

## 1991

Jan 18 **A Memorial at Dallachy?** –The efforts of a local man to have a memorial erected at the site of Dallachy airfield have come nearer fruition with the transfer of the land required from the Crown Estates to Lennox Community Council.

**A Toilet is Needed** – A push is to be made to have a public toilet incorporated into the plans for the new fishmarket. Another toilet and especially in this area is sorely required.

**Art Gallery at Banff** – Duff House, Banff, which has been put to a few uses since it was built in the period 1735-1741 is to become a country house art gallery. (As a matter of interest Duff House when built was not completed to the original plans, which showed a much more substantial building.)

**A lang time wi ae mannie** - Jimmy Grant, Ardelle, Rathven, is seen in a photograph receiving a gift from his employers Herd and Mackenzie, Shipbuilders for whom he had worked for **50 years**. He was honoured at a 'do' in the Cullen Bay Hotel, Cullen. The gift took the form of a pair of Clydesdale produced by Border Fine Art. He was also presented with an engraved plaque. Jimmy started with the firm as an apprentice engineer rising to become foreman, a post he had occupied for the past twenty years. He is not yet 65 having still seven months to go.

**Advert** - 'Tots to Teens' – Winter Sale, 19 West Church Street.

**Highland League football** - Lossiemouth **6** Buckie Thistle **0** (H/L)  
Buckie team – Innes, Pirie, Middleton, Mathieson, Wrack, Cowie, Robertson, McBeath, McPherson, Anderson. Sub Galbraith.

**Junior Football** – Bishopmill **4** Buckie Rovers **0**  
Rovers' team – Bowie, Wood (Slater), McDonald, Campbell, Mackay, M. Smith, Johnston, Martin, Gordon, McGettrick, Lappin (Murray)

**Advert** – Home-made pizzas now available at the Coffee Shop, 18 East Church Street to take away or sit down.

15 Jan **Planning application** to convert Rathven School – a listed building into 6 houses and the erection of a new house in the former playground.

**Notice** – The Hat Shop, 7 St Andrews Square. These premises are due for lease. Genuine enquiries only to Mrs Kemp at the above address.

**Advert** –  
Fabric Attractions, 45 West Church Street.  
R. S. Cruickshank and Co. 32 West Church Street.  
L. L. Ingram, Footwear, East Church Street.  
Robertsons (Fordyce) Ltd. High Street.  
Denim Plus, East Church Street.  
Maitland's Winter Sale, East Church Street.  
Bargain Box – Sale, East Church Street.  
Reid and Gordon, Fashions, East Church Street.

**Keswick in Buckie** – Convention Weekend. 18-20 January 1991. Speaker Rev. Robert Key. Venue Methodist Church.

Jan 22 **A new Chip Shop** - Mr C's Chip Bar, Portessie is to open on Monday 28 January.

**Friends of Seafield** – Allan Fraser, secretary of the 'Friends' gives a summary of the past year's activities and draws to the attention the first annual general meeting that was to held that evening in the hospital.

**Speakers' Club** - At their recent meeting the main speakers were – Len Hall, Vic Ayres and George Campbell. Topics Chairman was Bill Smith. John Legge was Topics Evaluator with the General Evaluator being Stewart Benson.

**50 Years to the Air Training Corps** - To mark the occasion a parade is to take place in London to St Clement's Dane Church as part of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Two members of the ATC from Cullen are to attend. Flt Lt Ann Ferguson O/C Turriff 1296 Squadron and Cadet Corporal Adele Webster a member. (The ATC was first raised in 1941 and shortly after this a unit was formed in Buckie, it was very popular with senior pupils at the High School, also it had a cracker of a football team, but it ceased to exist soon after the end of the war in 1945.)

Jan 29 **Link with the Past** - The death took place last week of Alexander (Sanny) Mair who was 97.

He ran a small fish shop on Cluny Place, across from the door of the library, for many years. He was always seen with a bike but not many had seen him ride it, at least in recent times.

He worked first with Ina Bain and used to cycle up to Lossiemouth to buy white fish for her, which he put on the train for Buckie. Buckie at this time was a herring port.

He bought the premises, formerly a barber's shop, following Miss Bain's death in the 1940's.

He was married late in life, in 1951 to Peggy Grant of Drybridge and when she died in 1967 he lived with his niece.

He could play the fiddle, flute and piano.

**Open University Graduates** – Coleen McKenzie, Greencraig Cottages, Drybridge, a school meals supervisor, who was awarded a BA as was Rab Taylor of 6 McWilliam Crescent.

**The sinking of the Evangeline** - A poem titled 'Lines in Memory of the crew of the boat Evangeline who perished at Stronsay on 17 January 1905.' This is found on page 17, columns 1 to 3.

Feb 5 **The Best Toyshop in Scotland** - This accolade was won by the Toy Shop part of C.B. Milne's Newsagents on East Church Street. Proprietor, Ronald Taylor.

Feb12 **Job vacancies** – Versatile Windows, Co. Ltd, Deskford, are urgently requiring teams of fitters. Must be time served joiners capable of working on own initiative.

**Snow time** - A heavy fall of snow covered the football pitches to a considerable depth so that no games were playable for either Buckie Thistle or the Rovers.

The situation at Jones Shipyard - Although boat-building in Buckie is at an all time low – for the commercial sector anyhow Jones, Buckie are managing to attract refitting work of various kinds. For two weeks Buckie harbour is playing host to the largest boat that Jones have worked on in Buckie. The survey vessel British Enterprise Two is being fitted out with a new computer room, including the electrical equipment, and a recreation room.

The 54 metre long boat is owned by BUE Ships and is providing work for 30 members of Jones' work force.

Feb 19 **Jimmy Saville** is to pay a visit to Buckie on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Netherha' Home** - Major reconstruction work is to take place at Netherha Home for the Elderly, Netherha Road, built in 1953. **A full report of the plans is given on page 3.**

Feb 26 **Priest goes abseiling** - A photograph in this edition shows Father Eddie Traynor as he abseiled down the front of St Peter's R.C. Church on Saturday. The weather clerk relented and sent a bonny day for the event after a period of an awful kind. He squeezed himself through a narrow window 60 feet above the ground and slowly lowered himself down. This was done as a fund-raising exercise on behalf of 'Faith and Light'; a multi-faith denominational organisation devoted to assisting people who suffer from a mental handicap. The local area meantime is raising funds to allow Buckpool lass Tracy Wilson to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes this year.

**Assistant harbourmaster appointed** - Jim Slater, former skipper of the fishing boat Aries, has been appointed assistant harbourmaster at Buckie harbour.

**The Marine Hotel** - The receipt of a grant from the Scottish Tourist Board has signalled the start of a project of extensive alteration to a local hotel. When it is complete it is hoped that the Marine Hotel in Buckie's Marine Place will be accorded Four Crown Status by the S.T.B.

Having purchased the Marine Hotel last summer Buckie businessman Murray Thain has been going through the planning and licensing procedure for the £270,000 project. The announcement that the S.T.B. Is to contribute a quarter of the cost means that the work can start immediately with completion in 6 months time.

The changes that are to take place are described on page five and include a sauna, Jacuzzi and work out room. A conservatory type dining room will be added at the rear of the hotel with the remaining space utilised as a beer garden and petanque piste. A lift will also be installed.

**Grampian Country Pork factory** - A photograph on page 13 shows the steelwork of a substantial extension being built at the Grampian Country Pork factory at Buckpool.

Mar 5 **Joint Community Councils Meeting** - Efforts are to be made for the 13 community councils in Moray to meet together on a regular basis to work out things in which they could be of benefit to each other. The idea was advanced by Lennox Community Council and their chairman Vic Ayres. Letters sent to each of the councils and many had agreed in principal but Buckie had some reservations. The chairman said that this could mean up to 150 people being present. (In time a body called the Joint Community Councils of Moray came into being with the chairman in 2005 being Sandy Horne, Fochabers. One or two members from around 6 community councils have for some time met at around three month intervals in Elgin with Buckie being regularly represented. The latest suggestion was that the body should be given more power.)

