

## 1984

- Jan 4 **Big fire at Mill of Buckie** - The fire which raged for 20 hours saw the farmer, Hamish Watt; lose his entire winter feed for his dairy herd. Three hundred and fifty tonnes of hay and straw stored in a barn were completely destroyed. Vandalism is suspected and the police have interviewed a number of teenagers.  
Fire crews from Buckie, Cullen, Fochabers and Keith fought the blaze the Buckie firemen being first on the scene at 4.45pm remaining at the scene until 8 in the morning when they were relieved, by a crew from Keith.  
A fireman from Fochabers, died at the wheel of the tender while on the way to the way to Buckie to fight the fire. He was John Gregory, 57, the Square, Fochabers. At around 4.30 when the tender was about two miles east of Fochabers Mr Gregory collapsed while driving the vehicle and Stuart Jenkins and another fireman just managed to grab the wheel and keep the tender on the road.
- Advert** - The Busy Bee Knitting Centre, 7 St Andrews Square.
- Advert** - Hobbicrafts, Land Street, and Buckpool. – January Sale
- Heading-** 1983 business picture shows a dramatic change from a year previous. The shipyards especially show the changes most vividly. During the year Jones have received orders for 3 boats, Herd & Mackenzie 3 while Thomson's, which had been mothballed, received three orders during 1983.
- Winter sales** - Peter Slater – Gents Outfitter 1/3 off all stock. Slater's House Furnisher. Robertson's House Furnishers, Buckie Furniture Centre. Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street. Henry Packman, House Furnisher, Keith, A.G. Cross, Furniture, New and Second Hand. Cluny Terrace. Norma's, Ladies Fashions, East Church Street. Furniture Store, the Square, Portsoy. The Pied Piper, Babies and Children's Clothing, Low Street, Banff. Ritchie's Clothing for All, Men Women and Children 72 -74 East Church Street. Tender Years, Land Street, Buckpool. T. M. Jack, Ladies and Gents Clothing, East Church Street.
- Closing down sale** - The old established Cullen shop of George Robertson, Draper. All goods at 1/2 price.
- Jan 10 **Leasehold issue committee 'Amos' set up** - The members are – Councillor George Innes, Moray District Council, Rev David Shawcross, Mrs Jessie Reid, Robert McKenzie and John Stephen. The last three are householders who have found themselves at loggerheads with Seafield Estates.
- 17 Jan **Move for shopkeeper** - Mrs Mary Green, nee Gration, is to move from the Spar Foodmarket at 16 St Paul's Street to 12 Grant Street, Cullen where she will be sole proprietor. She thanks all her many customers for their support over the past two years and hopes that they will continue to patronise her successor, Mrs E. McWhirter.
- Coffee Mornings** - The cost of tickets is now 30p. (By June 2003 this had risen to £1.)

**Sale at the Baby Shop, Portknockie** - 15% reduction on all stock with ½ price rail.

**Peter Slater's Winter Sale** - - up to 50% off a whole range of articles with a 15% discount on regular stock.

**Buckie's Premier Hotel** – The Cluny. Entertainment – Sid's at the Cluny on Friday 20 January –Nostalgic Disco – 8-1. Music of the 60's and 70's Entry £1.50 No admission after 10.30pm. Happy Hour – 8-9pm. Saturday 21 January 8-12 disco. Strictly over 18. Proof required.

**St Andrews Hotel, Buckie,** – Entertainment – 20 January disco in the Timbers Function Suite. Music by Black Saturn. Lucky door tickets. 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. £1.50 Doors close at 10.30 p.m. Usual dress and entry conditions - The proprietors reserve the right to refuse admission. Birth certificate of driving licence required as proof of age of all patrons whose age could be in doubt. All discos for those over 18 only.  
Lunches – Bar Lunches – 12 till 2 p.m. High Tea – 5pm till 7. Bar open all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Grant Arms Hotel, Cullen** – Entertainment - in the new Pheasant Lounge for couples only this Saturday dancing to Carlton. No leathers or denims. Open on Friday same entry conditions apply.

**Buckpool Golf Club** – Entertainment - Friday 27 January at 8.30 p.m. Mario Jannetta's 15-piece Big Band Sound. £2 from clubhouse or Norma's

**Three Kings Inn, Cullen** – The new proprietors, Dick and Nova Marshall would like to welcome you to the Three Kings.

**Sales** - John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street, Buckie – annual sale.

T. M. Jack, 35-37 east Church Street. Ladies, Gents and Children's' Fashions

James Annand, Ironmonger, 104-108 mid Street, Keith

Anderson and England Lossie Wynd, Elgin Big reductions on Furniture and Fabrics

**Mine hosts to leave** - Peter and Lillian Jappy who have been Mine hosts of the Marine Hotel for some time are seen receiving retiral presents from the staff. The new owners of the Marine Hotel are Mr and Mrs Sinclair Longmore and S. Longmore Junior.

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**Boat launch** - The first launch from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son *for three years* took place on Saturday afternoon when Mrs Isobel Eckersley cracked the bottle of bubbly against the stem to send the 75' dual purpose fishing boat, **Moray Endeavour** down the slip into the waters of the Moray Firth. She was pulled round to the harbour by the Harvest Hope.

The new vessel has been built for skipper John Charles Murray who is joined by other shareholders, including Charles Eckersley, in this venture.

John Murray has been skipper of the **Harvest Hope** for the past four years and will operate under the same agreement with Mr Eckersley with the new boat.

The **Moray Endeavour** will be powered by a 495hp Kelvin diesel engine while a 44 hp auxiliary engine will also be installed later as will be the steel wheelhouse casing made by Hamilton Brothers.

Twenty five percent of the cost of the Moray Endeavour has been met by the Sea Fish Authority grant but as yet no E.E. grant aid through the FEOGA scheme has been forthcoming

**A second boat launch** - At Jones' Shipyard the first of three large fishing vessels scheduled for completion by the firm this year was launched just before 2p.m on Saturday

The 75 foot long vessel named **Reliant** by Mrs Isobel Addison wife of Ian Addison, Cullen as partners, George Reid, engineer and Alan Phimister watched with their families.

The new vessel was launched by winches towards the water and once afloat made her way under her own steam to the harbour.

The **Reliant, BCK40** has been built to a traditional style with selected larch planking and heavy oak frames.

The upper deck is enclosed by an aluminium shelter deck extending from bow to after end of the wheelhouse. She was designed by the builders and G. L. Watson. Glasgow.

The Reliant is powered by a 6-cylinder turbo charged 500 hp British Kelvin diesel engines. For hydraulic and secondary electrics a Volvo Pento 110 hp auxiliary engine has been installed. Both engines drive generators to give 110 volt and 240-volt supply. Operations will be master minded by the skipper from the wheelhouse via close circuit and TV systems

The sleeping accommodation for the crew is fully equipped to a very high standard with interior sprung mattresses, high class Formica finish on lockers and cupboards with adequate heating and ventilation. For entertainment the cabin is equipped with radio, TV and the latest video equipment.

The crew will also enjoy a fully equipped galley fitted with a massive electric cooker, hot and cold water system and all other up to date equipment. There is also a mess room toilet, and shower room.

**Earn up to £120 per week with bonus** - Experienced fish fillets required by Cox Fish, March Road, and Buckie.

**Advert** - Leslie Douglas Insurance Brokers, 12 Cluny Square.

**The Story of the Herring** - A talk and film show by Gilbert Buchan CBE retired fishing skipper will be given in the Buckie High School on Friday 3 February, 1984. Admission free. Films to be shown include – The Shoals of Herring and North East Corner.

**Portknockie Headteacher to move** - Mr Frank Reynolds, Head of Portknockie Primary School for the past three years has been appointed new headmaster of Keith Primary School.

**Winter Sales** - Buckie Furniture Centre, 45 West Church Street.

McGruther and Marshall, Builders Merchants, 43 Commercial Road. 20% off all dry goods not already reduced.

Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street.

Jan 31 **Crew uplifted to safety** - The crew of the 74' Buckie fishing boat, **Ocean Herald** were airlifted to safety by a Sea King helicopter from Lossiemouth after she had gone aground on Scotstown Head, off Peterhead on Saturday morning.  
They were skipper Robert Patient, 40, 37 Barfield Road, Buckie Mate, John McKay, Macduff and crew members, James Sutherland, 37, 6 Manar Street, Joseph Mair, 52, 12 Blairdaff Street, Gordon Geddes, 42, 52 West Church Street, John Flett, 19, 19 Yuill Avenue.. Brian Cook, Findochty and Alex Robertson, 50, Portsoy.  
Just under two years ago the 66' Buckie seiner **Jacqueline** foundered on the same rocks.

**School janitor retires** - Alex 'Bomber' Thomson is seen receiving gifts from pupils and the headteacher, Sister Aloysius on retiring after serving for 12 years as janitor of St Peter's Primary School. He was presented with a black and white portable TV and an engraved watch from the staff. The gifts were handed over by pupils Patrick Harper and Brenda Bowie.

**Burns Suppers continue to prove popular** - Reports and pictures record the following organisations that held such events - Round Table, Freemasons, High School pupils, Social Club.

**Travelling Trader Return** - A Quality Shoe Sale will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 4 February. James Donn, Fraserburgh.

Feb 7 **First book for Buckie aristocrat** - Lord Anthony Cochrane of Cults who has lived in Buckie at East Craigard, East Church Street for 29 years has produced his first book the proceeds which will go to promote the study of his lifelong passion, horticulture.  
Though severely disabled this has not prevented him from taking a keen interest in gardening from the age of 7.  
The book which is a holiday adventure story for children entitled 'Well, Well' brings together both these consuming passions.

**Erosion by the sea!** Erosion of the sea wall threatens the Buckpool Harbour area. See page 5 for a report and photograph.

