

## 1988

Jan 5 **Unemployment and its effect** - Buckie has the second highest unemployment figure in the Grampian Region with the town's shopkeepers, apart from the grocery chain outlets, beginning to feel the pinch. Individual shopkeepers said they had noticed a marked decline in the sale of what might be termed more luxury items over the Christmas period.

**A year old** - Buckie Cancer Link set up in December 1986 by Mrs Bella Cowie, 10 Mackenzie Road, Buckpool following the death of her husband from the disease reached its first birthday.

**Some adverts** - John C. Tully, Electrical Contractor, Fochabers  
J. C. D. Rumbles, Painter and Decorator  
James Reid, Joinery and Ceramic Tiling  
R. W. Smith, Joiner, Rannas Place, Portessie. Reasonable rates

Blenheim Travel, 15 east Church Street. Staff, Alison Mair, Iris Bell and Grace Reid.

Tred Rite, 1 Baron Street, business as usual.

**Scout Post** - Over the Christmas period the Scout Post delivered 13,000 cards around Buckie and Portgordon. This was twice the number delivered the previous year and 10,000 up on the first year that it was started.

Jan 12 **Grampian Country Pork** - Mr Willie Gordon, Commercial Manager of Grampian Country Pork, said, "I know that there have been rumours circulating that this plant is going to close in the near future. These are completely unfounded, Grampian Country Pork intends to be in Buckie for a long time." **A report on the prospects for a number of firms in 1988 is given on page one.**

**We've shifted** - Buckpool Video has moved from Seaview Road and is now located on Land Street.

**Keswick in Buckie** - A Convention Weekend is to take place from 15 till the 17 January. Meetings will take place in the Methodist Church. The speaker will be Billy Strachan.

**Master Joiner dies suddenly** - Well known local joiner and building contractor, Mr Bill Geddes, Lochnagar, 39 Barhill Road, Buckpool, died suddenly on Saturday. He was 48. Bill served his time at Jones Shipyard and later spent some time in the Merchant Navy before going into partnership with fellow joiner, Mr Sandy Thomson in 1973. He was an elder of the North Church.

**Buckie Rovers** - The local junior team Buckie Rovers continued their recent good run into 1988 when they beat Caberfeidh (Elgin) by five goals to one away from home. The team was - Munro, Russell (Sutherland), Campbell, Tait (M. Smith), Mackay, Coull, Lappin, Redford, Mackie, Geddes and R. Smith.

Jan 19 **The fishing scene** - The general consensus among those directly and indirectly involved with the catching sector of the fishing industry locally is that 1987 had been one of the better years in recent times.

**Nearing a total of £15,000-** The Deborah Ewen Trust Fund is within reach of £15,000 after a recent donation of £1,200 from Amoco Montrose Alpha platform charities committee.

**Fit's on at the Picters?** - The Moving Picture Show are to present the film 'Big Foot' in the Fishermen's Hall on Thursday 21 January.

**Back tae grun' wi' a dunt** - The Rovers eleven games unbeaten run came to an abrupt halt on Saturday when they were on the receiving end of a five-one thrashing from the auld enemy Deveronside; and at home tae.

**The fishing scene** - Last week from Monday till Friday 40 boats landed at Buckie 1040 boxes of white fish, 140 boxes of prawns and 80 bags of clams.

Jan 26 **In business as a signwriter** - Eddie Lamont recently established himself as a signwriter, operating from a room in his home at 9 Seaview Road. He was made redundant from his job offshore and had been looking for some alternative employment. He was keen on art at school and this interest grew into a craft-lettering hobby, which has subsequently developed into a business proposition.

**A long stint comes to an end** - Long serving local government employee Miss Cathy Fordyce recently retired after 40 years service first with Buckie Town Council and then Moray District Council as a typist and clerical officer.

**Thank you** - 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Scout Group committee wish to thank all those who patronised the Scout Post and helped in any way to sort and deliver the cards. **The sum of £717 was raised.**

Feb 2 **It wis weet bit nae caul.** According to the figures released from the Aberdeen Meteorological Station January 1988 was wetter than normal locally and also over much of the country. A total rainfall of 130.1mm fell in the local area in that time. Last January the figure was 54.8mm. It was fairly mild.

**Are ye on for artex on yer reef?** The same advert as appeared all last year was again to be found in the local paper - Artex Ceilings, estimates free Phone Buckie - 39xx

**Now open** - Super high-pressure car wash at Regency Filling Station - Hot detergent - cold rinse. Only 50p during February.

**A new nursing home** - Construction work will begin soon to convert Rathven House (former manse) into a purpose built nursing home, which is planned to be open during August 1988. Staff is required.

Feb 9 **Road improvements** - Work has begun on improving an accident black-spot on the A98 at Tulloch Brae, just west of Tynet Cross Roads.

**The 'Paraffin City' to get a face lift** - The first steps towards the creation of a more attractive environment in Portgordon has begun. Trusted with the work is Fochabers contractor Alistair Young who have begun by landscaping the centre and outskirts. Up to now all work of this nature has concentrated on the harbour area, which previously was something of an eyesore.

**Long distance no subsistence**, unlikely in this instance. Four carpenter tradesmen from the shipyard firm of Herd and Mackenzie, Gilbert Jappy (foreman) Ian Wilson, Fraser Andrew and William Smith left on Tuesday of last week for the Thorshaven in the Faeroe Islands where they are to deck a 58 feet fishing boat. The work is estimated to take them six weeks to complete.

**Heritage Society still waiting** - The group established to record and preserve the local areas fishing heritage are still awaiting the green light from the Manpower Services Commission that would allow a major extension of their activities.

The Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society were formed in March 1986 and registered as a charitable trust. Around £3.800 was raised and the bulk of it spent equipping the local studies room established in Moray District Council, property in a room adjacent to Buckie library and museum in the Town House.

**More can be read on page 5**

**Advert** – The Star Garage, Bridgend, Buckie. Heavy Good vehicles, light commercials and all types of cars serviced. Diesel and petrol sold.

**Ark Housing Committee is hopeful** - Buckie Ark Housing project committee are hopeful that a break through will be achieved soon in their efforts to see a residential scheme for mentally handicapped people provided in Buckie.

The project proposes the building of 12 units on a two-acre site on the East Side of Land Street (The site or much of it was formerly taken up by Alex Hendry and Sons Carpenters and Joiners.)

**Advert** – Learn to drive – George Wright, School of Motoring.

**Successfully completed** - Girl Guide Elaine Summerfield has successfully completed the projects needed to earn the highest award given in the Guide Movement. The Baden-Powell Trefoil is the 4<sup>th</sup> hardest Trefoil bade to attain.

Feb 16 **Fit's on at the Picters es week?** Showing in the Fishermen's Hall this week at 7.30 is the film 'The Lost Boys'.

**The Imperial Services Medal** - A photograph shows Gordon Smith, a postal officer for 46 years, receiving the Imperial Services Medal.

**Getting staff could be a problem** - Property developer, Colin Finnie proposals to convert Rathven House (the former Kirk manse) into a private nursing home have been to the satisfaction of Moray District Council planning committee but now there are fears that he may have difficulty in staffing the establishment.

**Camping rights** - The question of the camping rights was discussed at this month's meeting of Buckie Community Council after secretary Mr Allan Fraser informed members that for a number of weeks past the caravans of 'travelling people' have been parked near to the former salmon bothy between Buckie and Portgordon.

**Boxing match in Buckpool Golf Clubhouse** - Allan Fraser was present and wrote a report on the ongoings found on page 9.

**Buckie Bowling Club** - Building work has started on the new pavilion for Buckie Bowling Club.

23 Feb **Advert** - Dresswear hire for that special occasion. Peter G. Slater, Gents Outfitter, 65 West Church Street.

**Wall hanging** - A wall in the Buckie Museum is now enhanced with an attractive wall hanging, which depicts scenes characteristic of the town and surrounding area.

The idea behind the work came from local woman Mrs Jenny Hicken who had been inspired by similar pieces found in other towns and villages.

The wall hanging consists of 11 different scenes, all which were produced by 11 different women. **See report on page 6.**

**Boat launch** - The latest in a long line of fishing vessels was launched from a Buckie shipyard on Saturday representing a first for the builders as well as the skipper. The 75' 'Elanda' is Buckie skipper Mr David Main's first brand new boat and is also the first vessel Herd and Mackenzie have constructed with a full deck shelter extending from bow to stern. Rev Alex Barr gave a prayer of dedication while the skipper's wife Elizabeth launched the new boat. It is reported that the vessel cost £750,00 to build. It will have a crew of 7 including Skipper Main and partner, engineer, James Sutherland. Other partners are Alex Barr and Colin Macrae Directors of United Fish Selling Ltd.

**Now Open** – Buckie Body Shop – March Road Industrial Estate, owner Jimmy Fraser, Panel beater who lives in Cullen.

**Job completed** – The work on the infill of the section of Buckie's former railway cutting between North High Street and Cluny Place has been completed according to schedule.

