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Jan 2 **The dumping of nuclear waste - This** contentious issue was raised at the December meeting of Buckie Community Council by Mrs Lorna Forbes who asked if any literature had been received from SAND (Scotland against Nuclear Dumping).

'Only the Lonely' This year 40 people attended the Salvation Army Christmas Day dinner party for the lonely. This has become an annual event.

Santa Claus - The sum of £460.25 was raised for the Firemen Benevolent Fund thanks to the generosity of local people, In the evening of December 9th and 10th a Santa Claus fire engine toured the streets from Portgordon to Portessie playing Christmas carols. Chief Fire Officer Dennis Stead said how they were very pleased.

Hairdresser's opening announcement - Leigh's (Stalker) hair salon at 64 East Church Street is to open on 8th January.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle 2 Deveronvale 0 The Thistle team was - Innes, Thornton, Bruce, Keith, Wrack, McPherson, Pirie, Robertson, and Loch. Galbraith and McBeath. Subs - Ord and Duguid.

The following shops were having sales - Woman in Mind, 39 West Church Street. Buckie Furniture Centre 45 West Church Street. Fabric Fashions, 46 West Church Street. Tots to Teens, 19 West Church Street. Peter Slater, Gents Outfitter, 65 West Church Street. Denim Plus- Grapevine, East Church Street. Linen Basket, 61 West Church Street. Robertson's (Fordyce) Ltd. High Street. Norma's Fashion Shop, 20 West Church Street

To captain Scotland - Lynn McKay, who plays darts in the Craigenroan Bar, Portessie will again captain the Scotland Ladies Dart's team this year as she has since 1983. The first opponents are England.

Jan 15 **A long shift** - Peggy Riddel left the Hydro Board after 35 years where she has been a clerkess. At a small gathering of staff she was presented with a pendant by the Area Commercial Manager. **A photograph was taken of the occasion.**

Keswick in Buckie - A winter meeting will take place from 19th till the 21st January. The speaker is to be Rev. Philip Hacking. All the meetings will take place in the Methodist Church on North Pringle Street.

Junior Football - Buckie Rovers lost their first game of 1990 when they were beaten by two goals to nil by their boggy team Deveronside. The Rovers' team was - Roy. Slater, Campbell, Ewen, Mackay, Morrison, Nicol, M. Smith, R. Smith, McGettrick. Subs Shewan and Wood both played.

Jan 23 **The new cemetery site** - The site for the new cemetery at Buckpool was approved by Moray District Council last Wednesday. In keeping with all such projects the plans have still to be ratified by the Secretary of State for Scotland. Access to the cemetery was not discussed; this will be done at a later meeting.

Lodge Craigenroan 1247 - John Coull was installed as the new RWM.

The wanderer has returned - Bill Forbes 'The Lightning Barber' and inveterate African traveller has returned home to Fochabers from his latest African safari. **See the report on page 7.**

Jan 30 **To raise funds** - A Dinner Dance will take place in the Cullen Bay Hotel in aid of the Buckie Christmas Lights Appeal. Music for dancing will be provided by SUNSET – from 8 till late Tickets cost £10

The Christmas Carnival - The organisers of the Buckie Christmas Carnival declared that it had been a success. The public response was described as ranging from very good to excellent. The most money was raised from a raffle that was held. After all expenses had been paid there was a surplus of £1,157.25. A dozen local organisations will benefit from a distribution of this sum. £225 will go to the ARK Housing Association and Cancer Link. £150 to Seafeld Hospital and the Christmas Lights Appeal, £100 to Buckie and District Trust Fund and Riding for the Disabled, A number of others to receive £25.

Opening announcement - Yvonne will open a new shop at 29 West Church Street on Monday 5 February.

Letter to the press - 'Scandal of School Cleaners' name and address of writer given. The letter was written after the cleaning ladies at Buckie High School were given more work for less money.

Our first year in Buckie - Maitlands of Buckie at 23 East Church Street are to hold a sale to mark their first year in business in Buckie.

A memorial perhaps - A Lennox Community Councillor is trying to gain support for the creation of a memorial to the RAF personnel who died in the Second World War while operating from Dallachy airfield. Mr Ian Thomson who has lived at Upper Dallachy for the past four years raised the matter at the December meeting of Lennox Community Council and was promised the council's support.
See page 11 for more

Do you want a job? Bremner and Stewart Precast Concrete **have** an opening for a YTS trainee. Good prospects of full employment for successful candidate.

Feb 6 **'Look Back to the Past'** - This is the title of a new column in the Banffshire Advertiser, the first one appearing in this edition. Snippets are taken from past copies of the 'Advertiser' of 50 and 100 years ago on microfilm in the local library the column is compiled by Andrew Brown of Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society.

The question is – was he robbed? The former owner of the St Andrews Hotel, Mr James Anderson, is to be allowed to present evidence against the religious group, the Beacon Fellowship; he is suing for fraud. Mr Anderson who had been suffering from manic depression for a number of years came under the dominant influence of James Addison and his wife and William Myron Paterson and his wife, who, according to his solicitor, persuaded him to hand over to them large sums of money.

Feb 13 **The Romanian Appeal** - (This humanitarian project was set up to raise all kinds of things for the country and people of Romania who were in a sad and sorry state at this time due to political machinations of the Communist President Nicolae Ceausescu who had just been recently been deposed.) The local organisers were the Wakes Garage, Cullen.)
By this date the project had gathered a tremendous momentum, which was showing no sign of abating. In the short space of three weeks since the collection of gifts began literally hundreds of tons of every conceivable items have poured in.
Saturday was the big day when two Romanian representatives of the Dacia Motor Manufacturers visited Cullen to take part in the festivities The Town Hall in

Cullen was taken over where a running buffet of soup, sandwiches, tea, coffee and loads of shortbread were on sale all day.

Feb 20 **Dinna be caught short in Buckie** - Buckie's only public toilet (all others are now closed) has had to be closed because of an act of vandalism, The Newlands Lane toilet block was extensively damaged last weekend, the bowls and electrical fittings being smashed.

The fishing scene - Thirty-one boats landed 1299 boxes of white fish, 412 boxes of prawns and 236 bags of scallops.

'Son of Rawn' - The first chapter of this new serial by Spike is found in this edition of the B. A.

Feb 27 **She came acropper on the Mucks** - The fishing boat Emma Thomson II INS 277 ran aground on the Mucks on Tuesday evening of last week. This was the first time that this had happened for over 22 years. A large crowd of people came down to watch the proceedings.

The Lossiemouth seine netter was sailing to Buckie to take on ice when she ran aground on the West Mucks while approaching the harbour mouth.

She was pulled off at 8.25 am by the beam trawler Blue Angel which had the power and weight for the job. She was then towed into the harbour for repairs while pumps were used to empty out the water.

The last victim claimed by the notorious reef was the Buckie boat Briar Rose, skipper Joe Humphrey in October 1967. The Briar Rose was not so fortunate as the Emma Thomson with all attempts to get her off failing. She broke up and sank the following day.

Situation vacant - Hamilton Brothers UK Ltd. Mobile crane driver.

Findochty now has a 'local' - Findochty now has its first pub for over 60 years. With the opening of the Admiral's Inn alongside the harbour and caravan park, villagers will no longer have to trek to neighbouring towns for a convivial nip or pint.

The licensee is Mrs Anne Coull. She and her husband are shown in the bar at opening time. He was known as Admiral as a schoolboy growing up in Findochty hence the name.

No! You're not on - Plans to build five dwelling houses at Craigmin; Drybridge has been refused by Moray District Council Planning and Development Committee.