**Now open** - Natalie's Baby Shop, at 31A West Church Street, formerly Christie's Toiletries.

\*\*\* **Jags Future Uncertain – yet again (How many times have we heard this?)** A full report is given on page 8, also a photograph.

The stark prospect of extinction is again staring Buckie Thistle in the face. Confronted with having to find several hundred pounds to pay for storm damage to Victoria Park the future depends to a large extent on what action the Highland League management committee decide to take tomorrow night over Buckie breaking of the rules governing the registration of players. The problem is related to the signing of Donald Buchannan from Deveronvale who then played for the Thistle before the signs had been received in Glasgow.  
The recent storm caused damage, which is likely to cost several hundred pounds to repair. Damage was done to the grandstand through a burst pipe. On Saturday, however, the team all problems aside to beat Clach by three goals to two.

The team was – Mitchell, Thain (Ewen), Mason, Link, Shearer, McPherson, Nicol, Stephen, Smith (Anderson), Pirie, and Cowie.

Buckie Thistle now lie second in the league behind Keith with 39 points from 22 games played, Keith have 47 points from 21 games.

**All right for some** - All-elderly women in the Grampian Region over 60 will soon be able to travel at half fare on the buses. This ends an anomaly which meant that although a woman aged 60 plus was entitled to a pension she had to wait until her husband reached pensionable age before she could claim a concessionary travel pass.

**Nae enough players** - The game between Buckie Rovers and Bishopmill United was called off after it was learnt that the Elgin junior club was unable to field a team

Feb 14        **Challenged** - The leaseholders' committee have thrown down the gauntlet as they face up to the stance taken Seafield Estates through the factor Mr Lang, but not everybody is in agreement with those that have found themselves in trouble as could be gathered from a letter in the Press. It said that they ought to have read their documents more carefully.

**Fochabers advance** - Fochabers beat Rosemount by three goals to two in the North Dryborough Cup second round. **The Fochabers' team was Gordon, McKen, Clark; Paterson, Meisner, Dunbar. Tawse (Smith), D. Will (Jenkins), Bowie, and K. Will, McConnachie.** (This was a good Fochabers side.)

**Rovers beat the league leaders** - The Rovers beat the league leaders, Deveronside, by three goals to one. "A great victory" was how the scribe described the win for the Rovers. The Banff side was unbeaten up till this point.

**The Rovers' team was** - Roy, Innes, R. Smith; Coull, Sellar, Reid; M. Smith, Henderson, Donald, Milne, and Murray. Sub. K. Sinclair, B. Farquhar.

**Buckie Thistle fined** - Buckie Thistle were fined £500 for the Donald Buchannan fiasco. They have put in an appeal.

**Advert** - Ensign Decorating Services – Painters and Decorators. David Wielewski

**Clearance sale** - Hay's Ideal Homewares. Huge reduction on wallpaper.

**The Silver Darlings** - Part I of Gilbert Buchan's article on the herring fishing. There was at least four other parts in the next four copies of the Banffshire Advertiser.

Feb 21        **The Amos Committee** set up to fight Seafield Estates over the lease situation received a major boost to their morale on Friday when Conservative MP Alex Pollock agreed to join a delegation in a direct appeal to the Earl of Seafield to stay his hand till a fair situation could be found.

**A New Assistant Head** - The new assistant head at Buckie High School is Charles MacPherson who fills the post vacated by Mr Bob McNie, now a lecturer on Educational

Administration at Moray House College of Education in Edinburgh. Mr MacPherson is presently PT of Business Studies and Economics at Ellon Academy. He is a graduate of Aberdeen University, aged 35 and had been teaching for nine years.

**Buckie Queen's Guides** - Patrol Leaders in the 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Girl guides, Gail Jappy and Jackie Dixon are seen receiving their awards from Moray Guide Commissioner, Mrs Linda Duncan.

**Shore of Buckie cassette** – At the recent meeting of Buckie Community Council it was said that the 500 ordered when it came out in December last are almost all sold out. The tape contains songs and poems about Buckie. Mr Sandy Wilson, Treasurer of the C.C. Who had the tape produced said they expected to be £1,300 in profit.

**'Advertiser' steps forward** - letter had printed the local paper press since its foundation in 1881, the paper is now being printed web offset using the litho process.

This modern process gives crisper, sharper, print, denser solid areas and allows finer details on photographs – no inky fingers as it dries quicker.

The next step will be the introduction of spot colour in the 'Advertiser' probably in March. Some advertisers are to have their adverts in a second colour. Full colour will not be possible mainly because of the expense involved.

**Woman's Gas Federation AGM** - The office bearers and committee were re-elected to serve a further year. Chair- Mrs E. Murray, Vice Mrs A. Robertson, Sec. Mrs M. Cook, Treasurer, Mrs S. Coull. Committee – Ann Bruce Mrs J. Costello, Mrs C. Duncan, Mrs R. Legge, Mrs R. Geddes, Mrs S. Milne, Mrs J. Murray, Mrs T. Walker.

**The Story of the Herring Fishing** – The Silver Darlings - Part 1 Columns 3,4,5,6. Page 12 by Gilbert Buchan, Hon President, and Scottish Fishermen's Association.

Feb 28 **Vandalism** - An outbreak of serious vandalism on board school buses has endangered the future of the service - broken seats, slashed fabric and burnt marks led last week to the suspension of the lunch time run from Buckie High School to Findochty and Portknockie by the operators, Northern Scottish.

**Controversial factor to leave** - Mr I. M. Lang, the factor of Seafeld Estates who has been deeply involved in the controversial situation regarding the 'take back' of houses on the Seafeld Estate in Findochty and Portknockie has given in his notice and is to move south. The assistant factor, Mr W. A. Yool is also to resign.

**Football** - Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 2. The Thistle team - Mitchell, Ewen, Mason, Link (Stephen), Shearer, McPherson, Nicol, Pirie, Smith, Cowie, Anderson, Sub. Buchannan.

**The Silver Darlings** - A Story of the Herring Fishing by Gilbert Buchan Part 2 is found on page 10 Feb. 28. Columns 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**No access** - The Angling Association **bid** to fish in the Rochomie Reservoir has failed. The access road belongs to the farmer at Hilton and he refused permission on the grounds that there

would be a need for increased maintenance of the road arising from wider use. It would be difficult to identify the authorised users of the road. There is no toilet provision, car parking space and litter facilities. There would be an increased risk of trespass, with possibility of poaching and possible damage to livestock from stray dogs. **A full report is given on page 11**

Mar 6 **Fatal accident** - Douglas Erskine son of Mr Ronald Erskine, Ironmonger, 26 East Church Street was killed on Wednesday evening in a head on collision with a car driven by a young Portsoy woman 20 year old Moira Aitken. The accident took place to the east of Connage Farm on the A98 at 6.20pm.

Douglas was 23 and lived with his mother Mrs Betty Munch at 31 Samson Avenue.

**Boat launch** - The first launch of the year took place on Saturday morning from the yard of Herd and Mackenzie. The new boat has been built for Helmsdale skipper, David Cowie.

The 63-foot dual-purpose vessel was piped down the slip by Kyle policeman, Uisdan Macleod to the tune of 'Banks of Lossie',

The boat moved slowly into the east basin of Buckie harbour by yard workmen raising a winch. The boat was named '**Bunillidh**' the Gaelic name for Helmsdale by the skipper's ten year old daughter Mary.

Magnus Cowie is his brother's partner in the new vessel. Skipper Cowie formerly had the fishing boat, '**Stella Maris**'.

The yard is presently building a 58 foot trawler for Mr George Dawson of Seahouses in the North East of England it is hoped that it will be ready in about six weeks.

Herd and Mackenzie which presently employ a work force of 98 has no further orders on its books though there are others in the pipeline. Skippers are waiting to find out more about the licensing system before committing themselves.

**The Silver Darlings** - Part three of the article by Gilbert Buchan is to be found on page 16 on columns – 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Mar 13 **another milestone** - Another milestone in the history of the 'Advertiser' is reached in this issue of March 13<sup>th</sup> 1984 with the appearance of two-colour printing. Red will be used initially mostly in adverts as a 'spot' colour to highlight the advert. For full particulars and availability and cost contact George Boardman on 32265.

**Death of a postie** - Many people were saddened to learn of the death of a well-known Buckie postman, Mr Charles 'Chow' Milne. He died at his home 5 Barhill roads last Tuesday. He was 55.

**C.O.S. minister to leave** - Buckie says goodbye this week to one of its most active public figures, minister of the North Church for the past ten years, Rev Fred Coutts is leaving tomorrow to take up a new position at Mastrick Church of Scotland in Aberdeen.

\*\*\* **Highland League football** - Robbie Nicol clocked up 300 appearances for Buckie Thistle with his appearance on Saturday against Forres Mechanics. (At the beginning of season 2003/2004 Robbie, who had been a coach with the Thistle moved to Forres Mechanics to join former Thistle manager Alan Scott. Alan McPherson who had clocked up no less than

500 appearances for the Thistle by the end of season 2002/03 also moved to the Mechanics as a player.)

**Milton Drive gets a face-lift** - A picture on page 15 of this edition of the B. A. shows Milton Drive where recladding and renovation work on the houses has been taking place.

**New shop to open soon - Advert** - Mair's "Homes and Gardens" 25 West Church Street, Buckie's new hardware store Opening Soon. Other shops owned by the family - 'Annes', 29 West Church Street.  
'Alex Mairs' 8-10 Seafield Street, Cullen.

**'The Silver Darlings' Part** four of *A Story of the Herring Fishing* by Gilbert Buchan is found on page 16 in columns 3-6.

Mar 20 **Lost overboard** - - Victor Marshall, 34 Station Road, Findochty was lost overboard from the Peterhead boat, Millwood, 100 miles north east of Peterhead.

