committee with a trophy being bought.

**Advert** - Wellfield Construction Ltd. Alves and Cullen, Building and Electrical Contractors, Farm Building Consultant. Wellgrove Timber-Frame houses.

**DIY** - A. O. Chalmers, 6 Castle Street, Banff. Forbes Watt and Son, Decorator and House Painters, Glaziers and Paper Hangers. 21-23 High Street, Banff.

**Advert** - David Forsyth and Co. Ltd, Joinery Works, and Elgin. For all type of trades, home extensions, improvements and renovations.

**Versatile Window Company, Deskford, Cullen.** Versatile Glass c/o Versatile Windows.

**The Thistle release the following four players** - Colin Brett, Malcolm Cowie, Willie Macdonald and Ally Christie. It is also likely that Hammy Souter will not be available because of work commitments. It is thought that he will return to the juniors. Malcolm Cowie has been offered a coaching post and is meantime thinking it over.

**The Davy Higgins Tournament** (Buckie Boys Club) - Renfrew won the Davy Higgins Trophy with one of the Renfrew players being judged the best player seen.

**Teams in the Buckie District Welfare League** - Football is once again getting some coverage in the local paper. The Welfare League table is given in this edition after they had played four games. Reading from the top the teams are - Portknockie, Portsoy, Whitehills, Buckpool Victoria, Thistle Athletic, Cullen, St Marnan's and Portgordon.

**Buckie Thistle AGM** - The president, Mr Reaich Green spoke about the state of the playing surface on Victoria Park. They had sought estimates from experts regarding bringing the surface up to standard with the figure of £20,000 being quoted. There was no way that the club could look at such a figure and were looking for a grant from the SFA. In the meantime he said they would have to restrict themselves to very limited attempts to improve the condition of the playing surface.

He went on to say that the committee had had two very cordial meetings with representatives of the Buckie Welfare Society, owners of Victoria Park and re-affirmed that it was the club's aim to gain ownership of Victoria Park from the Society.

**Advert** - James Dean, Plasterer, 22 Viewfield, Keith, wishes to intimate that he will commence in business as from Monday 4 May 1981. Roughcasting, Ceramic Tiling and Cement Work. Estimates free - phone 712x

May 5 **Fishing boat Celerity Inquiry returns a formal verdict.** "Overcome by an exceptional sea" was the opinion of Skipper Watt who was last to speak to Skipper Sandy Bruce.

**Seamen's Memorial committee** at their recent meeting the committee discussed the wording of the plaques and agreed that there should be three categories – Those men who had been lost at sea and never accounted for would be described as lost.

Those whose bodies had been found would be described as drowned and those who subsequently died as a result of an accident at sea would be described as killed by accident. The final wording, however, would be up to the family of the lost man.

It was felt that the skipper of a boat should have this beside his name but again this would be up to the family.

**Notice** - The Harbour Bite at Findochty will now be open 6 days a week from 11am till 1pm. It will be closed all day on Monday. Over 100 choices, grills, entrees, specials. Remember the price is right at the Harbour Bite.

**Aberdeen F.C. 5 Buckie Thistle 1 (F)**

**Dons** - Leighton, Kennedy , Angus (Harrow), Watson (Jarvie), Garner, Miller, Simpson, Rougvie, McGhee, Harper and Scranton.

**Buckie** – Wood, Scott, Brett, Wilson, Forbes , L. Duncan, Hunter, Souter (Cowie), Nicol, C. Duncan, Kennedy (Thain),

This was the first time that the 'Advertiser' had given the teams for a long time, what a difference it makes to a report.

**Ice Rink in the Fishermen's Hall in action** - a photograph in this edition shows youngsters having fun on it.

May 12 **New minister** - The new minister of the linked charges of Enzie and Rathven is Rev. Osbeck. His last appointment was as assistant at Dyce Parish Church.

He was born and brought up in Riddrie, a suburb of Glasgow and went into nursing on leaving school, training to be a Registered Nurse at Stobhill Hospital, later a staff nurse. In 1973 he left the nursing and began a five-year course in Divinity at Glasgow University. He moved to Dyce in 1978 to serve his probationary period.

Together with his wife and two-year-old daughter they have moved into 70 West Church Street.

**A picture, on the front page of the 'Advertiser'** taken at the induction shows a large in Enzie South Church. The building ceased to be a church in 1994 and lay empty for a number of years until it was converted into a crematorium in 2000. Apart from the pulpit being removed very little alterations took place to the interior which still looks as it always did.

**We are always open** - Archibald Motors is open daily from 8am till 9pm.

**Advert** - Robert Hendry (Dennis Mitchell & Partner) 191 Mid Street, Keith. All kinds of furniture come and compare our prices.

**Wanted** – Driver Mechanic or Drive Filleter, SFF Fishmerchant, The Harbour, Findochty.

**Advert** - James H. Smith, Builder, and 3 Park Grove.

**Advert** – Moray District Tapers – Specialists in Ames Plasterboard Taping, Painting and Decorating and ceramic tiling. G. A. Thow, Buckie Phone 318xx and W. G. Russell, Elgin 758xx

**The Buckie cassette** - The scheme involving the production of a tape about Buckie took another step forward last night when recording of some of the pieces took place in the North Church .

The venture whereby a cassette made up of sound pictures contributed by local people linked by music from local artistes is to be sold to raise money for local charities is the brainchild of local record producer Jeff Jones.

Buckie Community Council have given their backing to the project and last night Mr Jones began recording some of the contributions: Education by Mr George McKenzie ,

Rector of Buckie High School; Fishing by retired skipper, Mr James Murray; local characters by businessman, Mr Charles Shearer; musical pieces by James Alexander, Jean Redford and by the musical group, Unity.

The tape will also include an original song from the group Good 'N Country dedicated to Buckie Thistle.

'T' shirts with a boat motif taken from the town's coat of arms have been produced and these will be marketed along with the tape.

**Shop for sale at 30 West Church Street** – formerly the gas showroom and at one time Munro's Draper's shop. It was taken over by R. S. Cruickshank, Electricians, Radio and TV Engineers.

**Cash and Carry Sale** - Carpets, Stretch covers and bedding in the Cluny Hotel on Friday 15 May.

**Co-op Discount Centre** – Electrical, Hardware, Furniture and Drapery, East Church Street.

**Travelling shop to be withdrawn** - A. G. Stewart & Co are to withdraw their travelling shop as from Saturday 16 May and wish to thank their customers for their custom over the past 20 years and also vanman, Robbie Innes who has served them during the last nine years. We offer free delivery from our shops – Billy Booth 29 West Church Street and Charles Sutherland, 1 Seaview Road, Findochty, which is now open.

May 19 **Change of use** - Grampian Regional Council has granted the Seamen's Memorial Committee the use of the room above the harbour office as a memorial room. This means that they can now proceed with the drawing up of a list of names for the plaques and planning the decoration.

**Pupil discovers a new dye** - Graham Farquhar, a 6<sup>th</sup> year pupil at Buckie High School has discovered a new dye. A fairly lengthy account is to be found in this issue.

**Advert - Reading material** – W. F. Johnston – 13-15 West Church Street. Popular, Current, Ordinary People- Judith Guest, Princess Daley- Judith Krantz. Man, Woman and Child – Erich Segal. The Postman Always Rings Twice – James M. Cain. Scots, Historical, Macbeth the King, Margaret the Queen, Montrose the General – all by Nigel Tranter.

Special – Debrett Book of the Royal Wedding plus a large selection of hardbacks and paper backs on cooking, freezing, hobbies, westerns, science fiction, romance, thrillers, also a large range of children's/teenagers books, fun pads, puzzles etc.

**More 'T' shirts** - Buckie Community Council are to order a further 110 'T' shirts with the Buckie 81 motif. The first 25 were snapped up. It is possible that more could be sold but the council are limited by the funds that are available.

More material for the tape was recorded last week, this included items on distilling and light industry. Pieces on boat building, sport and several musical items have still to be recorded.

**Drainage work at the Victoria Park** A photograph in this edition shows a digger belonging to Danny Docherty busy at work at Victoria Park putting a leader drain into the main drain which runs along the edge of the playing area parallel to the grandstand.

**Outside traders still calling** - Two outside traders are to hold sales in the Cluny Hotel. One on Friday 22 May and the other on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first one will have for sale – Radios etc. as well as clothing of all types for men, women and children. On the Saturday, Rugs, curtains and household goods will be on display.

**Advert** - Billy Scott, Portknockie, School of Motoring. D.O.T.A.D.I.

**New doctor to take up post at Cullen** - The new GP at Cullen from next month will be Dr Derek Morrison from Portree, Isle of Skye. He is taking over from Dr Alexander Thomson who has been GP at Cullen for 33 years. Dr Morrison's wife, Susan, a native of Aberdeenshire is also a doctor. The couple have three children.

**Want something copied?** Photocopying Service available on a private and business basis. Douglas Properties, 12 Cluny Square.

