

Jan 6 **The local shipbuilding scene** - In contrast to their neighbours Jones' Shipyard, who must find work to avoid redundancies in the near future, the Herd and Mackenzie boatyard, can begin 1987 with a fair degree of optimism. As well as repair work the yard now have an order for a new vessel from a Buckie partnership to add to contracts for two trawlers for Mussleburgh skippers.

Mission station seems unlikely - The proposed establishment of a Mission station by the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen in the Buckie area has been shelved for the time being due to a seeming lack of interest in the project among those it is designed to benefit

Double for the Jags - Buckie Thistle won both ties in the traditional festive game against their Banffshire rivals Deveronvale. The team that played at Victoria Park in the New Year was - A. Innes, Ewen and G. Innes; Pirie, Morrison and McPherson; Nicol (D. Anderson), Stephen (G. Anderson), Whyte Mason and Barclay.

Grant for Pork Factory - Grampian Country Pork has been given a grant of £199,575 from FOGA aimed at improving marketing and processing agricultural products.

A busy week at Buckie harbour - Thirty-three boats came in to land their catches at Buckie last week. This comprised 1,599 boxes of white fish, 163 boxes of prawns, 471 boxes of shrimps and 70 bags of scallops, all being provided for auction.

The catch was mostly taken locally with this being the first of the New Year. The boats were - Amethyst, Dalma, Star Divine, Maratan, Bunillidh, Golden Hope, Crosby, Pilot Star, Aries, Green Brae, Lynn Marie, Heathery Brae, Anna Bhan, Elegant, Hallmark, Lunaria, Emmet, Contester, Hope, Suilven, Strathpeffer, Rival, Transcend, Kedana, Integrity, Kilravock, Silver Bell, Intrepid, Crimond, Watchful, Regal Star and Culna Mara.

Keswick in Buckie - 16-18 January in the Methodist Church. The speaker will be Rev. Nick Carr.

A Tourist Centre for Buckie - Buckie is in line to have a long awaited Tourist Information Centre provided by Moray District Council. Co. Tom Howe was able to persuade members to set aside £10,000 for this purpose from the Recreation Department budget for 1987/88 at their meeting last Wednesday. It is likely that this will be sited in the Town House.

Keith show secretary appointed - Buckie man Jim Smart, Dunythan, Cluny Terrace has been appointed as the new secretary of Keith Show, taking over from John Simpson. He was chosen from nine applicants for the part-time post, in his favour was the fact that he is at present secretary of the Keith Festival. Though born in Stonehaven he was brought up in Fochabers and is a teacher at Buckie High School.

Death of a well kent personality - A familiar figure locally, noted for his outgoing manner and ready sense of humour, Jim Reid, 53, a butcher to trade, of 4 Dunbar Street died suddenly in Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin on January 4th.

BMX making tracks - Buckie's young BMX enthusiasts will have something and somewhere to get in a spin about with the news that the application to lay out a suitable track on a one and a half acre piece of undeveloped ground at the town's March Road Industrial Estate has been approved by Moray District Council Planning Committee. A BMX course we were informed requires much landscaping consisting of mounds ditches lumps and other obstacles. "It is really an assault course on a bike", explained the secretary Mrs Pitt.

Though some people were delighted this did not include Mr Charles Brown, manager of the EMI factory who expressed fears that the construction of the BMX track adjacent to the factory would lead to increased vandalism to his premises. Planning consent has been given for two years only.

Jan 20 **The Danes return** - After an absence of a few months Danish shrimp fishermen are again back in Buckie attracted by a ready market and better prices than they can secure in their own country. At the height of the shrimp, or deep-water prawn, season last summer there were 15 boats from Denmark operating out of Buckie. The last one left in October to fish Norwegian waters.

Laidlaws of Keith mill sale on Saturday 24 January in the Cluny Hotel from 9.00am till 5.00pm. Jumpers, cardigans, scarves, bothy blankets, rugs, skirt lengths, knitting wool etc.

We have moved - Davidson's Joiners have moved from their former premises at Baron Lane to Unit 1 March Road and are operating from there as of today Tuesday 20 January 1987.

Change of use applied for - Planning application has been made for a change of use of a shop and café (the former Soda Fountain) at 27 West Church Street to a sweet shop with four ancillary amusement machines.

Passing of Rovers' stalwart - Mr Jimmy Mitchell who was connected with the game of football in the Buckie area for many years and former physio with Buckie Rovers died at his home 19 Barfield Road, Buckpool, on Saturday. He was 86. He was present at the last game the Rovers played before the seasonal break at Burghead. **A report is to be found on page 3**

The end of the Road for 'Spike' -Bob Johnston one of the most distinguished chapters in the 106 year history of this newspaper ended early on Saturday morning with the death on Mr Bob Johnston creator of the very popular 'Spike' column. He died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. **A full report is given on page three.**

Scout Post -It was a great success this year again with over 8,000 cards delivered at 5p a time bringing in £420 for club funds.

Adverts- Bill Cormack, Buckie - service engineer, automatics and twin tub washing machines, cookers, vacuum cleaners, tumble dryers, spares available, also second hand autos and twin tubs.

Learn to drive with George Wright, School of Motoring, and Cullen. New Nissan Micro.

Carpets and Upholstery cleaned - NorthEast Cleaning Services, Buckie.

Anne's ClothesLine - 22 Grant Street, Cullen. Women. Men and Children's clothes of all kinds.

Artex Ceilings, estimates free, Buckie

Taxis - M & B, E. T. Longmore, Innes, Johnny's Portknockie.

Natalie's Baby Shop moved from 31 a West Church Street into the bigger number 31. Formerly occupied by Raymond Cardno, agent for the Halifax Building Society.

Slate Wize Slating - S. Smith, All types of roofing work undertaken. Buckie xx 439.

Winter weather - Last week the local area was hit with winter weather though not nearly so severe as places elsewhere. A photograph two young people among the snow, Gillian Ferguson, Queen Street and Steve Lyon and a pal on Hall Street.

Pupils were sent home from school on Tuesday afternoon and at lunchtime on Wednesday. The High School Rector, Mr George McKenzie said the safety of the pupils was the main concern.

Jan 27 **we aim to try** - Workers at the Thorn EMI factory have embarked on an attempt to save the factory and their jobs. A nine strong worker's committee has been set up.

Article - Burns - A Personal Appreciation by Bill Cook. **This is found on page 7.**

Blown full - Despite the recent thaw there were some unexpected problems for motorists on Sunday January 18 when the coast road from Strathlene to Findochty and Findochty to Portknockie was blocked by drifting snow blown off the fields by the strong wind.

Feb 3 **On a three-day week** - Workers at Buckie structural engineers, Hamilton Brothers, Commercial Road, yard has been put on a three-day week. However, management has flatly denied that the future of the firm is in any doubt. " This is expected to be a short term measure in response to expected fluctuations in work and we await the placing of further substantial orders, already successfully negotiated, in the near future. There is no question of this long established business withdrawing from the market place; we take great exception to any suggestions that we might be, " said spokesman John Hamilton.

The end of the line for the 'Bulb Factory' - Slender hopes that all or even some of the 190 jobs at the bulb factory at Marchmont Crescent might be salvaged evaporated at the end of last week. A joint deputation from G. R. C and M. D. C. " Reluctantly" accepted that Thorn Emi will not re-consider their decision to close the factory.

Hairdressers change hands - Carlton Hair Salon on East Carlton Terrace, run by Mrs Moira Smith for a number of years has been taken over by Charles and Sybil McKay.

The Moving Picture Show - Two separate shows - Transformer the Movie (U) at 5.55pm and Clint Eastwood in Heartbreak Ridge (15) at 7.45pm. In the Fishermen's Hall on Thursday 5 February.

Audio discs - R. S. Cruickshank, 32 West Church Street has received 200 audio compact discs selling at £10.75. Featuring - A Ha, Phil Collins, Stevie Wicks, Paul Simon, 22 Top, Paul Young, Mozart, Dire Straits, Elo, Eurythmics, Five Star, Foster and Allan, Genesis, Bruce Springsteen, Thomson Twins, U2, Tina Turner and many more.

Advert - Versatile Windows Co. for all your double glazing requirements, aluminium or PVC.

'Woodcliffe' Upholstery and Design - Tailor made suites for that special room. Unit 3 March Road Industrial. Estate.

Buckie Apprentice takes top prize - Local building apprentice Graham Lappin 7 Mid Street, Buckie has won a prestigious award at Moray College of Further Education. Graham who is employed by W. Douglas and Sons was presented with the J and W Henderson Trophy for the most improved Building Apprentice of his year and £50 worth of tools. Graham is in his third year of a four-year apprenticeship as a bricklayer.

Adverts – Winter Sale continues at Firth Furnishers, 33-37 West Church Street.

J. Widdrington and Sons, 22 The Bow, Buckpool, Bitumen Roofing Specialists, Felt Roofing for extensions, also modern glass fibre roofing system.

A Review - Bill Cook takes a look at a new publication – “The Handy Guide to Scots”

Feb 10 **A look at F. A. L. – Propeller Works** -With attention increasingly being focussed on Buckie’s growing jobless total at least employment at one local firm FAL Scottish Propeller Services are continuing to obtain enough work to keep 10 men working through a combination of expertise and flexibility. **A fuller report is given on page 4.**

Change of use - David Hunter. Portgordon is applying for permission to change a domestic garage at Howcore, Enzie to a commercial repair garage.

Job opportunities - Moray District Council Department of Recreation invite applications for Tourist Information Assistants at Buckie and Fochabers Tourist Centres, which are to be manned for 7 days per week.

Late of the Ladies Shop -Miss Clara Gordon Hay, Gowanlea, West Church Street died last week in Seafield Hospital. She was 80. A native of Portgordon, daughter of Alex Hay, Tailor, the family later moved to Buckie, For many years she was involved in the family Draper and Outfitters and will be remembered for being the owner of the Ladies Shop on West Church Street.

Advert – Bremner and Stewart, Precast. The firm which began operations in the former smiddy at Drybridge in 1979 moved to new premises at Units 3 and 4 March Road Industrial Estate in January of this year where they have more room to cope with the work load they are now experiencing.

Advert – J. H. Smith, The Smiddy, Rathven, Mason work, Bricklaying Commercial and Domestic.

Death of a Buckie leading light – Mrs Jean McGrory, a widow, of 21 Mill Crescent died on 31 January. She was a leading light in the now defunct Townswomen’s Guild of which she was president for a long time. She was born Jean Redford the daughter of a farming family being born in the Toll Bar house at the top of High Street. She was born with a fine singing voice and later in life attended the Convent in Elgin where a Nun gave her training. She could sing both traditional Scottish and classical songs and her talents were much in demand in the local area. She had a great many interests being secretary of the Senior Citizen Club, assistant secretary of the Flower Show, member of the Lifeboat and St Peter’s Choir and a member of Arradoul Rural.

Advert for Mayne’s Coaches, Buckie. The advert shows a picture of 8 coaches lined up.

Exodus a young music group - A photograph on page 9 has this caption – An aspiring group of young musicians – Fraser Clark, Graeme Slapp, Colin McKay and Alan Morrison who make up the group Exodus.