**Job Centre** - A new style Job Centre was opened in Shanks Lane, Buckie. The first of its kind in Grampian.

Mother's Day - The following businesses had advert in the local paper - The St Andrews Hotel, Fabric Attractions, 46 West Church Street, The Soda Fountain, 27 West Church Street, May's Flowers, 20 West Church Street, Tutti Frutti, 19 High Street, Hair Flair, East Church Street, W. S. Taylor (Chemist) 1 High Street and 12 St Andrews Square, Rathburn House Hotel, March Road, W. Summerfield and Co, (Chemist) 7 East Church Street, Hair Design, 3 Bank Street, Flowers, 8 Seaview Place, W. F. Johnston (Advertisers) West Church Street.

'God could not be everywhere therefore he made mother.'

**Death of farmer extraordinaire** - Ernie Boyd formerly of Hillocks Farm (near Inchgowan) died last week. A warm hearted, larger than life extrovert who became known to many throughout the north east through his involvement first as a member of different dramatic groups, which gave performances over a wide area, and later with the advent of TV Bothy Nights. A first class obituary is found on page 11, which was written by his son in law Alex Munro who married Ernie's oldest daughter in 1959. There is also a short poem composed by his oldest granddaughter.

**Advert** - The Market Shop next to the Market Tea Room at 19 Commercial Road urgently requires good as new designer (the first time that I came across such an expression) clothing. This must be freshly laundered and in good condition.

Mar 12 **At last** - The long delayed opening of the psychogeriatric unit at Seafield Hospital is scheduled for March 25 when 15 patients are due to move from Bilbohall in Elgin.

**Coffee mornings and other fund-raising events** - These events held on Saturday mornings were now very popular with three being advertised most weeks. In this edition there was to be one ran by the Church Guilds of the South and West and the North Church with another by the PTA of St Peter's School. Other fund-raising events publicised were - A Jumble Sale in Rathven Parish Church Hall on Saturday with another on Friday in the All Saints Church Hall. The North Church Young Women's Group was to hold a Thrift Shop on Wednesday 13 March.

**Change of use** - Moray District Council approved Brian Slorach's plans to convert the Rathven School into 6 dwelling houses.

Mar 19 **Extension of Strathlene Caravan site** - Planning application was made for the extension of the caravan site at Strathlene to provide a total of 62 caravan stances - 35 residential and 27 tourers.

**Soup and Sweet lunches** - Buckie Methodist Church are to provide soup and sweet lunches in the Church Hall on Saturday 23 March from 12 till 2pm. Tickets cost £1. (Many others such events have been held over the years, proving very popular. Was this the first?)

**'The Last Days of Buckpool'** The serial written by Spike had reached Chapter 6.

**'Look back to the Past'** - This was compiled this week by Dennis Toner and James A. Reid of Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society.

**The Christmas Lights** - Buckie Chamber of Commerce have received donations of £1,248 towards the Christmas Lights funds.

Mar 26 **Nein, nein but yes, yes!** - Buckie Rovers lost by nine clear goals to their bogey team Deveronside last week. (This is the biggest defeat that I have ever witnessed or knowing of them receiving in over a twenty year period from 1985 to 2005 during which I was a committee member.)

For the record the team was - G. Bowie, J. Innes, R. Smith, G. Martin, B. Slater, M. Wood, ? Gordon (G. Murray), S. Mackie, M. Smith, A. McGettrick (G. Lappin).

Grant Martin and ? Gordon were from Keith while Gordon Bowie was from Spey Bay. The rest were all from Buckie or Portgordon.

Deveronside - Mitchell, Geddes, N. Rodger, Cardno (Morrison), Paterson, Anderson (I. Cormack), Tallis, Baird, Pirie and G. Rodger.

At least five of the 'Side team had Highland League experience. Graeme Tallis was to become manager of the Rovers ten years later.

Apr 2 **Long P. O. service** - A photograph shows George Smith being presented with a testimonial and other presents from the staff on retiring from the Post Office after serving for close on fifty years.

**Killed in action** - 'look back to the Past' - From the April 3 1941 edition of the 'Advertiser' the compilers took the following information. Corporal Alfred George Taylor, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. G. Taylor, 66 St Peter's Road was killed in action in the Middle East. Cpl Taylor who was 21 and a regular soldier is understood to have been the first Buckie soldier to be killed in the present war. He was serving with a Highland Regiment.

Apr 9 **Isabel Harrison's contributions** - Isabel has a line or two in rhyme in this edition about the amount of electricity that she saw being wasted in the Hydro Board shop, both in heating and light. A previous week her contribution was directed at those who didn't pay their Poll Tax and said how the mugs were those who did.

**Probus Club** - Morton Stevens, a former manager of the Buckie Unemployment Exchange and captain of Buckie Cricket team was the speaker at the recent lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club.

Apr 16 **Spring buys for your home** - The advertisers were :- Ian Geddes, 1 Scott Terrace, Carpets and Blinds; Robertson's (Fordyce) Ltd 13- 17 High Street - flooring; The Linen Basket, 61 West Church Street, Bedding etc.; Yvonne's Curtains, screens, 29 West Church Street; Fabric Attraction, 46 West Church Street, Curtains etc. Hunter and Pirie, East Church Street, Lights and fittings; R. S. Cruickshank & Co, 32 West Church Street, Zanussi Washing Machines.

**Photographs of gutting quines** - Found on page 8 of this edition, two group photographs of gutting quines, one taken at the Broch the other at Lowestoft. They are all named.

'**The Aul Days**' is the name of a poem found on page 8, columns 5 and 6. C. Geddes of 14 Seaview Road had it sent to him from a lady in Canada. She had links with this area and thought some would enjoy it. He said how it was crude and unstructured when he received it but had it doctored a little. He also said that it was worthwhile for the social comment on the time.

**Skeleton found at Findochty** - A digger driver while taking out a trench at Sandy Craig, Findochty unearthed a skeleton a short distance below the surface and about fifteen feet back from the sea wall under the pathway. The archaeologists said how the skeleton had been there for a few hundred years and was that of an adult female. It was suggested that she may have drowned and simply buried close to where she had been found.

**Closing down sale** -The Bargain Box, shop on East Church Street was advertising that it was to close down and was to hold a sale before that happened.

**Is it a poem? The question was asked.** A list of the names of a great many sailing boats that sailed out of Buckie are given in rhyme form. On page 19 and columns 1 and 2.

'**Business in Great Waters**' by James Slater is reviewed by Brian Wilkinson. News reporter with the 'Advertiser'.

April 23 **we're open** - The Market Shop (Good as New) opened today. Intake welcome on sell or return basis.

**Planning application** - The Old Granary, (Letterfourie Estate) Drybridge, A listed building consent to change of use and restoration of old granary to

dwelling house and garage, septic tank and gas tank. (Planning application was again made in August 2005)

**We'll get rain now** - Both the local bowling greens, Victoria and Buckie are to open on Saturday 27 April.

**'Calamity Jane'** the Buckie Lyric Opera Company are to stage their version of 'Calamity Jane' in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Admittance - £2.30 with Children and Concession £1.50.

**Advert** - L. L. Ingram - Quick, Quality Shoe Repairs at East Church Street.

**Thistle AGM** - Buckie Thistle F.C. are to hold their annual general meeting in the boardroom at Victoria Park on Friday 26 April. Geo. Jappy, Secretary.

**'Free Speech'** was the title given to a stanza of poetry written by Isabel Harrison - a reply really to an anonymous note that she had received from someone following on her last contribution. What she was most aggrieved about was the unwarranted personal attack.

**A shame really** - Queen Street Park where many people over the years enjoyed a game of putting is to be converted into a Rose Garden with the first steps to remove the turf off part of the park-taking place this week. The ground hadn't been used for putting for a long time.

April 30 **No office there now** - Buckie no longer has its own Custom and Excise offices. As from yesterday the office at 1 Queen Street is closed and the work in relation to Buckie harbour has been transferred to Elgin.