May 26 **Hullo there ! Come skating on synthetic ice** at the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie. Wednesday , Thursday and Friday throughout May, June , July and August from 4pm to 8pm. From 4pm to 4.50pm every day for Primary School children only. From 7pm to 8pm Thursday adults only. Cost 50p per session including hire of skates. Private sessions bookable outside these hours. Contact Elgin 4512x

**Tupperware Party** (They used to be very popular but they stopped holding them in January 2003) The Portknockie OAP Association are to hold a Tupperware Party in the Seafield hall on Friday 29 May at 7.00pm. Price 30p

**Thorn City Breaker Club (C.B)** A meeting will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Sunday 31 May at 2pm. Film Show at 7.30pm 'Love At First Bite' (Comedy) Adults £1.20, children 60p. All welcome.

**Advert** - Popeyes Restaurant wish to announce the start of our mid week summer entertainment. On Wednesday 2 June 8pm till midnight music by Eric Fargalo on the Hammond organ. Special dinner menu for £5.00. Enquiries to Chef/manager, Archie Cameron.

**Zetta St Clair wrote this a poem in found on page 5** - 'On the Year of the Disabled'

**Round Table at the top of the Bin** - A picture on page five shows members of the Buckie and District Round Table taking a seat and a shelter at the cairn on the top of the Bin Hill. The cairn unfortunately bit the dust in 2001 to allow Buckie Rotary Club to place a small block and viewfinder in its place. People who make regular climbs to the top and welcomed the shelter given by the cairn were quite annoyed. I was one of them and made my feelings know via a letter in the 'Advertiser'.

**Buckie Rovers need a new coach** - Ian Cole ended his association with the club after five years during which he has rebuilt the side into an outfit with a great deal of potential. The Rovers' secretary, Mrs Margaret Maybury announcing at the weekend that Mr Cole had tendered his resignation said the committee would like to express their gratitude for all the hard work he had put in both on and off the field and were now looking for a new boss.

June 2 **the St Peter's spires** - Renovation work on the twin spires at St Peter's Church are to go ahead. The estimated cost to be in the region of £36.000

**Playhouse, Keith** - the film showing this week is Jack Nicholson in 'The Postman Always Rings Twice'. This is an 'X' film

**A winner in the Bursary Comp.** 17 year old former Buckie High School pupil, Wm. Garden, 11 Reidhaven Street, Iainstown, came 8<sup>th</sup> in the Aberdeen Bursary Competition. He will receive £186 to help him through a four-year course.

**Outside traders still calling** - On 5 June A. Mellish, Whitefield will conduct a sale of clothes, footwear and ladies outer and underwear in the Cluny Hotel.

**Player of the Year** - The Buckie Thistle football player chosen as the Advertiser 'Player of the Year' is Remy Hunter. 'Fan of the Year' in Mrs Violet Reid while the club programmes 'Player of the Year' is Alan Scott.

**And another outsider** - On Saturday 6 June a big sale of all kind of things ranging from household goods, bedding, costume jewellery, clocks, watches, gold coins bought and sold, silver pre 1947 and scrap gold, medals, and watches.

June 9 **The most expensive plan adopted** - Moray District Council agreed that the more expensive of the two schemes for the renovation of the Fishermen's Hall would be implemented. Part of this scheme will see the removal of the balcony. (They tell me it was a super snogging place.) A photograph in this edition shows the hall with the balcony in place.

The £200,000 scheme involves demolishing the stage (this didn't happen) and balcony and creating a multi-purpose hall with tiered seating (This didn't happen) and a portable stage.

Councillor Frank Anderson had supported the dearer of the two schemes all along while Councillor Jack Cole felt that refurbishment rather renovation would be better and cheaper. He also felt that the high cost of renovations would be reflected in higher charges for users.

**Lost overboard** - A 29 year old fisherman, Stephen Lorimer, was lost overboard from the seine net fishing boat Loreley. The incident occurred early in the morning in extremely foggy conditions. He was mate and part owner of the Loreley. He is survived by his wife Arlene and two small sons, Andrew (8) and Aaron (2)

**RNLI DISCO** - will take place in the St Andrews Hall on Wednesday 10 June with music by 2001. Age 12 to 17 only from 7.30 till 10.30pm. During the evening the first two heats will take place to choose our Gala Queen. The second heat will take place on 17 June with the final on 24 June. " See you there"

**Still they come** - Redrams, Supplies, Ltd Oldham are to hold a 'Major Sale' in the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 20 June. Their advert took up a whole page so I guess both the hotel and also the 'Advertiser' made money.

**Advert** - Bremner and Stewart, Joiners. For all joiner work, alterations, renovations. Telephone 314xx. Previously it was Bremner and Walls

**Notice** - John and Betty Morrison wish to thank most sincerely all customers, who have patronised us for many years in business. We would also like to thank our valued wholesalers for caring for our needs so ably and pleasantly. On our retirement we have been touched by the many cards we have received. We have sold our shops at 46 West Church Street and 1 Pringle Street to Mr and Mrs R. Skerving who has just completed 20 years in the RAF and offer our best wishes for their happiness and success.

June 16 **Come to the circus** - Pinders Circus and Zoo will be in Merson Park on Friday and Saturday 19 and 20 June.

**Memorial Service** - A Memorial Service will take place in the North Church Buckie for Steven A. Lorimer on Sunday 21 June at 3.00pm.

**Snowstorms play havoc with Region's Road's Budget** - Although it had no bee a particularly bad winter the cost of keeping the roads in the Region clear of snow and ice came to £2,400,000. More than 32,000 tons of salt were used and 55,000 tons of sand. The average cost per mile of gritting class 1 roads in Moray was £476 while snow clearing per mile was £463.

**Where was Lady Onlie's ale house?** The Gangrel seems to think that it was near to the end of Land Street.

**Buckie Welfare League** - Portknockie are still top after seven games have been played with 14 points. Portgordon were in mid table with Cullen at the foot.

**The Buckie Maltings** - The new £6,500,000 malting plant built at Buckie by Robert Hutchinson and Co. Ltd recently opened its doors to business people and journalists. The plant is managed by George Hook and under manager, Bob Cameron. The fact that there is only nine of a staff has been made possible by the introduction of the most advanced micro processors, which control the whole process down to automatically telephoning duty staff at night if anything goes wrong.

**Ambulance men down tools!** The six ambulance men at the Scottish Ambulance Service Buckie depot took part in Friday's surprise strike by the North East ambulance men in support of a 15% pay claim which gave Grampian Police just 4 minutes to arrange cover.

June 23 **Community Council claims lack of consultation** - A big row has taken place in Buckie regarding the structural changes that are to take place to the interior of the Fishermen's Hall. The community council complains of lack of consultation and is to write to Moray District Council about this. Rev Coutts, secretary, said how the decision was taken without consultation as he had predicted a month before.

**Priest now a Canon** - Father David Keith, parish priest at St Peter's RC Church has been installed as a canon.

**High School teacher dies on school trip abroad** - Assistant Rector at Buckie High School, Mr Bob McGowan, 66 East Church Street, died suddenly on Sunday afternoon while on a school trip to Knonach in West Germany. It has been reported that he suffered a massive heart attack.

Mr McGowan was one of four members of staff from Buckie High School who were accompanying a 30 strong party of pupils who are engaged on an exchange visit. He had been a teacher at Buckie High since 1964 and before being promoted to Assistant Rector was PT of P.E.

He was a keen golfer and last year was appointed captain of Buckpool Golf Club. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

**The Buckie cassette** - 100 copies of the Buckie cassette are to be produced at a cost of £4 a time. They will be ready in about a month's time.

**Butcher's business changes hands** - C. & M. Stewart, Butchers, 10 West Church Street has been sold to Kenny Stewart. The same name but no relation.

**Anglia Building Society** - A photograph in this edition was taken at the opening of their new branch in Buckie at 3 East Church Street, the former North Church manse. The Buckie branch is the firm's tenth in Scotland.

**Garage site for sale** - The site on Barhill Road on which John West had his garage, later taken over by Christie Morrison is up for sale by Moray District Council. It was originally bought by Bill Geddes, Joiner, but around 2000 a large bungalow was built on the site.

**Farmer to sell a piece of ground** - E. A. Boyd, Hillocks Farm, has  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre of land to sell at Parkhill, Clochan, for building a house. He also has a house at 30 Yardie for sale.

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**Saturday will be a big day in Portgordon** - Portgordon Recreation Park Committee is to open the new Bowling Green and pavilion on Station Road this Saturday. The Bowling Green was constructed with the help of a grant of £5,000 from the Scottish Sports Council, while Moray District Council also gave a grant of £2175. The Scottish Sports Council also gave a chalet-type building to be converted into a pavilion for the Bowling Green.

**New chairman of the FMA** - Skipper Alan Cowie of the fishing boat Gem, 11 Steinbeck Road, was elected chairman of the FMA. John S. Smith, 8 Craigbo Terrace

skipper of the Julia Ann is vice chairman. He has been with the FMA since 1974 while Cowie joined two years later.