**Nae ane bit huners o videos** - Buckpool Video, 24 Land Street have over 900 films in stock. Films may be hired for 50p, Free membership.

**Adverts** – W. Findlay, Painter and Decorator, 2 Hope Street, Portessie. Estimates free.

Neil A. Christie, Plumber and Heating Engineer, 41 New Street. Buckie.

Busy Bee formerly at St Andrew's square now at 19 East Church Street. - Top floor.

Mar 1 **No Navigation classes** - The continuing lack of Navigation tuition at Buckie High School is causing concern locally.

**Bids farewell** - Nursing officer at Seafield Hospital for the past three and a half years Mrs Zena Fern left the post on February 29. Intends to join her husband in the Middle East.

**Probus Club** – The speaker at the February meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Mr Brian Wilkinson of the Rathven Community Project. This is the only one in Grampian and is funded by a government grant and is under the overall supervision of the YMCA.

Mar 8 **Go ahead for Night-club** - A local property developer's plans to give Buckie its own night spot have been given the go-ahead by Moray District Council planning committee at the second attempt.

In December an application from Rathven based Colin Finnie of the Kingsland Development Company to turn the former McGruther and Marshall Plumber's Merchants and DIY store at Commercial Road into a lounge bar and night club was unanimously turned down on the grounds that such a development would be detrimental to the harbour area.

**Hamish to stand down** - Councillor Hamish Watt (SNP) west ward representative on Moray District Council has announced that he will not be standing for re-election in the forth-coming May election because a number of planning applications in which he had an interest were to be discussed early after the election.

The Buckie branch of the SNP has announced the adoption of Mr Bill Jappy as their prospective candidate in the westward to replace Councillor Watt. Mr Jappy is presently vice chairman of Buckie Community Council and Chairman of the local branch of the SNP.

**A Reunion is planned** - Plans are afoot to have a reunion of pupils who attended Portessie School between the years 1965 – 1971. One of those trying to organise such an event is Mrs N. Mackie, 20 The Bow, Buckpool.

**Langstane Housing Project completed** - The new Langstane Housing Association Project on St Peter's Terrace, Buckpool, based around the former Bank House and later boarding house has been completed. The project consists of a number of flats designed for single persons who will be moving in later this month. Elgin firm, Grant Construction, did the work.

**36 year's service comes to an end** - Mr Sammy Turner, former head warehouseman at Inchgower Distillery is seen in a photograph receiving a farewell gift at a presentation to mark his retiral. Sammy who lives with his wife Bunty at Cando, Arradoul has been at Inchgower for 36 years.

**Chosen for Scotland** - Sisters Lorraine and Faye Phimister have been included in the Scottish swimming team for this year's Speedo International which is to be held at the Quarry Pools, Showsbury on Saturday March 19.

**Phab well established** - The Buckie Phab group, the first to be set up in the Grampian Region has become firmly established in the town. The Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied organisation is a charitable trust, which works towards the integration of the physically handicapped into the able body's community.

Mar 15 **Taking shape** - Portgordon's £65,000 face lift is beginning to take shape. Pictures on page 5 of this edition show workmen busy working on the area around the War Memorial and also to the east of the harbour.

**Advert** - Denim Plus, 37 East Church Street - for work wear.

Mar 22 **They have returned** - The four strong party of carpenters employed by Herd and Mackenzie shipyard returned to Buckie last week having gained an insight into the character and lifestyle of one of the world's smallest nations and extended the yard's reputation for quality workmanship. Foreman Gilbert Jappy and three other 'good hands' Ian Wilson, Fraser Andrew and William Smith completed a six week spell working on the Faeroe Islands where they completed decked a fishing boat. They told how they had been royally treated by one and all and had witnessed a whale hunt.

**Thistle Bar** (6 West Church Street) - Alfie Morrison and his wife Mary who have been mine hosts of the Thistle Bar have retired from the licensing trade. The bar has been taken over by Charles Huldal and Rosalyn.

**Probus Club** - The guest speaker at the March meeting was Greg Cooper of the Moray College.

**Rotary Club** - Bill Davidson, Cullen spoke to the Buckie Rotary Club on 200 years of building in Banffshire. It was most labour intensive last century. He gave as an example the building of the Big Drain which ran west from Cullen House towards Rannas and turned what had been previously a stagnant bog into fertile land. The job took from 1859 till 1867 with 40 to 50 men being employed.

**Portessie School reunion** - On page 11 the names of the organisers of the proposed reunion are given. The reunion is for those who attended the school from 1965 till 1971.

**Councillor intends to stand down** - Councillor Frank Anderson (SNP) Buckie east has intimated that he is not to stand for election in May.

**Tories field two candidates** - Ian Thain, former Master Electrician and James Reid retired Master Mariner are to contest the two seats Buckie east and Buckie west at the May election for the Tory party.

Mar 29 **A teacher of Nautical Subjects** - No guarantee can be given that the post of PT of Seamanship and Navigation (Nautical Subjects) at Buckie High School can be filled. A previous advert for a teacher failed to get the desired response. It has been found that there is a shortage of teachers with the necessary skills.

**Fit's on at the Picters** - This week the Moving Picture Show will be presenting two films - The Fox and the Hounds also Robbo Cop. Next week the film will be Stake Out.

**For sale** - The Morven Stores on Cluny Terrace.

**Travelling People** - The community council are still not happy about the travelling people who are camped near the salmon bothy between Buckie and Portgordon. At present there are 8 caravans there with no toilet facilities or bins for garbage. It was said that this is a favourite place for children going to roll their Easter eggs.

**New occupants** - Number 19 Commercial Road again has new tenants. For a long time the shop was occupied by John Barclay and Sons, Slater and Plumbers as a showroom. Over the past year, however, it has been a café and then a place where washing machines and vacuum cleaners was repaired and now it has been taken over by Karl Thomsen where working and casual clothes are sold.

**Automation at B & S.** Bremner and Stewart who produce all manner of concrete products at the workplace unit 3 and 4 March Road industrial estate have introduced automation to speed up production.

**To open shortly** - Asha Tandoori Restaurant at 52 West Church Street (formerly Spar Supermarket) is to open on 4 April.

Apr 5 **Passing of 'Mr Arradoul'** Councillor George 'Dod' Innes died at his home 11 Blantyre Terrace, Findochty on Friday of last week.

Though the 1940 and 1950 Dod was involved with the running of Arradoul Youth Club which met in the WRI Hall. Later when the Youth Club ceased to function he was manager of Arradoul F.C. who played in the Welfare League up until they were wound up after joining with Buckie Rovers to join the Morayshire Junior League.

He stood as a candidate for Moray District Council and defeated the late Wm. Mair. Portknockie.

An orphan Dod was brought up by a couple in Deskford and on leaving the school became a farm servant at Walkerdale, Westerside and last in 1954 at Greenbank where he drove a pair of horse for the next ten years. In 1964 he left to join the Pearl Assurance as an agent remaining with them until he retired. He is survived by his wife Cathie.

**Seamen's Memorial on New Street-** The finishing touch to the monument for local men, who lost their lives at sea, has been completed. The last stained glass window by master glass painter Mr Charles Florence PT Teacher of Art at Buckie High School has been installed.

Mr Florence said: "It was an honour and privilege to be asked to do the work and I find its completion very fulfilling. The only directive that I received was that the style should be shrine like." **A report is given on page 1.**

**First Cat Show** - The first ever Cat Show to be held in Buckie will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 2 July 1988.

**Hairdressers change hands** - The hairdresser's business 'Hair Design' at 3 Bank Street has changed hand. The new owners are Mrs Veronica Thow and her daughter Pauline who take over from Mrs Agnes Clark and daughter Jackie.

**Closing down** - A closing down sale is taking place at 36 James Street. Tea sets, cutlery, Pyrex dishes, clocks, bed linen, towel etc, etc.

**Death of former Ironmonger** - Mr A. Grant Brown died in Seafeld Hospital aged 78. A son of Mr and Mrs Brown of Westerside he served his time with Tindall Scott. He opened an Ironmonger's shop at 26 East Church Street in 1938 in the shop previously occupied by the Thistle Shoe Shop. He served in the RAF during World War II. He sold his business to R. E. Erskine in 1971. He is survived by his wife.

Apr 12 **Old established firm sold** - Jams P. Pozzi, Newsagents and Bookseller, 8 High Street has been sold. The new management, Mr and Mrs Cowie will take over on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Labour candidate** - Mrs Lorna Forbes, 33 Braeview Road, has been nominated as Labour candidate for the west ward facing opposition from Bill Jappy, SNP and Jim Reid, Conservative.

**Wished the best** - One of the firms who did work for the owners of the Asha Tandoori Restaurant, Mr Alum and Partners and wished them good fortune following the opening was R. N. Nicol, and Sons, Furniture Restorer and Upholsterers, Admiralty Street, Buckie.