**Toy Department – new owner** The toy department in Mackays Stores on East Church Street, Buckie has been taken over by new management who intend to give a better service and a bigger toy range than in the past.

**Erection of a fence** - A planning application has been lodged by Buckie Rovers F.C. for the erection of a fence to enclose their football ground at Merson Park.

**No invitation given** - Rev Shawcross the chairman of the group who are in conflict with Seafield Estates over the attitude of the estate towards some people with long leases was disappointed to learn that he wasn't given an invitation to attend a meeting involving Alex Pollock, MP. Lord Seafield and his factor I. M. Lang.

**Buckie Thistle team** - Mitchell, Ewen, Mason, Link, Buchannan, MacPherson, Nicol, Stephen, Smith (Anderson), Pirie, Cowie. Sub Scott. They lost 5-1 in their last game.

**The Silver Darlings** - The final part of Gilbert Butane's *Story of the Herring Fishing* is given in this edition on page 16.

Mar 27 **'Don't Fence Me In'** (front page news) More than a dozen people in the Merson area of Buckpool are up in arms about plans by Buckie Rovers Junior Football Club to enclose an area of Merson's Park (The Provost's Park.)

**Tombola** (Housey-housey, Bingo or whatever) the following groups are all to hold Tombola sessions as a means of raising cash. Portgordon, Thorn City Breakers club and St Peter's Ladies Guild. The last will be held in the Fishermen's Hall.

**Transformation** - As part of stage two to upgrade the Fishermen's Hall the kitchen has been given a massive overhaul.

**Portsoy lad signs for Glasgow Rangers** - Eoin Jess a 13 year old Portsoy lad and pupil at Banff Academy signed for Glasgow Rangers last week. Eoin had been playing in the midfield for both the school and the village team and news of his ability was passed on to manager Jock Wallace by scouts in the area. (Eoin later signed for Aberdeen and did well there but went to England after some time.)

**Buckie Rovers team** – Roy, Innes, Clark, Sellar, R. Smith, Henderson, Milne, M. Smith, Sinclair, Murray and A. Reid. Subs – Coull, Farquhar.

**Homes and Gardens** will open on Thursday 29 March at 25 West Church Street.

**Advert** – Bridal Fashions, 6 Sutherland Crescent, and Buckpool.

**Advert** - Enjoy a night out at the Timbers Disco (St Andrew's Hotel) every Friday evening.

**Apr 3 new lifeboat reaches Buckie** - (Front page) a large crowd turned out to greet the new Buckie lifeboat as she entered the harbour on Thursday. The 52 feet long Arum class vessel is called the **Charles Brown**.

**Death of Regional Councillor** - Willie Mair, 12 Mair Street, Portknockie a Grampian Regional Councillor who became a member of Portknockie Town Council in 1949 later to become provost a position he held for eight years died at his home on Sunday afternoon. He is survived by his wife Joan sons George, William and John and daughter Fiona.

**Shipyard gains an order** - Herd and Mackenzie have secured an order to build a 60' dual-purpose vessel for Skipper John Mackay of Lairg. The work will ensure employment for the 90 workforce up until the end of the year. It is estimated that the new boat will cost £400,000.

**Boat launch** - A somewhat different launch took place from Jones Shipyard on Thursday morning. This was a 45 feet long motor sailing pleasure boat called Banamhaughstil built for David Little worth a former oil executive who aims to live on the Isle of Man where he will charter the cabin cruiser to fishing and business parties.

The **Banamhaughstil**, which means mistress in Gaelic word in Gaelic, has a range of 2500 miles. He will be making the vessel available for long term charter. The boat cost in the region of £150,000 to build.

**Lada Car Road Show** – This will take place in the St Andrews Hotel this week. All the various models will be on display. . Ron Hutcheson Motors Ltd, Aberdeen.

**Probus Club formed** - Buckie Rotary Club have set up a club for men over 60 either retired or semi-retired with a business or professional background. Rotary membership will not preclude membership of the club, which will have regular meetings with a speaker.

**High School winner of Speakers' Competition** - Mr Stewart Benson, Chairman of Buckie Speakers' Club handed over the shield to this year's winner - Rae Addison, Cullen. Caroline Taylor, Craig Clark, Karin Robertson and Jamie Flett all received certificates of distinction.

Apr 10      **Battle appears to have been lost** - (Front page) The fight to save one of Cullen's most prominent landmarks now looks to have been in vain as a result of new developments in the long running saga of the former Seafield Street Church clock and spire.

**To clamp down on speedsters** - The police listened to the community council when they raised the issue of young motor drivers speeding around the town as if they were on a racetrack and are to crack down on them.

**Garage changes hands** - Cordiners Buckie Ltd who had the garage premises built on the High Street near to the Toll Bar junction have sold the business to Donald Mackenzie Motors. Norman and Peter Cordiner thank all their customers for their business support over the years and trust that this will continue with Mr Donald Mackenzie and staff.

**Bill Forbes (The lightning Barber) plans another safari.** Bill who is now well into his seventies has travelled extensively in Africa over the years plans to return to the 'Dark Continent' in the very near future. Wm. Cowie, former editor of the B. A. outlines the plans on page 3 following an interview he had with Bill.

**High School triumph in Public Speaking** - A three strong team of Buckie High School pupils beat off the challenge of four other schools to win the annual inter school Public Speaking Forum held at Keith Grammar on March 27. The competition was run under the auspices of Keith Rotary Club. The team that won the County Shield was Kenny Boyle chairman and speakers, Caroline Taylor and Rae Addison.

Apr 17      **save our clock spire** - There was anger in Cullen this past week when the owner of the former church building on Seafield Street, Allie McDonald, Elgin, a furniture dealer began the demolition of the clock spire which was in a dangerous condition.

**I have closed up shop** - Charlie Cole, Gents Hairdresser, 11 Cathcart Street wishes to intimate that he has retired from business owing to health reasons. He wishes to thank his many customers who have patronised him since 1940 and hopes the same support will be given to Leonard Murray who has taken over the business as from 19 April.

Lens opening hours is - 9.00 to 12.30 and 1pm till 5.30 Monday to Saturday. Thursday open until 7.30pm and Wednesday closed all day.

**No great shakes** - Buckie' Thistle's 1983/84 league campaign ended in disappointing fashion when they were beaten at Peterhead by a late goal last Tuesday evening. The team was Mitchell, Ewen, Mason, Shearer, Buchannan, Link, Nicol, McPherson, Smith (Catto), Cowie, Anderson, Sub. Pirie.

**Junior football** - Rovers 1 Fochabers 4

Rovers - Roy, B. Farquhar (Innes), Coull, R. Smith, Clark, Reid, Cowie, Donald (Murray), Sinclair, Sellar, M. Smith.

Fochabers – Gordon, Fraser, Clark, Tawse, Meisener, McConnachie, Smith, D. Will, Jenkins, Henderson, and Bowie. Subs, Paterson, Dunbar.

**Keep the belt in schools** - A survey taken of teachers, parents and school councils in Grampian found that there was a majority in favour of retaining corporal punishment. Teachers alone voted 3-2 in favour.

**Drugs become a menace** - An article in this edition. Page 13

**Advert** - BCK Ship's Painters A. Reid and D. Wielewski.

**Advert** - For replacement windows and doors manufactured from the finest quality timber and PVC contact ERGON 84 on Inverurie 23 242.

**Advert** - Donald Mackenzie Motors Ltd. Ford, (formerly Cordiners) High Street, Buckie.

**Advert** - Sellars new car showroom now open in Huntly.

**Advert** - Traditional Scottish family High Tea at Mr C's Cluny Square, Buckie.

Apr 24 **Future looks bleak** - Local builders fear for the future if Treasury plans to introduce VAT on building work come to fruition on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Change of name** - James D. Faulkener of Northern Ireland owner of the yacht, Marandi proposes to change the name to Miss Rose of Ringhaddy. (I believe this to be the yacht John Mackenzie of Herd and Mackenzie had built for his wife, Mary, and himself.)

**Advert** - The Taj Mahal Restaurant on Yuill Avenue is to reopen on 23 April.

**Advert and notice** - 'Tender Years' Land Street, Buckpool, is to re-open on 19<sup>th</sup> April (repeat advert) with a closing down sale. Reductions up to 1/3 off on anoraks, dresses and trousers etc.

**Tape proves to be a money spinner**- The Shore of Buckie cassette which attempts to create a sound picture of the town has proved to be a real money spinner for Buckie Community Council who were responsible for the project. At last Monday's meeting Mr Sandy Wilson, Treasurer, revealed that the community council had £3,214 in the general account. Tape sales had brought in £2,222 with £838, 25 being spent on its production. More money has still to come in.

**"Why not get married in style?" Asks Cammie.** You can hire a nice, smart white Rolls Royce chauffeur driven personally by Cameron P. Hendry. Spar Food Market, Milton Drive.

**Champions** - Buckie Thistle youth team took the title

**The Cullen church spire** - Cullen folk have taken positive action to save the clock tower and spire which has been in danger of being demolished as being unsafe. It is believed that if £1,500 could be raised the tower could be rendered safe. This estimate is conditional on a grant of the same amount being made available from the Historic Buildings council but local architect Douglas Forest believes that there is good reason for thinking that that there will be.

Cullen Community Council is firmly behind their chairman, Wm. Mustard who has set up the 'Save Our Clock Tower Fund'.

May 1       **this is how it is** - Lord Reidhaven, through his factor, Ian Lang, replies to his critics in both the local and national press over his hard-line stance on the expiry of some tenant's 99-year leases. (Full report given on the Ron page.)

**Barber opens shop** - Len Murray, Gents' Hairdresser is now open at 11 West Cathcart Street. (Len who came from Knockando together with his parents later bought a house in the 'Maltings' which was a new housing area in the 1990's. He was still going strong in 2003 and looked as if he was likely to continue for a long time to come.)