**Joint Community Councils Meeting**-The first meeting of the Joint Community Councils of Moray took place in the Institute Hall, Fochabers on Thursday evening. Of the 16 community councils in the area 13 were represented, Findochty and Portknockie sent apologies with only Strathisla showing no interest?

**Stock clearance** - Books at ½ price at the Beacon Bookshop, 8 St Andrew's Square.

**We winna be deen alterations now** - Due to the retiral of the seamstress no sewing alterations will be taken at Fabric Attractions, 46 West Church Street from now on. Customers are requested to please collect back lying alterations.

**Harbourmaster swallows the anchor** - Willie Wilson, Harbourmaster at Portknockie and Findochty retired this week. **Find a note on page 3.**

**Baxter's Gala Day** - A Gala Day is to take place at Baxters of Fochabers on May 6<sup>th</sup>. (Was this the first?)

**Christian Aid** - Last year despite the scarcity of money the people of Buckie dug deep in their pockets to raise the all time record of £6.296 for Christian Aid.

\*\*\*\*\* **The Norwegians in Buckie** - An article is found on page 5 in which Olav Huldal is interviewed by the 'Advertiser' He tells something about the war years when a considerable number of Norwegians, men women and children were domiciled in Buckie. Mention is made of a book, written in Norwegian called 'Out In The War' which tells about this time and experiences.

**Thistle 'Player of the Year'** Ian Mathieson is seen receiving the Banffshire Advertiser Player-of -the -Year trophy from 'Advertiser' reporter Brian

Wilkinson after the last match of the season, which Keith won. (As a long time 'supporter' of the 'Maroons' I can only say 'Hooray!')

**Another 'first' at Jones's** - Jones's Shipyard notched up another first when they split a ship in two and added a further 16 feet of steel to the 80 feet length of a ferry. A spokesperson for the yard said in order to keep the men employed they were prepared to take on any job that came their way.

**Grant for the Boxing Club** - Buckpool Boxing club are to receive a grant of £2,562.45 towards the cost of refurbishing the changing rooms and installing showers at their clubhouse. (This was originally the farmhouse belonging to Seafield Farm and occupied for a long time by the Maver family. It later became the 19<sup>th</sup> hole for Buckpool Golf Club. Because of the work Sammy Turner (a committee member of the Boxing Club) did in its upkeep the building was named the Turner Pavilion in his honour.)

May 7 **Fishing Heritage AGM** - Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society (note that the word 'and' has been omitted) annual general meeting will take place in the Town House on Thursday May 13. Speaker - Mrs Isabel Harrison. All welcome - subs due.

**A retiral gift** - A photograph shows Charles 'Charlie' Smith, 37 Land Street, Buckpool, receiving a presentation on his retirement after 37 years employment with the Gas Board. His gift from his colleagues was binoculars.

May 14 **Whole prawn's nae tails** - During the past two years a market for whole prawns has been built up by the efforts of the fishermen and with the assistance of a fish processor. This has stabilised prices and maintained the viability of boats which otherwise would have given up the struggle. The men behind the project, John Smith, director of SFPO, George Findlay proprietor of Spey Fish and Alistair Reid director of SFPO (Scottish Fishermen's Producer Organisation) and skipper of the fishing boat Rival. **Story on front page.**

**The Inner Wheel** - Buckie Inner Wheel Club celebrated their 26 years of life with a dinner in the Cullen Bay Hotel. The organisation known as Inner Wheel Club originated in Manchester in January 1924 when Mrs Golding felt that women should take an interest and get involved in local affairs in the same way as men folk in Rotary. The present chairman, Elsie Jamieson and founder chairman Anne Fowler cut the cake that had been baked for the occasion.

**Open all the year round** - Baxters of Speyside have decided to open their Visitor Centre for 12 months of the year in 1991 because of increasing numbers of visitors each year.

At Baxter's the new Spey Restaurant was opened on May 6.

**The man from the Liverpool Vic. Retires** Lewis Penwright, 25 Bruce Avenue retired after 25 years with Liverpool Victoria Insurance Company. He was 15 years and agent and the remainder of his time as a District Inspector. At a 'do' in the Mill Hotel, Tynet, to mark his retirement Lewis was presented with Hi-fi equipment from his colleagues.

**Tutti Frutti** - 'The Original Café Bar' 17 High Street. Their advert took up a whole page of the 'Advertiser'.

**Now Open** - Sean Mulligan, Optician/Contact Lenses, 7 West Cathcart Street.

**Advert** - Baxter and Christie, Engineers Ltd. Plumbing and Heating, McLaren's Brae.

**Interesting Exhibition in the library** - Buckie Library has an interesting exhibition of photographs and press cuttings on view. The photographs show aerial v

views and maps of the sites of airfields in Moray taken during their operations during the war years 1939-1945.

As well as the existing airfields of Lossiemouth and Kinloss the wartime bases of Balnakeith (Forres), Bogs of Mayne (south of Elgin), Dallachy (Spey Bay) and Milltown are shown.

Among the press cuttings is a programme that was produced for a charity football played at Borough Briggs, Elgin on May 16 1945 between Moray Services Select and the RAF touring XI. The RAF team had no less than nine English Internationalists.

May 21 **Fa stole the bees ?** Andy Leith had four colonies of bees stolen from a site at the former railway station at Tochineal , which he had used for the past 16 years. The thieves also took one empty hive and the slabs on which the hives stood. The loss of the bees , black bees built up over a long period of time was heart-breaking as it represented a painstaking hobby going back a long way. The theft took place sometime between May 8- 13 by people who knew exactly what they were doing and were seen by a nearby farmer who thought that it was Mr Leith and an acquaintance. Mr Leith was a music teacher at Buckie High Schools and other schools in the area.

**Opening soon** – Bayview Stores, Baron Street - 2<sup>nd</sup> hand furniture, books etc.

**Coffee morning** -The Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society are to hold a Coffee Morning in the North Church Hall on Saturday 25 May . Admittance 50p.

**Advert** - Douglas Cranna, Blacksmith , Ornamental Gates etc etc, Mowers sharpened and repaired. Loanhead Steadings, Rathven.

**Spike's serial** - Last days of Buckpool Chapter 15.

**Honours for Buckie Thistle player** - Alan 'Mickey' MacPherson was voted Supporters' Player of the Year and also Players Player of the Year. For season 1990/91.

May 28 **Tourist Centre** -The Tourist Centre (a caravan on Cluny Square) opened for the season last week. A photograph in the 'Advertiser' shows the two people who will staff the centre - housewife Patsy Murray and student Peter Reid.

**Harbour tours** - With Jake Smith unable to act as guide this year it is not known if they will take place this year.

**School Fete** - Findochty School Fete on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June with the Grand Opening by a famous 'Turtle'.

**Dinner and Dance** - Buckie Rovers F.C. Dinner and Dance will take place in the Thistle Social Club on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Members and Guests welcome.

**Clever Quine** - Elaine Forbes (16) 71 Seatown, Buckie , won a prize in the Scottish Mathematical Challenge for the third year in succession. She won in the age group S1 –S2 and last year as this in the S3-S6 age group. She is a daughter of Mr Lanley and Mrs Francis Forbes.

Two of the problems which Elaine had to solve were – Determine the maximum number of rectangular pieces of paper measuring 3cm by 5cm which can be cut from a sheet measuring 19cm x 22cm. Pasting smaller pieces together to produce a piece the required size is not allowed.

If you found this fairly easy try this – "A cross section of a cube obtained by making a plane cut passing through a vertex is a pentagon having an axis of symmetry and having one pair of equal sides 5cm long and the other pair 15cm long. What is the length of the fifth side of the pentagon?"

The questions are set by the Scottish Mathematical Council and prizes are awarded to the best competitors in the two secondary age groups.

**We're Royal again**– After an absence of 16 years the Royal is back in the title of Cullen due to the diligence of the local community council.. The word Royal was removed on Regionalisation by Grampian Regional Council. Why one might ask? Anyway the title Royal Burgh of Cullen is seen on the signposts on the entrance to Cullen from both directions.