Apr 19 **Heritage Society given the Go Ahead** - The Manpower Services Commission approval has at last been given for the oral local history project proposed by the group set up to chronicle the fishing industry history of the Buckie area though not for the whole duration.

The Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society was established in March 1986 and registered as a charitable trust with the aim of recording and preserving the local areas fishing heritage.

A picture (in this edition) shows the empty caretaker's flat to the rear of the Library on Cluny Place which Moray District Council have given B&D FHS use of to undertake an MSC funded oral local history project.

The sum of £3000 was given to the Society from the Buckie Common Good Fund, which was spent on photographic gear, a word processor, photocopier and a reel to reel tape recorder.

Two men who live locally, Alistair McGrory and David Astell were appointed project manager and field officer respectively on Friday afternoon.

Mr McGrory will be involved in recruiting other ten members of the team with the aid of Buckie Job Centre. **A fuller report is found on page 3**

**Community Council** - The travellers being camped near the salmon bothy at Buckpool was an item again raised this month at the meeting of the community council.

**In memory of** - A granite plaque showing a fence with wire and paling together with a strainer post was erected in Cullen Parish Church in memory of the late Rev John Guthrie. It depicts the sermon of the 'strainer post' preached 30 years before.

April 26 **Sudden death of young priest** - The popular parish priest of St Peter's RC Church, Buckie, Rev Father John Beveridge died suddenly on Saturday at a wedding reception in the Skean Dhu Hotel Aberdeen. He was 35. He enjoyed physical fitness and was an enthusiastic skier, golfer, and hill walker and squash player and was also interested in photography. The congregation in Buckie was stunned to hear the news said one; "He came like a breath of fresh air, and will be sorely missed." His body was interred in St Ninian's Cemetery, Tynet.

May 3 **Oral History Project** - The local oral history project set up by Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society with funding from the Manpower Commission has begun the task of chronicling Buckie's development as a port from the last century until the present day.

One of the main aims of the project is to record the recollections of fishing industry veterans born before 1922 before their knowledge is lost. **See the report on page 9**

**Spey Bay rally driver** -Spey Bay's female rally driving enthusiast Fiona Simpson was the first woman driver across the line in the Cordiner's Granite City Rally on Saturday April 23.

Fiona was at the wheel of a four-wheel drive Mazda 323 turbo owned by Findhorn Motors.

**Opening announcement** - Azad Video No 1 in Scotland now open at 17 East Church Street.

May 10 **Fits on at the Picters es wik?** The Moving Picture Show will present 'Three Men and a Baby.' Last week the film shown was "Batteries Not Included."; ye maun buy yer ain.

**Fit about the 'Pitch'?** - There are high hopes that one of Buckpool's less attractive areas - 'The Pitch' will be upgraded. The new west ward councillor, Bill Jappy has agreed to follow up reports for improvements. Councillor Jappy SNP took the west ward (Buckie) vacated by Frank Anderson who retired. Councillor Hugh Munro SNP took the east ward (Buckie) left vacant due to the resignation of Hamish Watt.

May 17 **The Gurkha soldiers to return** - Portgordon folk are again ready to embrace with hospitality soldiers from a far off land whose comrades have done so much to improve the appearance of the village harbour. Between 30 and 40 men of the 69<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Independent Field Squadron will be carrying out the third phase of the harbour improvement scheme initiated by fellow Nepalese engineers three years ago.

**You are invited** - Archibald Motors- Mr and Mrs E. Malcolm and staff request the pleasure of your company at a viewing of the new Rover 800 fast back series to be held at the Cullen Bay Hotel on Wednesday 25 May from 10.00am till 5.00pm.

**We've been around a lang time** - Members of the Buckie branch of the Clydesdale Bank together with manager Sandy Buist celebrated 150 year history.

May 25 **Grampian Country Pork** - The outlook at the Grampian Country Pork plant in Buckpool now appears brighter than at any time previously in its often difficult two year history.

\*\*\*\*\* Drastic surgery effected amongst management last December and streamlining and re-arrangement of operations at the end of last year paid off with the trading position of Buckie's second largest source of employment now stronger. **(It is somewhat ironic that I should have taken these notes on April 15 2005 on the day that it was announced that the plant was to close down completely in October 2005.)**

**Another SNP member** - Gordon McDonald has been selected by the SNP to contest the by election for the Buckie ward seat on Grampian Regional Council recently vacated by a fellow SNP member Co. Hugh Munro.

**Heritage Society - AGM** - Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society are to hold their annual general meeting in the Town House on Thursday 26 May at 7.00pm. Following the business part of the meeting a talk will be given by Peter Buchan, Peterhead.

May 31 **Lack of grants create problems** - The continuing lack of grants for new fishing vessel construction is threatening to create the most serious situation local boatbuilders have faced for years.

**Isla St Clair** - One time Findochty lass turned singer and celebrity, Isla St Clair was back in the area where she spent part of her childhood for a brief break last week when along with her infant son she paid a visit to her widowed mother Mrs Zetta Doran who lives in Mosstodloch.

**Opening announcement** - Grampian Hydraulics Ltd are to open a branch in Buckie on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are the north east Scotland distributor of OTC power products.

**Hiv yi ony photoes tae gees a lennie o?** A local railway enthusiast has renewed his appeal for the loan of photographs of trains used on the former Highland branch line between Keith and Portessie. To complement a book he has written on the subject. Mr Brian Wilkinson, 4 Westburn Court began researching his book, which he hopes to see published shortly, in 1986. **A fuller report is given on page 9.**

**They ended season with a win if nothing else -** Buckie Rovers ended season 1987/88 on a winning note when they beat Rothes Decimals away by four goals to two. The team was Mike Munro, Eddy Campbell, Raymond Tait, Gordon Redford, David 'Pecos' Mackay (Mark Russell), Graham Lappin, ? 'Moppy' Sutherland, Stevie Mackie, Willie Geddes, Mike 'Scammers' Smith. Sub Trialist . **Photograph of team on page 10.**

June 7 **Cullen House rises from the ashes -** Nearly a year after being ravaged by a serious blaze one of the north east's most historic buildings is well on the way to regaining much of its former glory. Nine months after taking on the job of reconstruction of Cullen House Aberdeen builders Hall and Tawse and their sub contractors have effected a considerable transformation. **A full report together with photographs is given both on page 1 and page 3.**

**Operation Grouse -** The completion of the third phase of Operation Grouse currently underway at Portgordon harbour is in sight. Work on the construction of a concrete slipway at the harbour's east pier by 40 men of the 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron began last month.

June 14 **Seems like it's slippin awa -** The prospects of a tourist drawing visitor centre being established at Inchgowrie Distillery appear to have receded somewhat once again.

**The District Council say thanks -** Moray District Council said a final thank you to the men of the Gurkha Regiment at a luncheon laid on in their honour. Since 1985 the Squadron's three troops have transformed Portgordon harbour from an unsightly mess to an amenity the village can be proud of in a project given the Army code name of Operation Famous Grouse. The luncheon was given as a thank you gesture to the Nepalese engineers and their British officer. Though the District provided the materials costing around £60,000 the work done by the Gurkha engineers saved in the region of £200,000 in labour costs. **Report is given on page 1**

**Tory candidate -** Mr Frances Lawrence, 57 of 9 Cameron crescent has been chosen by Buckie Branch of Moray and West Banff Conservative and Unionist Association to contest the by-election for the Buckie ward seat on Grampian Regional Council vacated by SNP member Co. Hugh Munro. Frances Lawrence is a former fisherman and skipper who had to retire from the sea two years before due to ill health.

**Citizen of the Year -**Buckie Rotary Club are once again casting their nets looking to find an appropriate person who will bear the mantle of Citizen of the Year for 1988.

The inaugural accolade went to Hamilton Brother's plater and youth workers Mr Gordon Pirie. Last year shopkeeper and leader of the town's Scout Group Mr Ian Dalgarno collected the silver salver, which accompanies the recognition.

**When is one jist ower aul?** Grampian Regional Council is to reconsider the proposal to allow school-crossing patrollers to continue working until the age of 80.

**"We're nae turning the clock back"** - Moray District Council Environmental Health Committee are unlikely to revert to the operating of a bin system for householders in Moray despite problems with the plastic refuse bags currently in use.

The Council opted for a cheaper thinner type of refuse sack when a world shortage of raw materials threatened to push up the price of sacks they supply to householders by £26,000 this year.

**More on the Gurkhas** - Page 7 carries an extension of the piece written on the front page about the District Council's thanks and farewell to the soldiers of the Gurkhas Regiment who did so much work at Portgordon harbour. There are three photographs.

**Nae silver this year** - Local junior football team, Buckie Rovers ended the season without any tangible evidence to show for their efforts. In the last opportunity to win a trophy, the Tom Gordon Cup, they were beaten by two goals to nil by Deveronside at Merson Park on Wednesday evening.

The Rovers' team was - Munro, Tait and Campbell; Sutherland, Mackay and Coull; Redford, Smith, Mackie, Geddes and Henderson.