**I'm in business now** - - Michael Jamieson, Painter and Decorator, 6 Tannachy Terrace, Portgordon.

**'Yorkers'** the suit that means business - Peter Slater, Gents Outfitter, West Church Street, Buckie.

**Are you up for Dragons and Dungeons?** - Mackays Toy Department are now stocking, by popular request, a full range of Dungeons and Dragon, the fantastic adult fantasy game for strategists and thinkers played the world over by millions of people. Interested?

**Factory to close** - FMA net factory is to close due to lack of business says the general manager, Mr Colin Macpherson. The firm, which was formed in 1973, will be maintaining their fishselling and chandlery operations at Buckie, Fraserburgh and Peterhead. They also own the Herd and Mackenzie shipyard and Seaflame Oils.

**New car unveiled** - The Austin/Rovers MG Montego was on show for the first time at Archibald's Garage this week.

**Are you moving?** Well see A. G. Cross, 8-9 Cluny Terrace, for Removals, Local and Long Distance also Storage.

May 8       **New venture > new jobs created** - Up to 25 new jobs are expected to be created in the forestry industry in Grampian Region with the announcement of plans to export timber through Buckie harbour. John Grant and Son Timber Merchants, Nairn have been appointed agents to receive and handle around 30,000 tonnes of round timber valued at approximately £500,000 and destined for Finland for paper making during the next 12 months. The timber, spruce and pine, is to be supplied by the Forestry Commission, Riddochs of Rothiemay and other owners of timberland.

**Hamilton's complete prestigious contract.** - Hamilton Brothers, the Buckie engineering firm which has been in business in the town for 64 years rang up another first this week when a 55 feet pre-constructed footbridge weighing 32 tonnes was jacked up and loaded on to a Pickford's low loader artic lorry. The structure was then driven south under police escort to Motherwell

Railway Station where it was installed by 15 Hamilton's men using a large crane capable of lifting 40 tonnes.

**He won again** - - Hamish Watt, former Banffshire MP won the Buckie west ward over sitting member, Councillor Jack Cole, Independent, with a total number of votes of 634 to 444. He recently topped the poll at the community council elections and has said how had found out that he can still remain as a member, which he intended to do since they had some interesting projects in the pipeline.

**Player of the Year** - Donald Smith was voted Buckie Thistle Player of the Year by the supporters of the club.

**Advert** - Versatile Window Co. Ltd attic roof windows by BLEFA can be fitted to and roof coverings, asbestos, tiles, slates and too most pitches.

May 15      **Shipyard gets new order** - Jones shipyard have received an order for a new seine net vessel from Robert Patient whose vessel, Ocean Herald II was wrecked in January after running aground off Scotstown Head near Peterhead. One of his partners in the venture is former mate, James Sutherland.

The new vessel, which will be 75 feet long, will have a full shelter deck.

The purchasers have been able to secure a Sea Fish Industry Authority grant and have also applied for EEC cash aid. It is believed that they stand a good chance of getting this since the Ocean Herald II was lost through an accident.

At present the Jones Shipyard workforce of 68 is presently finishing off the 'Ability' a dual-purpose vessel being built for Portsoy skipper, George Mair. The '**Ability**' will have an aluminium deck shelter and should be ready for launching next month. The yard is also in the process of building a 75' trawler for Peter Smith and is already at the framed up stage and ready for planking.

22 May -      **First shipload of timber leaves Buckie** - A photograph in this edition shows timber being loaded on to the West German freighter **Gala**. The first timber cargo to be exported left Buckie on Wednesday.

**That's not right** - Ian Lang m factor of the Seafield Estates was said to have refuted the allegations made by Rev Shawcross as the dispute between the estate and some leaseholders rumbles on.

**Prizewinners** - Avril Mair and Rhona Bruce both second year pupils at Buckie High School came first and third respectively in the annual National Bible Society of Scotland essay competition. The families of both girls attend the Baptist Church.

**Advert for Mr C's restaurant on Cluny Square.** (In 2003 after being closed for some time was again a restaurant called Joannas.)

**Cassette on sale** - 'Up The Jags' the cassette composed from excerpts from the Show held in Elgin Town Hall last year in aid of Buckie Thistle is now on sale at a price of £3.99. This

represents good value in the opinion of Les Douglas 'Save Buckie Thistle Appeal Fund' chairman.

May 29 **the Cullen clock tower** - The front-page story is concerned with the clock tower on the former church on Seafield Street the condition that has been a bone of contention for some time. Tenders are being invited for the necessary repairs.

**Change of names proposed** - With the houses on Wallace Avenue and Burns Square undergoing a face-lift the community council has put forward the proposal that the two names should be changed since the streets tended to be associated with problem families, which had given the area a bad name. The names that were suggested were for Wallace Avenue – Harbour Grove and for Burns Square, Captain Scott Square. Moray District said that the matter would be considered later but was turned down in the meantime.

**Safety Award** - Buckie's Thorn EMI Lighting factory won a Safety Award from the British Safety Council

**Salvation Army couple to move** - Lieutenants David and Janice Wotherspoon are to leave Buckie for Dundee. They have been in Buckie for two years.

**Rovers lose last league game of the season** - The team was – Roy, B. Farquhar, Innes, Sellar, Coull, R. Smith, Henderson, M. Smith, Reid, Donald, Sinclair, Subs. Murray, and Cowie.

June 5 **Boat launch** - On Saturday afternoon the 59 foot long fishing boat Radiant **Way** took to the water from the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie. The new vessel has been built for George Dawson of Seahouses, north east England who together with his sons, intend to use her to fish for prawns and whitefish mainly in the Farne Deeps area of the North Sea. They had seen a Herdies built boat, Lynn Marie in Blythe harbour and had been impressed.

**Cox Fish** (March Road) are to take on 20 new workers to replace the 20 who walked out on 24 May over a wage demand.

12 June **Living in fear of eviction** - A 75 year old pensioner is living in fear of receiving notice telling him to get out of the little fishermen's cottage which has been the family home for almost a century. Disabled widower bob McKenzie lives alone at 10 Grant Street, Ianstown in the knowledge that the 99-year lease on his property from Seafield Estates expired on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The estate claim that all those in the same predicament were given the opportunity to pay off the lease at a cost of four to five hundred pounds but Mr McKenzie claims he was unable to pay it at the time as he was off work through injury.

He has now been asked for £13,969 by the estate for the title to the land on which his house stands. He says that there is no way that he can meet this figure.

He has been given some hope by the local MP while District Councillor, George Innes has told him to sit still and do nothing in the meantime. **(A full report is given on page 1.)**

**Now open** - A shop called **The Candy Box** has opened at 17 West Church Street. On sale are chocolates, Pick 'N Mix sweets, Fruit and Nuts Kid Korner etc. (The shop owned by the Johnston family of the Banffshire Advertiser next door **closed down in August 2003.**)

**Advert** - Mike Holloway Top Quality Fruit and Vegetables. Van round just started. Portgordon to Cullen, look out for the blue van.

June 19 **Boat number 184 launched.** A milestone was reached on Thursday of last week when Jones Shipyard launched their 184<sup>th</sup> boat since World War II. This was the 80 feet long dual purpose fishing boat '**Ability**' owned partly by skipper George Mair, engineer George Smith, Portsoy. And MDM. The new boat has been built in the Jones style with larch planking on heavy oak frames. An aluminium shelter deck encloses the upper deck. The **Ability** is powered by an 8 cylinder turbo charged 500hp British Kelvin diesel engine. For hydraulics and secondary electrics a Volvo Penta 179hp auxiliary engine has been fitted. Both engines drive generators to give 110 and 240 volt supply. The **Ability** cost in the region of £500,000 to build with grants received from the Sea Fish Authority and the EEC

**A fair bit** -Jeff Jones, High School teacher and disc jockey drove a Peugeot 205 diesel on 1 gallon of fuel a distance of 97.5 miles, The winner of a competition, with a mileage of 98.3 came from Tomintoul.

**Buckie Model Boat Club** is holding their first AGM on Friday 2 June at 8pm. The meeting will be held in club rooms at the rear of Moray Fish Selling Group. New members welcome.

**Buckie & District Traders Association** is holding a meeting in Room 9 of the Town House on Tuesday 19 June. All traders in and around Buckie are invited to attend while new members are most welcome.

**Buckie man killed in flying accident.** Ronald Bowie who was born and brought up at 42 St Peter's Road was killed when a single engined Piper Cherokee aircraft in which he was a passenger crashed on the island of Barra.

He served his time as a plater with Hamilton Brothers in Buckie, later he was with Elbar in Elgin before moving to Aberdeen where he became Chief Supervisor with Calneco. Also killed in the crash was the boss of the firm. The two were going to Barra to inspect the site where the firm was to build a new fish factory. The pilot of the plane, an oil rig worker and part-time flying instructor was badly injured and taken to hospital in Glasgow.

**Landslide causes concern** - The members of Victoria Bowling Club have expressed their concern about the damage that is being done to the North West corner of their ground due to slippage of the bank above the Buckie Burn. It is understood that a burn flows underneath from West Street has led to severe damage to a house on that street. (Number 14)

**Winne Ewing retained the Highlands and Islands seat** in the European Assembly over her main challenger, Russell Johnston standing for the Alliance Party.

**Look here!** Come and see the new Rover 213 at Archibald's Garage.

**I wish I was younger** - The first dance for many years will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June to round off the Buckie Lifeboat Gala Day the dance will run from 8pm till midnight. Tickets cost £2.50 each.

The top Inverness band, Ness River Rhythm Kings has been booked to play.