Fochabers and the petrol station - The fate of the former Esso filling station on the west side of Fochabers remains undecided as the fight to have it reopened appears to have taken another set-back writes Jeannie Price

Feb 17 **Plans for Jones’s Shipyard** - Jones’ Shipyard have unveiled plans for major reconstruction at the yard made necessary by the serious fire late on the evening

of December 8 last which destroyed the two storey wooden building containing the tradesmen's workshops.

In excess of £100,000 is to be spent on re-housing the joiners and carpenters in an impressive scheme, which will change the face of the yard and the management claim, promote increased efficiency.

Thank you notice - Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street is to close on Saturday 21 February. Mr and Mrs G. Rasul and Mr and Mrs N. Mahmud wish to thank all customers for their custom and support during the time they have been in business.

Body found in Buckie harbour -The body found in Buckie harbour last week was that of 68 year old Bruce Porter who lived at 12 Cairnfield Crescent, Buckpool, Buckie.

Died after falling into the harbour - A Danish fisherman who fell into the ice cold water of Buckie harbour on Monday evening February 9 while attempting to reach the boat of which he was a member of the crew, died after being pulled out. He was 52 year old Borge Dammerby from Skagen in Denmark.

Improvements to the sea defences - Work is presently going on to reinforce Portgordon's sea defences. The firm-involved Morrison's Construction was awarded the £50,000 contract from Grampian Regional Council. **A report is given on page 5 and also two photographs.**

Passing of a Buckie veteran - A Buckie-born First World War veteran died at his London home on February 6. Mr John (Doy) Forbes was 86. His father was a stonemason. He served his time at Jones' Shipyard as an engineer but early in life became a derrick and later a crane driver. He, his brother and their father went to London in 1922 to work on the building of Wembley stadium. He is survived by Leo (85) a retired carpenter and Bill (76) retired barber and African adventurer. John was no mean boxer and fought in the booths, he was also a musician and when younger played solo trombone in the Cricklewood Brass Band

Feb 24 **Record levels** - Scottish fish landings reached a record level last year with the port of Buckie and fishermen playing their part. The total landings of white fish at Buckie in 1986 totalled 2,091 tonnes with a value of £1,550,000. The weight was down on the previous year when 2,680 tonnes were put ashore but the 1985 landings earned less at £1,542,000

A picture in the B.A. shows the floor of the fishmarket full with boxes of fish. The caption beneath reads -" The harvest of the seas which is likely to remain the mainstay of the Buckie economy laid out at Buckie fishmarket on Friday morning." (The writer was not to see the changes that were to taken place twenty years down the line when the average number of boats coming in to land their catches was around five with corresponding catches being very modest counted in hundreds of boxes not thousands.)

You can hae best butter tae spread on yer scone - Surplus EEC butter was handed out to members Buckie Senior Citizen Club members and those of the Buckie Pensioners Association but some elderly citizens who turned up were incensed when they were turned away. **(See article on page 3.)**

It was Mrs Young who is involved with both organisations who felt the wrath of their tongues. She explained that she had been contacted by the WVS who knew of her connection and informed her of the butter that was available. She ordered 280 lbs. sufficient to serve all those who were entitled to receive the butter and there had been criteria set. The WVS later said how there was enough butter to serve all but it required somebody or organisation to distribute it. (The Salvation Army stepped into the breach.)

Fish landings - Thirty boats landed 1085 boxes of white fish, 55 boxes of prawns, 494 bags of scallops and 3659 boxes of shrimps.

A change of sport - Allan Fraser, scribe for the 'Advertiser' changed sport when he was present and wrote of the Boxing Show put on by Buckpool Boxing Club in the Buckpool Golf Club house on Friday evening. **See report on page 11**

Opening announcement - Sheila's at 50 East Church Street selling ladies and children's wear, toiletries and greeting cards.

Advert - D A P Plant Hire and Sales, Unit 1 Newmill Road, Keith.

March 3 **Contract signed** - Jones' Shipyard announced last week that the contract for the new tradesmen's workshops had been signed. Elgin-based Gordon Forbes Construction beat off the challenge of five other firms from an area from Forres to Turriff to secure the work in excess of £100.000

See, come on, gees hud o yer basket - Local people who were previously excluded from the recent distribution of surplus EEC butter are to be given another opportunity to benefit from the supplies. Buckie Salvation Army Corps under the supervision of Captain Audrey Ker are organising a butter distribution at their New Street Hall on Thursday from 2pm till 4 p.m. The butter is on offer to the unemployed, those on low incomes, the disabled, single parents, senior citizens and anyone who is needy.

Outdoor complex to be opened - The Grand Opening on Saturday and Sunday 8 March at the Ian Johnston Park of an outdoor complex consisting of a multisports area and double tennis courts.

You must tune in if you're cool - Local telly addicts are advised to tune into BBC1 on Tuesday evenings from March 13 onwards when Scot's writer John Bryne's major new six part comedy drama 'Tutti Frutti' goes on the air. Part of the series was shot in Buckie in April of last year with most of the filming taking place near the harbour. The series features Scottish comedian, Robbie Coltraine.

A major undertaking - The priest and congregation of St Peter's R.C. Church have embarked on an ambitious fund-raising campaign aimed at covering expenses on a programme of repair and refurbishment needed at the two chapels in the parish. The total cost of the restoration work on St Peter's and St Gregory's Chapel at Preshome is estimated to be in the region of £350.000. **A report is given on page 7 along with photographs of both churches.**

Do you want a bargain? - Due to extensive alterations to the property a massive stock clearing sale is to take place at the Firth Furnishers 33-37 West Church Street. Every item must be cleared.

Girls win Guide's Highest Award - Two Buckie Girl Guides Pauline Craib and Lynda Malcolm, members of 1st Buckie Guides have successfully completed the projects needed to earn them the highest award given in the Guide movement - the Baden Powell Trefoil badges and certificates.

News from Buckie High - written by Avril Mair and Paul Lees. The column marks the return of a regular feature focussing on the activities in and around Buckie High School. Since the last publication of 'School Notes' as they were called two years ago certain changes have taken place as they went on to relate - **This item is found on page 15**

March 10 **Finance for face-lift** - Efforts to effect a large-scale face-lift of Portgordon are to continue. The Scottish Development Agency and Moray District Council have given concrete indications of their commitment to the creation of an

attractive environment at the village. Mention already made of the contribution made by the soldiers of the Gurkha Regiment.

They'll be happy – The workforce of Hamilton Brothers Engineers, Buckie are to be back on a five day week as from Friday.

Have you timed to spare? The 1st Portknockie Brownies are looking for a new leader now that their current leader and former Queen's Guide Miss Ingrid McKay has moved to Buckie.

On at the picters – Moving Picture Show 'Crocodile Dundee'. Because of unprecedented public demand it has been agreed to stage two shows. The first will begin at 6pm and the second at 8.15pm.

New Inspector is Buckie man - The new senior policeman at Buckie is Inspector Alex Fowler. Inspector Fowler (48) was born in the town the son of Mr and Mrs D. L. Fowler who owned a bakers business.

They are now the leasees - Clochan Community Hall Group has now signed the lease, which will give local residents a meeting place. The lease covers the former school and also the wooden annex at an annual charge of £1.

Former Town Councillor dies - Mr Alexander Murray, 8 Midmar Street, former treasurer of Buckie Town Council died in A.R. I. on Saturday. He was 79. **A report is given on page 7.**

Far kin we pit the Tourist Office - Moray District Council Recreation Committee is having difficulty in finding premises in Buckie's main street or square for the town's new tourist information centre. If no suitable premises can be found centrally then the new facility will be housed in the Town House where the museum is.

Advert – Brian Shepherd School of Motoring Portknockie- Vauxhall Nova dual controls.

Talk on local birds - John Legge a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds gave a talk on his hobby of bird watching to the Buckie Ladies Lifeboat Guild. He showed many photographs of birds to be found around our coastline.

Mar 17 **Visitor Centre hopes revived** - The odds on the creation of an impressive visitor centre on the outskirts of Buckie at Inchgower Distillery have shortened significantly following a meeting between top whisky executives and representatives of industrial development agencies, M.D. C. and members of the Buckie business community.

Buckie Burn promised a clean sweep - Buckie woman Mrs Isabel Harrison of 139 Main Street wrote a letter to Moray District Council complaining about the mess of litter to be found especially along the course of the Buckie Burn to its mouth. Buckie Community Council through their secretary, Mr Allan Fraser said that members had asked M.D. C. Back in April 1986 to clean up the banks of the burn.

Mair butter for mony fowk - The distribution of surplus EEC foodstuffs are continuing locally to the benefit of the elderly, unemployed, disabled, those on low incomes and the general needy.

Was it the biggest? What was believed to have been the largest fishing vessel ever to berth in Buckie harbour tied up they're on Monday. The 130 feet long Birgit Helene registered in Denmark landed its catch of shrimps the following day. The Birgit Helene is the largest boat in the Danish fishing fleet.

Adverts - 'Woodcliffe' Upholstery and Design - all our suites are made on our premises. Tailor made to suit.

Buckpool Video and Records, 20 Seaview Road, Buckpool.

Mar 24 **Buckie woman in bad smash** - Buckie businesswoman and Director of Planning for Gordon District Council, Mrs Geraldine Scott (46) was seriously injured in an accident on Thursday evening. She was heading home to Buckie on the Keith road around 6.20pm when her car was in collision with mini-bus fifty yards north of the Clochan crossroads. Mrs Scott, 3 Land Street, Buckpool, received head injuries and was taken to Seafield Hospital before being transferred to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary by a helicopter from RAF Lossiemouth.

Mystery accident claims the life of young woman - A young Buckie woman died last week in a mystery riding accident at Loanhead Farm, Rathven two miles east of Buckie.

Caroline Farquhar (26) of 28 Raffan Road was discovered at the side of a farm track by friends after they had seen her riderless pony.

An experienced horsewoman, Caroline had a six-year-old son Garry and was separated from her husband. She was an only daughter.

Change of use sought - Plans have been lodged to change the use of Shoreline Amusement Arcade on Martine Place to a bar also the erection of rear premises for discos.

The 'Hat Box' (owner Mrs Mary Kemp) at 51 West Church Street, Buckie is to close down.

Notice given - 'Annes' presently at 29 West Church Street is to move soon to 25 West Church Street to 'Homes and Gardens' where customers will find a bigger and better selection of china etc.

An unusual sight promised - A Strichen man hopes to provide an unusual sight locally this summer a well-patronised Strathlene Caravan site. Despite it having been the target of vandals Mr Gordon Thomson intends to have the site open by the middle of next week. Mr Thomson is believed to have paid Moray District Council in the region of £5,000 for the site last September.

Opening announcement - K 'n M, Painters and Decorators give notice that they have commenced in business and would welcome enquiries for industrial, commercial and domestic - painting, decorating, artexing and ames taping.