**I dinna like it** - The construction of a poorly designed ship's wheelhouse in the Buckie Maritime Museum was criticised by Buckie Regional Councillor, Alex J. Murray. He said that it bears no relation to the real thing and its size will reduce the space considerably for displaying the many exhibits that have been collected.

**Advert** - George W. T. Henderson, General Builder, 29 St Paul Street.

June 30 **Come skating on synthetic ice** - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4pm till 8pm. 50p for adults, and 30 pence for children, both charges including skate hire.

**Portgordon Bowling Green** A picture on page 7 shows President Eileen Scott throwing the first jack.

**Welfare League** - With 10 games now having been played Portknockie are still leading the field but have been beaten twice. Cullen have moved up one hackey and are now second bottom with Whitehills the strongest side, holding the rest up.

**Commercial Hotel under new management** - George Adams and his wife Maxine are the new management team at the Commercial Hotel. They are both natives of Aberdeen but have been working in England for the past 22 years and have been in the bar trade for 6 years.  
The Commercial Hotel is owned by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries.

**Minister of Baptist Church to retire** - Rev Alexander Barr has announced his retiral from his charge. He came to Buckie in 1948 and before entering the ministry was a maintenance engineer in Wishaw. (In the year 2003 Rev Barr could be still seen around Buckie and taking the occasional funeral service, most times in Billy Mair's premises on Newlands Lane.

July 7 **The first shipment of malt** from the new maltings at Buckie, 460 tons, will be loaded on to a coaster at Buckie to be taken to Rotterdam. At this point it will be transhipped on to a barge that will then take it to a Strasbourg brewing firm. Next month another 2000 tons will be exported to France, Norway and Belgium from the Buckie plant owned by the Fife firm of Robert Hutchinson.

**The Dux of Buckie High School is Alison Smith**, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Smith, Barhiil Road, Buckpool.

**A mystery** - At the inquiry at Dornoch Sheriff Court on Tuesday last into the sinking of the fishing boat Loch Erisort off the west coast of Scotland in March, Sheriff Ewen Stewart concluded that the incident would remain a mystery.

**Another incomer sale** - A Montrose firm is to hold a Cash and Carry public sale of Carpets and Bedding in the Cluny Hotel on Friday 10 July.

**Two adverts in this edition were for radio cassettes** - Buckie Community Council + JAI Records present Buckie 1981 at £3.99 each also 'T' shirts with Buckie motif - Adults £3.50 and children £3.00

The second spoke of a **RNLI cassette recording**, which is to be released in September. Like that of the community council tape this one also includes musical numbers by Isla St Clair, the group Unity and local schoolchildren in addition to many other of fishing lore and poetry. The tape to cost £2.75.

**Buckie businessman dies** - The Well-known Buckie businessman. Ian Munro (59) died suddenly at his home at 40 West Church Street last Thursday as a result of a heart attack.

A partner with his cousin, James Mackay in the drapery business of Mackay's of Buckie, Mr Munro spent his life working in the business apart from a break for war-service with the RAF.

A Past Master of Lodge Gordons 589 (Freemasons) he was also an elder of the South and West Church. He is survived by his wife Janella and two daughters, Anna and Joy.

**A poem is found on page 7.** This is entitled 'A Sprig o' Heather' and reads -

'Tis just a sprig o' heather,  
 Frae fowk ayont the seas,  
 An yet it jines the gither  
 Oor thochts an' memories!  
 Aul Scotia's bens an' glens appear  
 Afore oor raptured gaze,  
 Her wimplin' burnies fresh and clear  
 Her bonnie an' braes.  
 'Tis just a sprig o' heather,  
 Bit naethin daes as much,  
 Tae bring us close the gither  
 An keep oor herts in touch.

Wallace G. Kerr. 188 Withrow Avenue Toronto, Canada.

**Business changes hands** - 'I Mrs Janet Morrison. 1 Station Road, Portgordon have sold the business to Mr and Mrs D. E. Runcie who will continue in the same way. . Grateful thanks are extended to all customers during the 34 years my late husband and I had the business and the kindness and help shown since he died. Thanks also to all who contributed to the beautiful crystal on my retirement, the many other gifts and cards received all of which were greatly appreciated. Mrs Isobel Reid would also like to thank all that contributed to her unexpected lovely gifts.'

**Buckie man lost at sea** - Leslie Thain of 30 Yuill Avenue was lost overboard from the Peterhead fishing boat Rosebloom while fishing 40 miles off Norway on Saturday. He had been relieving another crewman for a week.

A divorced man he lived with his parents. He has two daughters, Paula, 11, and Lesley Ann who is 9.

**Killed on the road** - Two young Buckie men , John Lyon, 26, 166 Milton Drive and Ernie Murdoch, 22, 60 St Peter's Road, Buckpool, died in a two car crash on Saturday evening at 9.15pm. The accident occurred on the Cullen to Fochabers road near to the Arradoul Garage. There is reason to believe that their car hit a deep pool of water. The middle-aged couple in the other car , from Rosehearty, were both removed to Dr Gray'' Hospital in Elgin.

The two en were close friends and workmates with Versatile Windows of Deskford.

Murdoch's girl friend, Margaret Lobban of 19 Well Road and Lyon's wife Marcia are sisters.

Mr Murdoch ran a disco - 2001 Roadshow with a friend Wm. Smith, Portessie. They played at discos throughout the north east. Mr Lyon, was the eldest son of Mr Wm. Lyon, The Bow, Buckpool while Mrs Murdoch was the eldest son of Mrs Anna Grant and stepson of John G. Grant, 60 St Peter's Road.

**From the Buckie Common Good Fund** - St Peter's Church was given the sum of £3,000 from the Buckie Common Good Fund towards the cost of repairing the twin spires which it has been estimated will cost £36,000. With only eight months having gone past since a start was made to collect money to pay for the work the sum of £8,000 has already been gathered. Father David Keith described this as hardly believable but then one had not counted on the generosity of the people of Buckie.

**Buckie Common Good Fund presently stands at £39.500**

**Advert** - Hair Design 3 Bank Street.

**Opening Shortly** - Buckie Gas Centre at Peter Reid, Plumbers, 23-27 High Street.

**Now a Queen's Guide** - A photograph shows Isabel Clark, 9 Yuill Avenue accepting her award from Mrs D. McCorquodale Commissioner for Moray Girl Guides. Also in the picture on page five is Miss Pat Legge, Assistant Guider who is to be married shortly and is leaving the company after 6 years and Mrs Margaret Bruce, Guider.

**Buckie High School report for 1980/81.** Found on page 9 this was written by Mr George McKenzie, Rector of the school. The school roll at the start of the session was 1042, a slight reduction on the 1979-1980 figure. The S1 intake next session will be 240, about 20 more than the intake in the last few sessions.

July 21 **Promotion** - Two Assistant Principal Teachers of Guidance at Buckie High School have been promoted to Principal Teacher of the subject - Helen P. Slater and John Cole. They will take up their posts in the new term.

**New manager** - The new manager of Jones Shipyard is former White Fish Authority Surveyor, 44 year old John Richardson of Auchindoun, The Square, Fochabers.

**Advert** - Get you taxis for Peter Fair - Thistle and Longmore - cab rank at the top of the March Road.

**New President** - The new president of Buckie Rotary Club is John McLean, who takes over from James Findlay.

**First with an Autobank** - Last week Buckie became the first town in the immediate area to have the facility of a 24 hour Autobank.

**RNLI Gala Queen** - Heather Niven was chosen as this year's RNLI Gala Queen. Her attendants are Elaine Morrison and Lesley Robson. Photograph appears on page 9. The Gal Day was a big success and it is reckoned that in excess of £4000 would be sent to the RNLI Headquarters.

July 28 **Peter Fair** - Robert Morgan, a student at Glasgow University and son of Robert Morgan an outstanding golfer of days gone by on local courses wrote a report on the age old Fair. This had prominence on the front page. Thursday, which is, now included, as part of the Fair was wet all day with low lying cloud but the traditional day, Friday, was a lot better.  
A number of photographs of the Fair were taken one on page one and a few more on page 7.

**Rovers have appointed a new player/manager.** He is John 'Johnny' Cowie a Teacher of Technical Subjects at Buckie High School, former Highland League player with Buckie Thistle, Inverness Thistle, Keith and Lossiemouth. He has already signed Spencer Lyon, another former Highland League player with Buckie, Keith and Lossiemouth. The Rovers are on the look out for sponsors. A new committee has been set up but additional members are being sought. Anyone who is interested is asked to apply to John Cowie.

**Teacher puts the chalk away** - Miss Ann MacWilliam who for the past 28 years has taught at St Peter's R.C. School retired at the end of the term.

**Overheard at Peter Fair** - "The fortune teller wifie told me that my husband was a man of rare gifts, an that's richt enough. He stands me an ice cream slider every Peter Fair.