Mar 6 **On their way** - The first airlift of gifts for Romania has arrived in Bucharest from the UK. David and Alex Hay of the Wakes Garage, Cullen, watched a Tarom Airline Ilyushin take off from Inverness Airport last night. It is thought that one planeload a week will take place.

Advert - Silverspoon Catering. Outside catering for weddings, birthday's etc. etc. Phone xx 677

Planning application - To alter and extend the building at Great Western Road (Grampian Country Pork factory)

Spectacular pictures - The B. A. photographer took some great pictures as the coastline was lashed by the full fury of a stormy sea. Shots were taken along the coast from Portessie to the Yardie.

Young Leader's Certificate - Elaine Summerfield is seen in a photograph in this edition receiving her Young Leader's Certificate by County President of Moray Guides, Miss Isobel Gray, Cullen at the weekly meeting of 1st Buckie Girl

Guides in the Guide Hall Cathcart Grove. She is the first local girl to gain her Young Guide's Certificate for many years.

Silver Haddock Award - A Buckie skipper has won an award from the Lochinver Fish Selling Company for the second year in succession. Skipper of the Crystal River (BCK 16) Mr Peter Smith was presented with the Silver Haddock Trophy for the highest weight of white fish landed during 1989.

'Ode To Buckie Lifeboat' - This is the title of a poem found on page 15 and columns 5 and 6. It was written by DGS.

Mar 13 **'Reply from a Lifeboat's Wife'** - This is a short poem written in reply to the one above. It is found on the front page and columns 5 and 6.

'What Retirement Means to Me' This is the title of a poem penned by retired skipper of the fishing boat 'Hope', Mr Gordon McKay. It is to be found on page 5 and columns 3 and 4

Citizen of the Year - For only the third time since the award was inaugurated in 1985 Buckie Rotary Club have chosen a Citizen of the Year. At a presentation ceremony in the Cluny Hotel on March 5th Rotary President, Mr Hugh Patience handed over the silver salver to retired skipper Mr Gordon McKay in recognition of his services to the community.

Local Labour Party officials - Appointed, as chairperson was Mrs Lorna Forbes, a member of Buckie Community Council; secretary, Mr Alex Cadenhead and treasurer, Mr Bill Lockhart.

Book reviewed - Rev James Thomson, Minister of Buckie All Saints Episcopal Church reviewed 'For Heaven Sake', a book written by Portknockie-born minister Rev. James S. Wood.

Mar 20 **New lease of life** - A former retired fishermen's rest facility which was falling into disrepair will be given a new lease of life as a clubhouse. The howf at Findochty harbour has been leased by Grampian Regional Council to the Findochty Water Sports Club for a period of five years.

Admirals Inn - The pub in Findochty, which only recently opened, has been give permission to open on Sundays and on weekday afternoons.

Mar 27 **Buckie's oldest inhabitant dies** - James Watt passed away peacefully in Netherha Home at seven o'clock last Thursday morning. He was 103. He was brought up on his uncle's farm of Balnamoon, Grange, Banffshire, and served his time as a joiner. He emigrated to Canada in 1908. During the First World War he served as a member of the Canadian Scottish Regiment that fought in France.

The gypsy/travellers have returned - The increase in caravans belonging to the travelling people parked on the foreshore at Buckpool was the subject of discussion at the March meeting of Buckie Community Council. Councillor Bill Jappy, however, told them that there was nothing they could do about it. "Only the owners of the land can take out an enforcement order", he said, " and they don't seem to be interested."

Common Good Fund - Buckie Bowling Club received a grant for £500 to help pay for the new pavilion while Buckie Thistle Boys Club got £300. The application by the Beacon Fellowship to help pay to create accommodation for a pre-school playgroup was deferred.

Lost at sea – George Cowie 'Tron' of 16 Yuill Avenue was pulled overboard by a rope off the fishing boat Conquest (Skipper Dennis Reid) and although a concerted search was made to try to find him it was to no avail, he had disappeared. He leaves his wife Sheila and six daughters. The accident took place 80 miles north east of Lerwick.

Death of former music instructor/teacher. Mr Steven Merson died last Wednesday after a long and debilitating illness, suffering from the brittle bone disease. He was 57. He was a former music instructor at Buckie High School and local primary schools but due to ill health was forced to retire 10 years ago.

Study under way - A feasibility study for a Maritime Heritage Centre in Buckie is now underway. The location chosen is important in that it is centred on the shipyards, lifeboat station, fish market and fish processing businesses. The harbour could provide opportunities for boat trips and sea angling.

SNP officials appointed - Convenor – Bill Jappy, vice convenor, Roy Shepherd; secretary/treasurer, Ian Hamilton, organiser, Peter Souter.

Quinns Restaurant - Chef patrons – David Dowie, Stewart Elder, Victor Rossvol and David Sharp.

Top Spot at Elgin - Anne Campbell daughter of David and Zena Campbell, 49 Yardie was placed first in the Pianoforte Solo competition for 12 year olds at the Moray Music Festival in Elgin Town Hall. There were 10 entrants for the event including another Buckie girl Sharon Smith of 14 Park Grove. Both Anne and Sharon are pupils of Mrs E. R. McBoyle 2 Stuart Street, Portessie, Anne attending lessons for four years.

Salmon boats - The last in a contract for boats made for the salmon farms on the west coast left the shipyard last week.

Apr 5 **We're nae happy at a** - Buckie's bowling pensioners are in militant mood as they prepare to fight to be allowed to continue their sport in the Community Centre on West Church Street.

Along with all other community activities the senior citizens Indoor Bowling Club are scheduled to be moved into the new Community Centre at the High School later this year.

Skipper lost in accident - A Portgordon skipper died around midnight on Friday when he slipped and fell into the harbour at Lochinver. Forty-four year old James Gardiner, 27 Richmond Terrace was casting off his boat 'Mary Frances' when the accident happened. He left his wife Mary and four children.

The last -The last remaining standing edifice of the wartime 'drome at Dallachy is now no more with only the foundation remaining to show where it once stood.

The disused Nissen huts at Nether Dallachy, near the bridge over the former coast railway, had become more than an eyesore it had become something of a hazard during periods of high wind when pieces of corrugated iron were liable to be blown about. It had proved difficult to find out who was responsible for it but now a 'Good Samaritan' has been at work and the buildings have been removed. Father Traynor, parish priest at St Peter's Church in Buckie, played a part he found out that the church and community hall were erected on the outskirts of the airfield during World War II belonged to the R.C. Church and stood on Crown Land.

Apr 10 **Fits on at the Picters es week in the Fishermen's Hall?** John Travolta and Bruce Willis in 'Look Whose Talking'.

Situations vacant - Grampian Country Pork factory in Buckie require processors, packers, porters and labourers.

South Kirk minister on the move - Rev Tom Johnston, minister of the South and West Church for the past 10 years together with his wife Jenny and four children are shortly to be moving to Edinburgh.

Quinns Restaurant - The restaurant on Cluny Square had a full-page advert in this edition of the 'Buckie Paper' showing all kinds of menus and prices.

Apr 17 **Candidates in the Regional contests** - SNP Margo Howe and Hamish Watt, Independent, are to contest the Rathford/Lennox seat. Gordon McDonald SNP faces Allan Dean Conservative for the Buckie seat. Both SNP candidates won, the day of the Independent had yet to arrive when even Bill Jappy who had been convenor of the local branch took on this mantle.

Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society- A photograph in this edition of the B. A. Shows the Society as they settle into their new premises at the BEST Centre on Marchmont Crescent. Their more recent former home behind the Town House on Cluny Place is badly in need of repair and they will remain at Marchmont in part of the former 'Lamp Factory' premises until permanent facilities are found for them, possibly in the Maritime Heritage Centre which is on the cards for Buckie.