**Mosaic at Speybay** - The mosaic marathon at Speybay is nearly complete . Those engaged on the project were boys and girls from class S2 at Milne's High School, Fochabers with guidance from their teacher.

**Scottish Country Dance** - The local branch of the SCD held their AGM at Portsoy last week when John Grant, Buckie was elected president; Margaret Cook, Buckie, vice president and Jean Mair, also Buckie secretary/treasurer.

**Fishing Heritage AGM.** Buckie & District Fishing Heritage Society held their annual general meeting in the Town House last week. In his address as chairman Peter Bruce remarked that they were now celebrating their fifth anniversary.

The following members of the committee were re-elected – Chairman, Peter Bruce; vice chairman, Willie Mair; secretary, James Merson; records officer, Ron Stewart; Ian Stephen resigned as assistant secretary. Bessie Murray agreed to continue as treasurer until someone else came along to fill the post.

June 4 **Advert** – Free shopper's bus to Keith on Monday 10 June by Mayne's Coaches. Visit Keith Shopping Centre for a good day's shopping. The bus will leave Cluny Square at 1.15pm and leave Keith Square at 5pm.

**Carpet sale** - A big clearance sale of carpets will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Thursday 6 June. (Aberdeen firm)

**Another Carpet sale** On Friday and Saturday an Edinburgh firm will be in the Cluny Hotel on Friday and Saturday when more carpets of all kinds will on offer for sale.

**Now open** – Security Systems and Blinds now open at 6 St Andrew's Square – ASA Services.

**Places and the music makers** - Mill House Hotel – 'Tequila Sunrise', 'The Millers', 'Dusty Road', 'Catch 22'.  
Buckpool Golf Club – Bill Alexander  
British Legion – 'Anything Goes'  
Rathburn Hotel – 'Whiskers Galore'  
Thistle Social Club – 'Shades'

**Kept in the family** - Findlay Mackay stepped down as Chairman of Buckie and District Trust Fund and has been replaced by his brother Gordon.

**Look back to the past** – The compilers for this edition were John Brien and Ronald Murray of Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society.

Jun 11 **'Gray's' meal mill to close**-The sudden announcement by J. Bibby Agriculture Ltd that Hamlyn's Milling Factory, on Garden Lane, Buckie is to close with the loss of ten jobs will not only reduce the employment prospects in the town but also bring to an end a traditional method of producing oatmeal which has been taking place in Buckie since 1903 when Gray, the original owner moved from Rathven.

**New baker takes over** - The business of Bill Taylor, baker, Findochty has been sold to Alan Duguid and will reopen under the new management on 17 June 1991.

**Fishermen's AGM** -The annual general meeting of Buckie and District Fishermen's Benevolent Society will take place on Friday 28 June.

**Inner Wheel held a Rally** - 150 people met for the 40<sup>th</sup> Rally of the Inner Wheel District No 1 in the Cullen Bay Hotel – a happy culmination of Mae Summerfield's term as District Chairman.

Jun 18 **A dodgy catch** - The fishing boat Lynn Marie, skipper Bill Wilson, arrived back in Buckie harbour on Wednesday with a live mine in its trawls. The Navy mine disposal team who made the mine safe said that it was a German mine in immaculate condition. He added that a lot of WWII mines lie on the seabed and are constantly being dragged up to the surface.

**Big alterations planned for the Cluny Hotel** - Dining room and washing up area to retail use; hot food take away annex to office; function suite to retail, dining room and washing up area to office; annex to bed and breakfast establishment.

**New minister** - The Ordination and Induction of Rev Eric Foggitt MA BSc BD is to take place shortly.

**Rovers' AGM** - Buckie Rovers F.C. are to hold their annual general meeting in the Town House on 24 June. All playing staff are required to attend. 'Members of the public are you interested in helping the Rovers? If so please come along, committee members are always needed. All welcome.

**Honoured by the Queen** - Three local men, Charles Eckersley, proprietor of Moray Seafoods and chairman of three other companies, Foodmech (Tayport), Moray Landscapes and his latest venture Moray Hotels was awarded the OBE. Bill Beattie, 81, a widower and former nurse, the MBE; James Purdie, Station House, Inchberry Road, Fochabers, a well known piper, the BEM.

**New Officer in Charge** - Buckie Salvation Army Corps has a new officer in charge. He is Lt. Alexander 'Zander' Kerr, 22, a native of Fraserburgh. He has taken over from Captain Joan Joy.

**Drumhead Service** -The Banffshire Zone of the Royal British Legion, Scotland, held their Drumhead Service to commemorate the fallen of two world wars, in Victoria Park on Sunday.

**Have You Bean?** A question posed in the advert for a new shop – the 'Jelly Bean' opened at 42 West Church Street. There are 40 different flavours of jellybeans on sale also other sweets, ice cream, cigarettes and soft drinks. Open every day from 8.30am till 10pm.

**Advert** – J. R. Joiner. All types of joinery work undertaken. Free estimates. Phone Buckie 348xx or Clochan xx05.

June 25 **Big changes likely** - The face of the southwest corner of Cluny Square will be changed dramatically if embryo plans for part of the Cluny Hotel come to fruition. The owners of the hotel, Christie's (Fochabers) have sold the public bar and coffee at street level to 'Scotscoup' (Bookies) who intend to retain the bar. If planning permission is allowed the owners intend to sell off a large part of the ground floor with access to both High Street and Cluny Square. Gordon Christie a member of the firm said that he saw the area in question as a prime shopping area at the centre of the town.

**Jones has a contract** - Jones Shipyard is to build a new 25-metre tug/pilot boat.

**Creating a piece of history** - Two fourth year pupils at Buckie Community High School year pupils following the History course have created a piece of history in their own right. Lynne Mair, 34 Shearer Avenue and Nicola Geddes, 7 Station Road, Portessie received the inaugural Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society Local History awards from the Society's chairman, Mr Peter Bruce and vice chairman Mr Willie Mair.

Lynne was presented with the Best 'Investigation' Shield for her project 'The Herring Fishing - A Heritage Destroyed' in which she investigated the background to the boom years of the herring fishing in Buckie at the start of the twentieth century.

Nicola received the shield awarded to the pupil showing most Initiative and Endeavour with her project 'Women in Fishing' in which she carried out an in-depth study of the particular aspect of the herring industry.

Copies of the two projects have been deposited in the Society's archives and are available on request for inspection. **A photograph on page three shows the two girls together with Willie and Peter.**

**New minister at South and West** - A report is given on the induction of Rev Eric Foggitt. A potted history of his history is also given.

**Portgordon 'sparkie' takes top prize** - Ian Bruce, a 4th year-apprentice electrician with No 1 Electrical, Buckie, was awarded the Harcross Shield for the best-advanced craft student at Moray College of F.E.

His apprenticeship now completed he has been promoted within the firm and has started training as an electrical designer and estimator. He is to go shortly on a computer course at Droitwich.

**Isabel pens another poem** - Mrs Isabel Harrison, Main Street, Buckie, has another short poem in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. This time her theme is for a proper Heritage Centre in Buckie.

**Clochach Gala** - The Clochach Gala held on Saturday 15 June was opened by Kennedy Thomson of Grampian T.V. It was a glorious day with the sun beaming down the whole time.

**Closing down** - Maitland's, 23 East Church Street, who took over the premises as a furniture showroom following on the retirement of Alex Slater were advertising that they were to close down.

**New harbourmaster** - Herbert Reid, Orcadia, 21 Admiralty Street, Portknockie has taken over the part-time position as harbourmaster of Portknockie.

**End of season bash** - Buckie Rovers F.C. held their annual end of season 'do' in the Social Club. As usual the various trophies were handed out. David 'Pecos' Mackay was voted 'Player of the Year'; Mike Smith 'Player's Player of the Year'; Mark Wood, Young Player of the Year; Sonny Johnston received the Newlands Shield awarded to the person who the committee feels has done the most to help the Rovers during the year.