High honour for Buckie Scouts - Buckie Scouts, Stewart Duguid and Shaun Ross, members of 1st Buckie Scout Pack have spent the past 18 months working towards their Chief Scout Awards, the highest badges in the scouting movement. The awards were handed over by Moray Area Commissioner Mr Bob Cherry. **A photograph of the presentation is to be found on page 5.**

Big sale - A monster sale of Wallpaper and Paint will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Thursday 26 March. Fair City Decorators, Aberdeen.

Advert - Smith's Sports - 61 West Church Street.

Mine and watch the Telly the night - In the BBC Scotland series the programme 'Tutti Frutti' is being shown tonight. The action took place in Buckie.

Big day in Clochan - Saturday was an historic day for the residents of Clochan with the official opening of the village's Community Hall. The event marked the success of a lengthy campaign by the Clochan Community Group to lease the former Richmond School premises from Grampian Regional Council.

Opening announcement - A shop known as 'Tots to Teens' is to open on Thursday 26 March at 19 West Church Street. There will be a large selection of children's clothing for boys and girls.

Mar 31 **On the dole** - 'Around 160 workers at the Thorn EMI plant this week are facing up to the stark reality of unemployment', writes Alan Wiseman. Production at the plant, which for nearly 31 years has been an important source of earnings for Buckie not so much, ceased as petered out last week. Due to the lack of materials workers left in dribs and drabs. **See report on the front page of the 'Advertiser'.**

Did you notice the difference? The owners of the Banffshire Advertiser asked this question on the front page. They told how the introduction of more advanced computer technology has enabled the paper to be printed in a wide range of type sizes and styles.

The final dish out - The final distribution of surplus EEC butter by the Salvation Army Corps under Captain Audrey Ker will take place this Thursday. Supplies of milk and cheese may also be available. Following the initial distribution organised by the Senior Citizens the Salvation Army has organised a number of distributions to senior citizens, those on low incomes, the unemployed, the disabled and the needy.

'Doddie' McKay hings up his helmet and axe - A Buckie man whose fire-fighting and accident rescue expertise local people have had reason to be grateful for over the years is bowing out. . Fire Station Officer, Mr George 'Doddie' McKay is retiring from the Fire Service at the age of 55. Last Monday he conducted his final training session at Buckie Fire Station before leaving the post after 28 years. Doddie, a native of the Keith area, was a motor mechanic, serving his time in Keith before doing his N, S. in the RAF. On demob he moved to Buckie to work with Webster on West Church Street before taking up a post with W & J. Cruickshank where he is presently employed.

The Fishing Heritage Society - Monday May 11 will see the achievement of Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society's first major milestone with the opening of their Local Studies room in the Town House to the public. The Society was established a year ago with the aim of collecting and making available to the public information concerning the history of the fishing industry in the Buckie area. Visitors to the room. Adjacent to the Buckie Museum will find a variety of books on the subject of fishing, tracing its development in general terms and in the local area. Microfilm copies of the B.A. From its beginning in 1881 up to 1930 have also been purchased with the assistance of the newspaper proprietors and these will be available for public viewing. There will also be a collection of around 600 photographs. These include a large selection of pictures bought from a Peterhead man. The man's hobby was the collecting, cataloguing and in general establishing as much detail as possible about northeast fishing vessels. Adam Robertson heard that this man was prepared to sell some of his collection, got in touch and was able to negotiate the purchase of 300 photographs of Buckie and Banff vessels for £300. The Society now has a membership of 110 with a steering committee of 18. **The report can be found on page 5.**

'Tutti Frutti' not so tasty - In general the viewing public of Buckie were not enamoured with the film of 'Tutti Frutti' on TV. There were a number of gross inaccuracies in the film simply put in as embellishment, one such being the meals provided at the Marine Hotel and the conduct of the staff. One can read the report on page 7.

Apr 7 **Sawmill jobs look secure** - 'Prospects of continued employment for the workforce at Riddoch's Ltd sawmill at Mosstodloch look bright' wrote Alan Wiseman.

Around 70 people, including drivers from the surrounding area, Buckie and Elgin work there and there is reason for optimism that others may soon join them.

Former 'Bulb Factory' workers - As they come to terms with the stark reality of life on the dole a large section of the former workforce at Buckie Thorn EMI Lighting plant are to make the most of a range of new learning opportunities being offered them which are designed to help them find new employment.

Salvation Army see to spreading the goodies - Members of the Buckie Salvation Army Corps under the supervision of Captain Audrey Ker staged another distribution of EEC foodstuffs from the New Street Hall last Thursday afternoon. A total of 1050 claims were made and bulk orders were collected for distribution in outlying areas such as Clochan and Arradoul. Stocks of cheese, butter and milk were available. Another distribution will take place this Thursday afternoon between 2 and 4pm.

Foodstuffs are on offer to those who fit the criteria already mentioned and Captain Ker has said that all those eligible are welcome to come along next week.

Rogue workmen - Three workmen demanded £2000 from an old age pensioner for laying 12 slabs and a small area of concrete at the home of Miss Isabella Hector at Mill of Buckie. When she said couldn't pay this amount they took £400 she had in cash and said that they would be back to collect the rest. The general opinion was that what they did was very poorly done. Miss Hector was left terrified and barricaded herself in. When she died a short while later a niece said that her death had been hastened because of her ordeal.

Burn sides get a tidy up - One of Buckie's most well known areas, which has come in for criticism lately by members of the public for being one of the town's most untidy spots, the banks of the Buckie Burn by the Victoria Bridge, last week underwent a welcome clean up by a squad of Manpower Services Community workmen.

Soldier badly injured in training accident- Sergeant Michael Kelbie, 1st Bt. Gordon Highlanders was badly injured when a hand grenade that had failed to go off when thrown initially and was being rendered safe by Sgt Kelbie and an officer when it suddenly exploded. The officer was killed and Sgt. Kelbie lost an eye and underwent a 7-hour operation in a civilian hospital near Paderborn in Germany. His parents formerly lived at St Peters Road before moving to Portsoy.

The BMX track - A photograph on page 7 shows work in progress at March Road on the construction of a BMX track.

Glory Night for the Jags - Buckie Thistle won the Aberdeenshire Cup after beating Peterhead by three goals to one at Victoria Park on Saturday. This is the first Thistle team since that of 1957-58 to win two trophies in the one season. The team was - A. Innes, Morrison, Ewen, Pirie, Buchannan, McPherson, G. Anderson, Barclay (G. Innes) Whyte, Mason (Stephen) and D. Anderson.

The Firth Furnishers - A massive closing down sale due to extensive alterations is taking place at the above property (33-37 West Church Street). All stock to be sold at clearance prices and the sale will continue until every item is sold.

Adverts - C. E. Davidson and B. Davidson- all types of joinery work undertaken. 3 St Paul Street Phone number xx242 after 6 o'clock.

A. McGregor- time served plasterer - aertexer, taping, harling, tiling, and quality work reasonably priced.

'Anne's' 25 West Church Street, Colclough English bone china.

Northeast Cleaning Services – Carpets and Upholstery. High Pressure steam cleaning of stone work. Neil Innes, Buckie xx 754

Moray District Tapers Specialising in Ames Plasterboard Taping. Painting and Decorating, Domestic Ceramic Tiling. G. A. Thow, Buckie xx 818 and W. G. Russell, Elgin.

Milton Bros. Motor Body Repairs, High Street.

R. S. Cruickshank, Radio/TV Electrical Contractors. 32 West Church Street.

Apr 14 **'Come in come in its nice tae see ye'** The Abbeyfield Society (Buckie) Ltd extend an invitation to elderly folk to come and live in comfortable surroundings at a moderate cost. The Buckie Branch of the Society came into being around 16 years ago and by 1974 their house 'Struan' at Cluny Square was ready to welcome its first residents. **A report is given on page 1.**

Picture donated to Buckie British Legion - A report and a photograph in this edition shows Sergeant Major John Sievwright of 1st Bt. Gordon Highlanders presenting Wm. Lyon, vice chairman of the Buckie Branch of the British Legion with a photograph of Pte Arthur Lawson who was awarded the VC in 1887. The report goes on to say that Pte Lawson had been a native of Buckie and a request was made for more information about him. **(The writer of this notes, however, found through research some years later that Pte Lawson did not belong to Buckie but was born in the Newcastle area where he died and was buried. This information can be accessed on the computer.)**

The photograph originally hung in the Gordon Highlanders museum in Aberdeen and is now to be hung in the Legion Headquarters in Buckie.

Under new management - The Chip Inn on Milton Drive is now under the management of Leslie Craib the proprietor of the Fry Inn on East Church Street and will reopen on Tuesday 21 April.

Big Bankrupt Stock sale of clothes of all kinds will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Thursday April 16.

To close permanently – The Firth Furnishers at 33-37 West Church Street are to close down on the 25 of April.

To close down - The 'Hat Box' at 51 West Church Street is to shut down on Tuesday 21 April.

In the following week's paper Mr Nemat Ali owner of the property above had a note to say that he had not forced Mrs Mary Kemp to close down, as had been said, this had been of her own choice.

Want a bargain? Denim plus Huntly and East Church Street Buckie were advertising up to 50% off Men's suits and jackets.

Apr 21 **A 'Herdis' launch** - The fishing boat 'Bonaventure' was launched from the shipyard of Herd and on Saturday afternoon. It has been built for Tom Bain of Eyemouth. The Bonaventure is the second boat he has had built in Buckie, the last one by Jones' Shipyard 18 years ago. The new boat cost £650,000; it is powered by a 495hp Caterpillar diesel engine. It has a moulded depth of 12 feet and a 22 feet beam.

A sister vessel, Rebecca is presently being built by Herd and Mackenzie and is expected to be launched next month. It is being built for Tom Bain's partner,

Robert Miller and named after his daughter. The partners hope to go pair trawling and operating out of Eyemouth.

Moray House - The large new office block – Moray House- designed as offices for the Inland Revenue staff built between Newlands Lane and East Cathcart Street is nearing completion. It is believed to be the first ever purpose-built office block in Buckie.

Buckie man to compete - James Miller, Merson Street, Buckpool, is to compete in the British Polio Fellowship National Championships at Stoke Mandeville in Bucks. He will be taking part in swimming and bowls.

Citizen of the Year – Buckie Rotary Club are on the search for the most community-minded individual in the local area. The inaugural Citizen of the Year award was made to Gordon Pirie last June in recognition of his work with the Boy's Brigade and in youth work.

Glider pilot killed at Dallachy - A member of the Highland Gliding Club based at Dallachy Airfield died on Sunday morning when his aircraft crashed during take off. Stuart Youngson (26) 75 Hardhillock Avenue, New Elgin had reached 500 feet midway through a winch launch when his glider tail broke off. Club members watched horrified as he attempted to land but he lost control and the glider plunged into a field. Though an ambulance was fairly quickly on the scene Mr Youngson was found to be dead on arrival at Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin. It was the first fatal crash in the club's 11-year history.

Does anyone know of him? Buckie Branch of the Royal British Legion are still seeking information on Private Edward Lawson VC whose photograph was presented to the branch by Sergeant Major John Sievwright some time ago who was of the opinion he was a native of the town. (Yes I found information about Pte Edward Lawson in 2005. He was born in Newcastle –upon-Tyne in 1873 and died in Newcastle in 1955. His VC medal is in the Gordon Highlanders museum in Aberdeen. A.F.)