The Society presently employ a number of people on an Employment Training Scheme administered by the Balloch Trust. **A longer report is given on page 4.**

Schoolday Memories – This is the title of a poem found on page 6 and columns 3 and 4 written by A. Grant Edinburgh who first attended St Peter's School in 1936.

Probus Club – The guest speaker at the April lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Mr Brian Wilkinson, a former railway management employee, who perhaps not unnaturally chose as his subject – 'A History of the Local Railways.' Bill Geddes also a former railway man gave the vote of thanks.

Rotary Club - Mr Peter Slater, Chairman of Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society was the guest speaker at Monday's meeting of Buckie Rotary Club. He chose to speak on the Fishing Society.

Peter said that he didn't like the fishing when he was at it and wasn't too keen on the idea of setting up a Fishing Heritage Museum but realised that people were entitled to know about their past.

Buckie Ladies Lifeboat Guild celebrated their 30^{year} birthday with a dinner in the Commercial Hotel. The cake donated by Robert Bruce chef at Baxters, Fochabers, was cut by three founder members Meta Murray, Bessie and Nellie Slater.

Recipe for a popular dish – Cullen Skink –

About 2lbs smoked haddock (Finnan if possible) 1 medium onion, sliced, 1½ pints of milk, 2 tablespoons butter, 8oz, cooked mashed potatoes, salt, pepper.

Put haddock in a shallow pan skin downward with just enough cold water to cover it- simmer for four minutes. Turn the fish and take off the skin, add the sliced onion. Cover and simmer very gently for 10 minutes. Remove fish from the bones and return bones to stock and simmer for 20 minutes then strain. Put stock and

milk in a saucepan, add flaked fish, bring to boiling point and add mashed potato to make it creamy. Add the butter in very small pieces and season to taste

A recipe for making Buttery Rowies or as we wid say Rollies is found on page 11 of this edition in the insert 'Grampian Full of Goodness'.

Speakers' Club officials for new session – Past President Stewart Benson handed over to the new President Bruce McLaren, vice president John Fowlie, Bill Smith, treasurer, Craig Armit Educational Director and Sandy Sutherland Social Secretary. John Legge volunteered to be secretary when no one would take on the job.

Book Review – Charles Ashton 'The Bible, the Church and the Animal Kingdome' By (Rev) James Thomson minister of the All Saints Church.

Apr 24 **A question mark** hangs over the future of the £700.000 psycho-geriatric unit currently under construction at Buckie's Seafield Hospital. As work on the 30-bed unit nears completion Grampian Health Board have experienced a lack of resources with which to finance the running of the unit.

New fears for Seafield Maternity Unit- The sudden halting of negotiations last week between Grampian and Highland Health Boards over interim Maternity care for some Moray mother-to-be could have a knock on effect for the Maternity Unit at Seafield.

The Maternity Unit for Moray MUM who have been pressing for proper obstetric facilities to be available in the district fear that a statement from Grampian Health Board announcing the end of negotiations could indicate that more women in labour will be sent to Aberdeen rather than being allowed to deliver their babies at local units such as Seafield.

You can go ahead - The Secretary of State for Scotland has given the go ahead for the new cemetery to the west of the New Cemetery and near the banks of the Gollachy Burn.

Portknockie harbour - Tomorrow April 25 1990 will be 100 years to the day since Portknockie harbour was officially declared open.

The village of Portknockie had its beginning some 200 years earlier as recalled by Rev James S. Wood, a native of the village. A man called Slate, it is said, came from Cullen (this would have been Old Cullen) carrying his baby in a fisher skull and built the first cottage on the high windy headland. Others followed and soon a little fleet of open-decked boats were putting to sea from the creek, which offered little shelter from the northerly gales. As Portknockie grew the desire for a church of their own instead of having to walk to and from St Mary's in Cullen, led to the building of the Seafield Church in 1836. **More may be read on page 4.**

Buckie hold an 'Antique Road Show' Buckie hosted its own Antique Road Show on Tuesday April 17 when the North Church hall was the venue for an event in aid of 'Save the Children Fund'. The sum of £175 profit was made off the sale of tea and pancakes served by Betty Cowie and Nan Redford. John Duncan and Anita Kelly antique experts were present to examine the artefacts that people had brought along. A photograph in this edition of the B. A. Shows them examining a Burns's plate belonging to Peter and Nellie Slater. Another photograph shows two youngsters looking at a really old telephone.

We are now open – L.L. Ingram, 39 East Church Street. All kinds of footwear for men women and children. Boots and shoes also repaired.

Reid and Gordon, 39 East Church Street, Up to date ladies fashions.

Look Back to the Past - Compiler John Brien, Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society.

The boating pond - It will be built at Strathlene. That was the unanimous decision of members of Moray District Council's Recreation Committee when it met last week. Other possible sites identified such as the Ian Johnston Park were ruled out for a number of reasons.

May 1 **Cullen's Christmas Lights** - Cullen F. C. who play in the Buckie Welfare League have raised nearly £1000 towards the installation of Christmas Lights in the town as part of the club's centenary year events.

Buckie's TIC (Tourist Information Centre) is to be open for an additional month this year it was decided by MDC Recreation and Libraries Committee this week. The Fochabers centre will, however, not be open although the Fochabers people aim to fight this decision.

A rare event nowadays - What is believed to be the first Clydesdale foal to be born in the local area for 10 years arrived on the scene at Rathburn Farm, Brankumleys, Buckie on Saturday. The foal belongs to Cameron Hendry, its mother Ruth being sired by Cammie's Clydesdale stallion Prince that took first prize at Keith Show last summer.

A new innovation - For the first time ever an auction will be held in the North Church hall to raise funds during Christian Aid Week.

MDC museum's display - The Smiddy - Blacksmiths and Blacksmithing is the theme of a display, which will be staged in the Cullen Library from Friday May 4 till Wednesday June 6. There will be pictures from many parts of Moray including smiddies and tools that smiths used. (I would have found this interesting, as my forefathers from my grandfather back were blacksmiths for at least four generations stemming from the Inverurie and Monymusk areas of Aberdeenshire.)

May 8 **A big bang** - An explosion heard throughout Buckie on Wednesday evening of last week leading to a fire resulted in much damage to a house on Cluny Place. (Former Coastguard houses) The occupier Mr Norman Choate a forty two-year-old fish worker was taken to Aberdeen hospital suffering from head and body injuries.

'Davey's Revenge' is the title of a poem found on page 4. It was written by DGS.

Probus Club - The speaker at the recent lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus held in the Commercial Hotel was Ian Brown, a founder member and first chairman of the Probus Club, a founder member of the Rotary Club and retired headmaster of Portessie School.

The title of his talk was 'Relevance' in which he looked at the writings of the past eg Burns the Bible, Shakespeare, Wordsworth and Dickens and related them to the events in the modern world.

Situation vacant - Wanted a foreman shop joiner by Versatile Window Co. Ltd, Deskford. Must be willing to work overtime.

Friends of Seafield Hospital get going - The recently inaugurated organisation are launching an appeal for funds in order to purchase two sophisticated

mattresses for long-stay patients, which eliminate the problems associated with bedsores.

She was the first – Mrs Helen Geddes who died recently in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary was distinguished for being Banffshire's first lady Provost. She took over as provost of Portknockie in 1962 after the sudden resignation of William Mair.

May 22 **Buckie skipper experiments** – Now that the need for conservation of fish stocks has become important to the industry tied up as it is with EEC quotas on Buckie skipper is already doing something about it. John Smith, skipper of the 'Heather Sprig' BCK 181 has been experimenting with square mesh nets for the past couple of months with some success.

Victoria Park - A letter about the condition of the park and its environs was described in a letter by Bill Lobban. At the May meeting of the community council the subject was again raised with certain comments attributed to the secretary being wrong concerning the Welfare Society and the 'Welcome Home Fund'.