**Friendly football game** - Forfar Athletic 1 Buckie Thistle 0. Stewart Kennedy, former Glasgow Rangers and Scotland goalkeeper was in goal for the 'Loons' and was their top man. Best for Buckie were George Thain, goalkeeper, Doug Ellis, full back a new signing from Fraserburgh United.

The Thistle team was – G. Thain, Scott, Ellis, Wilson, Forbes, Robertson, Hunter, L. Duncan, Nicol, C. Duncan, Thomson, Subs, A. Thain, Kennedy.

**He hang up his apron and knife** - Charles Stewart retired after 51 years in the butcher trade. His shop at 10 West Church Street, formerly occupied by Gibson Chemist and later by Fowlers as a tea room has been taken over by Kenneth Stewart, 28 Station Road, Findochty.

Charlie began his working life in his father's butcher's shop at 4 High Street, between the entrance to the Cluny Hotel and Pozzi Newsagent, in 1930 and apart from 6 years army service has worked as a butcher ever since. In 1970 he took over from his father and moved to 10 West Church Street in 1973. His home is at 64 West Church Street and he intends to spend his retirement in Buckie with his wife Mary.

Kenny Stewart worked with Charlie Stewart for 8 years.

**A whole page of Cullen shops and businesses** – The Harbour Fish Restaurant and Chip Shop, Seatown; Cullen Dairy Ices, 40 Seafield Street; Grant Arms Hotel; Gina McDonald, 28 Grant Street, Dolly Fashion Outfits, towels and sheets. J.K. Stewart, TV Rentals, Electrical Contractor; Ann and Mark Wintrip, The Coffee Cabin, 8-10 The Square. Douglas Allan, Industrial doors, 28 Seafield Street. Cooks of Cullen, 140-18 The Square, Diploma Ice Cream. Bayview Hotel and Restaurant, 57 Seafield Street. Alex Mair, 8-10 Seafield Street, T. R. Bass, Hardware and Garden Centre, 31-33 Seafield Street. L. A. 28 Seafield Street. Lilian Allan, Wool, artwork, macrame, tapestry.

### **Cullen Gala 1 August to 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Notice** – The Cullen Filling Station has been re-opened – Sandy Hay Wakes Garage, Cullen

**Portknockie Gala Queen** - Valery Shepherd, 19 Geddes Avenue, Portknockie was chosen as the Portknockie Gala Queen. The Gala was most successful with £400 being raised for the Amenities Association.

Aug 4 **Former Dux wins prestigious award** - Colin Shearer former Dux of Buckie High School has won the prestigious Amoco Award scheme for young scientists in the north of Scotland. He is a son of Mr and Mrs Charles Shearer, Hermisgarth, Well Road, Buckie. He won the award for his chemistry project on 'Complexes of Cobalt (iii)'. The award carries with it an all expenses paid trip to the USA and a camera. The school also gains as Amoco will donate audio visual equipment so that all pupils may benefit from Colin's success.

Aug 11 **Rowan Fair** - Don't miss Rowan Fair this weekend – August 15 and 16 at Mill of Newmill Farm, Newmill, near Keith. Theatre Groups, Clowns, jugglers, fire eater, acrobats, all day bars, marquee dances on both nights, Rock and Roll on Saturday with Folk Music on Sunday. Pipe Band, Brass Band, Tug of war professional wrestling.

**First game** - Buckie Thistle 4 Huntly 1 (League Cup) Buckie lost keeper George Thain who was injured before half-time Thomson went into goal.

**Advert** - Sandy Marshall, Joiner, Portknockie.

**Advert** - General Drapery Store 51-53 West Church Street (John Morrison) Back to school wear ( A notice some time before said that he and his wife had retired - strange. ) (He and his wife died within weeks of one another in December 2002/January 2003.)

**Advert** - McCormacks of Elgin, Gigantic Sale of china, housewares, garden tools, toys and games. 2-10 High Street.

**Benefit match** - The match between Buckie Thistle and Elgin City on Saturday to be treated as a Benefit Match for Malcolm Cowie, the former Thistle full back who was

released at the end of last season. He is now coach with Nairn County. He had three different spells with Buckie.

He joined B.T. from the school in 1966 and was with the Thistle for two years. During this time he went for trials with Southampton for whom he signed but due to certain difficulties the deal fell through. He moved from Buckie to Peterhead in 1968 with whom he won an Aberdeen Cup medal and a R/Up League Cup medal.

While at Jordanhill College in Glasgow he trained at Ibrox, He signed for Inverness Caley and won a Qualifying Cup and League Cup medals in 1971.

He won two Scottish International 'Caps' at Amateur level before moving back to Buckie in 1972. He went to Keith along with his brother Willie in 1973 where he won Highland League Cup and Aberdeenshire Cup medals with the 'Maroons' as captain. In 1974 he moved back to Buckie for the third time where he remained until given his release. With Buckie during his last spell he won a Highland League Cup medal in season 1979/80 and an Aberdeenshire Cup R/Up medal during last season.

Aug 18 **Taken over** - The local building firm of Wm. Douglas and Sons was taken over last week by the Edinburgh firm Anchor Construction Ltd. The new firm will be called Anchor (Northern) Ltd but will continue to trade under the Douglas name.

"The take over of Douglas Builders by Anchor Construction is seen as a very positive development for the business and indeed for Buckie itself", said one of the directors. (With hindsight one has to ask whether it was - the firm was again taken over before it went broke in 2002 and all assets sold off.)

**Notice** - St Valery Cup Final between Whitehills and Thistle Athletic will take place in the Victoria Park on Friday 21 August at 7.30 p.m.

**Three garages for sale** - Douglas Properties were advertising three garages for sale on Main Street. They were all built with cement blocks with concrete floors and asbestos roofs.

**Sheltered Housing for elderly folk** - The first sheltered housing project for pensioners in Buckie at Newlands Lane is making excellent progress and should be completed by the target date of May 1982.

The building will consist of 12 one person dwellings, 12 two person dwellings and one four apartment to be used as the warden's lodge.

**A fair crowd at Benefit Match** - A crowd of between 400 and 450 was present at the match between Buckie thistle and Elgin City, the benefit match for Malcolm Cowie. He had a note written in the local paper thanking both the committee of Buckie Thistle and also the supporters. The game ended in a two all draw. Joe Wood was in goal for Buckie as George Thain was still on the injured list.

**Buckie Rovers won their first game of the season** when they beat Deveronside by three goals to nil. Keith Sinclair, Neil Murray and Alan Reid had the goals.

**Move for the fish man** - Me Eddie Mair who has been a fish salesman for the past 14 years is to move from his present premises at 7 Low Street into brand new premises at the former railway station site off Commercial Road.

**Doctor retired** - Dr J. F. Cameron retired this week after 33 years in practice in Buckie. He is to move to Dalgety Bay, Fife. He is to take on a new part-time job with the Royal British Legion in Edinburgh.

**It's not correct** - there is no truth in the story that a chap from Cork bought a black and white dog since he thought, like the TV, that the license was cheaper.

**Green Fingers** - Bert Dawson, Land Street, Buckie won the Baldwin Bowl for most points at Deskford Flower Show, Gladys Smith, Hunters, Drybridge, took the Baldwin Rosebowl. She won most points as a lady exhibitor.

Sept 1 **The Banffshire Advertiser went up from 10p to 12 p this week**

**Thorn Lighting** - Many of the workers at the Thorn Lighting factory are on a three-day week with others on four. This is directly as a result of a dramatic downturn in trade because of the worldwide depression. The shorter week had meant that more redundancies have been avoided.

**Advert** - Wallace Avenue Stores – Tatties 6p per lb, ½ bag £2.75. Charger lager, 34p.

**Seafield Hotel, Keith** , new owners – Gerald and Alison Findlay.

\*\*\*\* **Portgordon F.C. open new ground** - Five years of hard work by the committee of Portgordon United F.C. was rewarded on Saturday when the club opened their new ground, Gordon Park , opposite Reid Terrace on the right hand side of the Enzie road on the outskirts of the village.

The president Lachie Stewart, retired Police Inspector explained how the club had raised £4,500 of the cash required and had received grants of £5,780 from the Scottish Sports Council and £4,000 from Moray District Council.

**Future of Buckie Community Council uncertain** - Chairman of Buckie Community Council, Mr Alex Wilson is extremely concerned about the possibility that a number of the members of the community council may not stand again when their term of office expires at the end of October.

**Thistle Athletic won the St Valery Trophy** when they beat Whitehills by five goals to one. Kevin Stewart son of ex Thistle and Dundee player George `Rough ` Stewart had four of the five.

Sept 8 **Repair work begins** - Work has begun on the repair work to the two spires at St Peter's Church that will be rebuilt at a cost of £36.000. A grant of £3.000 was received from Moray District Council bringing the total to date to £8.000. The work on the steeples will take from between two and three months.

**Buckie Rovers go down** - The Rovers were beaten by the only goal of the game by Forres Thistle. The Rovers' team was given for the first time for a long time. It was – Roy, Sellar, Scott, Smith, Cowie, Lyon, Reid, Murray, Sinclair, Henderson and Cormack.