Apr 28 **They're not playing fair** - Moray District councillors have criticised Thorn EMI for moving away the machinery from the factory in Buckie lessening, if there ever was a chance, the chance of the factory reopening. Thorn replied that they never gave any inkling that this would ever happen and were simply making use of the machinery at other factories rather than scrapping it.

The Gurkhas are back - The soldiers of the 69 Independent Field Squadron of the Queen's Gurkha Engineers have returned to Portgordon to continue with the face lift of the village harbour begun by their comrades two years ago. A party of 54 Gurkhas under the command of Lt. John Cameron will be billeted in the Former Richmond School at Clochan until May 22 when their work is scheduled to be complete – **see report on page 3**

Oor Margit writes a tribute to Spike. This is found on page three.

A Third Buckie VC identified - A story provided by Richard 'Dickie' Grant of Fochabers. He speaks of his cousin John Grant being born at Auchentae, Arradoul and immigrated to New Zealand. (Dickie, who I knew well, was making a mistake here it was the VC's father who was born at Auchentae. This information was given in the B.A. in 1919 when John Gilroy Grant VC paid a visit to his relatives in Buckie and Fochabers. A.F.)

Death of former Buckie Harbourmaster. Captain Tom Garden a retired harbourmaster at Buckie died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary last week. His home was at Cumbrae, Inchberry Road, Fochabers. He was 66. **A report is given on page 7.**

A boat built among the floers - Jack Grant of 60 St Peter's Road, Buckpool, built a 25-foot yacht in his back garden. Jack had no formal training in shipbuilding but admitted to having read a lot on the subject. He reckons to have spent a total of 2,800 hours on the work over the past three years. He was stimulated to build a yacht when he decided he would like a new yacht but could not afford the price they were asking. With the help of friends he had his new boat launched into the sea at Findochty harbour. **See the report on page 7.**

Former factory workers grab the opportunity - A large section of the former workforce at Buckie's Thorn EMI Lighting Plant are set to make the most of a range of new learning skills offered to them designed to help them find new jobs - **See page 12.**

Buckie and District Probus Club - At their annual general meeting the office bearers appointed for session 1987/88 were as follows: - Chairman, Bill Mustard; vice chairman - Joe Garden; secretary - Ian Shewan; treasurer - Douglas Brown. Committee - David Blair, Ted Richardson and Fred Young. The Probus Club is open to semi-retired and retired professional and businessmen and meets every Thursday in the Cluny Hotel. The first meeting of each month takes the form of a lunch and a speaker commencing at 1.00pm. The remainder of the Thursday's members meet for tea or coffee at 10.30am. The membership of the club has grown considerably since it was begun three years ago and now stands at 47. New blood is always welcomed and any person interested should contact any of the office bearers for details re membership.

May 5 **Portgordon harbour** - **Page three** carries a report, also two photographs, showing the ongoing work being done by the soldiers of the Gurkha Regiment at Portgordon Harbour.

Advance factories - A further four advance factories are to be built at March Road Industrial Estate.

Portknockie and District Aberdeen Supporters Club won the quiz run by the Association of Aberdeen Supporters Clubs for member branches. This was the second year on the trot that they had won the competition.

The Portknockie team beat off all comers when the initial rounds were held in the Thistle Social Club in Buckie before advancing to the next round in the Amatola Hotel in Aberdeen where 36 teams took part.

John Mair, Jim Flett, Alex Innes and David Pirie represented the Portknockie club. They beat Inverness in the final by 36 points. The questions ranged from General Knowledge, Sport and familiarity with the history of Aberdeen F.C.

Wrestling in the Fishermen's Hall - The report on page 6 is written by Allan Fraser who has covered a mixture of sports and other performances. for the *Advertiser* from his regular weekly report on Buckie Rovers to dog racing at Victoria Park, amateur boxing shows and even a critique of a play.

The fishing scene - 32 boats landed 1,209 boxes of white fish, 185 boxes of prawns, 2,137 boxes of shrimps and 388 bags of scallops.

Buckie as a cargo port - The growth of Buckie as a commercial port continues to expand. Recently the port was preferred to Burghead and Lossiemouth as the landing point for granite chips bound for the runways at Lossiemouth.

May 12 **Detectable optimism at Buckie shipyard** - As Jones Shipyard emerges from a difficult 6 months period there is a clearly detectable air of optimism among management, writes Alan Wiseman. The reconstruction of part of the yard is nearing completion and the latest grant aid for the construction and modernisation of fishing vessels announced by the government at the end of April gives hope for more work.

Sad death of young girl stuns Portknockie - The village of Portknockie was stunned last week by the death in a cliff top fall of 12 year old local schoolgirl Elaine Forrest. Elaine, 2 Patrol Place had been playing with friends at the flat grassy area on the cliff top overlooking the harbour, known locally as the 'Flag-staff' when she slipped and fell 60 feet on to the grass verge below. Although she was conscious when people rushed to her aid she later lapsed into unconsciousness and was found to be dead when she reached hospital.

Hard work rewarded - Thirteen months of hard work by the 18 strong steering committee of Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society comes to fruition soon when their local studies room opens to the public. The room is situated in the Town House on Cluny Place adjacent to the library and museum and the key can be obtained from the library staff. **A report is given on page 3**

Tourist office to open soon - Buckie's first staffed tourist information centre is to be established in the town's High Street in time for the summer by Moray District Council. The facility will be located in a rented mobile office next to Donald Mackenzie Motors. **See page 5 for more details.**

Inchgower Distillery Visitor Centre nearer to reality - See page 5

Boxing Show at Buckpool Gold Club - Martin Goodall and Kris Geddes, two promising boxers in the Buckpool Amateur Boxing Camp, came out on top in their individual bouts, writes Allan Fraser

A change of use planned - Plans have been submitted to turn the Shoreline Amusement Arcade (formerly Joe's Café on Marine Place, later taken over by Marandola) into a disco and bar.

May 19 **A job well done and in time** - The second stage of improvements at Portgordon harbour being carried out for Moray District Council has now been completed by engineers of the 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron. The Squadron H Troop started the task of extending the northern breakwater wall some 70 metres and resurfacing the pier at 7am on Saturday April 25 as part of the Army's Military aid to the Civilian Community. They were given a three-week deadline to complete the job and have been obliged to work a minimum of 11 hours and often 13 hours a day.

Site gains glowing praise - Strathlene Caravan Site has come in for glowing praise from satisfied tourers since re-opening under private sector management at the start of April.

Baxters of Speyside - Their adverts reads - Our visitor centre at Fochabers is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am till 6pm and will be from 16 May until 13 September. The new Victorian Kitchen with its wealth of interest and things to buy is now open.

Adverts - Morrison Memorials now open at 31a West Church Street. Memorials, vases, flower containers. Outside work in any cemetery. Estimates on request.

Now open - West End Video at 68 West Church Street. Confectionery, carpet cleaners and sun beds for hire also wallpaper strippers.

Now open - David Hunter (Portgordon) opened a garage at Howcore, Enzie, and has reported that he is reasonably busy. His charges at £6 per hour are half that being charged in Buckie.

Baxters of Speyside - An article written on the opening of the latest attraction at Baxter's is to be **found on page 3**.

Gurkhas perform - At a farewell dance held in their honour in Clochan Community Centre on Saturday night some of the soldiers gave a dancing display. Jeannie Price wrote the report.

May 26 **thank you** - Moray District Council say thank you to the soldiers of the Gurkha Regiment for the work done at Portgordon harbour. The convenor of M.D.C. Eddie Aldridge handed over a framed photograph of Portgordon harbour.

Buckie Rotary Club held a Coffee Morning and market in the North Church Hall where the stalls held cake, candy, jams and plants. Tickets for adults cost 40p with children 20p.

Change planned for former manse - Plans were submitted to change Rathven House, formerly the Rathven Kirk manse, into a private nursing home.

On at the picters - The Moving Picture Show this week will present 'House 2' One house only at 7.30pm.

Opposition to the pond - A report in the *Advertiser* said how the plans to have a pond created in the Ian Johnston Park for model boat enthusiasts had been met by a storm of protest from local residents.

Buckie Rotary Club are to use funds raised at their recent annual cheese and wine evening in the Fishermen's Hall to **purchase spy holes and safety chains** which they will undertake to fit free of charge in houses of the elderly in the burgh.

Second award for local restaurant - The proprietors of the Hawthorne Restaurant in Fordyce, Robert and Elizabeth Leggett have received the prestigious Community Country Restaurant award for the second year in succession.

Cullen born Bobby retires - A top detective in the Metropolitan Police Detective Superintendent Charlie Farquhar, a native of Cullen, has retired after 28 years in the force. **See page 13**

Welcome for new minister - The congregation of Cullen and Deskford recently welcomed their new parish minister Rev. Alex McPherson.

The Fishing Heritage Society AGM - Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society held their AGM on May 22. Forty members and guests, who included Peter Buchan and James Slater, Portsoy, together with interested parties attended the meeting which was coupled with a slide show on Moray Past and Present given by Mike Setoff, M.D.C. Chief Assistant Librarian for local slides.

The slides were shown across a double sized rectangular screen, which enable Mr Seton to show two slides, one past and one modern side by side.

The chairman, Mr Peter Slater, said how the membership had now risen to 108 before going on to speak of some of the developments, which had taken place during the year. The Society was recently given permission by M.D.C. To use the presently unoccupied caretaker's flat to the rear of the Town House to accommodate staff engaged in a Manpower Services Community scheme who would assist the Society in oral recording, filing and typing of historical records and the arrangement and filing of the photograph collection. **The full report is given on page 5.**

High honour for three Buckie Guides - Three local Girl Guides Deborah Murray, Patricia Harvey and Lesley Reid were awarded Baden Powell Trefoil Badges, the highest award in the Guide movement.

Probus Club - At the first meeting of the new session President Joe Garden welcomed fellow member Lachie Stuart as speaker at their regular monthly lunch meeting. Mr Stuart a former Police Inspector gave reminiscences of some episodes in his career as a police officer. These were put across in his rather quiet and inimitable way and were greatly appreciated.

Long serving fireman - After 32 years as a fireman Gavin Dunn retired after reaching the retiral age of 55.

June 2 **Boating club members hit back** - Buckie's model boat enthusiasts have challenged claims that there is widespread opposition to the proposed siting of a pond from their use in the Ian Johnston Park. Peter Bruce secretary spoke of the Advertiser using sensational language in the report about the opposition to the plans. He said how he was a resident on Cathcart Street and had still to hear of any of his neighbours saying anything against the proposals. **A report is given on page 1 with a continuation on page 3**

Change of use planned - Plans have been submitted for a change of use and internal alteration of the building at 52 West Church Street from a shop to a licensed restaurant.

Citizen of the Year named - The 1987 Rotary Club Citizen of the Year is local shopkeeper and Scout Leader Mr Ian Dalgarno. Mr Dalgarno moved from Keith six years ago to take over the general store on Wallace Avenue and soon revived the local Scout Troop and has been the leader ever since.