Graeme Tallis and Gary Innes both on the committee of the Rovers in 2005 were in the Deveronside line up, with Tallis being manager for a few seasons prior to this.

June 21 **Long wait maybe over** - The long wait for the Buckie committee of the Ark Housing Association for accommodation to be provided for mentally handicapped people in the town looks to be virtually over. The committee has just learned that a deal has been struck between the ARK organisation and Moray District council for two acres of land on the East Side of Land Street Buckpool where the development will take place. Much of the land was previously occupied by Alex Hendry and Sons Joiners and Carpenters who had the premises in what had been previously a number of small houses.

**Grave fears expressed** - Buckie Rovers desperately require to enlist some new people to join the committee. Should no one come forward according to their treasurer, Allan Fraser, it possible that the club could go under? He had an appeal in the local paper asking that anyone interested should attend the coming annual general meeting. (The Rovers did go into abeyance during season 2004/5 when team manger Graeme Tallis was unable to sign sufficient players to take part in the league programme. However, a new manager was appointed in April 2005 and at a meeting then more people came forward to join the committee making things looking promising that the Rovers would be back in harness come the start of the new season in August.)

**Advance Notices** - Maggie Fair at the Cross-, Garmouth on Saturday 25 June.

Grange Highland Games at Braco Farm, Grange on Sunday  
26 June,

Paulos Circus - first ever visit to Buckie in Merson Park from  
Thursday till Sunday 30 June to 3 July.

**Pozzi Newsagents** - Mr and Mrs George Cowie, who took over the business at 8 High Street from the widow of James Pozzi, the last of the name to own the shop, have retired with the new owners being Mr and Mrs J. Robertson who took over on 19 June. They thanked all customers for their custom.

**Gurkhas the guests of honour** - The soldier engineers of the Gurkhas Regiment were the guests of honour at a ceilidh held in their honour in the village hall, Portgordon on Wednesday June 15. The people of Clochan played a seven a side football match against the soldiers winning by six goals to three. A photograph in the local paper showed that Dr Jim Tuckerman was a guest in the Clochan side. Miss Margaret Reid the main organiser of the ceilidh said that it had been a 'super night' both local folk and the Gurkhas engineer enjoying themselves immensely. Presents were exchanged, Mr Sinclair Longmore handing over a bottle of whisky and receiving in return a cork knife. **A full report is given on page 6.**

**A Gala at Clochan** -The people of Clochan is planning to hold a Gala Day. This will be the first ever gala held in Clochan although an annual Enzie Picnic and Games was held each year for a period of forty years or more, up until 1925. The first one was held in a field at Cuttlebrae and for a number of years moved around until settling on a field near to Enzie railway station after the line opened in 1885

**Thistle Player (s) of the Year** - Two players shared the honour of being chosen Buckie Thistle 'Players of the Year', the first time ever that two players received the same number of points. They are Alex Innes, goalkeeper and Bruce Morrison, defender.

**Winners of the Ross Cup** - Portsoy won the Ross Cup by beating Buckie United by one goal to nil.

June 28 **Changes to be made** - The Scottish Development Agency have commissioned the sum of £265,000 to convert the former Thorn EMI factory at Marchmont Crescent into units for small businesses.

**Advance notices** - - A Grand Fete will take place at Letterfourie House on Saturday 2 July 1988. Free bus will leave Cluny Square at 1.45pm.

Findochty Gala - Friday and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1988.

**Fatal road accident near Connage Farm** - A 12 year old Buckie Schoolboy was killed on the Saturday afternoon while crossing the A98 near Connage Farm and within sight of his home. A car hit Darren Davidson, 7 Connage Cottages on his way home for his tea at 5.30pm.

A pupil at St Peter's Primary School and an altar boy at St Peter's Church he was said to have liked horses and ponies and had been helping out at a farm nearby and had got a lift home. He is a son of Mr and Mrs Peter Davidson who is a fisherman.

**Jimmy calls a halt** - Jimmy Gunn, Portgordon, retired on Tuesday June 7 after 34 years as a driving instructor in the Buckie area. He began when he was 20 and over the years has taught many thousands to drive, in some cases two generations. He said that it could be 'hairy' at times but mostly had enjoyed the experience of meeting different people and seeing them progress. One of his last pupils passed her test on his last day. One of the major changes in his time had been the cost of a lesson up from 7/6 and hour to £8.

**Gala was a success** - Clochan's first ever Gala proved to be a success despite the lack of sunshine. There was a fair crowd but one disappointment was the poor response to the major race and also the fancy dress.

**South Church masonry under repair** - At present the church is clad in scaffolding from the peak of the steeple to the ground all round and looks not unlike the George Pompidou Centre in Paris. The scaffolding has been erected to all point and does remedial work to the stonework of the 130-year-old building. The contractors are Wm. Douglas and Sons.

**Advert** - The Market Tearoom - 19 Commercial Road. Snacks, Lunches, afternoon teas. Microwave meal suppliers.

July 5 **Not one but two boats launched** - Last week Herd and Mackenzie notched up what is believed to be a first for them but the double launch on Thursday afternoon may also be the last such occasion at the boatyard for some time. Both the new vessels built of wood are 43 feet long and powered by Gardner engines have been built for Western Isles skippers. Each is equipped with tanks to keep the contents of the creels they will be fishing with alive until they reach the market.

Hector Stewart from North Uist saw his vessel, 'Guiding Light' take to the water first before the mother of Benbecula skipper Duncan MacRae performed the launching ceremony in Gaelic the good wishes for the crew and the ship 'Stelmar' being clearly audible.

In both instances, the skippers who are friends have their brothers as partners.

**Fit's on at the Picters?** In the Fishermen's Hall this week the Moving Picture Show are to present 'Batman' starring Adam West. This is a Movie 'U' film.

**The SNP triumph again** - The SNP notched up another in their recent run of ballot box triumphs in the local area at Thursday's by-election for the Buckie seat on Grampian Regional Council.

Custom's Officer Mr Gordon McDonald who lives in the Enzie defeated Conservative candidate retired fishing boat skipper Mr Frances Lawrence by 1264 to 701. Mr McDonald took the place of Councillor Hugh Munro who retired.

**The Letterfourie ARK Fete** - The third fete to be held at Letterfourie House in aid of the ARK Association turned out to be more successful than one could have hoped for at the start of the day. In the morning torrential rain looked as if the event would be washed out but before the start at 2pm the sun came out and remained so for the rest of the day.

**Buckie Rovers AGM** - At the recent annual general meeting Dr Jim Tuckerman voiced his intention of stepping down from the position of president though he was prepared to remain as a member of the committee. Jack Clarke, a former president of the club agreed to again fill the breach. The other members of the committee appointed were vice presidents - Eric Geddes, treasurer, Mrs Chrissie Sinclair, secretary, Allan Fraser. Committee - Dr Jim Tuckerman, Mrs Moira Geddes, and new member Mr Hugh Patience. Team manager, Dennis Clark, assistant manager, Keith Sinclair, trainer, Spencer Lyon, linesman Sandy Thomson.

**High School Dux** - This year's Dux of Buckie High School and winner of the Miller Medal is Stewart Duguid.

**It paid off handsomely** - Clochan's recent first ever-gala day and dance raised an impressive £1,220. Music for the dance was provided by Buckie band Exodus. Over 100 local folk were present. Another gala is planned for next year.

Jul 12 **Piper Alpha Disaster**- Three local men perished in the worlds ever oil disaster late on Wednesday night early Thursday morning. Wm. Cowie, Trevear, South Pringle Street, Alan Riddoch, 22 Morven Crescent, Findochty and Douglas Findlay, Buckpool born who had moved to Elgin, died on the Occidental Piper Alpha rig 120 miles north east of Aberdeen, which a succession of explosions turned into a blazing inferno.

Mechanical fitter with the Wood Group, James Russell, Maralomeida, 38 Seaview Road, Buckpool was among the 67 men spared. He suffered burns to his hands, feet and back. He survived after jumping into the sea from a considerable height and was picked up by a supply boat. **A report is given on page 1**

**Planning application** - 5 Land Street - erection of Special Needs housing for the mildly mentally handicapped.

**Black Boogie's Treasure** - This serial written by Spike had reached chapter 42.

**Hamish is now a Doctor of Laws** - Buckie's Rathford/Lennox ward voice on Grampian Regional Council Councillor Hamish Watt received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Aberdeen University at one of last week's end of term graduation ceremonies.

**Sale adverts** - Peter G. Slater, 68 West Church Street, Summer Sale  
Fabric Attractions, 46 West Church Street

Karl Thomsen, 19 Commercial Road, Great reductions, 10% off all Hi-tecs.

Buckie Furniture Centre, 45 West Church Street.

**The fishing scene** - A total of 31 boats landed at Buckie harbour between Monday and Friday 500 boxes of fish, 720 boxes of prawns and 50 bags of clams.

**Situation vacant** - An experienced draughtsman or woman is wanted by Hamilton Brothers, Engineers. Apply to Gordon Edgar, Technical Director, 34 Commercial Road.