**Another new car** - Moravian Motors, South Pringle Street are to launch the new Bluebird Nissan.

June 26 **Major contracts for Buckie firm** - The Buckie Electrical firm Thain and Davidson of whom Brian Davidson is the sole proprietor have won two more major contracts which will secure employment for the 60 employees for some considerable time. The contracts are involved with the refurbishment of Kingseat and Daviot Hospitals and are worth £500,000

**Versatile Windows, Deskford** are expanding their operation and require a further 6 experienced joiners.

**What a prize - a bus for a day** - Catriona Beedie a Primary Five pupil at Portgordon School won the use of a bus and a driver for a day after coming third in a competition 'History of Buses' organised by Northern Scottish Bus Company. She took along all the pupils in the school together with teachers. They went first to Cooper Park in Elgin then the fire station before travelling on to Forres where they had a picnic and games. From there it was on to Culloden battlefield then over the new Kessock Bridge so that pupils could see it. On the way home a detour was taken via Burghead for ice cream. It was voted a glorious day and a wonderful prize.

**New tourist attraction at Fochabers** - A museum, the creation of the Christie family has been opened in the former Pringle Church. George Christie is responsible for obtaining many of the exhibits and his son Gordon will run the venture.

Two years ago the family run firm which has hotels, pharmaceutical and florist interests bought the church with a view to converting it into a folk museum and antique centre.

**Buckie Rovers in the picture** - This was taken at their annual Dinner and Dance when trophies were handed over to the various players - Michael Smith was chosen the Committee's Player of the Year' Alan Reid was the Player's Player of the Year while the trophy for Young Player of the Year went to Gary Innes. (Gary was still playing for the Rovers in October 2003. He had spells with Buckie Thistle in the Highland League and Deveronside when they were a top junior combine through the 1990's)

**New cars are all the rage** - The Millbank Garage are advertising the new Peugeot 205 with prices from £3995 ex works. The Peugeot was 'Car of the Year' in the magazine 'What Car' in 1984.

Jly 3 **A hat-trick for Hamish** - Hamish Watt, former SNP MP and a local farmer last week completed a hat-trick of successes since entering local government in autumn of last year. He came top of the Community Council poll, gained election to Moray District Council and last

Thursday he defeated Conservative candidate Mrs Joanna Gordon Letterfourie House, Drybridge with a majority of 294 to take the Rathford-Lennox by election to take a seat on Grampian Regional Council as well.

**A clever loon** - Colin Reid, son of Bill and Essie Reid 33 Highfield Road, Buckie was this year's Dux of Buckie High School.

**Boat launch** - The **Solan** a 75 foot long dual purpose fishing vessel was launched at Macduff last Friday for Skipper Leslie Findlay of Craigho Terrace and partners, Wm. Henderson, engineer, Cullen and mate Neil Simpson, Buckie The **Solan** which has a 23' beam has a full length shelter deck and is powered by a 500hp Kelvin diesel engine. In the wheelhouse there are all the latest fish finding apparatus. Grants towards the £5000.000 cost of the new vessel were given by the EEC and also the Sea Fish Industry Authority. Asked why he had chosen to have his boat built in Macduff rather than in Buckie Skipper Findlay said he believed that Macduff produced the most modern of boats also they could build them quicker than they could in Buckie, a difference between 8 months and a year.

Jly 10 **Strathlene House** - This Sunday members of the public get their first official chance to look over Strathlene House, Portessie now in the throes of major re-development. The whole of pages 14 and 15 are given over to advertisements by the various contractors who have been working on the project.

The main part of Strathlene House was built in 1887 for G. Bryson and his wife Elizabeth Kynoch of the Woollen Mills, Keith. Bryson was factor of Seafield Estates and bought the small original house there off the estate. He later was to be gifted the estate from the countess of Seafield.

The house is being divided up into a number of different self-contained dwelling houses. The centrepiece of the development is number 2, which incorporates the Victorian conservatory.

**All right for some** - Women over 60 will soon be able to travel for half fare on buses and trains in the Grampian Region. This comes into effect on July 2 and those entitled to the new charges can get their concession cards from this date.

Jly 17 **New order secured** - Jones Shipyard have secured a new order for a 75' long seiner/trawler to be built for James Robb, Scalloway, Shetland at a cost of £600.000

**New owner** - Cameron Hendry will become the new owner of the Rathburn Hotel ('Hungry Hill')  
20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Zeta Doran mother of singer Isla St Clair** won first prize at Newcastleton Folk Festival in the Scottish Borders recently with her composition, 'The Bonnie Boats of Buckie', which she wrote both the words and the melody.

**Will the railway cutting be infilled?** Investigations are taking place regarding the possible infill of the railway cutting between North High Street (Stroup Brae) and Cluny Place. (See report on page 5.)

Jly 24       **Advert** - Strathlene Insurance and Finance Brokers, 12 Cluny Square. (Les 'Chickory 'Douglas)

**Take notes** - Thistle Taxis have now ceased trading and would like to thank all patrons for their support over the past three years.

**Church to lose their minister** - Rev Stanley Bennie, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church is to leave Buckie in October to take over St Peter's Episcopalian Church in Stornoway.

**Advert** - Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street. Summer sale now on.

**Advert** – Spar Foodmarket, 52 West Church Street.

(After being an Indian Restaurant ran by Nemat Ali's family it became a Chinese Restaurant early in 2003. (The family was to open an Indian Take away in East Church Street in October 2003; this would make three similar establishments in Buckie. One directly opposite on East Church Street in the building once occupied by Clark's Photographers, Cowie's Fruit Shop etc. Still another was to open in October in what was the Soda Fountain, George Iannetta's, next to the 'Palace Lanie'.)

Jly 31       **Seafield Estates v Leasees saga** - Rev Shawcross, chairman of the Amos group met and had discussion with Brian Bedford the new factor of Seafield Estates. Bedford said that the estate had stated their case and position and this had not changed as had been said many times. They were always happy to have discussion with individual leaseholders at any time.

**Minister to go back across the pond** - Church of Christ minister for the past four years, Sam Burton is to leave this weekend to return home to the States.

**Advert** - Timbers Disco in the St Andrew's Hotel hall will take place on Saturday 3rd August from 8pm till 12.30am. Doors close at 10.30pm. Entrance tickets cost £1.50, £2 after 10pm. Usual entry conditions apply and only those in orderly dress admitted. Over 18 are only.

**Advert** - Saturday night dancing at the Mill, Tynet.

**Advert** - Saturday and Sunday night discos in the Seafield Hotel, Banff.

**Peter Fair** - Alan Wiseman, reporter with the Banffshire Advertiser, wrote a good report on the event. "Rain fails to dampen the crowd". Lots of pictures.

Aug 7       **Buckie man receives the OBE.** Among those who received honours at the Royal Investiture at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday was 56 years old Mr Frank Macleod, 6 Anson Way, Buckie.

Mr Macleod was decorated with an O. B. E. by her Majesty the Queen at the ceremony.

A banker for 39 years until his retirement at the end of May, 26 years of which were spent in Africa, Mr Macleod received the award for his services to banking and 'the furtherance of British interests' in that continent.

He was an only child, born in Edinburgh in 1928, where his father had a cabinetmaker's and undertaker's business. His father came from Caithness and his mother Aboyne.

After leaving school he joined the National Bank of Scotland where he spent thirteen and a half years interrupted by service in the RAF during the war. Mr Macleod moved to work for the Standard Chartered Banking Group in London. In the course of 26 years with the Group he was seconded for service in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and latterly Sierra Leone.

From 1978 until his retirement he was managing director of the Standard Bank in that country and played a leading role in the business world and it's British Community.

He has for long been associated with a wide range of charitable activities - the Red Cross, Cheshire Homes and the elderly and disabled.

He is a father of four, Roderick; the oldest at 25 is a banker, Douglas, 23, a London Bobby, Alistair, 19 and Lorna 17.

He was accompanied to London by his wife Kathleen, his mother who lives in Findochty and daughter Lorna.

**Versatile Windows** continue to expand and have made application and received permission to change the use of the farm steading at Swellend, Deskford, into a machine shop.

**Advert** - New lounge bar, 'The Cloisters' has been opened at the Old Monastery Restaurant, Drybridge. Proprietors, Anthea and Douglas Craig.

\*\*\*\*\* **The Captain Scott - A report is given on page 7 of the Buckie built boat, formerly called the Captain Scott which is now the pride of the Sultanate of Oman. News of the vessels current activities was received from Scots émigré, Mr P. Green of Auchnagatt**

Aug 14 **Expansion, expansion** - A large extension costing ¾ million pounds is meantime taking place at Moray Seafoods on Low Street owned by Mr Charles Eckersley. The work (according to the local paper) is being done by the firm's own engineers and masons with steel erection by Hamilton Brothers and joiner work by Thomson and Geddes. Part of the work involves the creation of a 1,200 tonne cold store capable of storing processed fish for five years.

**Advert/Notice** - Buckie and District Flower Show will take place in the Fishermen's Hall, on Saturday 25th August. This is the second annual Show to be held since it was resurrected two years ago and exhibitors will be pleased to find that the staging has been greatly improved. Further information about the Show including schedules may be had from the secretary, Allan Fraser 21 Sutherland Street. Phone number 328xx.

**New minister** - Rev Wm. Taylor MA will preach as the sole nominee in the North Church, Buckie, on Sunday 19 August at 10.30am. All members are invited to attend.

**My hobby is boatbuilding** - The whole of page seven is given over to photographs and a report on a boat that is being built in the back garden of 60 St Peter's Road by Mr Jack Grant. Jack who is married to Anna (nee Campbell) lived in England for 27 years where he worked as a coachbuilder but had no connection with boat building. Despite this by the time he returned to live in Buckie over a period of years he had built a 22 feet long yacht with a fibre glass hull

which he took the opportunity to sail every summer, operating from Findochty. (**A fuller report of the new boat he is building is given on page 7.**)

**Buckie Thistle loses first game** - The Thistle was beaten by three goals to two in the first game of the season by Inverness Caley in Inverness. They won in midweek when they beat Deveronvale in Banff by four clear goals.