**Death of Buckie publican** - Alex James Gauld, 1 Duguid Street, died suddenly on Tuesday night as a result of a heart attack. He was 73. Sandy, as he was known , belonged to Damhead Farm, Portsoy and was a bus driver in Huntly before coming to Buckie in 1934. In 1946 he bought the Harbour Bar, Main Street which he ran until he retired in 1973. He was a keen gardener and an active member of Buckie Bowling Club. He is survived by two sons, Ian and Douglas and daughter, Marian. His wife Mary Helen died in July last year.

**Clearance sale** - Large reduction on all goods in stock. Dennis Murray, 1 Cluny Terrace.

**Advert** - Caithness Glass – Sam Cowie, 27 East Church Street.

**Taxi firms** – Longmore, Innes, Thistle and M& B, Buckie and Cullen.

Sept 15 **End of an era** - A photograph shows the Thomson slipway in the west basin being broken up (This shipyard was carried on by the Norwegians during WWII)

**Big job for Buckie firm** - Buckie electrical firm, Thain and Davidson announced at the weekend that they had been awarded a major contract by oil giants, the British National Oil corporation. The job involves the complete installation of electrical equipment at their Invergordon base for their operations in the Beatrice field that starts in a month's time.

**Notice is hereby given** that as there were only **seven nominations for the 12 vacancies** on Buckie Community Council all seven has been appointed as follows:-  
 Fred Coutts – 14 St Peter’s Road, Derek Arthur Horrobin, 3 Cross Lane Mrs Elsie Grant Jamieson, 47 East Church Street, Charles Mackay, West field, Duguid Street, Miss Helen Mary Rattray, 87 High Street, Alexander Stewart, 33 Wilson’s Land, Alexander Milne Wilson, Burnside House, 3 Queen Street.

**Mini-market opened** - Cameron P. Hendry has opened a mini market/chip shop next to his Spar Grocery shop on Milton Drive.

**A big sale will take place** in the Cluny Hotel on 17 September of Nottingham lace, quilts, shoes, socks etc. by A. De la Haye, Yorkshire.

**Buckie Singles Club** - will meet in the St Andrew’s Hotel on Tuesday 15 September – Dancing – Members 80p non-members - £1.20 Strictly over 25. Single, divorced, widowed, and separated

**The Fry Inn – 19 West Church Street** Chip shops come  
 And chip shops go  
 But we are here to stay  
 Established in 1905  
 Why try the rest  
 When you know  
 We are the best  
 Fresh fish the Fry Inn way Monday to Friday 12-1.30 7 days 4.30 to 11.30pm.

**Advert** – Jon’s Place – 29 Yuill Avenue All kinds of Take Away meals

**Plumbing problems? Heating problems?** Contact Allan G.S. Henderson, Fochabers, 820xxx

**Buckie Community Council** - One of the council members who decided not to stand again, Mr John Legge gave his reasons. “I accepted co-option last year because I had hoped to see better understanding between the District and community council but this hadn’t happened and consequently I did not put my name forward for re-election. I have become disheartened as I do not think that we’ve really achieved anything I don’t believe that it is the fault of this council what is lacking is co-operation between the district and the community council”

Sept 22 **New robes** - A large turnout of members of the congregation children of St Peter’s School and clergy were present in the St Andrew’s Hotel on Friday to see one of Buckie’s most popular clergymen, Canon David Keith presented with a set of Canon’s robes. These were presented by Mr John Esson, one of the oldest members of the congregation  
 A committee chaired by Mr Tom Hillocks was set up for the sole purpose of raising cash for the robes. Mr Hillocks also gave the vote of thanks at the end of the evening.

**Boat launched** - A somewhat rare event nowadays was witnessed when the 75 feet long seiner/trawler, **Avoca** was launched from the FMA owned Herd & Mackenzie shipyard last Wednesday. It was an uncommon event in an other way since the new boat is owned by the firm themselves.

The new boat which cost in the region of £500.000 to build is powered by a 415 hp engine and is equipped with all the most modern navigation aids and equipment. The Avoca will be skippered by David Campbell of Findochty.

The profits from the vessel will go to skipper Campbell but he will have to pay a lease for ten years to the FMA before he has a choice of either continuing with the arrangement or requesting that the vessel be sold.

A photograph of the **Avoca** bearing the registration letters **BCK 294** is shown on page one.

**Buckie's G. O. L. is 104** Mrs Lobban who has been a resident in the Shipwrecked Mariner's Society Rock House for the last few years celebrated her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday there last week.

Mrs June Ritchie, housekeeper said how Mrs Lobban had been in Spynie Hospital in Elgin with a cold in March and when she had paid her a visit the old lady had said: "I'll jist come hame wi ye". She did indeed come home with Mrs Ritchie and as she said hadn't looked back since but was as bright as a bee.

**Travel Agency opened** - A new travel agents to serve mid Grampian - Buchan Travel Ltd has opened at , 16 Carmelite Street, Banff.

Sept 29 **Painters at work** - A photograph in this edition shows Tom Hillocks explaining to a photographer and reporter from the 'Advertiser' the procedure for the refurbishment of the crosses which stand on the top of the spires of St Peter's Church, meantime undergoing remedial attention.

The solid brass cross was unscrewed from its mountings and taken down by the steeplejacks carrying out the repair work. An end piece was fitted to the cross by Hamilton Brothers, Engineers, Buckie, and then taken to the workshop of Tom Hillocks Painter and Decorator.

With the aid of employee, Dennis Stead they covered the cross with 22½ carat gold leaf. Mr Hillocks explained that despite the fact that it cost 60pence per sheet gold leaf had to be used for the task of decorating the cross because gold paint would not stand the test of the elements. Gold Leaf will last a lifetime apparently. "Most of the gold leaf will have been donated anyway", he said, "so the job wont be that expensive."

**Fancy going to the pictures?** Showing this week in the Playhouse, Keith is the film 'Outland' an AA category.

In his column Peter Dick spoke of one of his relatives taking her six-year-old daughter to Keith to see a Disney film as a treat, the first time she had ever been in a cinema. After settling herself down she said, "Mummy where are the seat belts? Peter spoke of how going had been very popular at one time so much so that there were two cinemas at one time, the Palace and the Lyceum while for a short time films were shown in the Fishermen's Hall.

**Buckie Speakers Club** - At the inaugural meeting of the Speakers' Club held in the Cluny Hotel on 3 September retiring president, Duncan Jamieson introduced John Fowlie, housemaster at Buckie High School as the new president for session 1981/82. Fifteen members were present and the Rev Fred Coutts who is joining the club. Chairman of the evening, William Cecil introduced Bill Cook who devoted his speech to examining some historical myths and Peter Bruce on the art of growing flowers from seeds. Wm. Taylor chaired a topics session on the general theme of beauty. Their responses were evaluated by Bill Jannetta.

**Buckie Thistle was beaten at home** by Ross County by four goals to nil. Buckie had Ally Jenkins, son of Alex Jenkins, former Elgin City keeper, from Bishopmill United in their line-up alongside youngster, Mike Cruickshank. G. Thain, A. Thain, Slater(Wilson), L. Duncan, Forbes, Robertson, A.G. Thain. Jenkins, Nicol, C. Duncan, Cruickshank. Sub Kennedy.

**Advert** - Wynn's of Elgin - 232 High Street, Elgin's leading House Furnisher. (Wynn's had advertised in the 'Advertiser' for a long time.)

**China Bargains** - The China Pot, 167 High Street, and Elgin, next to Woolworths.

**Advert** - Cammies Mini Market, Chip Shop, open Sunday to Thursday from 4.30 till 10.30pm. Friday and Saturday to 11pm.

Unexpected visitors!. Why worry when we can offer all your needs after shopping hours. Bread, milk, bacon, butter, tinned food, etc. or choose from our ready cooked food menu. Milton Drive.

**Advert** – Archibald Motors – Kenny Gunn Clearance offers on cars and boats.

Oct 6 **Speak Easy Disco Road Show** – Disco, Scottish Dance band, ballroom, Country and Western, Rock and Roll, etc. Available for weddings, birthdays, gala days, pub and clubs. Jim McCartney.

**Free transfer** - Joe Wood, Buckie Thistle's longest serving player accepted a free transfer last week and severed an association that lasted 8 years with the Thistle. He joined the club straight from school football in 1973 and served under three managers and partly because of this was given his release. Joe who is 25 suffered a lapse of form towards the end of last season and as a result lost his place in the side to young George Thain but had played excellently up till then. He returned for the Aberdeenshire Cup Final at Pittodrie and had a brilliant game foiling the eager Aberdeen forwards time and again. He is now living in Fraserburgh where he works as a bank supervisor with his wife and two children.