Advert - The Spar Grocers at 52 West Church Street (Nemat Ali's family) will be open on the Buckie Holiday

Advert - Fabric Attractions, 46 West Church Street. Be ready for summer days. Skirt and sun dresses ready to sew in a variety of colours and patterns. Prints for toddlers - £1.95; small girl skirts - £2.20

Advert - Make your special day very special hire a VHS Camcorder from Buckpool Video and Records - easy to operate and fun to use.

Buckpool boxers did very well - Three youthful boxers, David McLean, Kris Geddes and Martin Goodall did themselves and the home club Buckpool ABC proud when they each achieved notable victories on May 28 at a boxing show in Aberdeen at the United Services Club - writes Allan Fraser. Without putting two fine a point on the matter it appears that for a provincial amateur boxer to win in Aberdeen can be equated with a British professional boxer gaining a verdict in the States.

Buckpool bowlers took the title - Buckpool Golf Club Bowling Section won the Banffshire Coast Indoor Bowling League.

Buckie Rovers annual 'Do' The annual dinner and dance took place in the Social where the usual trophies were handed out. The Players Player of the year was Michael Munro (G.K), The Young Player of the Year was Eddie Campbell.

** **In Search of Maggie Fair** - This is the name of an article found on page 15

Billy Mair's Funeral Parlour - This edition carries a photograph of the building on Newland's Lane which is due to be opened in July.

June 9 **Accident claims the life of young hairdresser** - Buckie hairdresser 19 year old Pauline Slater was killed on Saturday night when the car she was driving was in collision with a bus at Mosstodloch. She, together with her friend Gillian Fraser, also aged 19 and a hairdresser, were on their way to Elgin for a night out.

Pauline was the daughter of Mr James Slater, Skipper of the MB Aries and his wife Eileen, the eldest of a family of three of Spey Drive, Buckie.

Opening announcement - Bennett's the Butcher will open at 10 Station Road, Portessie on Thursday 11 June with Jim Bain as manager.

They want to start a Pipe Band - A Buckie family hope to start up a Pipe Band in the town and invite local pipers for their support. Mrs Violet Low and her two sons, Ken and Mark, both pipers, together with their neighbour and very keen that Buckie Pipe bands can be revived. Mrs Low is the daughter of the Pipe Major of the Elgin Pipe Band.

Last boat from Jones' Shipyard - Last week saw the launch of the last new construction project in the Jones' shipyard order book. So wrote reporter Alan Wiseman

However the yard management are confident of keeping the 74 hourly paid employees in work until the yard's three-week break, which starts at the end of July.

Last Thursday the 60 feet dual purpose fishing boat, named 'Diamond' built for Shetland skipper Peter Goodlad took to the water

The Diamond is the 188th fishing boat to be built by Jones' Shipyard.

RNLI Gala Day - Saturday 20 June 1987.

Nurse Wood retires - Nurse Wood, District Nurse for the Cullen and Portknockie area has retired after many years' service to both communities.

Advert - West End Video, 68 West Church Street, Many items for hire including a sunbed or canopy.

New Rector for Buckie High School - The successor has been appointed to Mr George McKenzie who retires at the end of this session.

Mr Christopher Sugden (41) an honours Geography of Newcastle University was appointed to the post from a short list of 3 by Grampian Regional Council education committee staffing sub committee on Friday. Mr Sugden is currently deputy head teacher at Harlaw Academy, Aberdeen. **A full report is given on page 3**

The SNP take the Moray seat - Scottish Nationalist Mrs Margaret Ewing last week became Moray's new MP ousting Tory Mr Alex Pollock who had represented Moray and West Banff constituency since 1983 and the old Moray seat for four years before that.

A new use for Deskford croft -The green light has been given for the establishment of a horticultural show garden, including a glasshouse at Cottertown of Ardoch, Deskford, by Moray District Council planning committee. The application made by Dutch businessman Mr J. Kwint met no opposition.

Mr Kwint purchased Cottertown of Ardoch croft from the Seafield Estates three years ago and his aim is to provide a show place there for the growth of Dutch flower bulbs and pot plants.

Actor has Moray relations - Martin Eales who played the part of Henry Mardelow the son of a blacksmith, in the ITV serial 'The Honey Siege' shown on Sunday evenings has relatives in Moray. Although Martin's home is in Bristol his maternal grandmother, Mrs Agnes Fraser lives at 35 Maxwell Street, Fochabers while other relatives live in Buckie.

June 23 **Cullen House can rise from the ashes** - In the aftermath of the serious fire, which ravaged historic sections of the building there appears grounds for

optimism that Cullen House can be restored to something of its former glory.
See front page and page 5 for fuller report and pictures.

Narrow escape for two local fishermen - A Portessie father and son escaped unscathed when their creel boat was dashed on to the rocks of Strathlene late last Thursday afternoon.

Alexander Smith 'Pro' (53) of 2 Oglivie Street and his son also Alexander (30) 26 Samson Avenue were forced to clamber ashore through a heavy swell as their boat, 28 feet long 'Girl Helen' broke up beneath them.

The drama began when the vessel developed engine trouble off Portessie and was swept westwards and towards the rocky shore between Strathlene and Findochty.

The boat was completely destroyed by the pounding it received. **A report is given on page one**

Advert - Grange Highland Games to be held at Braco Farm on Sunday 28 June, 1987.

What's on at the Picters? This week in the Fishermen's Hall the Moving Picture Show will present a film only open to those over 18 called 'Evil Dead'

Market Tearoom to open - Buckpool couple Colin and Sonia Ritchie, 3 Dunbar Street are to open a new tearoom at Buckie harbour. Their plans to convert the disused office at 21-22 Commercial Road owned by Mr Jan Huldal into a tearoom have been given conditional approval by M.D. C. planning committee. They plan to open the Market Tearoom on July 7.

Headmistress of St Peter's School retires - Sister Aloysius who has been headmistress of St Peter's School since 1974 is retiring and bowing out after nearly 4 decades in the teaching profession. **A fuller report is given.**

Request for Ped./ Crossing turned down - Grampian Region Roads Department turned down the request made by Buckie Community Council for a pedestrian crossing across East Church Street near the Post Office. It was said that studies have shown that the crossing would not be all that often used and likely to create a traffic hazard.

Rotary Club speaker - Hugh Patience, a member of the local club, was the speaker at their meeting on June 22nd. His subject matter was 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' and the introduction of the Victoria Cross.

A busy harbour - A total of 41 fishing boats, nine of them Danish, landed their catches at Buckie last week from Monday till Friday. The total landings comprised - 1,000 boxes of white fish, 290 boxes of prawns, 2,890 boxes of shrimps and 744 bags of clams.

Application turned down - Buckie woman Mrs Anne Coull saw her application for a drinks licence for 6-7 Jubilee Terrace, Findochty turned down by Moray District Council. She wanted to convert the premises into a public and lounge bars.

Painter has improved - Trainee painter with Doolin and Clarke, Painters, Buckie, Stewart Taylor, Bowiebank Farm, Findochty received the shield for the Most Improved Painting and Decorating student at Moray College. Stewart who is 17 has been employed by Doolin and Clarke for two years under the Youth Training Scheme.

June 30 **Local infant may go abroad for treatment** - Buckie infant, 11 month old Deborah Ewen of Portessie who suffers from cerebral palsy has been given a chance to attend a revolutionary child clinic in Hungary.

Long cycle trip planned - Four Buckie men, Malcolm Smith, fisherman, George Duthie, Master Builder, Euan Chisholm Solicitor and Ian Fraser, Buyer plan to cycle from Penzance to Buckie in aid of the BBC Television Children I Need Appeal . A sponsored trip they hope to raise £15,000 via the 754 mile pedal push and are looking for supporters. They plan to do the journey in relays and to cover 90 miles per day.

Herdie's boat launch - The second fishing vessel launch of the year at Herd and Mackenzie boatyard took place at the weekend. The new vessel was built for Mussleburgh skipper, Robert Millar and named Rebecca after his 13 year old daughter who had the privilege of smashing the bubbly across the bows of the new boat.

The Rebecca cost in the region of £650.00 and will be working in concert with his partner Tom Bain who saw his new vessel Bonaventure launched from Herd and Mackenzie's shipyard in April. They aim to pair trawl out of Eyemouth for white fish in the North Sea.

Advert - Moray Firth Marine - Marine and Industrial Engineers- Star Garage, Bridgend, Buckie.

Things look promising for Pipe Band - 11 pipers and 10 drummers have already shown an interest in forming a Pipe Band in Buckie. The idea was first mooted by Mrs Violet Low and her two piper sons Ken and Mark some time before.

Lorry from the deep wrecks fishing net - Skipper Peter Simpson and his crew of the Buckie registered seine net boat' Sharon Louise; were amazed but certainly not amused to find a lorry, registered number HC 356, drawn up in their net when fishing 200 miles east of Peterhead. The experience proved to be a costly one for besides the damage to the net two days were wasted in trying to get rid of the lorry. The police said that the lorry was not British and it is believed that it may have come off a ferry and been dragged to the spot by a bigger boat.

Buckie Rovers president hits out strongly - In a no holds barred address the Rovers President Dr Jim Tuckerman lambasted the mercenary attitude of players, the sale-room mentality of certain clubs and the apathy of the general public when it came to taking an interest in the local junior football club. Despite the plea made by the Rovers' secretary Allan Fraser in the Advertiser two week before for all persons with an interest in the welfare and continuance of Buckie Rovers to attend the meeting no one answered the call. The only person, outwith the committee, present was Andrew Bain who is a Rovers' player.

Buckie Half Marathon - 141 runners took part in this the third annual Buckie Half Marathon. The first runner home was Welshman Simon Axon who won the race in 1986. His time this year was 1 hour 9 minutes and 39 seconds, just over a minute slower than his time for last year. Second and 46 seconds behind was Charlie McIntyre of Fraserburgh. The first lady home was Marie Duthie from Fraserburgh with a time of 1 hour, 29 minutes and 57 seconds. Raymond Farquhar was the first local runner to cross the line.

July 7 **Another sponsored cycle run** - Two young Buckie men, Ricky Cunningham (25) 29 New Street and Jamie Cowie (26) 131 Main Street are planning a 250 mile sponsored cycle run from Buckie to Fort William and back plus a climb up and down Ben Nevis in aid of the Deborah Ewen Trust Fund. They hope to raise over £1000 .

Funeral Chapel - The first purpose-built funeral chapel and rest room in the Buckie area is now open to the public. The Newlands Lane premises of local joiner and undertaker Mr William R. Mair were dedicated on Sunday in the presence of invited guests.

The joint service was conducted by Rev. T. Johnston, representing Buckie Fraternal and Rev Alex Barr representing the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

This marks the culmination of 15 months work by Mr Mair who built the amenity to extend the range of facilities he can offer to the public. **A full report is given on page 6 also a photograph.**

Honour for Buckie building firm - The firm of Wm. Douglas and Sons (George Duthie Managing Director) were among the three firms involved in the 26 month duration project costing £17.5 million refurbishment of the British Army barracks at Fort George. The quality of the work the firm did there earned them the Europa Nostra Silver Medal from a group which marks 'outstanding work which protects Europe's architectural and natural heritage. **The report may be seen on page 7.**

At the present time the firm are busy building the Presto Supermarket on East Cathcart Street, with a photograph showing the men busy on the job.