**Buckie team** - Innes, Thain, Ewen, Pirie, Buchannan, McPherson, Tallis (Catto), Morrison, Smith, Link, Anderson. . Nicol replaced Tallis in the second game while Shearer was named as sub.

Aug 21 **Methodist minister to leave** - Rev Janet Baxendale, minister of the Methodist Church in Buckie and Portgordon for the past four years leaves the area tomorrow to take up a new post in the north east of England. His successor is Rev Robert Morton a native of Bathgate.

**Advert** - Whyte's taxis – Clochan 277. They had the house that we used to call Delhi on the A98 a half mile east of the farm of Glasterim.

**Advert** - Pitstop - a shop selling Accessories and necessities for the motorist – 19 West Church Street.

**Good start for the Rovers** - Buckie Rovers won their first game of season 1984/85 when they beat Islavale (Keith) on their own ground by two goals to one.

Rovers' team - Roy, McDonald, Coull, Henderson, Sellar, Shewan, Cowie, Reid, Donald, Smith, Sinclair, Subs. Murray and Geddes.

Aug 28 **Buckie's new lifeboat named** - A crowd of around 1000 gathered at Buckie harbour on Saturday morning to see the new lifeboat christened 'Charles Brown'. This is the name of the man who paid for the boat. (Report on the front page.)

**Plans made for another trek** - Bill Forbes, retired Buckie barber, is to make another epic journey across his favourite continent, Africa. He is now 75. (A report is given on the front page of the local paper.)

Sept 4 **Buckie skipper dies in drowning accident** - A Buckie fishing boat skipper died early on Saturday morning in a drowning accident in Lochinver harbour. Jake Phimister, 5 Linn Avenue was 34 and leaves a widow and three young children.

He was returning to his own vessel, **Morning Dawn** around 2am when he and a companion James Farquhar, skipper of the **Canopus** fell into the water as they moved from boat to boat.

His elder brother, Edward, was lost in January 1980 when the **Bounteous** of which he was skipper sank off the coast of Cornwall.

**Welsh fisherman badly injured** - Following an explosion on board a Weymouth registered fishing boat, Sally, at 3.15am on Monday morning a Welsh fisherman was badly injured. The Sally was tied up in Buckie harbour at the time.

The man who was unnamed suffered extensive skin burns after fire broke out due to a suspected gas leak. The Sally had been operating out of Buckie since June initially for clams though recently she had switched to beam trawling for plaice off Aberdeen. There was only two men on board at the time as the three others had gone home for the weekend.

**!984 was a dry year - Shortage** of water in the northeast is this year worse than it was in 1976. In May the rainfall was only 16% of the average, in June it was 24%, July 60% and August 37%. At a meeting of the water services of Grampian regional council held last week Ian Brown Director who gave the figures said that there was no sign of a break in the dry weather and the flow in the River Dee, the main supply for Aberdeen was at a record low. Hamish Watt the recently elected member for Rathford and Lennox wanted the region to investigate the possibility of building a dam across the River Avon near Tomintoul to supply the whole north east. He got little support but said that he would keep pressing for something of this order to be done.

**Collision at sea** Two boats were in collision in the North Sea on Wednesday morning. One of them was from Buckie the 66' **Internos** and skippered by Sandy Sutherland of 105 High Street the other the 79' Peterhead boat **Fertile**. The collision took place at 3am.

The **Internos** to the fishing grounds after landing on Tuesday while the **Fertile** was making for port when the accident occurred 25 miles offshore.

Both boats were damaged but were able to remain afloat. A Board of Trade inquiry is taking place.

The **Fertile** sustained a bad hole on the side in the collision and the 7 man crew most of whom were sleeping below deck were fortunate to escape serious injury. They dived into the water and managed to clamber on board a life raft and were picked up the Banff boat, Volente. Oddly enough the Volente was skippered by Victor Sutherland a brother of Sandy Sutherland, skipper of the **Internos**. She took the crew of the **Fertile** to Peterhead.

None of the crew of the **Internos** was hurt in the collision while the boat though badly damaged in the bow managed to make Peterhead escorted by the Fraserburgh lifeboat. .

Sept 11 **Billy Mair's place** - Planning application has been lodged for the erection of a private chapel and rest rooms with car parking at Newlands Lane.

**Wolves' trial for Fochabers player** - Graeme Bowie, the 19-year-old striker with Morayshire Junior team Fochabers is to go on a week's trial with Wolves who are managed by Tommy Docherty. Bowie previously played in the Highland League with Lossiemouth. (Duggie Will and two of his sons managed Fochabers, Kevin and Douglas was playing for the village side at this time. In 2003 the brothers were manager and co-manager with Buckie Thistle having moved there from Huntly. )

Doctor to run marathon - Dr Jim Tuckerman a local GP who is presently President of Buckie Rovers Junior Football team is to run in the 26 mile Milk Marathon next Sunday in Aberdeen to raise funds for the Rovers and the Richmond School at Clochan He has said that he hopes to do the distance in less than four hours. **Oor loon. Keith, also ran in the same marathon to raise money for Aberdeen Hospital Radio and finished the race in under four hours – Weel deen chiel, mair than I cwid hae deen.**

Sept 18      **A smashing time at the Low School** - A photograph in this edition shows the work in progress to convert the former 'Low School' into thirty flats. In the latter end the only department using the school was music. Work began in August and the photograph shows that the whole heart of the building had been demolished with work progressing on schedule.

In April 1983 Grampian Regional Council accepted the offer from the Buckie firm of Building contractors, Wm. Douglas and sons of £19,000 on the understanding that the price would be increased to £21,500 should planning permission be granted for between 19 and 23 flats.

The front part of the building on West Church Street was built in 1875 by Rathven School Board with the part on South Pringle Street being added in 1904.

The building had lain unused since 1981.

**Do you like to whistle?** Trainee referees are required. The men in the middle were in short supply then and equally so in 2003 with one game having to be postponed when no officials with sufficient experience were available.

Sept 25      **on her way to Lourdes** - A photograph in this edition shows local businessman, Mr David Higgins handing over a cheque for £1000 to Mrs Maria Wilson and her husband John to help take their handicapped daughter, Tracey to Lourdes. Many disabled people have found it of value to travel to Lourdes and Mr Higgins thought that if Tracey could be helped in any way by going there he would try and do something. An appeal was only begun a month ago but as has always been the case local people were extremely generous. The money raised will pay the fares not only for Tracey but also for her mam and dad.

**New minister to be inducted** - The ordination and induction of Rev William Taylor, MA M.ED will take place in the North Church on Friday 28 September.

**C'mon get intae it** - Aerobic classes will take place in Buckie High School on Monday evenings and in the Lady Cathcart School on Wednesdays.

**Advert** - The Spar Grocer shop at 52 West Church Street formerly owned by Cammie Hendry and now owned by Nemat Ali will be open on Buckie holiday from 8am till 6pm.

**Don't fence them out!** District Councillor, Mr Frank Anderson, was able to persuade M.D. C. Not to erect a fence alongside the grass at Strathlene despite Recreation Director, Bob Cherry being of the opinion that one should go up. Co. Anderson wants cars to be allowed to go on to the grass but has faced much opposition from the owner of the former Strathlene Hotel, Mr Les Douglas not to mention the community council. Mr Douglas said that none of the old photos of Strathlene showed vehicles on the grass. He also spoke of young drivers racing across the grass while the community council also felt that allowing cars on the grass could lead to accidents.

**Round Table footballer triumph** - The Round Table 'A' football team retained the 'Fives' Trophy- 'Cock of the North Cup' the team was George Boardman, Jim Tuckerman, Willie Geddes, Bob O'Donnell, and Jack Johnston. The Buckie 'Tablers' 'Z' team consisting of John Geddes, Angus McNair, Alan Wiseman, Albert Phimister, Willie Cowie and Charles Brown came third in the competition although they had beaten the 'A' team.

**Billy Mair gets the go-ahead** - The Rest Room and car park etc planned by Billy Mair, Joiner, for Newlands Lane was given the green light by Moray District Council.

**Peter Dick speaks up for the late Mabel Gauld** - 'Peter Dick' alias Bill Cowie in an appreciation of Mabel Gauld, a neighbour on St Peter's Terrace, tells how Mabel would speak about playing 'doon the Mowrie' when young with the other quines, each one attempting to outshine the other with their 'lemmies' or pieces of broken coloured glass or pottery.

She liked also to talk of personalities of the past, Blin Jamie, Dodie A, Silk for Blouses and Forty Pooches. She also told Mr Cowie that the correct name for Elsie Gibb's alehouse on Great Western Road was the Gordon Arms. (I would disagree with that since old maps clearly show the Gordon Arms as having been located on the East End of Main Street, previously known as Commerce Street.)

Mabel Gauld lived at 8 St Peters Terrace in what was once the police station.

**Oct 2 Boat launch** - For the fourth time in 18 years a fishing boat named the '**Conquest**' went down the slipway at Thomson's yard and all built for one Buckie skipper, Dennis Reid, Eskdale, West Cathcart Street. The latest Conquest slid smoothly into a calm sea last Friday afternoon, 28 October.

The 75' wooden hull was launched by 15 year old Grace Reid, daughter of the owner. When completed in mid November the new Conquest will be a seine net trawler based in Peterhead. She is five feet shorter than her predecessor with a 23 feet beam and as such more viable in today's economic climate.