**Death of former skipper and teacher** - The death took place in Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin after a short illness of Alexander 'Sye' Wood at the age of 68. He went to sea at the age of 14 on trawlers working out of Aberdeen. In 1940 he was called up for war service and served for six years on minesweepers reaching the rank of Skipper Lieutenant. After the war he served on seine netters until in 1952 he became skipper of his own boat the Briarbank. In 1956 he and his crew saved the crew of the Aberdeen boat Katren that they had towed from Cullen Bay to the mouth of the Buckie Harbour in the face of a gale. Though the Katrin foundered on the rocks there they were able to rescue all the crew. Sye was awarded the silver medal from the Royal Society of Arts for a deed of professional merit at sea. A heart attack saw him come ashore when he opened a shop on Wallace Avenue before at the age of 56 took Highers at night school which enabled him to take up employment as an assistant instructor of navigation at Buckie High School. He taught for 8 years before retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Christian Brethren.

Oct 13 **New Cemetery to be extended** - The high number of deaths in Buckie recently have resulted in a lack of space at Buckie's New Cemetery with only five lairs left before the ground will be exhausted before it was expected. Moray District Council have taken the decision to proceed with an extension as quickly as possible.

**A junior CB club for those under 18 is to be formed.**

**Opening announcement** - A shop called Hobbicraft is to open for business at Land Street. Fresh flowers, bouquets, wreaths, pot plants, crafts, tapestries, soft toys, chess sets, etc.

**Thorn City Breaker Clubs** . Legal CB due to legislation of Citizen Band Radio on 2 November 1981. All members and anyone interested please attend a meeting on 18 October in Cluny Hotel at 2.30pm.

**Buckie Singles Club** will meet on Tuesday 13 October in the Supper Lounge of St Andrews Hotel. Tuesday 20 October, dancing to Don Grant. A forthcoming attraction is a bus trip to the Cabrach on Saturday 24 October. Single, Divorced, Separated and Widowed . Strictly over 25.

**Buckie Junior CB Club** - Junior Disco in the Community Centre on October 17 from 7.30 to 10.30pm. 80p. Dancing to Sonic Discos. Right of admittance reserved.

**Another two big trader sales in the Cluny Hotel** on Friday 16 October and Wednesday 14 October.

**Archibald Garage** with the garage being reopened following major refurbishment they chose the occasion to unveil **Leyland's newest car the Triumph Acclaim.**

**Advert** - Liam Barr stone mason – interior and exterior stonework, stone fireplaces, stone carving and wood lettering. Little Woodend, Drummuir.

**Hey ho!** Did you hear about the Dublin tenement that went on fire. A woman was seen at a top window frantically holding out a child. Paddy Mulligan was amongst the crowd he stepped forward and shouted, "Missus, I used to play in goal for Oirland for 10 years, drop the little 'un and I'll catch it for yez." The tiny bundle was released and fell a hundred feet into Paddy's massive paws. As the crowd cheered he bounced the baby on the pavement and booted it up the street.

**Buckie Speakers Club** - met in the Cluny Hotel on 17 September when the chairman for the evening was Charles Brown local manager of Thorn Lighting who introduced the club president, John Fowlie, housemaster at BHS whose speech was entitled "A Cause for Retiral" was a critical re-examination of the evidence and characters involved in the well known ballad, "Who Killed Cock Robin?". Other main speakers were George McKenzie, Rector of BHS who explained the tantalising intricacies of the Rubic Cube and George Jappy, Ex. Officer with Dept. of Health and Social Security who discussed the various forms of art painting in vogue within the current century.

Topics chairman George Campbell head of Portgordon School. These were evaluated by Mike Harvey, proprietor of a local music shop,. General Evaluator for the evening was John Watt, a local bobby. The vote of thanks was given by timekeeper, Duncan Jamieson.

Oct 20 **Ten girls have been given notice of redundancy at Thorn Lighting** plant at Buckie take effect from mid January. A whole product line is to be paid off since it is discontinued. Mr Brown suggested that because of the world-wide depression it could be that smaller firms that bought their lamps had gone out of business.

**Rathven and Arradoul Community Council** - The following people have been appointed - James Grant, Ardelle, Rathven, Wm. Milne, 5 Kirk road, Rathven, Fred Rumbles, 7 Kirk Road, Rathven. For Arradoul – Patrick McIvor, 1 Craigmint Cottages, Drybridge and Mrs Margaret Wilson, Walkerdale Farm,. Drybridge.

**Lennox Community Council** - Clochan and Enzie - Jeffrey Jones, Clochan Schoolhouse and Freda McLean, Kirkland, Clochan. Speybay – Mrs Margaret Forbes, Upper Dallachy and John Stewart, 13 Bogmoor, Fochabers – John Birnie, Peter Dawson, Dr Donald Cameron, Brian O'Brien, Mrs Joan Douglas, George Ramsay, Portgordon – Alexander Johnston.

**Closing down** - Casual Wear Boutique, 16 Grant Street, Cullen. Prices slashed, shop fittings also for sale.

**A new outside trader** - Mrs Burnside, Montrose m Carpets, bedding, Cluny Hotel, Friday 23 October.

**And in the Fishermen's Hall** – J and G Conn from Bacup, Lancs. Underware (sic) and clothing for all the family. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October- all British goods.

**Buckie Rovers beaten by Nairn St Ninians** – by four goals to two. Sammon, Sellar, Mair, R. Smith, A. Ewen, Lyon, Cormack, Cowie, Murray, Coull and Reid.

**Mair hooses** - Alexander Hall and Sons, Aberdeen are to build 61 houses at Netherha at a cost of £951.342.

**The hall in the Seatown** - On page 9 Wm. G. Cowie, 26 St Peter's Terrace in a letter to the local paper tells us the history of the Free Church Hall in the Seatown. **October 20 1981 – columns 4 and 5.**

**Video films - Beta**, 2000, VHS at the Video Connection, 3 High Street, Elgin.

**Glue sniffing fatality** – A teenager on holiday in Elgin from Dunfermline on August 23 died as a result of indulging in the noxious practice of glue sniffing. Councillor Wm. Mair, Portknockie, fears the publicity given to the case and glue sniffing in general is counter productive, Up to now in 1981 he said 270 youngsters have come to the notice of the police in Grampian in this connection compared with 125 in the whole of 1980 with more than ½ being under the age of 16 and two still at Primary School.

**Moray Arts Club is to present** -Catch of Red Herrings in the Mind by the 7.84 Theatre Company in the Fishermen's Hall.

**Playhouse, Keith.** The film this week is 'Chariots of Fire.'

**Buckie Community Council** - The newly re-formed community council are to approach several individuals with a view to drawing up a list of people for co-option or nomination for election to the council.

The names of the new council members are – Fred Coutts who was appointed chairman, new member Mrs Elsie Jamieson, secretary, retiring chairman, Sandy Wilson, treasurer, and Alex Stewart vice chairman. The council is still five members short.

**Advert** - Mutch Motors, 56/57 Regent Street, and Keith. Everything for the motorist.

**November 2 is CB day.** Full range of CB accessories and new legal rigs arriving. Charles McIntosh. High Street Motors.

**Redram Supplies, Oldham** took up a whole page with their advert for a sale in the Cluny Hotel on Wednesday 30 October.

Nov 3 **SNP -St Andrews Night Supper/ Dance** in the St Andrews Hotel on 20 November. - Tickets £3.75. Chicken Supper, tea or coffee.

**Over 18 Disco – in the Cluny Hotel hall** – Thorn City Breakers. Dancing to Drummer. Members 80p with non-members £1. R. of Ad. Res.

**The end of the road** - The long established Buckie transport firm of Taylor's Transport is to be voluntarily wound up.

A meeting of shareholders in Aberdeen agreed with a winding up proposal from the directors. A liquidator has been appointed to the company.

**S. Ritson Ltd, Rug Manufacturers** are to hold a Discount Sale in the Cluny on 4 and 5 November.

**Special sale of shoes and boots** in the Cluny Hotel on 6<sup>th</sup> November by James Donn, Fraserburgh.

**Stevens' Drapery Peterhead**, will be present in association with James Donn.

**Four photos of the Buckie Rovers' match** when they beat Forres Thistle by 5 goals to nil. The team was A. Innes, Sellar, Mair, Smith, Ewen, Lyon, Murray, Cowie, Reid, Burgess and Cormack. Subs. J. Coull and D. Findlay.

Nov 10 **Changes hands** - The Harbour Fish and Chip Restaurant in Cullen has changed hands. Tom and Margo took over from John and Agnes.

**Junior Discos** - Buckpool Golf Club Squash Section . Also to run similar dances is Buckie Junior CB Club in the Commercial Hall. The Golf Club discos will cater first for those up to 12 years and later for those between 12 and 17.

**Portknockie native killed in Hawaii** while walking his dog. George Mair, 77, who prior to his retirement was superintendent of one of the largest sugar plantations was killed in a road accident. His late parents lived on Seafield Street. He began his working life on drifters at the height of the herring boom and survived 3 shipwrecks, however most of his life was spent in Hawaii. He is survived by his wife Jean who belongs to Buckie, a son and a daughter.