Model Boating Pond - The proposal by Moray District Council to provide a model boating pond at Strathlene received a unanimous thumbs down at the annual general meeting of Buckie and District Model Boat Club - well as the report said in the local paper.

Local swimmer receives 'Cap' - Buckie High School pupil Faye Phimister has been chosen to represent Scottish Schools in an inter event this week. Faye is one of 8 swimmers among 40 Scottish athletes taking part in the Inter Schoolsport Federation Gymnasiade, which is being held in Brussels. Competitors from 24 countries will be there.

May 29 **Buckie T.I.C. opens.** A photograph in this edition shows Mrs Patsy Murray who mans the office standing outside the Tourist Information Centre on Cluny Square talking to two visitors

Isabel Harrison pen portrait - An article on page three gives a pen portrait of Buckie born woman Mrs Isabel Harrison who has just compiled a book of poems, which she had written about growing up in Buckie in the 1930's.

A new slant to the Model Boating Pond - A letter to the Banffshire Advertiser disputes the assertion made in the report on the subject raised at the recent annual general meeting that the decision was unanimous in turning down Strathlene as was said, the writer Mr F. Langnes said it was much closer at 7 against and six for. He resigned from the club as a result.

Litter! A piece of doggerel on the subject.

If there wis a national prize for litter Buckie wid surely heid the list,
For though rubbish bins are provided the litter aye seems tae miss't.
Catholic bairns seem tae favour crisps an High School little bags,
An the gang that frequent St Andrews fling awa chip paper and fags!
There's empty cans left near the steps on the Square for a' tae see,
Even wir bonny new car park an gairden hiv litter left there tee.
Bit hiv ye seen the burnies? They've a' the junk o' the day,
Maist o't hoosehold rubbish; come on Buckie lets have CLEAN fair play.

Isobel Harrison.

The Welfare Society and the Welcome Home Fund - In a letter in this edition of the 'Advertiser' Allan Fraser secretary of Buckie Community Council

put the matter straight regarding Buckie Welfare Society a topic that had been raised at the May meeting of Buckie Community Council. Buckie Welfare Society and Buckie Welcome Home Fund were two separate organisations. The Welfare Society did though give the Welcome Home Fund a fairly handsome donation. It has been often complained that a considerable amount of money raised for the Welcome Home to be given to returning ex-servicemen and women was spent building a wall around Victoria Park, which is entirely wrong. The money for this was raised at the well-attended dances, which ran from the early war years to the end of the 1950's in the Fishermen's Hall, which was owned by the Welfare Society.

FACES – Funds for the Advancement of Conducive Education Scotland- held their first AGM in the Cluny Hotel last week.

Buckie Rovers annual 'do' - This was held in the Thistle Social Club when the various trophies were presented to players. Committee Player of the Year was Mark Smith; Graeme Roy was Player's Player of the Year; Brian Slater, Young Player of the Year while Mark Wood received a Special Trophy.

Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society held their annual general meeting in the Town House last Thursday when the guest speaker was Mr Peter Buchan, the well-known author and poet from Peterhead. The officials elected for the coming year were Chairman Peter Bruce who took over from Peter Slater who stepped down. James Merson, secretary; Mrs Bessie Murray, treasurer; Records Officer, Ron Stewart. A report of the meeting is given on page 12. In his retiring speech as chairman Mr Slater said how one of the best sources of revenue was a donation given for copies of photographs.

June 5 **Toilet provision and whether or not the public should have to pay for it** seemed to be the controversial issues of the moment in Buckie.

The recent re-opening of the refurbished public toilets in Newlands Lane has been welcomed but the charge of 10p is considered too steep by many people in the town with a man Jim Pirie going round with a sheet collecting signatures against this, as he saw it, an imposition.

However, Moray District Council Environmental Health Department defends their decision to charge a fee on the grounds that the toilets now have an attendant.

Opening announcement – Jackie Ewan of the Hair Boutique Portessie will be taking appointments as from Monday 11 June.

Duck Race on the burn - The RSPCC are to hold a Duck Race and Bar-B-Q at the Winding Walks, Buckie Burn on Sunday 10 June at 2.30pm.

Road **Clearance Sale** – Karl Thomson is to hold a Clearance Sale at 19 Commercial
-Jeans, shirts, boots, shoes, trainers all at bargain prices.

of **More on the proposed boating pond** - Peter Bruce a member of the committee
The Model Boat Club in a letter found on page 4 came back with an answer to Fred Langnes on the outcome of the recent annual general meeting.

Open Day - Buckie High School was open to the public last Friday giving all members of the public an opportunity to see what goes on within its walls. A number of photographs, taken within different classrooms are **found on page 5**.

Shop to close - The shop 'Babyland' found at 51 West Church Street will close on Friday 8 June. 'Everything at closing down prices.'

'Findochty's Famous Footballer' was the heading. George Cowie is pictured during last Easter's Playbill coaching session. He is now launching his own soccer school for north youngsters.

We will be one year old - Tutti Frutti, the original Café Bar, 17 High Street, will be one year old on the 16th June. 'Come and join us for four nights of live entertainment including a night with Johnny and the Copycats.

You are not on - Lennox Community Council was up in arms at the decision of Moray District Council in Elgin to go ahead with spending poll tax revenue on a new leisure centre in Elgin.

Clochachan Gala Day - This will be held on Saturday June 16th and opened by George Christie of Christie's Nurseries in Fochabers.

A lot of money is to be spent - Grampian Regional Council has invited tenders for the new fishmarket and re-surfacing of the quays at Buckie harbour. The cost of the work is estimated at £1.5 million and is expected to take 18 months to complete.

No more a 'Paraffin City' - Portgordon had earned the sobriquet 'The Paraffin City' from the fact that when other places in the area had been using gas for lighting for many years its citizens had to depend on paraffin. This is to change soon as a gas supply will be laid on within the current financial year.

Jun 12 **New Harbourmaster at Buckie** - William Mackay, 4 Reidhaven Street, Iainstown will take over the post when the present incumbent, Captain Wm. Wood retires at the end of July. Captain Mackay who is 43 was the master of several coastal tankers for BP in recent years.

Final Service at Lossie - The final service at the Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen in Lossiemouth was held on Sunday as the mission has closed after 33 years. It was hit by financial losses and all attempts to find a new base failed.

Tak care dinna waste Adam's wine - Although it is unlikely that the measures that have been spoken about and could be implemented elsewhere in the north east as the continuing drought puts pressure on water supplies will be enforced here the residents of the Buckie area are wise to be cautious.

Buckie gets its water from three sources. Most of it comes along a coastal trunk main from the treatment works at Turriff, which is supplemented by a well pumping water from gravel in the River Spey at Ordiquish and fed into the small impounding reservoir at Rochomie two miles south of Buckie, which also collects rain water.

Any of these sources can be in use at any time and the area has the facility to switch from one to the other depending on supplies and needs.

Tutti Frutti - the Café Bar, 17 High Street had a whole page advert in the local paper advertising their menus and the entertainment to celebrate their first birthday.

A new coin - A new sized five pence coin is to be introduced on June 27. It will be much smaller than the present one and about the size of the old sixpence

'Discovering Speyside' is the name of a new book written by Francis Thomson. Brian Wilkinson reviewed it in this edition of the B. A. From Brian's report it seems to be an interesting book with a mass of very interesting information.

Jun. 19 **RNLI Gala Day** will take place at Buckie harbour on Saturday 23 June.

Carry me over the mountain range over by Deskirt and doon tae Grange
. Fit for? The Highland Games are takking place there at Bankhead Farm on Sunday 24 June starting at 1.00pm.