Jly 2 **Long serving teacher retires** - Mrs Margaret Cook retired at the end of the term as a teacher at Cluny Primary School. She taught all together for 37 years, beginning her career at Portessie in 1951 and moving to Buckie High School Primary Department in 1954, She took time out between 1966 and 1970 following the birth of her daughter Gillian who is herself a Primary Teacher at Portlethen. In 1971-72 she took a course in Infant Care and gained a certificate. She received a TV set from members of staff past and present and from the pupils a barbecue, golf bags and set of clubs.

**More jobs to be created** - Due to the expansion of the whole prawn trade ten new jobs will be created at the factory on March Road once it is open.

**Skilled young horsewoman** - Colleen Hendry of Brankumleys Farm is only 14 years old yet she won the Hackney Driving Class at Ingliston in a competition against some of the best adult drivers in Britain. Her father bought her horse at 17 as it was thought to be past its best in this kind of competition.

Colleen is one of the youngest competitors ever to win a driving class and qualify for the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley in October.

**RNLI Gala** - "The event that few people prefer not to miss" raised the sum of just under £4,000. It was a case of dodging the showers and it came up trumps.

**Time is nigh up** - The last three days of Maitland's sale. The shop will cease trading on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**The Rovers AGM** - There were no new faces at the Rovers annual general meeting held in the Town House despite the appeal made through the local paper. The committee agreed to carry on - Chairman - Jack Clarke; vice chairman, vacant; secretary, Allan Fraser; treasurer, Mrs Jennifer McIntosh. She was appointed this time having acted as stand in last season. Committee - Eric and Mrs Moira Geddes, Willie Rothney, Sonny Johnston, Michael Johnston and Spencer Lyon. It was hoped to also co-opt Andrew Newlands and Ian Campbell.

**Dux of Buckie Community High School** - The Miller Medal presented to the Dux of the school was shared this year between Pauline Sutherland and Michael Ewen.

Jly 9 **Muirton wing Seafield Hospital** - The empty beds at the Muirton wing of Seafield Hospital have been the cause of concern for some time to the people of Buckie and the surrounding area.

There are fully equipped beds simply waiting for patients to use them and there is a queue of psychogeriatric patients waiting to be admitted but Grampian Health Board says that the ten beds cannot be made available at Buckie until the financial position improves.

**Paper shop changes hands** - The newsagents C. B. Milne, 9-11 East Church Street has been sold to John Menzies PLC. Mrs I. Taylor and Ronald would like to thank all their customers for their support over the years. John Menzies will take on all the present staff.

**A step up for the local Welfare League** - Buckie and District Welfare League have taken a step towards the bigger time by becoming full members of the Scottish Welfare Football Association. Up to now the local Welfare League have only been affiliated members and had to play all their games in the summer months, now the season will be from August to the end of June or July. There are 13 cups in the league and each cup calls for 9 games, this means 120-cup games have to be played as well as the same number of league games. **See page 9.**

Jly 16 **Popular hotel to re-open** - The Seafield Hotel in Cullen is to reopen after being closed since before Christmas.

The last owners, a couple from the London area by the name of Boxhall disappeared suddenly leaving guests, staffs and others shocked and bewildered. **The report gives a potted history of the hotel.**

**Harbour tours** - There were fears that the popular harbour tours would not go ahead this year after the guide, Mr Jake Smith said that he would be unable to do it this time. Now, however, Mr James Murray, a retired fisherman and one time part owner of the fishing boat 'Girl Elma' has agreed to take on the job as the guide

**'Look back to the past'** - The compilers this week of the column were James Buchan and Katrina Harrower of the Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society.

**To close down** - The shop 'Tots to Teens' that has been operating at 19 West Church Street for some years is to close down with a massive sale advertised of clothing for all ages and sex.

**The Tynet Hotel was formerly a meal mill** - The building adjacent to the A98 and standing on the banks of the Tynet Burn was built around 200 years ago. It was in the Thomson family for 100 years. The first Thomson to have the mill was Wm. Thomson who was a transport pioneer being chairman of a coaching board which operated stage coaches from Wick to Aberdeen. Besides processing oatmeal they also manufactured sweets and made jam. In 1946 the Thomson family sold the mill to the Angus Milling Company but in the early fifties milling was stopped and the building was merely used for storage purposes. Before it was sold to Christie's (Fochabers) in the 1980's when it was converted into a hotel and restaurant. In April 1990 Christie's sold the building to Phil Silver who came north from Kent.

**Mossatt Shop and Restaurant** (Strathdon) - Meals served all day- High Tea from 4 till 6.30pm

Jly 23 **Harbour tours** - The first of the season's Buckie Harbour Tours took place on Tuesday of last week with a full party booked at the tourist centre on Cluny Square.

**No! You can't go through** - The track leading to the Rochomie Reservoir which the angling club used to get to the dam to fish and which was blocked by the Hilton farmer does not fit the criteria to be called a Right of Way. In other words the track doesn't leave a public place and join a public place. It is a private road owned by the farmer with the Water Board being given permission to use it. The farmer claimed that mud off the wheels of motor cars had brought eelworm that had affected his potatoes.

**Smoke detectors** - Buckie Community Council set aside the sum of £400 to fit smoke detectors in the houses of pensioners in the town. Both James Smith and Allan Fraser, members of the council, fitted quite a number of smoke detectors.

**Vets moved their surgery** - Mackenzie and Mackenzie, Veterinary Surgeons, moved from Dallachy to new premises in Fochabers.

**Planning application** - Change of use planned at 42 West Church Street from retail premises to form hot 'Take Away'.

**Pit on yer shorts and shades** - An U14 Disco is to take place in Ziggy's on Wednesday 24 July from 7pm till 10pm.

**Peter Fair bus timetable** - Mayne's Coaches had a timetable showing the times that their buses would leave Cluny Square for the fair and also when they would return.

**Probus Club bus outing** - The Probus Club, members and guests, travelled to Dunrobin Castle for their annual bus trip. There were 31 people all told.

The distance was quite far at 250 miles round trip but the majority of people enjoyed the outing.

At the annual general meeting the following committee was appointed – President – Arnold Pirie, vice president, Sandy Silberg, treasurer, Douglas Brown, secretary, Arnold Pirie. Committee – Douglas Summers, Basil Forster, Bill Hunter and Ian Sutherland.

The late arrival of the guest speaker saw Arnold Pirie and Douglas Summers recite some poetry written by Peter Buchan, James Wood and Flora Garry. Douglas Summers had a tape compiled by Flora Garry when she was 90 reciting her poem Bennygoak.

**Big new direction sign** - Visitors should now have no trouble finding the entrance to the Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society building thanks to a new sign put up by the president Mr Peter Bruce and committee member Mr John Murray. The sign was painted by Mr Bruce, a former signwriter directs visitors round the side of the Buckie library to the cottage where the Heritage group house their displays and many interesting exhibits.

**Common Good Fund** – Grants from the Buckie Common Good Fund were given to The Lyric Theatre Group, Buckie and District Trust Fund and Buckie Corps of the Salvation Army.

**Thistle player movements** - Buckie Thistle have announced that Ray Pirie had returned to the Juniors, Derek Anderson had joined Keith and Steve McBeath, Deveronvale.

New signings – 32 year old Dave Gibson has been signed from Peterhead and 35 year old Andy Fettes from Hall Russell's United. Fettes was with Keith for a long time before taking a peg with the junior club last season. Also signed is 18 year old Michael Smart from Torry Vics, an Aberdeen amateur club.

Jly 30 **Bill gets his MBE** - Wm. Beattie, a native of the Cabrach and former nurse who has stayed in Buckie for some time now has been to visit the Queen and is now the proud possessor of the MBE.

**Peter Fair** - In a short piece the reporter from the 'Advertiser' said that this year Peter Fair can be termed a success on three counts – more amusements, fine weather and a big crowd.