**Former Buckie publican dies** - The former proprietor of the Thistle Bar on West Church Street, Buckie, Mr Robert Wyper, died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary recently. He was 71. The Wypers retired from the Thistle in 1978 when it was taken over by Alfie and Mary Morrison.

July 19 **Jeannie leaves the school** - Miss Jeannie Cowie, 75 Seatown, Buckie retired from Cluny Primary School where she has been an auxiliary teacher for some years. In an insert in the local paper she thanked children, parents, PTA and all members of staff past and present for their generosity and thoughtfulness on the occasion of her retirement also for the many cards and gifts received which are much appreciated.

**Should be safer to cross** - A pedestrian crossing on the High Street Fochabers is to become a reality this week it has been announced. This should make it safer to cross what is a very busy street.

**Portknockie Gala** - The tenth consecutive gala weekend has been planned for Portknockie. A weekend of entertainment for all the family is on offer at Portknockie with the village's forthcoming 10<sup>th</sup> gala event.

**The fishing scene** - Thirty six boats landed 550 boxes of fish, 840 boxes of prawns and 150 bags of clams at Buckie last week from Monday till Friday. The boats were - Aries, Silver Harvest, Heathery Brae, Marellan, Zephyrus, Westra, Glenene, Anna Bhan, Quest, Kilvaroch, Mistletoe, Fidelity, Choice, Fortuna, Strathpeffer, Kedana, Spindrift, Dalma, Pilot Star, Lynn Marie, Crimond, Realm, Integrity, Craighall, Hallmark, Suilven, Golden Hope, Sapphire Stone, Rival, Cardanel, Seagull Silent Waters, Elegant and Regent Bird.

**Champion swimmer** - Lorraine Phimister, 15, gained the outstanding swimmer award for her age group when she represented the squad at the Memorial Morena Meet in Genoa, Italy. As well as winning two events, the 100m backstroke and 200 metre medley she gained a second and a third placing.

**Tourist Centre** - Buckie tourist information centre has re-opened its doors this summer in a new location in the town centre. The office, which is situated in a portacabin in the north east corner of Cluny Square will be open until September. The centre will be manned from Monday to Saturday by Ann Grant and Helen Kennedy.

Councillor Bill Jappy described the building as being inadequate and felt that it should be a chalet type with flags and bunting to draw people's attention to it.

July 26 **We're closing** - Nome's Place, Portessie. "We will be closing on Sunday 31 July at 9pm prompt due to the expiry of lease. Stewart and Margaret wish to thank everyone for their custom in the past year.

**High School technician dies** - George Hillocks a former Chief Engineer in the Merchant Navy who served as a technician at Buckie High School for nearly two decades died at his home 17 James Street on Tuesday after a short illness. He was 62.

**Do you play the pipes or drums?** An appeal has gone out for any pipers and drummers in the Buckie area. It is hoped to reform Buckie Pipe Band and those involved are desperately seeking both experienced musicians and youngsters who would like to train to play in a pipe band.

Mr Sinclair Longmore, one of the organisers formed a pipe band with his brother 20 years before but the band only ever played in the town once before it broke up for various reasons mainly work commitments.

**Memorial Service** - The 167 victims of the Piper Alpha disaster, including the three local men lost, were remembered in a memorial service in Aberdeen's Kirk of St Nicholas on Wednesday.

**Are ye needing berries?** Strawberries - Pick your own and ready picked at Chalmer's Broomhill Farm, Portsoy. Orders taken for jam or dessert.

**Nae enough members** - On Tuesday 12 July for the first time ever Buckie Community Council failed to hold a meeting on the appointed evening when insufficient appeared to form a quorum. Nevertheless those members present were treated to an interesting and informative talk from their invited guest Mr John Munro, Community Service officer for Moray

**Buckie United** - Last Friday night Welfare League side, Buckie United, won their second trophy of the season - the Maitland Cup - when they defeated Whitehills by one goal to nil. The goal was scored by Alan Thain.

**Thistle signings** - Buckie Thistle have signed Ian Bruce from Turriff United, Michael Megginson from Inverurie Locos and David Crombie Sport, all junior clubs. The only big money signing to date has been Graeme Rodger from Forres Mechanics.

**Advert** - C & R Mair, Morven Stores, 19 Cluny Terrace. Fast Removals, House clearances, local deliveries, furniture bought and sold.

**Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society** project to record oral and local history has only six weeks left to run under its present funding. But the project's record's officer Ron Stewart is hoping that new arrangements can be made to give financial support to this vital work of preserving the history of Buckie.

**Peter Fair** - According to the 'Advertiser' reporter, Fiona Murdoch business was far from brisk at this year's Peter Fair despite the weather holding out for most of the two days. Stallholders complained that there seemed to be less interest than ever in their annual funfare on the Thursday and Friday. Some pointed out that they had done better even in years when the fair has taken place in pouring rain. "Is it losing its appeal?", she asked.

Jack Hammond, however, who has attended Peter Fair for 61 years and run it for the past 21 was not so downbeat.

Aug 2` **Young Portgordon killed in road accident** - Mrs Loraine Sutherland (2) 18 Richmond Terrace, Portgordon died when her Ford Sierra estate car was in a collision with a Ford Escort driven by Andrew Simpson (20) Swona, Marchmont Crescent, at Midway Cottage corner between Buckie and Portgordon. He husbands Walter works with Buckie engineer firms Hamilton Brothers while Loraine was a clerkess with Walker and, Electricians, Buckie.

**Gold for Faye** - Faye Phimister, thirteen-year-old Buckie swimmer won a gold medal at the Canadian Youth National Championships in Vancouver, Canada. She won the 50 metre free style in a time of 27.60 seconds and a third in the 100 metre backstroke with a time of 1 minute 0.988 seconds. Both these were personal best times for the swimmer who collected five Scottish Age Group titles recently.

**Second trophy** - Cullen F. C. who play in Buckie and District Welfare League won their second trophy of the season when they beat St Marnan's (Foggieloa) by two goals to nil in the final of the Duncan Cup.

**Advert** - The Great Keith Show. Sunday and Monday 7 and 8 August in the Seafield Park, Keith.

Aug 9 **Trials and Tribulations in Trinidad** - This is the heading in a front page report of the work of missionary Charles Geddes and his wife Grace who have returned home to Buckie for a break after a two and a half year spell in the Caribbean. Charles 'Charlie', a mason to trade, graduated as a teacher and was Principal Teacher of R.E. at Buckie High School before moving abroad.

**Situation vacant** - A factory manager is required by Versatile Windows Co. Deskford, Cullen. Must be an experienced time served joiner.

**Keswick in Buckie** - Methodist Church, Buckie 13-19 August.

**Advert** - 'Andrew Begg' Shoe Shop 14 High Street. (Formerly was called The Baltic)

**Buckie Scouts do very well** - Three members of a patrol made up of Moray Scouts came away with some of the top honours at the Blair Atholl 21st International Patrol Jamborette recently. Simon Coull, Findochty, John Mackie, Buckie and Alexander Craig who now lives in Urquhart. All received the Gold Cockade at the Scout Camp.

It is most unusual for three members of the same patrol to all get the award when only ten such awards are given.

The Gold Cockade is handed out for the highest number of points gained through taking part in various activities at the weeklong camp held every two years in Scotland.

**Cullen win again** - Cullen F.C. won another trophy when they again beat St Marnan's to take the Ian Bank's cup. The score was four goals to one.

**Former BHS teacher dies** - Mr Alistair McKay a former language teacher at Buckie High School died at Findhorn on Saturday July 3. He was 53. He had been ill for some time and took early retirement from the school two years before. He was unmarried and lived with a sister in Cullen.

Aug 16 **Tourism in the doldrums** - Hotelkeepers and others complain that not enough is being done to persuade visitors to turn off the A96 to investigate places along the coast.

The owners of Strathlene Caravan site Mr and Mrs Gordon Thomson are less gloomy and report an increase in the number of visitors using the site.

**Two more locals die in road accidents** - Two people were killed in separate road accidents at the weekend. Mrs Carol Brandt (17) who was only married two months before died when the car driven by her husband, Graham (22) was involved in a collision with a minibus on the Aberlour-Grantown road at 10.30am on Sunday. The accident took place about a mile south of Aberlour.

Mr Thomas Lemal (42) was killed when his car was in a collision with a lorry on the Nairn to Inverness road at 11.30am on Sunday.

Mr Lemal lived in Portgordon up until three weeks ago when he sold up and moved to Fearn in Rosshire to be nearer the West Coast

**Planning application** - Site west of the harbour in Findochty to erect a public toilet block.

**Bus chosen to suit the roads** - A smaller purpose-built bus designed for town work has been introduced in the Town Service in Buckie. It is a red and cream Leyland Cub vehicle known as a midi bus as it falls between the size of a

mini bus and an ordinary single deck bus. The new bus has the legend Buckie Town Service on the front and rear giving the service a local identity. As from yesterday the revised town service, taking in Buckpool, Freuchny, Rathven and Craigbo will run at hourly intervals instead of half-hourly as at present. The bus is owned by Northern Scottish.