Friends of Seafield - The executive committee plan to hold a fete in the hospital grounds on Saturday September 15 to raise funds. Mr Craig, chairman outlined a novel money-making event which he proposed the Friends should run, namely a Grand Quiz Night. He went on to explain what was involved. He described such an event as being a real money spinner as he had had experience of running one elsewhere. Such events were to become quite common as the years passed but the Friends were first in the field.

Jun 26 **We're against the Elgin Leisure Centre** - Lennox, Portknockie, Cullen and Deskford and Buckie Community Councils have all come out against the proposed Elgin Leisure Complex. Much of the opposition is based on the cost of the complex.

Co. Jappy said that the Munro Baths were presently losing £163.000 a year and said that it had been estimated that the new complex would lose around £240.000

Plans for change of use at 1 Bank Street - From store to tyre distributors and service workshop.

An exhibition of conservatories - They were all the rage in 2005, when this was written, with numerous firms engaged in what appears to be a profitable business but Fersina Windows had the first advert in the 'Advertiser' on this date.

July 3 **Given the go-ahead** - Despite increasing opposition to it in the east side of Moray the leisure centre was given the go-ahead by Moray District Council on Wednesday. It transpired that the contract for building the pool had already been let before the full council had given its approval to the development. **Front page**

Two local SNP councillors, Buckie West, Bill Jappy and Lennox's Tom Howe who had fought against the pool proposals all the way before losing out on Wednesday on a 9-6 vote were furious

From shop to leisure/health club - Plans were lodged for a change of use at 39 West Church Street.

Glorious Days of Clochan Thistle or the Jags - A letter written by Allan Fraser is found on page 4.

Mason marks up fifty year's service - Alexander 'Sykie' Wallace is seen in a photograph receiving gifts on his retirement after 50 year's service as a mason with Wm. Douglas and Sons. The gifts were handed over by Foreman mason Charles Laing and Managing Director George Duthie.

New library in the Port - Portgordon's new branch library on the Square was officially declared open on Friday 22 at a ceremony attended by local councillors and representatives of Moray District Libraries.

Buckie's Half-marathon - The winner of this year's half-marathon, organised by the local Round Table and ran on Sunday June 24 was Graham Laing of Aberdeen AAC who set a new record time of 68minutes 47 seconds. The best placed of the local runners was Andrew Newlands who came in 6th with a time of 74 minutes 35 seconds.

The first lady home was Alison Cassells of Aberdeen AAC who came in at 39th place with a time of 97 minutes 18 seconds.

July 10 **Advert** - 'Fancy That' Anne Forsyth for fragrant gifts, pillows, satin and loose covers for prams and Moses baskets. Bride's favours in sugar almond and pot pourri , exquisite bags. 5 West Cathcart Terrace.

Harbour and Fishmarket tours - The summer season of Buckie Harbour tours start this afternoon, Tuesday, at 2,00pm and 3.00pm and will continue at the same time on each Tuesday until September.

The tour includes a visit to the Lifeboat , Herd and Mackenzie, boat-building yard or Cox fish processing plant. Fishmarket tours start on Friday July 13 and continue each Friday until September 14. They start at 8.30am and 10.00am visiting the fishmarket, Mair's Fish Merchants and Sinclair Nets. All tours start at the harbour office and all places must be booked in advance at the Buckie Tourist Information Centre.

To pay or not to pay - Allan Fraser was all for paying to 'P' if it meant that the toilets were kept clean and healthy and free from vandalism. Jim Pirie said that he had collected 700 signatures against having to pay to d the toilet as opposed to the 7 who were prepared to pay. **See the letter on page 7.**

Rotary Club of Buckie - Ian Sinclair became the new president of Buckie Rotary Club. In a photograph Hugh Patience is seen handing over the chain of office.

Painter's advert - George Thow, Portgordon had an advert in this edition , which mentioned all the 'ings' he was prepared to do - Painting, Decorating, Taping, Coving, Ceramic Tiling and odd jobbing. 25 Richmond Place, Portgordon.

July 17 **Harbour tours** - They got off to a good start this year with last Tuesday afternoon being fine after so much rain over the past ten days.

YTS vacancy - A Youth Training Scheme vacancy exists with Scotroof that could lead to an apprenticeship in glass fibre and felt roofing. Phone Mr Widdrington, Findochty.

New minister for the Baptist Church - A new minister, Rev Graham Rosie will take up his post at Buckie Baptist Church on August 7th. The church has been without a minister for 18 months since Rev Jim Elphinstone left for Glenrothes. Graham was born in Aberdeen and brought up in Fraserburgh. He will move to Buckie from Kilmarnock.

Teacher dies - A well-known Buckie personality and retired teacher Mary Jessie Cowie has died at the age of 82. Miss Cowie who lived at 5 McKenzie Road taught for 40 years at Cluny Primary School. She was former women's captain of Buckpool Golf Club, a noted public speaker and a member of a number of local organisations including the Camera and Travel Clubs.

July 24 **Fatal accident** - A man from Glenglassaugh Gordon Bass, 27, father of two children, one five the other three, was killed while at work with Versatile Windows at Deskford. Three tons of glass sheets fell on top of him in the fabrication room. Gordon had been in a similar incident three years before when glass fell on him resulting in him being off work for 12 weeks.

New housing at Drybridge? Outline Planning Application has been made for the construction of five housing sites at Drybridge.

How nice to see the sun –summer came at long last and in time for Strathlene Golf Club's Gala on Saturday.

Buckie's new charity shop opens - Moray Councillors Sinclair Longmore and Bill Jappy cut the tape to open Buckie's new charity shop, which now occupies the former 'Babyland' on West Church Street, with Margaret Bremner area organiser for the Sue Ryder Foundation. The new shop will be selling donated articles. The Foundation exists to care for sick and disabled people and runs two residential homes, one of which caters especially for sufferers of Huntingdon's Chorea.

Adverts – Fabric Attraction, 46 West Church Street; Peter Slater. 65 West Church Street, Gent's Outfitter, summer sale.

Jly 31 **Last before the 'Hols'**- The last major event at Jones Buckie. Shipyard before the closure for the Trades Holiday was the naming of the newly constructed passenger and freight ferry for service in the Shetland Isles. The vessel was named 'Westering Homewards'.

Houses at Mains of Buckie? Planning application has been made for the construction on sites one and two on land south and west of Mains of Buckie of two dwelling houses and one garage.

Heritage Exhibition Opens - With the paint inside hardly dry after its face lift Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society's premises behind the Town House on Cluny Place is ready to receive visitors. Opening this week on Tuesday and Fridays from 10-12 and 2 till 4 the Society intend to add a visit to the exhibition as part of the attraction of the Buckie harbour tours. Other visitors will, of course, be welcome during the tours. A fuller report and a picture showing secretary Jim Merson is to be found on page three.

Not alone - Isabel Harrison was in agreement with those who were in favour of paying for the use of toilet facilities. She mentioned how many years ago it had cost one penny to use a toilet and felt that at 10p this was only in line with inflation. The charge would be well worth while to keep things safe and tidy. She wrote a short poem on the subject. **This can be found on page 4.**

Buckpool athlete - For the fourth year in succession Buckpool athlete James Miller will be competing in the Scottish Swimming team in the Disabled Olympics at Stoke Mandeville.

Peter Fair - Peter Fair has come and gone and the nights will close in quickly as the saying goes. The Fair was blessed with beautiful weather and surely it is a fallacy to say that it's aye raining. The writer on the subject said that the bulk of those who attend Peter Fair today are Mams and Grannies with, of course, bairns. The 'Advertiser' had lots of photographs taken on the day.

Portknockie Gala took place on the 21st and 22nd of July and enjoyed glorious sunshine.