**Buckie Speakers' Club** - The maiden speech of Rev Fred Coutts gave members a fascinating insight into his research of early numbers of the Buckie paper published during the festive season of 1881 referring to the local Sabbath School soirees. George Campbell advocated the establishment of a local radio station Radio BCK and speculated on the local news such a station might broadcast. Alan Paine recalled his experiences as a trainee cinema manager in the hey day of the silver screen.

**Spotlight on Portgordon** – this is found on page 11 and written by A.M. In this he tells of the two boys who were killed in the early years of WWII when they went into the minefield beyond Vimy Ridge to search for souvenirs after a German mine had been blown up. Their names were Peter Farquhar and Charles Pope. A third boy, Robert Wood escaped with bruises, being sheltered by the other two. The report also tells the story of the German spies who came ashore in September 1940.

**House sites for sale to the east of High Street, Buckie** . Apply to James C Bell, Chief Executive,

Nov 17 . **Temple of Pomona at Cullen** - An article is written on the front page.

**Work to rule at Thorn Lighting** - Men are at present on a four day week but new arrangements means that instead of some working on Friday and some on Monday they will all work on Monday. An agreement was reached that the hours of certain of the work force would be cut to 39 hours.

**Work completed** - The work on the twin spires at St Peter's Church done by the Midlothian firm of Pendrich (Steeplejacks) LTD has been completed. The top 25 feet of the spires have undergone a face-lift with several of the sandstone blocks, which had been eroded by the rain and wind being replaced. The crosses were taken down and coated with gold leaf.

The cost of the work to be in the region of £36,000. A grant of £3000 was received from MDC with another from the Scottish Church Architectural Heritage Fund. . The Save Our Spires launched a year ago has really been going well .

**Seamen's Memorial Committee** is to receive a cheque for £400 from Mark and Spencers. The stores buy a lot of fish at Peterhead and once they learned of the group's existence were keen to make a donation from their charitable fund. At the body's meeting on Friday Alex Wilson, former county architect submitted a sketch plan of the proposed design for the interior of the Seatown Hall which is to house the memorial room.

The main part of the conversion work will consist of panelling one of the walls and its division into sections where the various plaques will be mounted.

The committee has also asked Charles Florence, PT Art at BHS to draw some designs and quote prices for stained glass windows. Rev Coutts said how Mr Florence had past experience of stain glass windows in churches and is apparently keen to do some work for us.

**The barbers' pole** Why are they painted red and white? Very few of them are to be seen today but they were once more common. In olden times barbers

doubled as surgeons and occasionally bled their customers into a 'bleeding cup' before bandaging their arms.  
Another trademark in Buckie was to be seen in the window of Rome Innes, Chemist, on Cluny Square. He had on display large glass bottles filled with coloured water.

**By election not co-option** - Moray District Council decided that in order to try to fill the vacancies on Buckie Community Council an election should be held rather than co-option.

**Taylor's Toiletries**, St Andrews Square - first ever sale .

**The difficulties wheelchair users have to face** - A whole page is over to this subject. (Great improvements were made following this campaign.)

**Yet another 'incomer's sale** - Darta Electrical from St Annes on Sea Lancashire, TV's, binoculars, continental quilts. Etc.

**De La Hay from Lancashire** will be back in the Cluny Hotel on 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Nov 17 The Banffshire Advertiser celebrate 100 years in print with a special supplement. Alan Wiseman, reporter, writes the history of the firm from 1881 up to the present time.  
Spike has a story entitled about Peter Rawn - 'The Ghost of Dodie Scuttle'  
Q Coull has a poem 'The Buckie Paper Centenary. His first poem for ten years.  
There is a page of cartoons.  
A number of different people wrote on a variety of subjects.  
James Murray 'Souter' on Fishing.  
Rev Fred Coutts 'A Century of Work and Worship'  
Alan Wiseman 'A Century of Service by the Buckie Lifeboat'  
George McKenzie, BHS Rector '100 Years of Education.  
Quiz about Banffshire by Wm. Cowie. On page 15  
A poem 'Sunset on the Moray Firth' by Exile (Portknockie)  
A poem by Zetta St Clair 'Chiffin Ower the Dyke'  
Cullen - 1881 to 1981 by Rev John T. Guthrie .  
Portknockie,  
Findochty by Rev D. Bennett.  
Portgordon by the Gangrel  
Fochabers by Edwin Rumbles.  
The answers to the Banffshire Quiz are given on page 24.  
Herd and Mackenzie by Ian Sinclair  
Jones Shipyard by John Richardson  
Poem 'Alnath Street' and the Buckie Disaster - The loss of the fishing boat 'Loyal'  
Church Bells with specific reference to those of local Banffshire and Morayshire areas.

Nov 24 **The Maternity Department at Seafeld** - the six members of Buckie Medical Group Practice has issued a statement intimating their strong opposition to any proposal to close the Maternity Department at Buckie Seafeld Hospital.

Come Alive Together - Beacon Fellowship - Town House.

**Buckie Solitaire Club** - Travelling Country - no age limit (This was formerly strictly over 25.)

**New club in danger** - The organisers of a club formed two months ago to combat the problem of loneliness single and unattached people have been disappointed with the response from the Buckie public and fear if it doesn't pick up soon may have to fold. The poor response is surprising since the singles Club in Elgin is very popular.

**Redram Supplies, Oldham** is to be back in Buckie at the end of the month.

**Advert** - Grants Ice Cream, Easter Bogs Farm, and Clochan . Mr Grant, farmer began to make ice cream in 1929. Now making all kinds of gateaux . (Their ice cream was very popular just after the war when we used to cycle over on a Sunday to buy a slider.)

Dec 1 **Playhouse Keith** - The film this week is Kramer versus Kramer.

**Advert** - Tender Years, Prop. Jean Stalker, Land Street , Babies and Children wear.

**Book Review** of David Kahn's books 'Hitler's Spies' Bill Cowie says how the Portgordon spies are mentioned on page 5.

**Queens' Guides** - The following girls have all become Queen's Guides – Kay Jappy, Steinbeck Road, Gillian Cook, West Street and Margaret Murray, Titness Street Beverley Smith, Doran Drive and Jill Hughes, McNaughton Avenue, They are all Patrol Leaders with 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Girl Guides.

**Buckie Rovers 3 Tulliallan 2** 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Scottish Junior Cup A photograph of the Rovers is to be found on page 10. Sammon, Coull, Mair (Sinclair), Ewen, Lyon, Murray, Cowie, Reid, Burgess,(Findlay), Cormack.

**Buckie Thistle have signed 17 year old Malcolm Murray.** Murray has returned home after spending 16 months at Leicester. Another player that manager Alan White would like to sign is Steve Paterson (Pele) from Mosstodloch the former Manchester United player who had a spell with Buckie earlier in the season. (After a successful spell as a manager with Elgin and Huntly in the Highland League Paterson took over the Caley Thistle before becoming manager of Aberdeen F.C in December 2002)

**Great win for BHS under 14 football team -** At Pittodrie Stadium on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November BHS under 14 football team , under captain David Legge, beat Kincorth Academy by four goals to two in the final of the Aberdeen F.C. Trophy. They were the first north team to reach the final and beat Hilton and Northfield Academy to get to the final. The team was Andrew Innes, Malcolm Anderson, David Legge, David Reid, Kevin Bain, David Sutherland, David Farquhar, Andrew Smith, Douglas Innes, and Ewan Geddes Sub . David McKinley, Graham Lappin, Michael Fielding, Ronald Mair and Peter Marandola.

**Sale in the Cluny** - A. M. Fashions, Nairn – Jeans and thermal clothing.

**Great Clearance Sale** - Akram - Newcastle on Tyne in the Cluny

Dec 8 **Apathy towards joining the community council** seen in both Buckie and Cullen. In Buckie Alex Wilson, treasurer and former chairman said that he was most disappointed but still had a belief in the value of the community council. Edward Douglas former District Councillor and town provost who had earlier decided not to stand again made a return.

**Cullen Viaduct** - the future for the former railway viaduct is in doubt. Consultants have estimated that it would take £40,000 to demolish it and £35,000 to renovate the 'The Kings' section.

**Buckie Speakers' Club held** their recent meeting in the Cluny Hotel. The chairman for the evening was John Watt a local policeman who introduced the first main speaker of the evening, William Taylor a retired chemist who in a speech

entitled "A Spoonful of Castor Oil" recalled the various types of purgative medicines commonly dispensed in his early years of pharmacy. The second speaker, Peter Bruce, traced the growth of the whisky industry on Speyside while the third, Wm. Cecil, a technical lecturer in electronics with Clydesdale TAV spoke on the development of micro technology. Alan Paine, a sales manager with Barratt the house building firm, was Topics master. George McKenzie, was Topics Evaluator while Bill Cook was General Evaluator of the whole evening's proceedings. The vote of thanks to the president, Wm. Munro gave John Fowlie a trainee building surveyor with Smith Gore, Fochabers.