**A change of routine** - John Ferguson who previously operated as a furniture dealer at 8 and 9 Cluny Terrace before taking a job offshore has now turned to auction sales at his Cluny Terrace premises.

**The River Spey** - A new mouth is to be opened for the River Spey to prevent land erosion at Kingston. Grampian Regional Transportation and Roads have agreed for the work to go ahead.

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

**A fair start** - Buckie Thistle won the first game of the season when they beat Forres Mechanics by two goals to one at Victoria Park. The team was :- Innes, Morrison, Bruce, Pirie, Buchannan and McPherson, Nicol, Rodger (Megginson), Whyte (McBeath), Yule and Anderson. The Jags drew 4-4 with Rothes in the next game.

**Nae sae good.** The Rovers were beaten by five goals to two by Nairn St Ninians at home. The Rovers' team was:- Munro, Tait, Campbell, Scott, Redford, Morrison, Henderson, (Coull), Johnston, Lappin, Bruce, McGettrick. Sub. Sutherland.

**Opening announcement** - Miss Yvonne Marshall opened a shop to the rear of 'Woman in Mind' at 39 West Church Street, ran by Mrs Christine Slorach and Mrs Mary Gardiner, selling soft furnishings and bedding. Entrance by a door in the lane.

She worked for Thorn Lighting for 24 years 23 of which she was a supervisor. When she was made redundant with the closure of the factory she applied for 60 jobs, all part time since there were no full time jobs, most of them were in Elgin, without success. And although she had never been a shop keeper she felt that she was too young to retire and had to try something.

**Thistle bar lounge gets a face-lift** - Charlie and Rosalyn Huldal owners of the Thistle Bar have had the lounge all refurbished.

**Speaker at the Rotary Club** - Mr Alex Mair gave a most interesting talk on all aspects of keeping fish as pets both cold water and tropical ones.

**Advert** - 'Gems' - Ladies and Children's wear - Mosstodloch ( Filling station).

Aug 23 **Notice** - Buckie Flower Show will take place on Saturday 27 August 1988 within the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie.

**Green-fingered Bob** - Mr Bob Dawson, Land Street, Buckie, took the Baldwin Cup for most points overall at Deskford Flower Show. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive that he had won the major prize. Mrs Maudie Simpson took the Rosebowl for the lady exhibitor winning post points and also the Dawson Cup for most points in home baking and cooking. Mrs Sandra Smith, Portessie won the new Raffan Cup for floral arrangements.

**Probus Speaker** - The guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Jim Whyte, area sales executive with Arthur Bell and Sons Distillers. Jim, an ex Aberdeen F. C. professional player took over the job from another ex Aberdeen player George Hamilton.

In a topical quiz competition for a free bottle of Bell's Island whisky the winner came from Findochty. There was a taste of the 'Island' for all with an ample supply to accompany the lunch.

**Advert** - 'Yvonne's' late night opening, Thursday and Friday, 39 West Church Street.

**Paths that have disappeared** - An article on paths that have disappeared, many of which had been in existence in the local area for a long time, is to be found on page 6. This was written by A. F.

**James took part again** - James Miller, Merson Street, Buckie again took part in the British Polio Fellowship Games at Stoke Mandeville returning home with a silver medal gained in the 50metre swimming competition. He was a member of the 4x50 medley team who won the event comfortably only to be disqualified on a bad touch. He was most disappointed to lose out on a gold medal.

**Advert - Tred-Rite Tyres** - tyres, exhausts, batteries. Extra special offers on tyres. Open Monday to Friday from 8am till 5pm. Saturday 8am till 3pm. 1 Baron Street, opposite the Ambulance Depot. Telephone 330xx. (The owner was Mr Joe West who was killed while riding a motor cycle on Sunday afternoon 24 April 2005 a short distance south of Aviemore at a junction on the A9. He left a wife Brenda and three children, two girls and a boy aged 17, 15 and 5. His business, which had expanded greatly by this time was located at the foot of McLaren's Brae.)

Aug 30 **Jones Shipyard receive an order** - This was for a roll on - roll off ferry which will be used to serve the island of Shapinsay. The order was placed by Orkney Islands Council and is worth £830,000. This contract will secure employment for most of their 94 strong labour force until the middle of next year.

**Fit's on at the Picters?** - This Thursday the Moving Picture Show will present - Stallone Rambo III

**News editor goes** - Alan Wiseman left the Banffshire Advertiser where he has been news editor for the past eight years. He is now working on the Sports Desk of the Evening Express, Aberdeen.

**Buckie Flower Show** - Bob Dawson was the winner of the Banffshire Advertiser Trophy at Buckie Flower Show on Saturday. This is awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points over all in the Show.

**Welfare League Champions** - Cullen F.C. gained most points during the season to clinch the league title and win the Champions Shield. In their last two games against Portknockie and St Marnans they scored five and four respectively.

Sept 6 **100 not out** - Mrs Jessie Coull, 2 Cathedral Street, Buckpool celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 5<sup>th</sup>. She had a party in the Marine Hotel on Saturday night to which family and guests were invited. She replied to an opening speech by Sandy Stewart, Chairman of the Community Council, with a specially written verse and led off the Grand March. Councillor Bill Jappy was also present and helped her to read out all the cards including one from the Queen.

**Opening announcement** - The Ice Cream Cabin at 17 East Church Street is now open. Props. Mr and Mrs Dougal Simpson.

**Deborah is bound for Hungary** - Two year old Deborah Ewen and her parents Harry and Lorraine left this week for Hungary where it is hoped the treatment she receives will help the cerebral palsy from which she suffers. Cerebral palsy is a condition that affects the part of the brain that controls muscular movement.

**Fifty up** - This edition of the 'Advertiser' contains the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter of Black Boobie's Treasure, a serial written by Spike.

**Singing stars to appear** - The Scottish singing duo the 'Proclaimers' are to be in Buckie on Sunday September 25 September. They rose to prominence in 1987 with a song 'Letter from America'.

Sept 13 **Community Centre** - A new purpose built Community Centre is to be built in Buckie on a site attached to Buckie High School at a cost of £460.00. The report was written by Mike Tremlett the new News Editor of the Banffshire Advertiser, who had taken the place of Alan Wiseman.

**Planning application** - Part of the old school site on Hall Street, Findochty is to be used for the erection of 15 flats for amenity general needs and wheelchair users.

**New use for swimming pool** - The derelict swimming pool at Strathlene could be providing a home for young rainbow trout soon if the plans of Mr Edward Douglas hatch out. **A photograph shows the pool almost completely filled with stones.**

**Closing down** - A big furniture sale was advertised at 23-25 East Church Street where A. J. Slater House Furnisher is retiring.

**Continental Café and bar proposed** - Plans have been submitted to Moray District Council for a continental style café and bar on High Street in the premises that have been lying vacant since Presto the former occupiers moved into their new supermarket on Newlands Lane. Should the plans be accepted it is intended that the café will be open from early morning to late at night. A local business consortium are behind the plans, Extensive internal redevelopment and an external face lift will take place before the café is opened.

**Cup for Portgordon United** - The team from the 'Paraffin City' had a good win by five goals to two over the league champions Cullen, to take the St Valery Cup. This is the first time that they have won this trophy.

**Advert** - Commercial Hotel - Coffee Room open every morning, all home bakes.

**The latest 'must have' - Conservatories** - Versatile Windows were advertising the Sundale conservatory with a picture.

**Tragic accident** - Cyclist John Nicholls (58) died two days after being hit by a car door and knocked off his bike sustaining head injuries. Police are appealing for witnesses but it is understood that the driver opened his car door as the cyclist was about to pass. Mr Nicholls was a native of Surrey but had stayed in Buckie for the past 35 years. And worked with Moray District Council. He is survived by his wife Mary sons, Ian and David and daughter Pat.

**Football enthusiast's early death** - Robert 'Bob' Duthie (43) an Executive Officer with the Tax Office died suddenly this week. He was very much involved with youth football in the town. He is survived by his wife Jessie and son Neil.

Sept 20 **A launch at Jones' Shipyard** - The fishing boat MFV Faithful UL 179 was launched from Jones Buckie Shipyard on Saturday. The new vessel has been built for skipper Alan Phimister and partner George Smith. The 77 feet trawler was built in a joint operation between Jones and Yorkshire Dry Dock Company who constructed the steel hull at their Humberside yard. This is the first time that Jones has built a boat in this way.

Before the Faithful took to the water it received a blessing from John Hamilton Superintendent at Ullapool of the R. N. Mission to D. S. Fishermen. The vessel will be powered by a Deutz SBA 12 diesel of 671 hp. She will also have two auxiliary engines one of 320 hp and another of 110hp to take care of the power supply for the generator, pumps and hydraulics. It is planned that the Faithful will fish out of Peterhead and Ullapool.