Speyside Video - For low cost fresh fruit and vegetables why not pop into the Speyside Video shop on Land Street, Buckpool.

Aug 7 **A change to bus service** - Glennie's bus service between Buckie and Keith is to be taken over by new contractors Bluebird Northern from Monday August 20. A

photograph shows a bus at the shelter near the 'Sailors' Home'. This was removed during the week of June 30 2005. Why? Fa kens.

Ark Housing -The keys to the ARK housing development off Land street in Buckpool were handed over by the builders on Thursday 26 July 1990 and the first tenants expect to move in the first week of September.

The complex, named by Councillor Bill Jappy, is to be known as Woodside Close.
Two pictures taken of the complex are shown on page 3.

Keswick in Buckie -The weeklong series of services etc will take place in the Methodist Church from 11 till the 17 August.

Cullen Fair -The third Cullen Fair of Arts, Crafts and Hobbies took place in the Town Hall over the weekend of August 4 and 5th.

'A Lifetime of Learning' - This is the title of a poem written by Pat Cowie, retired English teacher at Buckie High School. **It can be found on page 12**

Football - Buckie Thistle played a friendly football match against Forfar Athletic at Victoria Park. The score was 1 goal to nil in the visitor's favour scored by former Jag's man, Gary Whyte.

The Thistle team was – Innes, Keith, Pirie, Wrack, Bruce, Still (Clark), Mathieson (Middleton), Robertson (Ord), McBeath, McPherson and Anderson. Sub. Allan.

Aug 14**No poll required** - With three names only forward for the three vacancies on the community council at Cullen meant that a poll was not required. The three candidates are – George Addison, Bertha Phillips and Moira Slater.

Hairdresser to close – Elspeth's Ladies and Gent's Hair Stylist is to close as from August 25th.

Football – Highland League - Cove Rangers 3 Buckie Thistle 4 (first game of the season) and Buckie Thistle 3 Lossiemouth 2.

Keith Show - The annual Show in Keith has been plagued by showers in recent years and was wet this year once again.

Orienteering – A New Forest orienteering course was officially opened recently when Councillor Hamish Proctor Chairman of Moray Tourist Board cut the tape in the Quarry Wood, scenic course just west of Elgin.

Aug 21**For 'Travellers' - a permanent site** - A new permanent site is to be provided in Elgin for 'travelling people' who this year again have set up camp on the Buckpool beach near the salmon bothy.

Come in come in its nice to see you - The Carlton Hairdressers, East Carlton Terrace extend a warm welcome to Elspeth and her customers.

Library Head to retire - Miss Moira Innes, Cullen, Director of Libraries in Moray is to retire after 42 year's service to the reading public of Banff and Moray.

Bob makes it a habit - Green-fingered gardener, Bob Dawson of Land Street, Buckie once again won the Baldwin Memorial Cup for the best overall performance at Deskford Flower Show.

Buckie Rovers drew first game of season - Lossie United 1 Buckie Rovers 1. Unfortunately the team was missing from the report though a new name was mentioned as playing, someone called Ryan Reeves.

Aug 28 **Exciting Plans proposed for Strathlene** – The present eyesore that was once Strathlene Bathing Pool will be transformed into a health and beauty spa complete with hotel and many other attractions if the idea of a local couple come to fruition. Andy and Nicky Sullivan who live in the Yardie have been considering setting up a thalassotherapy spa since they moved up here from Manchester some time ago. **The report is given on the front page.**

Now open - Sofisticutz. Ladies and Gent's Hair Salon, 36 James Street. Open six days.

Junior football – The Rovers drew with Deveronside at Princess Royal Park, Banff. The Rovers' team was – Roy, B. Slater, R. Smith, Redford, Campbell, M. Smith, Sutherland, Martin Ewen, McGettrick (W. Geddes) Lappin. Sub. G. Murray.

Among the medals again - James Miller brought back the Dudley Chapman Trophy and three medals won swimming for Scotland in the 1990 Stoke Mandeville Disabled Games. Over the years he has won 9 medals, 2 gold, 2 silver and five bronze.

Skateboard facility – Moray District Council are to be asked to provide a skateboard facility in the Ian Johnston Park. The matter was discussed at the latest community council meeting where it was said that the BMX track that had been asked for had still to be completed.

Buckie Flower Show was a success - This was the opinion of the committee and exhibitors alike despite the downturn in entries.

Sept 4 **Preshome RC Church** - Yesterday evening (Monday) at Preshome saw scenes that had not been witnessed for over 100 years and never before on such a scale. The celebrated mass brought together many of the leading figures in the Scottish Catholic Church at a place from which the historic rebirth of Catholicism in Scotland was launched.

The service in Preshome was in honour of the bicentennial of St Gregory's Chapel at Preshome and it also allowed guests to see the remedial work, which has been done, to the building.

It was in 1697 that Scotland's first Catholic Bishop since the Reformation RT Rev. Thomas Nicholson came to live in Preshome. It remained for almost two centuries the strategic centre of the RC Church in Scotland.

It became the headquarters of the Vicar Apostolic until the death in 1869 of James Kyle who had been Bishop of Preshome for 40 years.

The Preshome Chapel that replaced St Margaret of the Craigs was begun in 1788 and when opened a year later was the first Catholic Church in Scotland to be built as such since the Reformation.

The Chapel was reopened in 1896 with a new altar and sanctuary.

A picture on page one shows the beautiful interior of the historic Preshome Chapel.

A painting of the patron, which is believed to be the work of Annibale Caracci, marks its dedication to St Gregory the Great. This was a gift from the last Earl of Findlater of Cullen House, Cullen.

Junior football – Fochabers 1 Buckie Rovers 0 (League)

The Rovers' team was – Bowie, Slater, Ewen, Smith, McKay, Campbell, Martin (Wood), Smith, Murray (Geddes), McGettrick and Lappin.

The Rovers had Jimmy Brindle (Keith married in Buckie) in goal in the next game when they beat RAF Lossie by two goals to one.

Sept 11 **A Maritime Centre** – Buckie could have its Maritime Heritage Centre in operation by April 1992 if the report is accepted by Moray District Council. 'Such a centre should be located where there is concentrated and active maritime activity, a

fishing harbour and fish market, fish selling, boat building, net manufacturing and marine engineering.'

The proposal is for a modern, purpose-built, functional, adaptable, industrial-type building adequate because of the quality of the surrounding buildings incorporating a range of interpretative techniques including visitor participation, sights, smells and sounds combining educational and entertainment offering good supporting catering and retail facilities.

Preshome Church - More is written about the special commemorative service held there is given on page 5

*** **The Enzie** - Allan Fraser wrote an article on the district of the Enzie in which he included the poem 'The Enzie' by the poet J.M. Caie. This can be found on page 11.

*There was **no copy** made of the Banffshire Advertiser of September 18 1990*

Sept 25 **Special Church Service** - A special service is being held in Buckie North Church on the evening of Sunday September 30 1990, which the minister Rev Bill Taylor suggests could be the most important service conducted there since he came to Buckie 6 years ago. It is a 'Setting Apart' service when lay people are granted the authority to preach and conduct services of public worship. Two elders of the church and a lady elder of Grange and Rothiemay are being 'Set Apart' for this purpose at the service.

Stewart Benson who is Session Clerk and Graeme Gerrard, North Church lay preachers, have been working for the past two years on a course prescribed by the Church of Scotland and have now fulfilled all the necessary requirements successfully including a period of six months spent in other churches.