**The fishing boat 'Gem'** – In this edition of the 'Advertiser' is written an article on the French-built line fishing boat 'Gem' that has been converted for shellfish and bought by Skipper Allan Cowie. **There is a photograph of the boat on page 1. (Kevin was a crew member on the 'Gem' for some time.)**

**Advert** - I. C. Andrew, Opticians, and contact Lenses, 18 West Church Street.

**Big sale of wallpaper** - For one day only in the Cluny Hotel on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**A far travelled artefact** - Jim Merson secretary of the Fishing Heritage Society received a letter from Andrew May, son of Helen and the late Andrew May, 11 Wallace Avenue and Russell Loudon, son of the late Mr and Mrs Archie Loudon, High Street. It tells of how Andy and his wife Ingrid were browsing around an antique fair in Pretoria, South Africa when Andrew saw a pair of binoculars that looked to be in good condition. When he inspected them he found that they had originated in Buckie.

A small plaque on the binoculars stated that the Royal National Lifeboat Institute had presented them to John Wilson in 1894 for long service. From research it was found that John Wilson formerly had a draper's shop on Baron Street before emigrating to S.A. in 1901.

The two men decided to purchase the binoculars and present them to the museum.

Wilson's shop was later taken over by Robert Grant who was also a draper. Louis Iannetta had a chip shop next door.

**The article from which the above is copied is found on page 6.**

Aug 6 **Jimmy Saville pays a visit** - Sir Jimmy Saville paid a visit to Buckie on Saturday when 'he fixed it' that the sun shone brightly all day. He said, "I've decided to buy Buckie and live here. All the ladies will belong to me and all the men can go to sea for seven years."

**Advert** - Property and Clerical assistant required by the Wise Financial Group, 21 West Church Street.

**Now open** - Crossroads Restaurant, 9 West Church Street. Monday and Wednesday 10am till 7pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am till 10pm.

**Wanton destruction** - The floral boat at Victoria Bowling Green has been attacked by vandals.

**Keswick in Buckie Convention** - From 10 till 16 August 1991 in the Methodist Church, Pringle Street.

Rev Robert Morton with guest speakers - Derek Bingham, Rev Donald Bridge and Rev Keith Weston.

**We met Jimmy Saville** - The 'Advertiser' had many pictures of people taken with Jimmy Saville together with a long report on the day.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle 0 Hibs 3 (Friendly)

Hibs - Woods, Sneddon, Tortolano (Farrell), Milner (Ingram), Orr, Cooper, Weir, Rayne, Evans, Bailey, Nicholls. Sub Gardiner.

Buckie - Innes, Keith, Bruce, Mathieson, Fettes, Cowie, Gibson, Robertson (Smart), Clark (Allan), McPherson, Galbraith (Still), Subs - Orr, Thornton not used.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle 4 Rothes 1 Tennents League Cup. (Report by Bill Lobban)

Aug 13 **Ambulance driver dies** - The death took place last Wednesday of Joshua 'Jossie' Donaldson at his home Whiteash, Provost Reid Crescent, Buckie. He was 59. He was a driver with the ambulance service for 38 years.

**Cullen Festival** - The fourth Cullen Festival of Arts, Crafts and Hobbies proved to be a success with the quality of the exhibits maintained.

**Football** Thistle 2 Inverness Caley 1 (H/L) Innes, Keith, Bruce, Mathieson, Fettes, Cowie, Gibson, Still, Clark, McPherson, Galbraith. Subs. Ord and Smart

**Ode to a Prawn** - The title of a poem written by Julia Smith who was working among them during the University vacation and passed on her composition to her friend Jean Logan in Paisley. **It is found on page 13.**

Aug 20 **Letterfourie Up for Sale** - George Gordon the present owner says that the house is too big to keep going as a family home.

The present house was constructed in 1773 to a design by Robert Adam. Along with the house will go the remains of the Letterfourie Estate, which include land and woods in total an area of 300 acres.

A category A listed building it was erected by James Gordon, 6<sup>th</sup> laird of Letterfourie who was involved in the wine trade in Madeira. From Madeira mahogany was shipped back for windows and doors. The gardens were laid out in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by the 8<sup>th</sup> laird with the water gardens and fountain being a smaller version of those at Versailles.

Letterfourie described as being situated in the parish of Rathven, ancient earldom of the Enzie and late Regality of Huntly belonged to the Hays, Earls of Errol but passed to George the second Earl of Huntly when he married Elizabeth daughter of the first Earl of Errol in 1476. George the second Earl of Huntly gave Letterfourie to his youngest son James who was Admiral of the Scottish Fleet in 1513 and the property has remained in the Gordon family ever since.

They family will be retaining ownership of the Home Farm and have eyes on the ruined granary at the Home Farm with plans to convert it into a house.

**Junior Football** - RAF Lossiemouth 2 Buckie Rovers 0 Report by the Bow Bard (Sonny Johnston) Brindle, B. Slater, Campbell, Redford, Mackay, Wood, Lappin, Morrison, Gordon, M. Slater, Smith. Subs – Innes and Mair.

**My Ain Part** - This is the name of a poem written by 12 year old Caroline Reid, 12 Victoria Place, Keith a composition that won her first prize in the section at Deskford Horticultural Show. **(It is worth taking a copy.)**

Aug 27 **New Fishmarket** - With the acceptance of a tender for the work to commence Grampian Regional Council have taken the final step to ensure that Buckie gets a new fishmarket. So all the efforts to support the campaign by local people have paid off and the future of the town as a fishing port seems secure.

**Youth Clubs** - The Youth Clubs that meet in Buckie Community High School commence next week. Session fee – members 20p with visitors 55p.

**A change of use** - The shop at 18 St Paul's Street is to become a Take Away

**From school and grounds to residential development** - Work has began on the construction of roads and services at the site of the former Primary School in Portessie where private house building is to take place.

**Balloons from Clochan Gala** - There were prizes for the owner of the balloon that travelled the furthest. The balloon found to have travelled the furthest reached Kincorth in Aberdeen two hours after being set. The second reached Conseleugh near Huntly while the third reached South Cormalet, Cairnie.

**Buckie man loses his life in car smash** - He was George Hendry, 37, of 12 Cliff Terrace. The other driver from Nottingham died in A. R. I. A number of passengers in his car, including his wife and children all escaped with minor injuries. The accident occurred one mile east of Elgin on the A96.

**War Memorial at Bogmoor** – Ian Thomson of Upper Dallachy is on his way to achieving his ambition of seeing a memorial erected to the airmen who lost their lives on flying missions from Dallachy Airfield during World War II. Grampian Regional Council has awarded Lennox Community Council the sum of £1000 towards the cost of the memorial. The Crown Estates on whose land the memorial is to be built in Bogmoor were prepared to give the site if money to be built was raised.

**Coastal Protection at Portessie** – Grampian Regional Council has set aside the sum of £222.000 for a scheme at Portessie aimed at ending the perennial problem of flooding. The scheme will involve placing rock armour in revetments along two stretches of the sea front.

Buckie Flower Show. It was a great success with entries up from 700 to 1,100 pluses. The Taylor Trophy presented to the exhibitor gaining most points overall was won by Ian Macdonald, Duffus. Ian Wilson won the trophy in the Novice or Beginners Class. He collected many trophies in later years.

**New Buckpool Cemetery now a certainty** - At last the go ahead has been given for a new cemetery at Buckpool. Moray District Council has given approval for the expenditure of £78,211 in the present financial year. Agreement has also been reached to construct a new access road through agricultural land which has overcome the objections from residents and Buckpool Golf Club to using Golf View Drive. The new road will lead from the west wall of the New Cemetery to the site of the proposed cemetery lying to the south of the Recycling Facility at Gollachy.

**Now open** - Buckie Health and Leisure Club, 39 West Church Street, owners James and Sheena Sievwright. The new facility will be open 7 days a week from 10am till 10pm.

The facility contains - A gymnasium, supervised at times, Aerobics with qualified instructor, Sauna, Whirlpool Spa, Solarium (fast tanning), Reflexology and Aromatherapy.

**Buckie Army Cadets**- A photograph in this edition shows a large group of Buckie Army Cadets at their camp at Drummuir in 1946.