**Opening announcement** - Alan and Marion McPherson, Seafield Bakery, Cullen is to open a branch shop at St Paul's Street, Buckpool on 3 October.

**Planning applications** - (a) to alter and extend existing cottages at Mill of Buckie to form a Residential Home for the mentally handicapped.  
(b) Create a new burial ground at Mill of Buckie.

**For sale** - The shop at 10 West Church Street presently occupied by a butcher is for sale.

**For lease** - Commercial premises at 30 West Church Street.

**Welcome grant** - The South and West Church which has been undergoing extensive repairs and restoration work to the steeple and west gable during the summer at a cost of £9,000 receive a grant of £3,000 from Buckie Common Good Fund.

Sept 27 **The Hall was packed** - A crowd of 500 packed into the Fishermen's Hall on Sunday evening to listen to the singing duo, 'The Proclaimers' twins Craig and Charlie Reid from Edinburgh, with a full backing band.

**Body found** - Mr George Green (30) an unemployed fisherman's body was discovered on the beach at Buckpool on Saturday morning. The police have said that there were no suspicious circumstances. He is survived by his wife Heather and two sons Steven and Gordon.

**Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society** which started its work gathering and recording historical information on the town's nautical past in March 1986 with the aid of funding from the Manpower Services Commission has been taken under the wing of the Keith-based training management group, Balloch Trust Enterprise Ltd.

The Society, which operates from premises behind the Town House on Cluny Place, was established as an information-gathering scheme employing 12 staff drawn from the local unemployed under the Community Programme banner. **For more see page 5.**

**Addition to Buckie fleet - The Ceinius BCK51**, a new fishing boat built by Millers of St Monans at Methil in Fife arrived in Buckie harbour last week. The vessel has been built for Mr Willie Mair in partnership with Mr John Cowie, Portknockie. The Ceinius will be powered by a Deutz diesel engine of 554 hp and will also have an auxiliary engine, a Volvo TD 100hp for the electricity generator and hydraulics etc.

The Ceinius measures 65 feet long with a 22 feet beam and draws just a little over 12 feet. She will carry five trawl nets and have accommodation for 8 of a crew.

**It's a sma worl** - Oor Margit had a little piece in the paper telling how she had met a woman, a native of Aberdeen, out in California whose uncle was Mr John Christie former PT of Technical Subjects at Buckie High School, Frances and Roberta Christie being her cousins. She mentioned how Frances and her husband lived in Alaska but were to be visiting her shortly in California.

**Fishing scene during past week** - Thirty-five boats landed 764 boxes of prawns, 554 boxes of white fish and 160 bags of clams.

**Clubhouse opened** - Buckie Bowling Green new £50,000 clubhouse was officially opened on Saturday at a special ceremony and buffet for club members. Mrs Ella Rennie, widow of a former club secretary Jimmy Rennie, and Jim McGruther, who at almost 86 is the oldest playing member, unveiled the plaque.

Oct 4 **A good year for Moray swimmers** - A fine season for Moray District Amateur Swimming Club was rewarded last week when it was announced that club swimmer Lorraine Phimister had been selected for Scotland's Commonwealth Game's Squad and her younger sister Faye has been invited along with Lorraine to take part in the national squad progressing throughout the 1988/89 season.

**Thistle manager on the move** - The Jags are to lose their manager. Dave Watson has intimated that his future lies away from Victoria Park but with the Aberdeen-based club Cove Rangers.

**Alba Video** - The video hiring shop at 68 West Church is to re-open soon under new management.

Oct 11 **Another new vessel** - The seiner/trawler Moremma was so named at Jones, Buckie Shipyard on Friday. The skipper is James Smith who is also principal shareholder. The Moremma BCK 135 measures 70 feet long. (This was all the information given.)

**We don't like it - but** - Controversy has erupted over the new community education centre to be built adjoining Buckie High School. Following last Wednesday's meeting to discuss revisions to the plans members of Buckie High School Council now admit that they have been forced to accept the building of the new centre despite fears that it will not be the asset to the school it is intended to be.

Computer teacher Graeme Gerrard, a member of the school council told the 'Advertiser' that the school had had a 'a gun held to its head' over the new community centre. "The school stands to gain nothing but if we had voted against the development the community would have lost a £500,000 facility. It was a case of all or nothing."

**"Fit's on at the Picters?"** "Es week the Moving Picture Show are to present the film 'Snow White' in the Fishermen's Hall.

**We've nae Post Office noo** - The Deskford Post Office based at Berryhillock has closed down, as there was no one prepared to provide premises or take on the part-time job.

**The Thistle have a new manager** - Bob Summers the former Inverness Caley defender and who has recently been player coach to Cove Rangers has been appointed manager of Buckie Thistle.

**Was it a case of lambs to the slaughter?** Cullen F.C. trounced Portgordon United F.C by six goals to one to take the Lamb Cup. This brought their tally of trophies won for the season to four.

**Bob Dawson the gardening champ** - An article written about the Buckpool gardener is found on **page 13**

Oct 18 **Cullen House** - 'Rising from the ashes' An up to date report on the work taking place at Cullen House to repair the damage caused by the massive fire of last year.

\*\*\* **A game to remember** - Buckie Rovers 2 Forres Thistle 2 (a.e.t.) Rovers won by 11 penalties to 10 in this cup game. Mike Tremlett of the 'Advertiser' wrote the report. - 'Roy of the Rovers' Graeme Roy the Rovers' keeper had a good game.

**Thistle to suffer another loss** - Gary Whyte, the Thistle striker, appears to be bound for Forfar with a substantial sum being offered for his services.

**Buckie 10K** - Chris Hall the Aberdeen runner won the Buckie 10K race for the third year running with a time of 29 minutes and 29 seconds. The first lady runner home was Marie Duthie, Fraserburgh with a time of 37 minutes and 08 seconds.

Oct 25 **More shops in Elgin less in Buckie** - Co. Bill Jappy condemned Elgin's plans to try to attract a major chain store such as Mark and Spencers. He said: "Any shopping developments of this nature must by their very nature affect the viability of shops and stores in Buckie. (He was right of course and the situation by the year 2005, when this was written, had become worse. Not only had Mark and Spencers moved into the High Street, Tesco opened a huge store off Alexandria Road while Lidl another supermarket was about to open on Wards Road. As if this wasn't enough Aldays, yet another supermarket was to open on the site of the former Munro Baths and other former buildings on North Street. The effect of this in Buckie and in Keith is all too obvious where many shops lie vacant.)

**"Fit's on at the Picters es week?"** - Weel if ye ging ye kin see 'Buster' an next week it's 'Good Morning Vietnam'.

**Robbie Rawn Special Agent** - The new serial in the 'Advertiser' by Spike had reached Chapter 6.

**Interest shown poor** - The Flower Show AGM held in the Town House last week was poorly attended. The office bearers were returned en bloc being: - John Grant, president; Gordon Low, vice president; Mrs Beryl Sankey, secretary; Mrs Jessie Low, assistant secretary; Mrs Wilma Baxter, treasurer; John Duncan, staging manager; Jeff Duguid, show manager.

**Manna or rather beer from the depths** - A local fishing boat while fishing off the Butt of Lewis dredged up from a depth of 350 feet a number of tins of Foster lager all in pristine condition. It is believed that they had come from a container that had been swept off the deck of a container ship. **A report is found on Page 5**

**Another youngster for Hungary** - Buckie mother Mrs Carolyn Phimister will be leaving this weekend to take her son Alan who suffers from cerebral palsy to the Andre Peto Institute in Budapest for his first period of intensive treatment. Mrs Phimister wrote to the famous clinic at the same time as Mrs Ewen, Portessie who recently learned that her two-year-old daughter Deborah could not be helped at the clinic after an assessment visit to Hungary. Alan's condition has been assessed and he has been accepted for 6 weeks therapy, five days a week. Mrs Phimister received cheques from Dr Jim Tuckerman, chairman of the Round Table and from Mrs Eileen Brown, chairwoman of Buckie and District Ladies Circle. **See page 9**

**Now open** - 'Video Take Away' previously called Alba.

**Successful Championships** - Buckie's biggest ever Disabled Bowls and Darts Championships held in the club hose at Buckpool Golf course were a monumental success according to the organiser, Mr James Miller. **See report on winners etc on page 15.**

**Cullen House** - This edition of the 'Advertiser' carries a further report on the restoration of Cullen House, Cullen, following the devastating fire of last June. A number of important things were lost in the fire and irreplaceable including a magnificent painted ceiling in the south tower commissioned to mark a visit to Cullen House of King Charles II in the 17th century.

However it has been possible to replace the ornate ceiling in the first floor drawing room. This is now almost complete and is the work of specialist plaster Ross Brodie of Elgin.

**The fishing scene** – Last week from Monday till Friday 34 boats landed 400 boxes of prawns, 660 boxes of white fish, 195 boxes of shrimps and 270 bags of clams.