The Rovers get new strip - Page 13 shows the local junior football team Buckie Rovers as they receive a new football strip from Peter Reid, Plumber. Reading from the left those named are Jim 'Jimbo' Innes, Brian Slater, Ali Ewen, David 'Pecos' McKay, Jack Clarke (President), Graeme Roy, Willie Geddes, Grant Martin (Keith), George Murray, Mark Wood, Keith Sinclair, Eddy Campbell, Alex McGettrick (Elgin married in Buckie), Gordon Redford. Keith Sinclair, assistant manager was on the bench. In the game played the Rovers drew 1-1 with Nairn St Ninians.

YTS Dental Technician required for dental laboratory - A. P. Herd, Dental Laboratory, and 57a Main Street. (The premises was at one time occupied by J. Taylor, Butcher.)

Oct 2 **Opposition to Elgin Leisure Centre** - Opponents of the Leisure Centre in Elgin are keeping up their attacks on the controlling group on Moray District Council.

Planning application - The erection of a dwelling house at Walkerdale Farm. Drybridge.

Billy McGarth - A photograph on page 3 shows Ironmonger and Travel Agent Billy McGarth standing at the door of his shop on West Church Street. The photograph shows that at this time there were two large windows on the wall towards the drill hall.

Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society believe that opening their premises behind the Town House on two days a week during the summer has been a worthwhile exercise. They have been able to help visitors to trace their family connections and provide photographs of boats connected with the family,

At the same time the Society recognises the need for both larger and better-located premises and more helpers so that opening hours can be extended next summer.

"An Albatross Aroon Wir Neck" is the title given to a poem written by G. H. and dedicated to Convener of Moray District Council with the subject matter being the proposal to build a Leisure Centre in Elgin. It is found on page 7, columns 4 and 5.

Look Back to the Past was being written by James A. Reid of the Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society.

Portgordon Railway Station – A photograph appears on page 13 with James Geddes standing on the platform where he first encountered the two German spies during World War II.

September 30 1990 marked the 50th anniversary of the famous Portgordon spy drama. In the Banffshire Advertiser of September 18 we gave a brief account of the story in our report of the award of a plaque to Robert Grieve the policeman at Portgordon who was involved in the capture of the two spies.

The porter on duty at Portgordon railway station that day was the late John Geddes. John's daughter Ann McIntosh 12 Inward Road, Buckpool has given us the story of the events as her father recalled them to her.

She said he told her that ten shillings was offered for the train fare to Forres not the five pounds or more that has been said nor was there any evidence of salt water on their clothes or shoes.

People then living in Burnmouth Croft found oars and left overs of foreign food alongside the burn when their dog was sniffing around. They also found on the Buckpool side of the croft a pair of soaking wet leather boots (not rubber as most reports have described them) with the word Oslo clearly visible inside.

Oct 9 **Fatal road crash** – A crash between a car and a pick-up truck resulted in the death of a twenty-year old Portknockie fisherman and injuries to four others. The car driver was Christopher McGowan died in the accident. His passenger Brendan Mair and the three in the pick up were all injured.

The proposed new fish market - A public meeting is to take place to discuss the construction of a new fishmarket. It has been estimated that if this is not built it could lead to the loss of 1000 jobs. The meeting has been described as most important for the future of the town since the harbour was built. If there is no market fish will be landed at other ports, if this was to occur 500-700 jobs could be lost rising to a knock-on effect of 1000.

Grampian Country Pork - Thirty jobs are available at the Grampian Country Pork factory in Buckpool.

Closing down - Karl Thomsen, Rigger and Wire Supplier is to close down his Chandlery Department on Commercial Road.

'Son of Rawn' this edition carries the 34th chapter of the serial written by Spike.

Better luck for local footballer - Disappointment for a young Buckpool footballer at missing out on the Scotland Under 16 squad has been compensated in part by his being offered a trial with a top English club.

This is the second year in succession that Mark Cowie of 31 Braeview Road has made it into the last 58 trialists for Scotland. Last season it was the under 15's and this time the under 16's.

It was after playing against Dundee and Tayside at Northfield Academy in Aberdeen that Mark received a telephone call from a Chelsea scout inviting him

south for a trial. Mark was recommended for a trial by the manager of the Buckie High School football teams, Modern Languages teacher, Charlie Berisford.

Oct 16 **Fishmarket meeting** - A meeting was held in the Fishermen's Hall in support of a proposal to build a new fishmarket in Buckie. Two hundred people were present and showed a lot of interest in what was being said. Fears were expressed that if there is no fishmarket then there will be any fish landings with a great many jobs on shore being lost.

'Friends' hold a fete - The recent fete organised by the Friends of Seafield Hospital and held with the hospital grounds proved to be a great success with the sum of £3.309 being raised.

It was agreed that a Quiz Evening, which had already been spoken of, would take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday November 2

Top Guide - Carolyn MacPhee daughter of Myrtle MacPhee, 38 Harbourhead, Buckpool was awarded the highest honour that can be achieved in the Guides - the Baden-Powell Trefoil Badge. The badge was presented by Guide District Assistant Mrs June Milne, Rathven.

'The Dons' written by Jack Webster was reviewed in the Advertiser by Dr Sandy Lawrence, an avid Aberdeen football supporter.

Buckie Probus Club - It was Ladies Day when the members of Buckie and District Probus Club met for their usual once monthly lunch meeting. The club chairman Douglas Summers introduced the speaker for the day, Rev Professor W. D. McHardy CBE a Cullen loon and distinguished theological scholar.

Oct 23 Missing

Oct 30 **High award for Buckie Guide** - A photograph in this edition of the Advertiser shows Guide District Assistant Mrs June Milne, Rathven, presenting the highest award in the Guide Section of Guiding, the Baden Powell Trefoil to Patrol Leader Faye Phimister (15) of Janoah, Blairdaff Street, Buckie.

Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society are to stage a show 'Aspects of the Sea' with Zetta St Clair in the Town House hall on Wednesday 24 October at 7.30pm. Admission £1.

Bouncers Theatre Company proudly present 'Pinky Brae' a north east tragic-comedy in the Fishermen's Hall on Tuesday 23 October. Admission £3.50 - Concession £2.00

Further promotion for Cullen doctor - A former Dux and Head boy of Buckie High School and a winner of the Prestigious Amoco Young Scientist of the Year Award, Dr James Y. Findlay (27) of Cullen has recently gained further distinction. He has passed final exams, which qualify him to become a Fellow of the College of Anaesthetists.

James studied at Edinburgh University where he graduated BSc with first class honours in Biochemistry before going on to take his medical MB ChB degree.

His father James is Headmaster of Cluny Primary School in Buckie and his mother teaches at Cullen Primary School. The family live at 'Wyvis' 14 Cathay Terrace, Cullen

No grass under their feet - Buckie Rovers F.C. Will get the grass on their Merson Park ground cut by Moray Council. They told the Council that their mower

had broken down and that they couldn't afford to pay a contractor to do the work for them.

New Youth Club - Portessie is to get a new-Junior Youth Club. Fiona Bruce Development Worker at Buckie Community Education Centre told the Advertiser that all arrangements had been made with the first meeting scheduled to take place on Friday November 2.

She added that they had 15 volunteers to run the club but was still looking for more.

50 + Club – Buckie Following its launch in Portgordon Grampian Community Education 50 = project arrives on the Buckie scene this coming Thursday November 1.

The new purpose-built Community Education Centre adjacent to Buckie Swimming Pool will be the venue (a few weeks before its official opening) for an open meeting starting at 7.30pm.

Nov 6 **Loanhead Farm** - Planning application has been made to convert part of the steading at Loanhead, Rathven into a Residential Old People's Home.

Now open – 'Bikewise', 48 Commercial Road. Proprietor, N. G. Morrison. Cycles, Moped etc. Mowers sharpened and repaired.

A change of ownership – I. C. Andrews Opticians will be under new ownership from 1st November.