Mr Duthie has said that the firm were prepared to go wherever there was work and soon a squad of men from the firm were due to start work on the refurbishment of 12 flats in Earls Court, London.

Phimister girls again among the medals - A photograph shows 12 year old Faye and 15 year old Lorraine showing off the silverware they earned recently in the Esso Age Group Swimming Championships at East Kilbride while their brother Wayne, also a swimmer, looks on.

Faye won gold in the 100m backstroke; 100 m butterfly; 100m front crawl and the 200m individual medley. In addition she won a bronze medal in the 200 m backstroke and a silver in the 200m front crawl.

Lorraine won gold medals in the 100m back stroke and 400m individual medley and also a bronze medal in the 200m backstroke.

July 14 **Added jail sentence for Buckie businessman** - Former Buckie businessman, and one who did much to help Buckie Thistle when the club was going through a traumatic period in its history, Mr Les 'Chickory' Douglas, a native of Fochabers, who was jailed for four years at the High Court in Inverness last August after being convicted of three fraud charges and a charge of attempted fraud and also for attempting to defeat the ends of justice has been jailed for a further three years. **The full report is given on page 9.**

July 21 **Valuable parts stolen off wrecked boat** - The creel boat wreckage belonging to Mr Alexander Smith lying on the rocks near Strathlene has been found to have been looted. The boat's propeller and shaft, creel hauler and hydraulic pump had been removed. The cost of the articles taken amounted to £2000. Mr Smith said whoever took them knew exactly what they were looking for.

Rubbish being dumped at Portgordon - Mr Norman Jamieson, 8 Stewart Street, Portgordon has voiced his concern at the indiscriminate dumping of industrial and household rubbish that is taking place not far from his hole at the west end of Portgordon.

New officer at the helm - The new Salvation Army officer in Buckie is Captain Joan Joyce who has moved here from Dundee.

Now open - The Music Hall, 29 West Church Street, Record, Tapes, CD's videos.

First event of its kind - The first ever Women's Guild ... in the North Church on Friday and Saturday 17/18 July.

The event that took a year to plan was held as part of the Guild's celebrations to mark the centenary of the Church of Scotland's Woman's Guild. **See the report on page 9.**

Advert – New Supper Menu at Mr C's (restaurant - above the TSB Bank) Cluny Square, Buckie. (It might be of note to know that the name of the restaurant was changed several times over the years. The last name in 2004 was 'Jacqui's ' but it closed towards the end of the year with the premises lying empty in March 2005.)

July 28 **Buckie & District Fishing Heritage Society have** been successful in obtaining a massive cash boost from Buckie Common Good Fund on condition that an information-gathering scheme gains Manpower Services Commission Approval. On Wednesday the full Moray District Council agreed to donate £3000 from the Common Good Fund to a proposed oral local history project. The Society envisages enlisting the help of the M.S.C. In recording the recollections of the fishing industry veterans on tape before the knowledge is lost forever. The M.S.C. was set up by the government to find work for the long-term unemployed. **The full report is given on page 3.**

Cycling twosome are back - The intrepid cycling duo, Ricky Cunningham and Jamie Cowie arrived back in Cluny Square on Saturday evening after a successful fund-raising 'summit' at Ben Nevis.

The two lads expect that their sponsored cycle run to Fort William and back plus the ascent of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest peak, will have raised somewhere in the region of £1000 for the Deborah Ewen Trust Fund.

Probus Club -The speaker at last week's lunch meeting was Ted Richardson whose subject was Nyasaland. Mr Richardson spent a long time in Africa while in the Colonial Service.

Peter Fair was weat. Some would say that this was nothing out of the usual. The 'Advertiser' had its usual write up and a number of picters showing a' kine o folk enjoying themselves nevertheless.

Aug 4 **Pipe Band gains support** - Moray District council has agreed to give the embryonic Buckie Pipe Band the free use of a room in the Town House for their weekly practices. A total of 23 youngsters are now meeting in the Town House every Thursday evening from 6 till 8p.m for chanter and drum tuition. Ken Low is the pipe tutor being helped by Sinclair Longmore. His brother Mark is a drummer.

New enterprise at Spey Bay - A new Veterinary Practice opened at Upper Dallachy, Spey Bay on Monday 3 August by Peter and Susan Mackenzie MSRCVS.

Fit's on this week at the picters? Showing in the Fishermen's Hall this Thursday evening is 'Superman' the programme begins at 7.30pm.

The railway cutting infill - Preparatory work for the infilling of part of the old railway cutting is expected to begin after the holidays. Dan Docherty, Contractor, is to lay drains between Cluny Place and North High Street and build retaining walls at either end.

Another bobby in the Fowler family - Ian Fowler (40) a native of Buckie has been promoted Chief Inspector in the Lothian and Border Police Force. He joined Edinburgh City Police in 1967. His father Mr 'Lin' Fowler, who died in 1972, had a number of baker shops in Buckie. Another brother, Alex, was recently promoted Inspector in charge of the Police Station in Buckie.

Former Councillor Jack Cole BEM dies - He was a member of Buckie Town Council for 14 years and a member of Moray District Council from 1980 till 1984. He worked at Thomson's Shipyard as an engineer and was lifeboat mechanic for 32 years. He died in Dr Gray's Hospital; Elgin on Sunday August 2 aged 72. His

home was at Highfield Road. He is survived by his wife Margaret, and their two children Ian and Ann.

Cullen House to rise from the ashes - Architects embark on Cullen House restoration - **See page 5.**

Rovers to open their own park - On the evening of Tuesday August 11 Buckie Rovers F.C. welcome a side from Aberdeen F.C. For a match to mark the opening of their new enclosed ground at Merson Park, the occasion marks the culmination of five years of fund-raising by the club's committee.

The idea of the club having its own ground was first mooted by the then club secretary Mr Bruce Smith in 1982. **See report on page 7.**

Aug 11 **Under new management** - Nom's Chip Shop, Portessie. The new owners are Stewart and Margaret Croll.

The Market Tearoom - 19 Commercial Road open for teas, coffees and snacks. Home made soup on Friday and Saturday. Opening hours - 6.30am till 3pm Monday till Friday. Saturdays - 7am till noon.

Market Garden proposed - Planning application has been made to form a market garden at Tannachy, Portgordon and a small farm with dwelling house and farm buildings.

Disco for those under 14 - Buckpool Boxing Club are to run a Disco on Saturday 15 August for those aged 14 and under in the old Golf Club House. Music by Penny Banana.

Plans for Indian Restaurant - Buckie will have an Indian Restaurant provided some of the opposition to premises of this type being established in one of the town's main streets is withdrawn. The proposer of the venture is Buckie businessman Mr Nemat Ali.

Grants available - Homeowners are advised by Moray District Council to apply for grant aid for home improvement and repairs. The grants range from 50% to 75% and there is 'virtually unlimited finance available at present' Ian Potter, Director of Housing has said.

Advert - Fresh Flowers for all occasions call Aileen, 1 Yuill Avenue for wreaths, bouquets, church decoration and cut flowers.

Advert - Grampian Preservation, for eradication of woodworm, dry rot and damp control, contact Mr D. Simpson.

Advert - Ken Fish, 15 Low Street, and suppliers of quality fresh fish. Phone in for free local deliveries. - Kippers a speciality.

Advert - Busy Bee - Knitting Centre - St Andrews Square.

Given the go ahead - Plans for the conversion of Rathven House (the former Rathven Manse) into a private nursing home have been given conditional approval by Moray District Council planning committee.

Closing down sale - Normas, the Men and Boys clothing shop at 18 East Church Street is to close down a Sale is to start on 13 August with all articles with a third to a half of normal prices.

Aug 18 **No tick here** - The clock on the steeple of the North Church is stopped. Parts have been removed for repair giving John Grant, Foreman Plumber with M. D. C. in the Buckie area a rest. John has wound up the clock once every week for 28 years. When the clock is re-started it will be automatic. Asked for his feelings

about this he replied, "I imagine I will miss the routine but it doesn't put me up or down."

Notice - Buckie Pipe Band are to hold a Coffee Morning to raise funds in the Episcopal Church Hall on Saturday 22 August from 10am till 12 noon. Tickets cost 40p.

Employment opportunities - Workers are required for Grampian Country Pork Ltd at Buckpool.

Keswick in Buckie - Saturday sees the start of the second '**Keswick in Buckie**' convention in the Methodist Church. The church played host to a similar event last year, which was voted a great success by speakers, participants and organisers alike.

Successful competitor - James Miller, Merson Street, Buckpool, won a silver and a gold medal in his swimming event at this year's British Polio Fellowship Championships at Stoke Mandeville, Bucks, England. **See report on page 7**

Aug 25 **A Growing Concern** - The Grampian Country Pork plant at Buckpool is rapidly becoming established as one of Buckie's principal centres of employment writes Alan Wiseman. Since March this year the work force has increased from 75 to 111 and as business continues to expand there are hopes of further jobs being created. **See report on page 1**

Fete at Letterfourie - (In Gaelic the word means the place of the cold slope) The organisers Buckie Ark Housing Project will be hoping that the sun comes out and warms the place up for their fete on Saturday afternoon 29 August.

Opening announcement - C and R Mair are to at Morven Stores, 19 Cluny Terrace on Monday 31 August dealing in second-hand furniture and bric-a-brac.

The 'Lights' are not so bright - The future of Buckie's newest hostelry - The Northern Lights on Yuill Avenue - has been called into question. The publican has had his licence suspended for 6 months following a number of police complaints.

13 not unlucky for him- - Bob Dawson, Land Street, Buckpool, notched up his 13th successive success at Deskford Horticultural Society's 88th Annual Flower Show.

Buckie's Flower Show continues to grow in popularity writes Show secretary Allan Fraser. See report on page 7

Buckie Rovers a management changes - Bruce Roy tendered his resignation as manager of local junior football team Buckie Rovers. He said how work commitments meant that he was unable to give the time to the task of manager that was required. The team on Saturday against Lossie United was in the charge of Spencer Lyon, coach and trainer.

Dennis Clark a former Rovers' player has been appointed as manager with a second former Rover's player and presently secretary of the club, Keith Sinclair as his assistant. Spencer Lyon to continue as trainer.

Sept 1 **Main sponsor found** - A main sponsor has been found for Pudsey's Penzance Pedal Push and the quintet of local businessmen committed to cycling from the Cornish coast to Buckie in aid of needy children are now half-way towards their £15,000 cash target.

One of the quintet's primary objective has been to secure a principal backer and the building society Mr Chisholm's law practice is an agent for has now come forward to fill the role.

The Bristol and West Building Society have agreed to inject £1000 to the fund and provide refreshments at five points on the way north. Food and drink will be laid on at the Society's branches at Penzance, Okehampton, Perth, Aberdeen and Buckie. **A report on the venture is given on page 1.**

High praise all round -The work of the Gurkhas and also the people of Portgordon came in for glowing praise when Major General Jeremy Rougier, who is in command of all the army engineering work, paid a visit to Portgordon harbour on Wednesday morning. **Front page news**

Fit's on at the Picters? This week the Moving Picture Show will present the film Mannequin in the Fishermen's Hall on Thursday evening commencing at 7.30pm.