**Woman killed on the road neat Tynet** –Mrs Valerie Armstrong nee Wilewski was killed when her car was in collision with another on the Tulloch Brae just west of the Tynet cross roads. Mrs Wilewski, 30, a native of Buckie lived in New Elgin with her husband. It is believed that with her husband away working she was on her way to see her mother in Buckie.

**New assistant head teacher at Buckie High.** He is Alistair R.B. Gray presently assistant rector at Lossiemouth High School. He is aged 40 and has been teaching for 18. His previous schools have been Lybster, Wick Academy, Peebles, Campbeltown Grammar. He moved to Lossiemouth as PT of Modern Languages in 1975. He graduated with an MA degree from Edinburgh University in 1962.

**Alan Wiseman the 6'6" tall reporter** with the Banffshire Advertiser was given the opportunity by Cordiners' Garage to try out the **new Fiesta XR2**

Dec 15 **Saturday was a big day for both Buckie Shipyards** - At Jones Shipyard the 79' seine/ trawler Prestige built for Hopeman skipper, James McPherson was launched just after mid-day and around half an hour earlier the 63' trawler, Providence built for Gardenstown skipper, David Watt and partners took to the water at the FMA owned Herd & Mackenzie yard. The Jones built boat was began 11 months ago and completed on schedule but because of poor weather only dipped her feet in the water before being pulled back up on to dry land once the engines had been started. Mr Richardson, manager, could announce that the yard had received another order from Shetland – a 60' x 20' trawler for Robert Watt and partners which will give work for 75 workforce for another 12 months and are still carrying on a lot of repair and lifeboat work. The FMA yard also had good news. A Grimbsy partnership placed an order for a gill netter. The yard is busy building a 60 foot trawler for a Fraserburgh skipper and now there should be enough work to keep the 100 employees busy until at least the summer holidays.

**Thorn Lighting** - The work force at Thorn Lighting factory who have been involved in a work to rule for the past month have returned to normal working hours.

Following a letter circulated by the management which stated that unless there was a return to normal working the plant would be closed until such time as an indication was received that there would be a return to normal working levels the work force backed down and returned to working at normal levels. They did win a concession in that the management agreed to put a 39 hour week agreement into operation.

**Advert** - Maynes can offer – 12, 16, 45 or 53 seater luxury coaches.

**Two nominations for Buckie Community Council** - John Burnett, 68a east Church Street and Edward Douglas, 17 Marchmont Terrace. These were the only nominations for five vacancies. Over at Cullen there were three nominations for the four vacancies.

**For Sale** – a four apartment dwelling house nearing completion at Site 1 Core Farm, Enzie Cross Roads. Slorach and Simpson, Gordon Street, Portgordon .

**He shot a wild mink** - Sandy Goodall, 38, 18 the Bow, shot and killed a wild which was swimming in the water up near Inchgower Distillery. He was out with his 12 bore shot gun after pigeons in the woodland area known as 'the Planting' when he saw what he thought was a rat in the water and shot and killed it only to find that it was a mink. He said he thought the mink was quite rare and that he was a bit sorry to have killed the animal but the gamekeepers said no that they were becoming quite common over the past ten years or so and are found now in most burns and rivers where they have a disastrous effect on fish stocks. It was thought to have escaped from a mink farm.

Alphabetical quiz. Another Horrible Puns by the Gangrel - the number of letters are given in the brackets. The quiz was actually made up by Mrs Marie Johnston proprietor of the Banffshire Advertiser for the Jimmy Saville Stoke Mandeville Appeal

- A (9) Fog and frost follows the turning of Egyptian God – its time for a truce
- B (8) If you need more bulk in your diet, wave it about a bit.
- C (9) By the sound of it, girls, you could find a date in this place.
- D (7) As the reservoir grows older, liability to these increases.
- E (9) UP RATES . He shouldn't really, unless he wants to find a historic river.
- F (7) High spot for a Lady WINDERMERE'S air conditioner should guide you to over enthusiastic supporter.
- G (7) Celebration meal for Pygmalion's Statue.
- H (6) Customary ecclesiastical garb.
- I (8) In these straits, yachtsmen can sometimes become rude.
- J (8) A lousy finish to my Gallic start – there's unhealthy ENVY
- K (10) Could the girl have been aroused by these Birds?
- L (13) Off-hand shout about loss of common flower.
- M (8) I am Agnes, and when confused, I take it for Dyspepsia
- N (5) Sounds as if the hive is deserted for this minor prophet.
- O (12) For a leading member of the Labour Party, Ian arrives late.
- P (6) My hat! An obviously turned centre comes between parents.
- Q (5) Duck, when approached by the doctor.
- R (7) Britain appreciates her true news agency.
- S (11) Could Godiva have ridden through Coventry in this feckless manner?
- T (6) Bubbly –jock, country
- U (6) It's of the utmost importance to locate Abraham.
- V (7) For ever and a day I shall remember our meetings on the porch.
- W (10) Neglected plant.
- X (10) I, inside a phone box, intimate my aversion to strangers.
- Y (8) When according to Burns 'The dame gaed through the lichen ha'
- Z (5) Normally wild but you can cross it safely

### **Buckie under snow and ice – no football**

**Wallace Avenue** - It is proposed that the houses on Wallace Avenue, each with four flats, be renovated, the flat roofs replaced with pitch roofs, improvements made to the insulation and two apartment houses built for old people to give the area a better mix.

**Alan Wiseman is given a new Vauxhall Cavalier** by the Moravian Garage to try out and declares it to be a winner.

Dec 22 Christmas Greetings - Donnie, Anna , Gordon and the Staff of Mayne's Coaches.  
Dolly and Bill, Portgordon Chip Shop. Dodie and Sheila and Staff, Cathcart Chip Shop.  
Cath and Brian, Richmond Arms, Portgordon.

A. G. Robertson, Ladies Outfitter, 39 West Church Street. Taylors Toiletries, St Andrews Square.  
 Robert Benzie, Highland Garage. R.S. Cruickshank & Co and Staff, 32 West Church Street.  
 Eleanor & Bill Pirie and Staff, Hunter and Pirie 31-33 East Church Street.  
 George's Chip Shop, Portknockie. Taylor's Chemist, 1 High Street.  
 John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street. Orpool Meats, St Peter's Road.  
 Hair Boutique, Sheila, Annette and Dawn. Bill and Mae Summerfield at Green's Chemist.  
 Walter, Alison and family of T. M. Jack. Walker and Smith, West Street – Special offer Soda Stream  
 The firth Furnishers, 33 –37 West Church Street. C. I. Shearer and Son 6-8 East Church Street.  
 T. Beattie, Gents Hairdresser, 9 Pringle Street. Hang Hing Tao Fog Chinese Take Away.  
 Campbell family of St Andrews Hotel. Gordon and Ellen Harper, Crown Bar.  
 Sandy Anderson and Staff Painters, Cathcart Street. Hays Ideal Homewares & Staff, 25 West Church S  
 Davidson's Joiners, Baron Lane. Marine Hotel, Peter, Lilian, Michael and Staff.  
 Cluny Fashions, 5 High Street. Charlie Bennett, Harbour Bar, Main Street.  
 Jamiesons' Radio and TV, West Church Street. A. G. Stewart, Wholesale and Retail Butchers,  
 Lamont, Butchers, Findochty. Mr and Mrs Henry Packman and Staff, 72-76 Mid Street, Keith.

**Buckie Speakers' Club** - The first main speaker of the evening was Bill Jannetta the Educational director who in a speech entitled 'A Life In Your Hands' explained the origin, character and future of the Scottish language.  
 The second speaker, John Fowlie recalled an experience as a trainee bugler in the Airborne Division with one of those characters who form the backbone of the British Army, the senior NCO's and John Watt who spoke on 'Home Heating'.  
 Stewart Benson was Topics Evaluator and Alan Paine General Evaluator.

**Former Advertiser printer dies** - The death took place on Sunday of Mr George Pringle, 5 Hendry Terrace, he was 77. He was involved with the production of the Advertiser for 50 years and his death marks the end of an era of service by the Pringle family. His father Thomas Pringle was a compositor /printer with the Advertiser for 40 years. George started to learn the trade as soon as he left the school at the same time as the late Jack Johnston who worked closely together for many years.

Dec 30 **Playhouse – Keith** – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

**Fiona (Scott) at the Buckpool Bread Bin** wishes all customers a Happy New Year.

**Sales** – Wynn's of Elgin 232 High Street. Peter G. Slater, 65 West Church Street. Robertson's of Buckie and Banff. Alex J. Slater, Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street. F. Ritchie, Draper, 72-74a, East Church Street. Henry Packman, Mid Street, Keith.

**Garages** - West, Arradoul, (John Duncan), Archibald Motors, (E. Malcolm), Millbank Garage, 18-22 High Street and East Road, Elgin (Wood) Huntly Motors, Wakes Garage, Cullen, (Sandy Hay), Cathcart Garage (Charlie and Pearl Hay)