'Parasite Sticks in his Throat' – The title given to a letter written by Allan Fraser in answer to Rev James Thomson minister of All Saints Church who was up in arms about Moray District Council agreeing to cut the grass on Merson Park. He was secretary of the junior football club at the time.

Teacher calls it a day -Joe Doyle P T Biology at Buckie High School retired on Friday after teaching at the school since 1969. A former vet, who contacted Brucellosis, Joe spent all his time in teaching, 22 years, at Buckie High. He is seen in a photograph receiving a cheque from the Rector Chris Sugden.

A new name for the school - Buckie High School has a new title - Buckie Community High School after the Community Education Centre moved to the High School. There is now a coffee bar, a pool table and an improved reception desk.
The report is given on page 8.

Nov 13 **Closing down sale** – The proprietors of the shop at 39 West Church Street, 'Woman in Mind' are to close and are having a sale first.

Quiz Evening – The first ever event of its kind held in Buckie, and organised by the Friends of Seaford Hospital, was a great success. The winners were a team made up of doctors and teachers with their wives. As the scribe said. "It's richt fine tae hae been born WI brains".

Head steps down - The man, who had been at the helm of Millbank Primary School since it opened in 1974, Thomas Morton Aitchison has retired.

Nov 20 **Good news for the fishmarket** - Grampian Region agreed that a new fishmarket at Buckie was essential.

Another Guide wins top award - Lisa Pirie is the latest Guide to be awarded the Baden-Powell Trefoil badge. Lisa who is 15 and lives at 24 Haig Street. Portknockie was presented with the award by Guider Heather Pirie.

Buckie Speaker's Club entertained their Elgin counterparts to a joint session in the Town House recently that went off very amicably despite Topic Chairman John Legge's attempt to cause an upset by asking a Buckie member to comment on the funding of the Elgin Leisure Centre. **See page 12 for a report**

Nov 27 **Mural find in St Peter's** - During a face lift to St Peter's RC Church those engaged in the work discovered a hidden work of art which had been painted over. The scene shows Christ and St Peter walking on the water.

Officially opened - Buckie Community High School was officially opened on Thursday evening before 200 invited guests by Councillor Eric Hendrie Chairman of Grampian Regional Council Education Committee.

A financial success - The Friends of Seafield Hospital were pleased to learn that the Quiz Evening had raised the sum of £700.

Dec 4 **Lights switched on** - There was plenty of life in the centre of Buckie on Saturday afternoon to see the Turtles and the switch on of the Christmas Lights The lights were switched on by two little girls Judith Lisa Coull and Laura Gardiner.

Optician business changes hands - The long established business of I. C. Andrew (Opticians) in Buckie and Banff recently changed hands. The new proprietors are Beatrice and Ian Jordan from the north east of England.

New cadet for Lord Lieutenant - The Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire has a new cadet following the award of the certificate to Sgt. Charles Doolin of the Buckie platoon C Company Gordon Highlanders Army Cadet Force.

Adverts - Join in the festive fun at the refurbished St Andrews Hotel, upstairs lounge, and bar-diner - disco now open. Call Susan Holloway for details.

" " Normas Fashions - 20 West Church Street - Stock Clearance

" " Woodstyle - picture framing, 8 Park Grove, Buckie

" " L. L. Ingram, Boots, Shoes and Slippers etc. East Church Street.

Book reviews - Brian Wilkinson, News Reporter with the *Advertiser reviews* the latest book written by Rev James Thomson minister of Buckie All Saints Church. This is titled 'End This Cruelty - A Clerics Contempt for Cancer Research' where it involves the use of live animals.

Thank you - Christine Slorach and Mary Gardiner had a note in the local paper thanking people for their support and custom during the years they were in business in the shop 'Woman in Mind'.

Dec 11 **Local oil man killed** - Buckie man, oil worker 37 year old George 'Bruce' Murray died from injuries he sustained when struck by a hose which fell as it was being passed to a supply boat from the oil rig. He had only been working on the oilrig as a roustabout for a few months. He and his wife Morag recently moved into a house at 2 Great Westburn Court with their two-year-old son.

Contractor applies for licence - George Grant, Highfield Road has made application for a licence to use the Star Garage as an operating centre for two goods vehicles. (Permission was granted.)

** **Portgordon Concert Party** - Page 15 carries a photograph showing a large concert party of Portgordon school children taken in 1940. The children are all named. The caption read Portgordon Party for the Troops.

Advert - Closing down sale at Norma's (Pirie) 20 West Church Street.

Dec 18 **Tomorrow is Carnival Day** - The reindeer are on their way so are the Clydesdale horse the bands and everyone else intending to make tomorrow a day to remember in Buckie. This year the carnival parade will be held later in the day than before - at 4 o'clock so as to allow schoolchildren to see it as they come out of school.

A birthday to remember - 90 year old Jeannie Innes celebrated her birthday in her usual manner by working as she has done all her life but when she finished her shift on Friday morning in the packing room and went along to the canteen for her lunch a surprise was in store.

She had a table to herself spread with a nice tablecloth. A spray of flowers presented her by Charles Eckersley Moray Seafood's proprietor, a headscarf from his wife Isobel and a box of chocolate from sons Grant and James. She has been 17 years at Moray Seafoods having at the age of 73 phoned up enquiring about a job to be told to start on Monday. She aims to continue as long as she is able and required.

Jeannie lives by herself in a house in the Yardie. She has a son James Hutt who lives in Keith and two granddaughters, Linda and Susan.

50 + guest speaker - Allan Fraser a teacher of Geography at Buckie Community High School was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the newly instituted 50 + Club. He spoke of Plate Tectonics and Continental Drift and how both had led to the formation of features on the face of the earth. He is to return at a later date to talk on more local aspects of the subject.

New Millbank Head - The new headmaster at Millbank Primary School is to be Mr John Trodden. He is to move to Buckie from Stranraer.

Advert - Two shops in one Reid and Gordon (Ladies Fashions) & L. L. Ingram (Footwear) East Church Street. Quick quality shoe repair service.

Advert - Quinns Restaurant 5 Cluny Square. Wish to appoint a Restaurant Manager/Manageress- apply to Mr V. Rossvoll.

Dec 24 **Buckie beat the 'Vale** - In the traditional ties between the two Buckie and Banff over the festive period Buckie won the first beating the 'Vale by three goals to nil at Princess Royal Park.

Thistle team - Innes, Pirie, Ord, Mathieson, Wrack, Bruce, Still, Robertson, Clark (McBeath), McPherson, Anderson (Galbraith).

Fishing scene - 34 boats landed 575 boxes of prawns and squid, 1357 boxes of fish and 226 bags of scallops.

A house and market garden? A planning application has been lodged for a dwelling house and the formation of a market garden at Tannachy Farm, Portgordon.

Dec 31 **James is honoured** - Buckie's international disabled swimmer, James Miller has been honoured by M.D. C. with the presentation of a Commemorative Scroll. His wife Rosemary received a bouquet

The 'Vale gain their revenge - Matters were all square when the 'Vale travelled through to Victoria Park and gained their revenge by beating the Thistle by two goals to nil.

All the lonely - The local corps of the Salvation Army played host to those who might have found themselves all alone on Christmas Day with once again serving a meal and providing entertainment at their hall on New Street.

Santa calls at Seafield Hospital - Santa Clause aka Gordon McKay toured the wards of the hospital accompanied with other members of the 'Friends' as he handed out presents to all patients with a kiss and cheerful quip for all the ladies to make it a real red letter day.

Nor was the youngest patient forgotten as Santa had a special gift for Master Callum Ashley Bacus Crowe, who only made his arrival two days before on December 21, and his mum Evelyn of 52 Chancellor Road, Portessie.