**Three games in six days** - There are three reports of Buckie Thistle games in this edition: - B. T. 3 Huntly 0 Tennant's League Cup 2 Round Replay; B.T. 1 Fraserburgh 1 League Cup Semi Final; Buckie Thistle 3 Nairn County 1 H/L

**A winner again at the Disabled Games** - Buckpool athlete, James Miller, Merson Street returned from Stoke Mandeville with five more medals to add to his already considerable tally. Susan Holloway proprietor of the St Andrews Hotel sponsored him. Her husband Mark is seen handing over a cheque to James.

**It didn't happen often at this time.** Sonny Johnston who gives himself the title of the 'Bow Bard' was present to see the Rovers beat their arch rivals Deveronside by four goals to one and wrote the report.

The Rovers' team was Jimmy Brindle, Eddy Clark, Eddy Campbell, Ali Ewen, David 'Pecos' Mackay, Gary Innes, Graeme Lappin, Mark Wood (? Gordon, a Keith Ioon) Gordon Redford, Bryan Slater, Michael Slater. Sub Ian Innes.

Sept 3 **Red Seal Roofing of Arradoul** (John Duncan and son Mark) have established a leading position in the installation of fibre glass roofing in Scotland since the company was formed six years ago. They have now added to their prestige by becoming the only recognised training agents in the UK in their line of business.

**Site for Heritage Centre** - A photograph shows the site on Freuchny Road that has been earmarked by Moray District Council for the proposed Buckie Maritime heritage Centre. The site which belongs to Grampian Regional Council is meantime occupied by a large, steel, hangar-type, storage building.

**Jewellers and Trophy Shop changes hands** - The business on East Church Street of Sam Cowie has been sold to Peter Smith and his wife Winifred as from September 26 1991. Although the shop will still stock a big selection of trophies and do sign engraving no watch or clock repairs will be carried on after this date.

**Another shop has new owners** - Francie and Winnie McKay, Grocer and Newsagent, 17 Rathburn Street has decided to retire and have sold the business to Simon Shiels and his wife Sally.

**Isabel again speaks in rhyme** - Mrs Isabel Harrison has a verse of poetry in this edition which she titled 'Bad Management' in which she castigates Moray District Council.

**Church minister on the move** - Rev. John Osbeck, minister of Enzie and Rathven parishes is leaving after 10 years. He is moving to St John's Church in Aberdeen which will see him travelling all over the north ministering to people who are deaf and dumb.

**Buckpool Celtic** - A photograph of Welfare League side Buckpool Celtic taken in 1948 appears in this edition of the 'Advertiser'.

Players and officials are named as follows -Danny Coubrough (trainer), Robbie Geddes, Jim Slater, David Geddes, Joseph 'Joe' McKay (G.K), Alex Reid, Jimmy Leslie, Bill Clark (committee man) George 'Doddie' Gordon, Jim Campbell, Collie Cowie, Johnnie Reid and Alan Westbury.

Sept 10 **Well qualified** - William R. Mair, Funeral Parlour, Newlands Lane, Buckie is pleased to announce that he has been accepted to full membership of the National Association of Funeral Directors having passed the entrance examination for knowledge and ability and having all facilities and premises to the high standard required.

**Jelly Bean competition and donation** - When the new bus belonging to Buckie and District Trust Fund made its first run to Nairn with clients from Clydeville Centre Lorna Wielewski of the 'Jelly Bean' shop on West Church Street presented the Trust with a cheque for £53 the result of a 'guess the number of beans in a jar' contest.

**Buckie Branch of SPUC-** the Buckie Branch of SPUC – the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child has just celebrated their second anniversary with a social in the Commercial Hotel.

**Travelling people will have own site** - The site for travelling people at Moycroft, Elgin, should be operational by the middle of October. Buckie councillor, Bill Jappy told the 'Advertiser' "I will be glad to see it open. There will be no reason then for caravans to be parked on the foreshore at Buckpool. The police will have the power to move them."

**Mr Peter Lees who has had the business for 25 years has sold hairdressing shop sold - Peta Hair Fashions, 31 East Church Street, to Joan Thomson (a former employee).** The new owner will take over on 17 September.

**New use for number 19** – J & I Services has opened at 19 Commercial Road, Buckie. Local suppliers and installers of car phones, car alarms, pay phones, telephone systems etc. etc.

**A new development** - A butcher and baker will now operate under the one roof at 29 West Church Street. The new business titled 'Everyday Fresh' is owned by A. G. Stewart and Co who have introduced a new fresh bake department into the what has been up to now solely a butcher shop. The shop manager is Billy Booth with assistant Paula Thain. Fiona Macdonald is the baker/cook on the other side with assistants Sarah Duncan and Sandra Stewart.

Sept 17 **MDC sets money aside** - In anticipation of a successful outcome to the wrangle over the transfer of the site (at Freuchny Road), from Grampian Region, Moray District Council have provisionally set aside £700,000 spread over the next three years for the Buckie Maritime Heritage Centre.

The site chosen is adjacent to A. G. Stewart's meat processing plant near the harbour and currently owned by Grampian Region.

According to research done the centre will attract 30,000 visitors a year and generate spending by visitors of £150,000. It would create the equivalent of four or five full time jobs and a further three elsewhere in the district. These would be additional to the 8-10 seasonal jobs at the centre itself. (It failed

to meet any of the figures quoted above and closed down completely in 2005 after becoming more or less a 'white elephant')

**Probus Club** -The speaker at the August meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Press and Journal journalist Alistair Bissett who has been employed by Aberdeen Journals for 30 years. David Porter gave the vote of thanks.

**Wallpaper one-day sale** -organised by Décor Scene, West Church Street, Buckie, in the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 21 September.

**I only cut gent's hair now** - Peter Lees sold Petas Ladies' Hairdresser and moved next door where he will be cutting only men's hair in the future. He is now open at 31b, West Church Street.

**You HIV a richt bonny gairden** - Dorothy Reid, 34 Well Road won first prize for the Best kept Council Garden in Buckie. She received a quaich from Councillor Longmore and a bottle of whisky from the manager of Inchgower Distillery.

Sept 24 **Smoke alarms** – Buckie Community Council at their meeting on Tuesday evening of last week took the decision to supply and fit smoke alarms in the houses of pensioners who wished to have them.

**Long service recognised** – Jimmy Grant, Rathven Village retired from the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie where he has worked for fifty years, in fact just two months short of 51. He started as a boy of fourteen at the slip in 1940 and began his time as an engineer two years later on reaching sixteen. He said that when his wife, Jean, decided to retire from her job as a school auxiliary he felt that it was time that he called a halt too. He received great many gifts, Jim Farquhar; yard manager handed over a barometer on behalf of his workmates while the management presented him with a camera and a holiday.

**Death of former headmaster** – John Anderson Brown, better known as Ian, MA DPA died on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> in New Galloway where he had gone to live with his daughter Dr Shelagh Neil. Mr Brown was for a long time head teacher of Portessie Junior Secondary School.

**A full complement** - The Royal Burgh of Cullen and Deskford Community Council is now up to its full complement of members. Four nominations were received for the three vacant seats but one person withdrew their name.

**They will be remembered** - The minor road that runs from Nether Dallachy to meet the Portgordon to the Bellie Road near Dryburn Farm is to be named Beaufighter Road. During World War II the Beaufighter aeroplane flew many sorties from the nearby airfield against German shipping in the Norwegian fjords.

Oct 1 **the Christmas tree** – Buckie's Christmas tree will be lit again this year and, we hope, for many years to come thanks to a donation from Buckie Common Good Fund.

The tree in Cluny Square is provided by Buckie and District Chamber of Commerce who also take responsibility for the beautiful display of Christmas Lights, which add to the festive season.

**Ambulance driver honoured posthumously** - Joshua 'Josie' Donaldson the popular ambulance driver who died in August of this year died without knowing that he had received the Presidential Award from the Association of Chief Ambulance Officers for his work in the service of others.