Advert - J. H. Smith, Builders, and Mason work of all kinds undertaken.

Advert - Davidson's Joiners, Unit 1 Marchmont Industrial Estate.

Advert - Cullen Joiners - R. Ross and A. Innes

Advert - Barron Bros. 48 Land Street, Keith. We will be undertaking domestic repairs in Buckie and surrounding area every Saturday. Second-hand twin tub washing machines also supplied.

Advert - Options - Ladies and Children's wear- 17 East Church Street.

First steps in biggin a new one - Work began this week in clearing away the remains of Buckie Bowling Club's former club house destroyed by fire early last year. The contractor involved is local man Dan Docherty.

They're back - Fair City Decorators, Aberdeen are to be back in the Cluny Hotel with another big sale of wallpaper and paints etc.

Sept 8 **New Income Tax office** - The official opening of Moray House on East Cathcart Street, the purpose office building for the Income Tax will take place on Wednesday 16 September by Mr D. B. Rogers CB Director of the Inland Revenue

Given the Green Light - Buckie businessman, Mr Nemat Ali is after all to be allowed to establish an Indian Restaurant in the town, after the planning committee of Moray District Council passed his plans.

Mr Ali proposal to change the use of his Spar shop at 52 West Church Street to a licenced restaurant serving Indian and European food has aroused considerable controversy and opposition especially from householders in the flats directly opposite.

'Keswick in Buckie' The second 'Keswick in Buckie' convention which ran from 22 to 28 August was judged to be a huge success by organisers, speakers and participants.

Johnny and the Copycats - Around 400 people packed into the Fishermen's hall on Saturday night to demonstrate that the popularity of one of the north east's best known bands has been maintained 25 years on from their formation. The sell out on-off silver jubilee reunion gig of Johnny and the Copycats undoubtedly provided an evening of nostalgia for the musicians and the bulk of the audience but the event also had a serious purpose.

Around £8000 is expected to have been raised from ticket sales and the cash will go to local charities including the Deborah Ewen Trust Fund.

Sept 15 **Good news for Jones' workforce** - Jones' Shipyard, both management and workmen alike breathed a sigh of relief last week with the glad news that new construction work had been obtained.

An order for a 65-foot dual purpose-fishing vessel for Shetland skipper Mr John Scott has been secured through Lerwick agents L. H. D.

Advert - Elspeth's Ladies and Gent's Hairdresser is now at 43 West Church Street – 3 doors along from previous address.

Notice – Buckie Rovers FC wish it to be known that their enclosed ground at Merson Park is private property and persons found trespassing will be liable for persecution

Break in and robbery at Maryhill - Two log cabins situated adjacent to the road leading to Maryhill Farm, Drybridge, were broken into over the weekend with goods to the value of £1500 stolen.

Items stolen were – two portable colour TV sets, two sets of pine bunk beds, duvets, pots and pans, 2 electric kettles, toasters, electric blankets, a chest of drawers, mirrors and pictures.

The chalets are jointly owned by Mr John Forbes senior and junior farmers at Maryhill and Mr and Mrs Douglas Craig who formerly owned the Monastery Restaurant and who are now living at Hilton Farmhouse.

Two years ago there was a similar break in with similar things stolen. This was the first weekend that the chalets have been unoccupied.

A £200 reward is offered for any information leading to the arrest of the thieves.

Portgordon and Portsoy on TV - The BBC2 screenplay this Wednesday should be of interest to local viewers with a minority tuning in to see if they are in focus themselves.

The 60-minute drama entitled 'The Shutter falls' was filmed largely on location in Portgordon and Portsoy.

Advert - R. Cockburn, South West Street, Prams at Buckie Pram and Cycle Shop.

Advert - J. Widdrington and Sons are now at 37 Main Street. Bitumen and FibreGlass Roofing Specialists.

Sept 22 **Their cycle run paid off handsomely - A** photograph shows Lorraine and Harry Ewen together with baby Deborah and three year old Andrew as they receive a cheque for £2, 166.55 from long distance sponsored cyclists Ricky Cunningham and Jamie Cowie. They cycled from Buckie to Fort William and back recently and also climbed Ben Nevis. They completed the round trips and climbs in two days and doubled the cash target they had set themselves. The cost of the treatment in Hungary for Deborah is £10,000 and already the Trust Fund has reached £6.000 with the lad's donation being the biggest yet.

Advert - Normas, 18 East Church Street. Wanted for Good as New department household goods, sports goods, cycles and toys. They must all be in good condition.

Sept 29 **Pedal pushing quintet return** - A heroes welcome awaited Buckie's quintet of pedal-pushing businessmen as they rode into the town's Cluny Square on Saturday afternoon thus completing the final leg of their 754 mile charity cycle run from Penzance. The quintet was Euan Chisholm, solicitor, George Duthie, Builder, Ian Fraser, Executive, Jake Robertson, Garage Proprietor and Malcolm Smith, fisherman.

Twa shows at the Picters this week - The Moving Picture Show are to present two shows this week at 6.25 and 8.05 p.m. The films are Bambi and Blind Date.

We are closing at Christmas – McIntosh Stores, 28 Baron Street are to close down in December so come now for the best bargains.

Former Buckie priest dies - Monsignor Wm. Murdoch died at Nazareth House in Aberdeen on Friday aged 86. He was parish priest at St Peter's in Buckie from 1945 till 1974 when he retired through ill health.

Day Care Unit opened - A new day care unit for the elderly was opened at Seafield Hospital, Buckie last week. The facility is housed in a former staff bungalow and can accommodate 10 patients in any one day from Monday till Friday.

Pipe Band make first purchase -The fledgling Buckie Pipe Band which was begun by Mrs Violet Low, her son Ken and neighbour Mrs Fiona St George have raised sufficient funds to enable them to make their first purchase – two sets of pipes and four side drums.

Pipe tuition is being given by Ken Low helped by Sinclair Longmore. The secretary is Miss Jean Hay.

Oct 6 **'Sparky' firm makes Norse connection** - Buckie firm No 1 Electrical have engineered a Norse connection which further establishes the town's links with the Scandinavian countries forged through the fishing industry.

Through it two young employees have had the opportunity to sample Danish life and culture. For the past three years the electrical contractors association for Scotland have operated an exchange scheme with their Danish equivalent whereby every year 10-apprentice electricians from each country take part in a 6-week exchange.

David Niven (18) 52 Yuill Avenue was paired with Anders Mortensen. He stayed at Ander's home in Jutland and worked with him at a local firm of similar size to No 1 in August and September. The other apprentice 20-year-old George Thain of Portknockie was similarly paired and worked near Copenhagen.

Mr Murray Thain started No 1 Electrical at the former bank premises at 52 Low Street seven years ago. At present he has 27 employees including three journeymen and an apprentice at their armature-winding workshop at Pinefield, Elgin.

The firm has just secured their first contract in Shetland but most of the work is within 60 miles radius of Buckie with vans leaving every day for Aberdeen, Fraserburgh and Inverness.

Cambridge Diet - Isn't it time you tried the Cambridge Diet. Call your Counsellor today- Norma Pirie on Buckie xx 434.

Market tearoom – Breakfast and hot lunches served daily. Sit down or take away- 19 Commercial Road.

Another biker does it for Charity - Charlie Huldal raised £290 from a sponsored cycle run to Inverness, which he described as being horrendous because of the weather and traffic which gave him little room and was forced off the road twice. He gave £65 to Asthma Research and £125 to 'Children in Need'.

Bide in yer cheer - Have your hair done at home at your leisure by Paula Conlin, c/o 37 Main Street

Advert - Clouds – Hair Group Buckie xx088.

Fit happent we dinna ken –Buchan Travel office failed to open on Wednesday morning and it was later revealed that the firm had gone into liquidation. The firm was founded in Banff six years ago and came to Buckie in 1982.

Advert – Peta, Hairdresser, 31a West Church Street.

Hotel changes hands - Cullen Bay Hotel is now under new management.

Help urgently required - Buckie Scout leaders are looking for a helping hand. Ian Dalgarno and Joe Geoghegan are finding themselves with more than they can cope with in a thriving Boy Scout group in Buckie. There are at present 25 Scouts, a Beaver Colony of 24 and a Cub Pack of 20

Opening announcement – New shop titled Babyland (Owner Nemat Ali) is now open at 51 West Church Street next door to Jamieson's TV shop.

Best ever season - Cullen F.C. Have just completed their best ever campaign in the Buckie and District Welfare League. During 1987 summer season the team won the League Championship and six of the eleven cup that were up for grabs so becoming the most successful side in one season in the history of the league. Cullen finished nine points ahead of Portgordon in the league, winning 16 games losing only one game, and drawing one. The captain was George Wright.

Oct 20 **A tourist boost** - The Buckie area looks set for tourism a boost next year with a visitor centre at Bell's Inchgower distillery likely to be a reality by the start of summer.

Plans by Bell's Parent Company United Distillers to create an impressive visitor centre there are at an advanced stage and have been given a seal of approval by Moray Tourist body

Buckie sea captain under fire - A Liberian registered vessel under the command of a master mariner from Buckie, Captain Malcolm Cameron was hit by an Iranian warhead off Kuwait on Thursday. His Filipino crew of 35 abandoned the supertanker Sungari with its cargo of oil erupted in flames leaving the 51 year old captain to fight the inferno alone. **A full report is given on page 1**

Advert – Rebecca – Hairdresser, Craiglinn, Arradoul. (The former school building).

Hypnotist pays a visit to Buckie. A change of scene for Allan Fraser, football scribe, who was given the task of describing the evening's entertainment led by Hugh Lennon who, was making an early return to the town. **See page 11.**

Buckie 10K race - The fourth annual Buckie 10K took place on Sunday. The winner, first past the post, was Chris Hall an Aberdeen AAC runner who finished 2 minutes 20 seconds ahead of Ray Aitken a local school teacher who trains with the Banff Coasters Club.

The Welsh internationalist's time was nine seconds more than the record 30minutes 45 seconds he set up in winning the race last year in his first appearance at Buckie.

The entry this year was 2266, 20 less than the previous year. First local runner home was again fisherman and Coaster member Raymond Farquhar. Who organised the event?

The first woman home in 36 minutes and 40 seconds was Australian holidaymaker Mora Main.

Chris Hall received a set of crystal glasses, a camera and a bottle of champagne, as did Ms Main.

Ray Aitken also received crystal glasses but gave these to fellow Coaster member Andrew Newlands

This year a Fun Race was organised in conjunction with the main race.

Oct 27 **The Guides to have a new 'Hut'** – Work is to begin soon on the construction of a new meeting place for Buckie's Brownies and Guides. The premises on Cathcart Grove built more than 50 years ago are to be demolished to make way for a new larger building, which will contain a main hall, committee room, kitchen, toilets and storage area.