All four versions of the Conquest were built in the same berth at the shipyard and the numbers have all added up to 13, in the latest case - 157. She is the 148th vessel to be built at Thomson's since the end of WWII. Partners with Skipper Reid in this latest venture are George Murray, Mrs Edna Bowie and Richard Irvin and Sons Ltd.

In the harbour the conquest will be fitted with a steel wheelhouse and an alloy shelter. Power will be delivered from a Kelvin TBSC 8 diesel engine developing 495hp and a Volvo auxiliary. Racer Decca will supply all the vessels electronic equipment. The cost of the vessel on completion will be in the region of £600,000

The Conquest was the second boat to be launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son this year for on January 19<sup>th</sup> the Moray Endeavour took to the water.

Thomson's is one of the few yards left which don't use winches to lower the boats slowly into the sea. The boat descends the slip purely by her own weight.

**Situation vacant** - A waiter or waitress is wanted for the Hawthorn Restaurant in Fordyce. (This was a fairly up-market eating place at the time.)

**New North Kirk ministers** - Photographs in this edition show the Rev William Taylor after his induction as minister of Buckie North Church. Mr Taylor is 53 years old. This is his first church and was previously PT of Classics at a High School in Paisley.

He was born in America but brought up in Peterhead where his father was a plasterer. He spent 18 years at John Neilson High School in Paisley having graduated from Aberdeen University.

He was already a Reader in the Church of Scotland and had only to do a one-year course at Glasgow University to qualify to become a minister. His wife comes from Peterhead and they have a family of one son and one daughter.

**Oct 9 Bill Cowie, alias 'Peter Dick and 'Gangrel' dies.** Bill Cowie died at his home 26 St Peter's Terrace this week. He was 72.

**A good report on his life is given on the front page.**

He was described as a well-known and popular speaker at local dinners, presentations and other events.

**Take care with fireworks - Police** has given a stern warning on firework abuse. (In October 2003 a bill was going through its latter stages to stiffen up the laws regarding fireworks. Some of the measure were that they should not be sold to anyone under 18 and not singly but in boxes. Also importantly not before or after a certain date. Buckie Community Council was one of the organisations that had been pushing for a tightening up in the laws. A large advertisement for fireworks was seen outside the new Tesco superstore in Elgin in October 13<sup>th</sup>.)

**Opening announcement** - Jim Bain, Butcher, 1 Seaview Road, and Findochty.

**Buckie Probus Club** - The Probus club welcomed two speakers to their October lunch meeting. Bill Grant, Nairn, who served for many years in the Royal Air Force but who in recent years, has devoted much time in his search for the illusive Yeti in the frosty climes of the Himalayas. The other speaker was Bill Forbes, whose exploits in warmer parts of the globe, noticeably Africa are well known to 'Advertiser' readers.

\*\*\*\*\* **Cross word puzzle** – A crossword puzzle appeared in the 'Advertiser' for the first time on October 2 1984.

**The recent Buckie and District Flower Show** - The report was very good – 'presentation of bouquets' etc. I wonder who wrote it.

**Seafield Hotel** - The popular Keith hotel, which has been closed for some time, has re-opened under new ownership.

**Marathon minister** - Rev John Osbeck, Minister of Enzie and Rathven Church of Scotland ran in the Glasgow Marathon and raised £1000 through sponsorship for Save the Children Fund (Buckie Branch) and the two churches he serves.

Oct 16 **Shipyard receives an order** - Herd and Mackenzie have secured an order to build a 75' vessel for Ashley Goodbrand of Portsoy. The new boat will be designed for seine net fishing and similar to the Hazelgrove built for Buckie skipper Bruce more in 1983. The firm is pleased, as the new order will keep the 100 workforce, including office staff, in work until the middle of next year.

**An amenity area planned** - A six acre are of ground centred on the Rathven Burn is set to become an amenity area. The suggestion has been put forward by District Councillor Mr Frank Anderson.

**Situation vacant** - Thorn lighting re advertising for a Production Supervisor. A suitable person aged between 25 and 40 will receive training.

**Campbell Home, Cullen** - Apiece is written about the building in this edition, found on page 5. The former Home has been converted into 6 one bedroomed flats by Moray District Council. It was built 80 years before and has served as a hospital, (during WWI) an Old Folks Home, and latterly as Children's Home but had been boarded up and derelict for some time.

**Buckie Rovers' new ground takes shape** - A photograph in this edition shows work taking place at Merson's Park (Provost's Park). R and C. Murray are involved in landscaping the ground while Dunbar Engineering have beer erecting the fence round the playing area, a necessary requisite for all junior football teams

**Pennies from Heaven?** - After the match at Boroughbriggs, Elgin on Saturday in which Buckie Thistle were beaten in the final of the Highland League Cup by Forres Mechanics the groundsman at the Forres ground spotted a piece of paper on the centre spot after the game which turned out to be a message from a well-known character in the Buckie area and a faithful Thistle supporter and statistician.

The unsigned message for Forres Mechanics written on a note wrapped around a one pound coin read as follows: This coin is worth 100 pence, there are 100 days to the end of the year and you are celebrating your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Use this coin to start off your matches, congratulations on winning the cup; I hope that it will be our turn next year.

Oct 23 **little of any importance to note**

Oct 30 **Burnside Court, Buckpool** - It was not named thus at this stage but work had begun on the second Hanover Housing (Scotland) Association Scheme in Buckie at Netherha. The main contractor is David Forsyth and Co of Elgin who is busy setting out and levelling the site and weather permitting building work will commence within the next fortnight.

The new development will be larger than the Newlands Lane one built in 1982. A total of 36 houses are to be built at the one acre site under the auspices of the association formed in 1963 and funded by local and central government money with the aim of providing suitable housing for the elderly.

A total of 24 of the housing units will be contained in one block, which will incorporate a fully furnished and carpeted lounge, and small kitchen, which will serve as a place for tenants to meet friends and neighbours.

The main block will in addition house will house a laundry equipped with a washing machine and tumble drier.

The remainder of the 'S' shaped complex will constitute 10 cottages and houses for the warden and assistant warden. A pull cord system in each room allows tenants to summon help of the wardens in an emergency.

The complex will cost £1.1 million pounds and is expected to be completed by April 1986. The architects are GRM Kennedy and Partners of Aberdeen the same firm who were responsible for the Newlands Lane contract.

**Opening announcement** - Buckie Sheepskins will open for business at 51 West Church Street on 30 October. On sale will be hats, slippers, mitts, rugs, coats, and boots, also Icelandic jumpers.

**Advert** - Buckie Furniture Centre – 45 West Church Street. (Nemat Ali.)

**Advert** - Davidsons Joiners, 13 Baron Lane. All types of joiner work undertaken – free estimates.

**They're back** - A *one day sale* will take place in the Cluny Hotel on 3<sup>rd</sup> November N. Al. 52 West Church Street. All manner of Christmas things – toys, games, paper, cards, toiletries - half price or less.

**Closing down sale** - The Paint Pot, 20 Seaview Road.

**Advert** – Speyside Growers Orton by Fochabers. Home grown tatties and vegetables, open Friday and Saturday only.

Kerr's Pink tatties £2 per ½ cwt, carrots 85p per stone, cauliflower, cabbage, leeks, onions, beetroot, parsnips and neeps.

**You maun slow down** - A thirty mile an hour speed limit through Fochabers will come into effect on November 3.

**Closing down** - The electrical, hardware and textiles department of the Co-op at 38-40 East Church Street is to close down with super clearance prices in every department.

**Another of thon here today and geen the morn** - A Big Sale of Paints, Papers etc will take place in the Cluny Hotel. Fair City Decorators, Aberdeen.

Nov 6 **Call for a shift** - The headmistress at the Richmond Special School at Clochan, Mrs Effie Davidson and local GP, Jim Tuckerman have joined forces to press for the transfer of Richmond Special School from Clochan to a more central location in Buckie and this as soon as possible. (**Report on the front page.**)

**New disciplinary code for schools implemented.** This is the first stage in the scheme, which is an alternative to corporal punishment.

**Now read this** - Rumours of the sale of the St Andrews Hotel to an oriental person ARE COMPLETELY UNTRUE (Note in the 'Advertiser of this date.)

**Notice** - Bus run to Kinross Market on Sunday 18 November. Ticket costs £5. Thorn City Breaker's Club. Mrs Cowie, 16 Hendry Terrace.

**Former Headteacher and town Provost dies** - Albert Doran, former Head of St Peter's School for two decades and prominent figure in local government died recently at the age of 70. Mr Doran was Chairman of the Buckie Branch of the Liberal Party for ten years and Provost of Buckie

A graduate of Edinburgh he was at one time a trainee monk at Fort Augustus Abbey but after service in the Royal Air Force he returned to Scotland and entered the teaching profession. (A report is given on page three of this edition.)

He is survived by his wife Zetta, two sons and one-daughter also two stepdaughters and one stepson.

Nov 13 **Remembrance Day-** (A report is given on page one together with photographs.) The parade commander was Legionnaire Alex Ferguson.

Leading the parade was the Bugle Band of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Buckie Boys Brigade followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> BB's then War Veterans of the Royal British Legion, representatives of the local Royal Observer Corps, Buckie ACF and Keith Highland Volunteer Reserve and Strathisla Pipe Band. The service took place in the South and West Church while the Girl Guides joined the 2nd Company Boys Brigade in the Methodist Church.

**Strathlene Caravan site** if offered on a long lease.

**Bonfires** opposite Archibald's Garage, Portessie and Findochty – photographs.

**Fisherman's Hall** - Work has begun on the last stage of the refurbishment of the Fishermen's Hall. The most dramatic to be completed and is expected to reach that state in March 1985.

The work involves lowering the ceiling, extension of the floor area and the fitting of a new pitched roof over the dressing rooms on the south side of the building.

The front of the building is to be shot blasted, eroded stones replaced and cracks repaired

In place of the old stage, which is to be removed, a portable one has been bought which will be stored outwith the main hall when not in use. (This didn't happen, did it?)