Her first effort at news reporting - Leanne Carter, a fourth-year pupil at Buckie High School wrote the Special Report in this edition of the '*Advertiser*' which described the things she and her fellow pupils were doing on their 'Work Experience' week from school. (In the year 2005 when these note were written up Leanne had been for some years a very accomplished reporter with the '*Northern Scot*' in Elgin.

**Cats on Show** - The annual Buckie Cat Show held in the Fishermen's Hall once again proved to be a success with a maximum number of exhibits and a large number of visitors.

**Save the 'Gordons'** as the fight to save the Gordon Highlanders as a regiment in its own right goes on memories and tributes both collectively and personal are increasingly being brought to our attention. A Poem titled 'Bydand' written by Jimmy Stewart of Glasgow is found on page 12 and columns 3 and 4.

**Library staff compiles a competition** - The library staff of Moray District Council compiled a competition based on Victoria Ordnance Survey maps. The members of staff at Buckie library have compiled a quiz in rhyme with questions such as - 'On Cathcart Street where you change your oil, which tradesman once did sweat and toil.'

Oct 8 **Leanne wrote** another Special Report based on her fellow pupil's exploits in this week's edition of the '*Advertiser*'.

**Still another use for this building** - Number 19 Commercial Road which has seen all kinds uses throughout the years is now occupied by a shop calling themselves 'Top T Toe' The kind of stock on sale are Baby's and Children's wear, Sports and Leisure Wear, Footwear in stock at competitive prices. Troop Footwear.

**Get you plants here** - Larchwood Gardens, 2 miles along the Dufftown road from Fife Keith. All young plants ready now - pansies, polyanthus, primroses and primulas.

**'My Niche in Nirvana'** The book written by Margaret Winton Marshall which contains both poems and prose is reviewed by Mrs Isabel Harrison. Isabel obviously enjoyed it

Oct 15 **Death of well-known character** - Buckie lost a well-known character with the untimely death of Ernest Jannetta in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Thursday evening. He was 75. Ernie who ran the Kings Café at 17 West Church Street for many years was in the army during the war and saw service in Africa and Italy. He took an active part in a number of organisations being a member of the Choral Union, the British Legion and Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society.

**Aye a'll shift yer stuff** - James 'Jimmy' Longmore was applying for a license to use 72 Netherha Road as an operating centre for one agricultural tractor and trailer. (He wis still very much on the go in 2005.)

**We've noo got three papers** - A photograph in the '*Advertiser*' shows the Directors of J and M Publishers, Jack and Michael Johnston with the three papers which the company now produces - the '*Banffshire Herald*', '*Huntly Express*' and the '*Banffshire Advertiser*'.

**Project at Tugnet** - Pupils from Milne's High School in Fochabers have been engaged for some time on a project at Tugnet museum on salmon fishing on the nearby River Spey. It is now nearing completion. A number of mosaics have been embedded in an embankment with a sculpture above of an osprey holding a fish.

Oct 22 **Licence required** – Wm. Taylor and sons, 3 Dyce Crescent, Findochty are applying for a licence to use the above address as an operating centre for three vehicles and six trailers without change.

**Cluny Hotel etc for sale** - Christie's Fochabers are selling off the Cluny Hotel in 3 parts - Commercial premises on Cluny Square – at £95,000; Commercial premises on High Street at - £50,000; Offices or B/B on Cluny Square at - £93,000.

**Isabel Harrison in print** - A short poem by Isabel Harrison is found on page 5 column 1. Titled 'Call to Arms' she speaks of getting rid of nuclear waste to England.

**Smoke detectors** - Buckie Community Council have allocated a sum of money to purchase 100 battery-operated smoke detectors for use in pensioner's houses.

**First tenants move in** - The Castlehill Housing Association development at Bayview Court, Cullen has welcomed the first tenants into this new complex.

**Probus Club** – The speaker at Buckie and District Probus club's meeting this month was Dr Pat Hayes of Leeds University who spoke on 'Mad Cow's Disease' A senior fellow in Microbiology he spoke of gulls being the rats of the air.

**Adverts** - J. I. Services, 19 Commercial Road, Buckie

The Ingle Neuk Restaurant, 2 Regent Square, Fife Keith.

Oct 29 **the Speyside Way** - Plans for the extension of the Speyside Way to Cullen could soon be put into practice with the news that the Scottish Countryside Commission is prepared to give a 100% grant towards the cost of the extension from Spey Bay.

**In the money** - Buckie widow, Beatrice Wilson won £25,000 in the National Bingo Game. She shared the first prize of £50,000 whilst playing at the Playhouse, Buckie.

**Visitors from Latvia** - Local folk rallied round admirably when they learned at short notice that a party of school children from Latvia was coming here as guests of Buckie community High School. The party included 25 children aged from 11 years to 14 and 6 adults, four teachers and two bus drivers. Among the places that the group visited were the Fishing Heritage Museum, and the local library. The adults were staying in the 'Three Kings' Cullen with the children in the Cullen Community Centre. By the end of the week some of the children were staying with some of the friends that they had made.

**Clearance Toy Sale** - C.B. Milne, Toy Shop, Buckie which is closing down are to hold a Clearance Toy Sale in the Cullen Bay Hotel on Saturday and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November. All items to be cleared at cost price.

Nov 5 **The burgh boundary must be extended** - This was the unanimous view of members of Buckie Community Council expressed at their recent meeting and will be asking Moray District Council to take this into account when drawing up their five year structure plan. It has been suggested that a site for housing should be made south of the Linzee Gordon Park and east and west of High Street. .

**Johnny and the Copycats** - The popular group are to join up once again to play at a dance ran by Buckie Thistle F.C. in the Fishermen's Hall on 16 November.

**Rare footage of local scenes** - Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society invite the public to come and see rare footage of local films of the 1950's and 1960's in the Town House on Wednesday 6 November at 7.30pm. John O'Mahoney will show the films taken by his father in law Jack Johnston.

**New serial by Spike** - This is titled 'The Cruise of the Mothball.' Chapter one is found in this edition.

**Rovers lose in 'Auld Reekie'** Buckie Rovers travelled to Edinburgh in the first round of the OVD Scottish Junior Cup to meet Edinburgh and lost by five goals to one to their city opponents, Edinburgh United. Stevie Mackie scored the Rovers solitary goal.

**New View House Hotel** - The former Rathburn Hotel, once the home of James Archibald Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire will reopen soon as a hotel serving bar meals and snacks though under a new name. The hotel owned by Hang Hing, West Church Street will be under the management of Billy Tai Fong.

Nov 12 **Remembrance Sunday** was marked with the traditional memorial services and wreath-laying ceremonies in towns and villages throughout the north east - locally at Buckie, Portgordon, Portknockie, Cullen and Deskford, where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Moray District Council, and other organisations.

**Buckie boat sinks at Scrabster** - The 60 foot Buckie creel boat, 'Gem' BCK213, sank at her moorings in Scrabster harbour yesterday (Monday) afternoon. The 'Gem' had only recently been purchased and converted by Buckie skipper, Alan Cowie. (Kevin was a crewmember of the 'Gem' at one time.)

**Harbour tours still popular** - Despite a drop in the number of participants compared with the previous year; due mainly to more rigid restrictions on the numbers allowed in each party, Buckie Harbour Tours have again proved to be a valuable part of the local tourist attractions. The total number of participants was 359 as compared to 448 in 1990. Jimmy Murray was this year's guide and took visitors round the fish market, fish processing businesses, the boatyard and net maker.

**Fae a meal mill to residential flats** is planned by Hamlyn's on Garden Lane

**We got married abroad** - When Arlene Calder and Andrew Bain got married in Barbados on 27 September this year they must have been one of the first to be married in such exotic surroundings. (So wrote the reporter of the day in 1991, now it is fairly common. Karl and Catriona were married in Sri Lanka in 2003.)

**Advert** - The 'Bargain Box' East Church Street. Clothing of unbelievable quality at absolutely unbelievable prices.

**'Take Aways' are a' the rage** - Moray District Council have consented to the applications for food 'take aways' on West Church Street, St Paul's Street and Cluny Square.

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