The contract for building the new meeting place has gone to R. Slorach and Sons, Joiners and Building Contractors.

The cost of the new building is estimated to be in the region of £49,000 part of which is covered by a grant.

Linzi had the recipe for success - Portknockie housewife Mrs Linzi Hill found a recipe for success in last week's BBC Scotland Personality Supercook competition held in Glasgow. She warded off competition from 7 other finalists in the cooking contest staged in Glasgow's Albany Hotel to scoop the top prize. She is pictured with BBC Radio presenter Jimmy Mack

Her prize was a weekend for her family at Gleneagles Hotel; a new fitted kitchen, a micro oven and £5 of Co-op vouchers as well as an opportunity to appear on the Jimmy Mack Show.

The competitors had to prepare a meal for four people for under £20 and using mostly home-grown ingredients. Mrs Hill produced Cullen Skink; Beef Inchgower, turnip and nutmeg croquettes creamed kale, bramble mousse and short bread for just over £5.

Cullen House planning application - Planning permission has been requested for the reinstatement of the fire damage to the south tower, west wings 1 and 2, and the east wing of Cullen House.

Opening announcement - The Linen Basket (part of Smith's Sport's Shop) at 61 West Church Street will open on November 2nd. Stocking loose and boxed towels and Horrockses bed linen.

Advert Babyland, 51 West Church Street. Selection of prams, pushes chairs, cots and playpens.

Goodbye to the St Andrews Hotel - The proprietors of the St Andrews Hotel in Buckpool received farewell gifts from members of the staff and regular customers at a presentation in the hotel on Saturday October 17 to mark their departure from Buckie.

Ernie Anderson and his wife Margaret took over the St Andrews Hotel in 1983 after he had enjoyed a successful business career.

The hotel has been sold to John and Anne Rose from Invergordon. Mr Rose was formerly a farmer following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in a farm near Dalcross.

The Andersons who have two daughters, Lorraine 14 and Lesley 11 are to move to Echt where they have bought a house.

Nov 3 **Baby look at me now** - Cullen's miracle baby of two years ago has grown into a happy, energetic and intelligent youngster - wrote Alan Wiseman.

After an anxious time during his early life little Jonathon Mowat's parents Esther and Bill 8 Seafield Street are now enjoying life with their bright, healthy two year old. Jonathon weighed only 18 ounces when he was born at Aberdeen Special Nursery on August 10 1985. He was the smallest baby to be born at the unit and wasn't given much chance of survival by the medical staff.

Roman Catholic Church Notice - As from Saturday 7 November 1987 Mass times are as follows - St Ninian's, Tynet 5.30pm (Saturday Vigil); St Peter's Buckie, 7.30pm (Saturday Vigil) St Peter's Buckie 10,00am Sunday morning . Mass at St Gregory's Preshome suspended until the spring.

Goodbye and thanks - Jack and Dorothy take this opportunity to thank all customers of the Marine Hotel for their loyal support. We also wish Dave and Siobhan , the new proprietors, all the very best in their new venture.

New rector takes up the reins - Mr Chris Sugden took up the post of rector at Buckie High School on Monday October 20 succeeding Mr George McKenzie who has retired. Mr Sugden is a graduate in Geography of Newcastle University and began his teaching career at Gordonstoun when he became PT of Geography before filling a number of posts in various part of Scotland .

Granted a licence – Mr Nemat Ali has been granted a drinks licence for the Indian Restaurant he has plans to open on the site of his present Spar Supermarket at 52 West Church Street.

New Supermarket to open - The new Presto Supermarket on East Cathcart Street is to open at 8.30am on Tuesday 11 November.

Woollen Mill sale - Robert Laidlaw and sons Ltd, Keith are to hold a mammoth sale on Saturday 14 November.

Vandalism at the Merson Park - Police are investigating an incident of vandalism at Buckie Rovers' newly enclosed ground at Merson Park. The two wooden dugouts provided free gratis by local joiner Brian Slorach were badly destroyed.

The Phimister family trophy haul - The Moray District Phimister family dominated the North Districts Swimming Championships held in Inverness on October 24 and 25 in which 6 swimmers from Buckie took part. The Phimister trio scooped 12 titles between them with Lorraine winning seven, Brother Wayne 4 and younger sister Faye one.

Advert – Fabric Attractions, 46 West Church Street. For Evening wear x x x, x x x, x x x, x x x, x x x. For Comfort – x x x, x x x, x x x. For Fashion – x x x, x x x, x x x. For Warmth – x x x, x x x, x x

Advert – West End Video, 68 West Church Street.

Nov 10 **Deborah Ewen Trust Fund** - The Trust Fund established just five months ago to help improve the quality of life of Portessie youngster Deborah Ewen has already passed the initial figure of £10,000 set.

Findochty teenagers to be honoured - Three Findochty youngsters Glen Campbell (13), Alison Graves (15) and Elaine Sutherland also 15 are to receive commendations from the Royal Humane Society for plucking five year old Kenneth Bryce from the waters of Findochty harbour on June 29 only seconds before he would have drowned.

Fit's on at the Picters? The Moving Picture Show this week are to present Eddie Murphy and Beverley Hills in Cop II. There are two houses, at 6.00 and 8.15pm.

Shop now open - Bill Cormack's domestic appliance shop at 19 Commercial Road is now open from 9am till 5pm daily.

Advert – Ensign Decorators. Give yourself break, let us take the strain, contact us at Buckie xx900

Advert – Tots to Teens – Winter stock arriving daily, 19 West Church Street.

Nov 17 **Christmas Lights** – Buckie Chamber of Commerce notice – Any person, Club Group or Association interested in assisting with the erection of this year's Christmas Lights display or in arranging the switching on ceremony are asked to attend a meeting in the Cluny Hotel on Tuesday 25 November at 7.30pm.

Night club proposed - A planning application has been lodged with Moray District Council for a change of use of the vacant plumber's merchants and DIY (formerly McGruther and Marshall) on Commercial Road to a lounge bar and night club.

Advert – Homes and Gardens, 25 West Church Street, Cane furniture for your conservatory.

Maternity Unit escapes the axe - Seafeld Hospital Maternity Unit has escaped the axe in Grampian Health Board's latest review of their operations wrote Alan Wiseman See page 11.

Nov 24 **Advert** – Buckie Tool hire – automotive and portable power, Unit 9 March Road Industrial Estate.

Inchgower visitor centre - A planning application has been lodged with M.D.C. by Inchgower Distillery to alter existing warehouses to form a new visitor centre and car parks.

Advert - Why go out of Buckie to shop for fashionable clothes? Shop at Woman in Mind, 39 West Church Street. Special offers to all pensioners.

Another set back for Findochty pub. – Mrs Anne Coull received another set back in her efforts to obtain a public house licence for 6-7 Jubilee Terrace, Findochty. She had already obtained planning permission for conversion of the property but now has been turned down for a drink's licence by four votes to 3.

Advert - All knitwear reduced by 15% for two weeks at Peter Slater, 63 West Church Street.

Dec 1 **Two orders for fishing boats** - Jones' Shipyard received orders for two new fishing vessels brought a difficult chapter in the yard to a close. For the last few months the men had been employed on repair work only.

Advert – The New Carlton Ladies and Gents Hairdressers under new management .

Advert – Neil Innes – Carpets and Upholstery professionally cleaned. On site Phone xx 754.

Buckie businesswoman dies - Mrs Geraldine Scott (46) Director of Planning for Gordon District Council died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary last Wednesday. She had been in a coma since March 19 following her involvement in a road accident on the Keith to Buckie road near to the Clochan cross roads.

Back in action - Buckie's central time piece – the North Church clock is back in action again this week after being suspended in time for some three months. Parts of the clock's mechanism were removed in August for modification and overhaul by a Leeds firm of clockmakers William Potts and Sons.

Advert – Sheila's, 50 East Church Street,. Fashions arriving from London.

St Andrews Hotel - This edition of the Banffshire Advertiser carries a big publicity spiel for the St Andrew's Hotel , which is now owned by John and Anne Rose.

Probus Club - The guest speaker at the lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Mike Seton of the Local Studies section of Moray District Libraries. With the help of his own slides he gave a fascinating account of the very many activities of his department.

Dec 8 **What does the future hold ?** Recent developments have fuelled speculation over the future of the Grampian Country Pork factory at Buckpool. There have been redundancies and a letter has been sent by the firm to pig suppliers informing them of an imminent reduction of the price paid for their animals.

Grampian Country Chickens bought the former slaughterhouse from Aberdeen and Northern Marts in the autumn of 1985 and £1million was spent to transform the building into one of the most modern pork processing plants in the country. With the workforce growing from the original 40 to in the region of 130. It is understood that a sales manager, two salesmen, two production managers and a tele- sales person have lost their jobs.

Fit's on at the picters es week? The Moving Picture Show is to present 'Inner Space'.

Advert – Sign Rite, Shops, Vehicles and glass. Ed Lamont, Buckie

Dec 15 **Bowling Club scores well** – Buckie Bowling Club received a £12,000 grant from the Buckie Common Good Fund towards the erection of a new clubhouse to replace the one that was burnt down

Night-club plans turned down - Colin Findlay of the Kingsland Development Company last week hit out at Moray and District Council planning committee after they had turned down his application to convert the empty former plumber' merchants and DIY store on Commercial Road into a night-club.

Advert – Taylors Chemists, 1 High Street; Taylors Toiletries, St Andrews Square.

Advert – Denim Plus, Grapevine, East Church Street, all the latest fashions for man woman and child.

Advert – Karl Thomsen, Rigger, Chandler and Net Manufacturer.

Advert – Closing Down sale ends on Saturday 19 December – Ritchies, 72 East Church Street.

Advert - Candy Box, 17 West Church Street. Chocolates of all makes.

Advert – Walker and Smith, 20 West Church Street, Electrical gifts of all kinds.

Advert – Jamieson's Radio and TV celebrate 50 years in business 1937 – 1987 and beyond, 47 West Church Street.

Advert - Mill of Towie Restaurant – Join the party at Mill of Towie on the Keith to Drummur road from the 9th to 31 December, plus a Christmas Eve Spectacular

Dec 22 **Oor drill hall is to hit the dust** - The wooden annex at Clochan Community Hall (formerly Enzie Public School) built pre-war and which stood in the playground and was our drill hall etc is to be demolished. It was judged to be too costly to do the necessary repairs. The sum of £1500 is to be allowed for the work of demolition and clearing the debris away.

Merry Christmas - The Crown Bar on Low Street owned by Frances and Bob was only one of the hotels and bars that had a season's greeting in the *Advertiser* this week. Others were the Rathburn Hotel , The Anchor Bar, the St Andrews Hotel, and the Cliff House Hotel on High Street. (By 2005 the hotels together with the Crown Bar had all gone while the Anchor Bar had been given a new name - the Caledonian.)

29 Dec. **There's cwid be mair money in oor hip pooch** - Moray District Council have agreed to find the extra money needed to complete the infill of the part of the former railway cutting between Cluny Place and North High Street.

We'll ken far tae ging noo - Bell Travel - Speyside, opened a travel office at 33 High Street (across the road fae the Com.) on 23 December.



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