Nov 1 **Please can we call ourselves Royal?** Cullen Community Council is to request that they be allowed to incorporate the words **Royal Burgh** in their title.

**Travellers's caravans** – On page 1 of this edition of the 'Advertiser' a photograph shows 8 caravans and a lorry parked around the salmon both on the beach on the outskirts of Buckie. Their persistent camping there has been a bone of contention with the local community council. Moray District Council has plans for a permanent site for travellers in Elgin and once this has been provided it is hoped that this scene will not be seen in the future.

(A site was provided but not used as it was hoped. It wasn't long before the travellers were back again on the beach at Buckpool. New legislation came in which forbid anyone giving the travellers hassle. On May 8 2005 there were four caravans a van and a lorry at the old familiar site around the bothy. )

**Buckie Rovers in the picture** - The 1988/89 squad is shown on page 11. Namely – Mark Russell, Raymond Tait, Alex McGettrick, Geddes, Graeme Roy, 'Reekie' Coull, Steven Scott, Eddy Campbell, Craig Johnston, Gordon Redford, Ronnie Smith, Mike Smith, Alfie Morrison, David 'Pecos' Mackay and Sandy Thomson linesman. Missing is Stevie Mackie.

The Rovers were away to Sunnybank in the Zamoyiski Challenge Cup and lost by 4 goals to two after extra time. Eddy Campbell was unlucky enough to score two 'ogees'

**Welfare League** - Cullen won the League Championship, Duncan Cup, Lamb Cup Banks cup and Watson Cup. Portsoy won the Ferguson Shield, Wood Cup and the Lyon Cup; Banff Rovers won the Legion Shield and the Maitland Cup; Buckie United won the Anderson Trophy; Portgordon United won the St Valery Trophy and Portknockie the Consolation Cup.

Their league placings were as follows: - Cullen, Buckie United, Banff Rovers, Portgordon United, Portsoy, St Marnans, Whitehills, Buckpool Victoria and Portknockie

Nov 8 **A lot of money to be spent** - Approval has been given by GRC Harbours sub committee for the erection of a new million pound fish market and purpose-built storage facility in the old station yard. This is part of a programme, which will see Buckie harbour being extensively developed over the next two years. One of the first steps will see the surfacing of number one basin (The purpose built storage facility was later built here.)

**100 Years in Buckie** - Members of the Buckie Corps of the Salvation Army will be gathering this weekend to celebrate 100 years in Buckie.

The Salvation Army first came to Buckie in November 1888, meeting in a building on Main Street for 70 years before moving to Baron Street into the former Methodist Church building. In 1952 they moved to the present site, meeting in an old building formed from Nissen huts and formerly occupied by Buckie Youth Club. This was demolished in 1964 to make way for the present hall. **A fuller report is found on page 19.**

\*\*\*\* **Rathven Community Project** now has a whole range of activities under way. **See the report on page 13.**

**Fit's on at the Picters?** This week the Moving Picture Show will present 'Good Morning Vietnam'

Nov 15 **Identity cards** – The introduction of identity cards for 18 year olds in the Moray District in an attempt to stamp out under age drinking is receiving only a lukewarm response from publicans and an extremely heated welcome from irate teenagers.

**Councillor resigns** - Councillor Hugh Munro resigned from Moray District Council on account of ill health.

**The 'Squeak' will cost ye mair** - As from December 6 1988 the Banffshire Advertiser will cost 21p.

\*\* **'The Heilan Line'** - A book that tells the history of the railway line that ran from Portessie to Keith, first opened in 1884 and closed in 1915 written by Brian Wilkinson following two years research on the subject is now on sale. The book costs £2.95.

**Advert** – Ena's Beauty Salon, 67 High Street, and Buckie.

**Probus Club** - The guest speaker at the November lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club held in the Commercial Hotel was Raymond Cardno local insurance broker. This was also the Annual Ladies Day. Mention was made that to date there had never been a formal lady speaker with some thought being given to changing this in the coming year.

Nov 22 **'Fit's on at the Picters?'** - This week the film is 'Big' starring Tom Hanks. Next week it is to be 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit?'

**Mair comebacks than Sinatra - Johnny** and the Copycats made another come back in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday when they played to a big and enthusiastic crowd. The dance was held to raise funds for Phab, Clydeville and local pensioners. They played for three hours.

**What is a Ping-pong?** The term is believed to have begun in Buckie or Portessie. According to Peter Buchan it is a haddock whose tail has been cut off. This information is to be found in his book 'Fisher Blue' which contains a lot of stories of the sea and the farming area in Buchan.

Nov 29 **A gift of a Christmas tree** - The Buckie Chamber of Commerce were looking for a benefactor to provide a Christmas tree and were successful when Dr Ian Taylor, a Buckie-born Veterinary Surgeon who lives in the American state of Illinois answered their appeal. This was gratefully accepted.

**Pedestrianisation** - Proposals were made to pedestrianise the town centre for two days in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

**Sinclair puts his name forrit** - Mr Sinclair Longmore, a Buckie businessman is to stand as the SNP candidate in the forth-coming by-election to fill the seat on Moray District Council vacated by Councillor Hugh Munro.

**A farewell gift** - Enzie North Church bid farewell to Mrs Wilma Baxter, Sunday school teacher, elder and treasurer for the past seven and a half years as she left for Keith. A gift from the congregation was handed over by Rev John Osbeck.

Dec 6 **Planning application** - It has been proposed to change the use of workshops and a yard at 2 Bank Street into a car sales business.

**Former Thistle footballer dies** - George 'Dod' Johnston Portgordon who played at inside forward for the Jags from 1946 through to 1952 when he signed for Lossiemouth died on November 26 at the age of 69. He will be remembered as having tremendous shooting power. He was a member of such teams as – Findlay, Wood and Leask; Allan, Rae and Tough. Sandison, Johnston, Morrison, Rankine and Day. (The last two named were Navy men from RNAS Lossiemouth. )

**No 'Home' at Mill of Buckie** - The plans to turn the former farm cottages at Mill of Buckie into a 'Home' for the mentally handicapped was rejected by Moray District Council Planning Committee last week.

**Closing down** - J. M. Cycles on Elsley Place is to close down with a sale beginning on December 17.

**New use for the gas works site** - It has been proposed to erect 20 flats and one warden's house in the site of the former gas works at Cullen.

**Plans for Maritime Museum delayed** - Buckie's hopes of having a fishing heritage centre have been shelved for the moment. At a meeting of Moray District Council Policy and Resources Committee last week the £15,000 feasibility study into the museum project was postponed as part of a cost cutting exercise.

**Advert** - Ben English . Painter, Decorator and Carpenter. Buckie 3515x

Dec 20 **To Close** - Mr and Mrs E. Hyder, Chiropodists of 4 Sutherland Crescent give notice that they will close as from 20/12/88

**Probus Club speaker** - The guest speaker at the December lunch meeting of the Buckie and District Probus Club was Bill Forbes, Fochabers, the septuagenarian traveller and retired barber. He gave a talk on his Africa adventures. He told of climbing Kilimanjaro, 4 times the height of Ben Nevis, in 1983 when he was already over 70. Climbers have three overnight stops at huts on the way up.

**Young Buckie fisherman killed in car smash** - Craig Reid (20) 5 Mill Crescent died as a result of injuries sustained in a three car crash near Inverurie on Sunday. Also involved in the crash was his fiancée Miss Angela Williamson. One of the other drivers involved was Ray Addison, Sutherland Street, Buckie who escaped uninjured.

**Plans to close toilets** - The public toilets at Victoria Bowling Green and at Cluny harbour are to be closed as part of a cost-cutting exercise. The community council was opposed to the closing of the toilets near the Victoria Bridge which, as members claimed, were much used.

**Benefit match** - Findochty-born footballer, George Cowie whose career ended recently through injury was honoured with a testimonial match at Dunfermline Athletic's ground East End Park last Sunday. Players from his former club West Ham guested for Hearts who supplied the opposition. There were also guests in the 'home' side.

Dec 27 **Boxing Show in the Fishermen's Hall** - report on **page 12** by A.F.

**Furniture shop to open** - Maitland's who have stores in Turriff, Fraserburgh and Aberdeen are to open in the premises on East Church Street formerly occupied by Alex Slater. This will take place at the end of January.

**In Carnival Mood** - the centre of Buckie was an inspiring sight last Wednesday evening at the close of the second Christmas Carnival as a crowd of some 800 town's folk gathered in Cluny Square for the climax of the trader's two fun-packed festival days and to celebrate the successful launch of the Buddy Bear Appeal in Scotland.

In the most moving display of community togetherness many have ever seen in the town the massive crowd joined with Buckie Choral Union. The Buckie Brass Band and the Salvation Army Band to sing carols in front of a stage mounted on a lorry.

Scotland's first Buddy Bear child Buckie's own Alan Phimister was presented with a personal Buddy Bear and numbered certificate by the Appeal's founders.

Alan who suffers from cerebral palsy recently returned home from Hungary where he has been undergoing treatment.