The total cost of stage three which will include rewiring and refurbishing is £110,000

**Remembrance Sunday** - The salute was taken by Mrs Alice Chalmers President of the Royal British Legion, Buckie Branch.

**“We Shall Remember Them** “This is the title of an article written by the late Bill Cowie before his death on October 4 at the age of 72. A retired academic, writer and regular correspondent to the ‘Advertiser’ Mr Cowie produced the following article on the effect of the outbreak of the First World War on Buckie for inclusion in this the first edition of the ‘Advertiser’ after Remembrance Sunday. Quote ‘It is his last piece of writing and one of his finest.’

A photograph of local ‘Terriers’ is found on page 16. It is believed that this was taken at Keith in the first days after the declaration of war in September 1939. Many of them are named.

**Rev Shawcross** - The man who was most instrumental in setting up the AMOS committee to represent the householders caught up in the Seafield Estates long lease issue, Rev David Shawcross, is to set to mount a silent vigil outside the home of the only tenant so far evicted from their home. This was 7 Victoria Street, Portknockie.

The Methodist minister of Findochty, Cullen, and Whitehills has become concerned at the estates lack of activity as is fearful of the consequence of the issue is allowed to slip out of the public's eye.

Nov 20 **Conflagration** - A big fire took place at the farm of Hillocks, Inchgower. The farmer, Mr Ernie Boyd said how a number of cars, implements and stored furniture stored in the farm buildings had been lost in the blaze.

**New hall for Portknockie** - A new public hall was opened in Portknockie on Friday evening. In 1978 a group of activists formed the Portknockie Amenities Association with the aim of bringing about improvements to the McLeod Park Pavilion.

Plans were drawn up by Alex McBoyle Environmental Health Officer, under which the existing hall was to be extended by 50 feet, doubling its size. The kitchen was to be improved and extra storage space provided. £11,000 was raised while grants were received from the SED, regional and district councils.

**Opening announcement** - New Department - Toys and Toiletries at the Spar Supermarket, 52 West Church Street.

**Christmas Lights** - With the Cullen Workshops squad broken up and Derek Horrobin now no longer with the Manpower Services as supervisor and qualified electrician, Buckie Community Council have reverted to their previous plan of getting a local firm to erect the Christmas Lights

**Portknockie vigil** - The minister and three other men carried out the vigil as planned from 2.30 till 4.30 on Sunday afternoon. Though some people came and provided the foursome with tea others walked past looking the other way.

**The Boys Brigade** - Pictures of both companies 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Boy's Brigade are shown on page 14 of this issue.

Nov 27 **1984 was bonny too** - All through the summer of 2003 people had been remarking on how good a summer it had been with long hours of sunshine and scarcely any rain. It seems that 1984 was a similar year.

A report read - the long hot summer has become a distant memory as the north east of Scotland has been swamped by record rainfalls during the month of November.

Torrential rain fell over the Buckie area in the early part of this week. A Findochty couple, Mr and Mrs E. Hayes, of 7 Netherton Terrace had their house flooded as the Stripie Burn overflowed its banks and swept through their house.

**Washing machine, TV's and now microwaves** - Microwaves are the latest 'must have' kitchen gadgets.

**Davidson's Cullen is to be holding a Microwave Show by Toshiba with a consultant on call.**

This will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 10-4pm and again on Monday 3 December from 10am till 4 p.m. Plus special offers.

**Playhouse Buckie** - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December presents a personal appearance by star of TV's 'It Aint Half Hot Mam' Lofty Don Estelle. Additional to our normal club acts. Stay on afterwards, have a drink and see and hear the Star Attraction.

**Thorn City Breakers' Club** - Dinner Dance in the Marine Hotel.

**Thorn City Breakers' Club** – Tombola in the Portgordon village Hall.

**Buckpool Golf Club** – Tombola in the club house.

**Now open** - Tomliath – Do it yourself store – Haberdashery, 42 West Church Street also Highlite Wedding and Ex, hire.

**Footpath** - Moray District Council are to improve the footpath along the former railway line at Craigbo to Freuchny Road at an estimated cost of £3,000

**Heavy rain causes damage** - Photographs on pages 1 and 7 show the effects of the recent heavy rain leading to flooding.

**Who is the gunslinger?** The east face of the clock on the North Church was extensively damaged by pellets from an airgun. To repair the damage it is estimated will cost in the region of between £300 and £400. The clock face and the glass covering will both need to be repaired.

**Trees planted** – The local councillors Tom Howe, Frank Anderson, George Innes and Hamish Watt planted trees at the former station ground in Portgordon, near to Findochty Bowling Green, at Stripeside and the Linzee Gordon Park. As part of the National Tree Planting Week.

**A job for Mary** - Little Mary MacPherson, Loanhead Farm House, a member of Rathven Church Sunday School is seen handing over a crystal ornament to Rev John Osbeck after he had opened the Parish Church Sale of Work.

Dec 4 **Promotion for Shipyard Manager** - John Richardson, manager of Jones Shipyard since July 1981 has been promoted a director of the firm in view of the yard's performance under his control since that time.

When he was appointed manager the shipyard was suffering, like other yards, the effects of depression in the fishing industry. Redundancies had been made and the work force at 60 was the lowest it had been for some years.

They were halfway through the building of a 78' dual-purpose boat for James McPherson of Hopeman and no further orders on the books.

Since then there have been big changes - three boats have been completed – Andromeda, for a Shetland skipper, Reliant and Ability while the Crystal River being built for Peter Smith of Buckie is due to be launched in January.

A boat for Robert Patient, Buckie is being built also another for James Robb of Shetland. Now 90 people are employed.

Chairman of Jones Board of Directors, Bruce Jones, said, “I am now looking forward to the future of the yard with a lot of confidence.”

\*\*\* **The price of the Banffshire Advertiser was to rise to 17 pence as from next week.**

**Did he fall asleep?** A taxi driver died of his injuries after running into the back of a lorry parked on Commercial Road late on Friday night. He was 27 year old Wm. Cruickshank of 2 Great Eastern Road, Portessie who was driving for Innes’s Taxis. Through the day he works for Hamilton Brothers. It is thought that he may have fallen asleep.

**Portgordon man missing** – Ian Banks, 32 of 22 West High Street, assistant manager at Mosstodloch Sawmill has gone missing. Mr Banks is a married man with two children, Karen who is ten and David 7.

**Rector of Aberdeen University** - Hamish Watt was appointed Rector of Aberdeen University when he drew 720 votes to 407 cast for author Liz Lockhead, the Labour choice. Ms Lockhead described it as a hard but fair contest.

**Advert - Options**, a clothing shop, at 17 East Church Street. 10% off all stock.

11 Dec **Christmas Day at the ‘Sally Ann’** - If you are to be lonely and by yourself on Christmas Day the Salvation Army invite you to join with them at the hall on New Street.

This is the first venture of its kind the Army has embarked on in Buckie and is asking the community for its assistance.

What has been planned is to have the Christmas Dinner from 12.30 till 1p.m and afterwards to have some form of entertainment.

Already Jamieson's Radio and TV shop have offered the use of a large TV so that those who want can watch the Queen deliver her Christmas message.

“We hope to bring happiness, warmth and companionship into the lives of those who attend for one day in the year at least.”

(The practice was still continuing twenty years later.)

**Receives an Award** - The Hanover Sheltered Housing Scheme on Newlands Lane has received an award from the Saltire Society.

**Will it be closed?** There are grave fears that the Maternity Unit at Seafield Hospital will be closed. Fears for its future were first expressed in 1981 by Buckie GP’s. Fresh fears that this will happen sooner rather than later despite a protest of 6000 signatures collected by the Buckie L asking that the unit be retained (Report on page 7.)

Dec 18 **Maternity Unit possible closure on the front page.** The Health Board proposal cause concern among local GP's

The Board proposes the closure of the services at the Maternity Unit at Seafield Hospital with the their transfer to a new purpose built GP unit at Dr Gray's site in Elgin.

**The drifter Bramble BCK137** - A photograph in this edition shows the Bramble on Herd & Mackenzie slip in 1919 undergoing major repairs after returning to the port after war service in the Mediterranean. Most of her planking had to be renewed following the ravages of ship worm.

Dec 25 **Christmas Lights** - The lights were switched on Thursday by 14 year old Fiona and 13 year old Fraser Douglas children of Les Douglas who donated the Christmas tree for the second year running. The switching on of the lights was later than had been hoped due to the fact that when the firm entrusted with the work by the community council found that a lot of parts had to be renewed and being a busy time of year delivery took some time.

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**Need for a Community Bus In** 1974 the Aberdeen Students Charities Campaign provided a mini bus for the Multiple Sclerosis Society now after a decade of use by a great many people and an organisation it is in a poor state and requires to be replaced.

Gordon McKay, one of the volunteer drivers commented that it was really of utmost importance that a bus with a hoist be acquired for Buckie because of the many disabled people for which it represented their only chance of getting out. **(A full report is given on page 3.)**

Dec 31 **Future of FMA unsure** (Front page) this will be made know soon.

**Christmas Day Baby - For** the first time in nine year a baby was born in the Maternity Unit at Seafield Hospital on Christmas. Little Christine Calder left it late in the day, however, only arriving on the scene at 11.46pm. Christine is the daughter of Mrs Jean Calder and husband Brian of 150 Milton Drive. Mrs Calder received a layette courtesy of Grampian Health Board who presents mothers of all babies born of Christmas Day with a complete outfit for the newcomer.

**Body of missing man found** - The body of Portgordon man, Ian Banks who had been missing since December 1<sup>st</sup> was found in Portgordon harbour and recovered by the police. It is understood that children playing near the harbour discovered the body.

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