

## 1992

Jan 7 **A real first fitter** – A baby boy was born to Moira and Alan Smith, 15 Craigbo Terrace at Seafield Hospital on New Year's Day. He was Nathan. A photograph on the front page of the 'Advertiser' shows the new arrival with his sisters and brothers Edward, Kerry, David, and Alana.

**Full grant given** – A grant of 100% has been given from the Countryside Commission means the go-ahead for the link from Spey Bay to Cullen, a link from the Speyside Way.

**Death of former Buckie 'Bobbie'** - The death took place of Archie Weir who served as a police sergeant at Buckie from 1971-1977. He was 58. Archie was a past master of Lodge Craigenroan and a noted contributor at Burn's Suppers.

**Soup 'N Sweet lunches** will be served in the North Church Hall on Saturday 11 January from 12 noon until 2pm in aid of the Sunday School. Tickets cost £1.

**Buckie Lyric Theatre** presented 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in the Fishermen's Hall.

**School class of some years ago** - A photograph on page 13 of this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows Miss Hendry with her class of pupils at Portgordon Junior Secondary School – Primary Department. The names of all the 25 pupils are given.

**BEM for former Buckie man** - Bill Lyon, son of William. 'Wilkie' Lyon who has lived in Ballater for many years was awarded the BEM in the New Year's Honour's List.

Jan 14 **Still men retire** -John 'Jock' Hall and John Rae both retired from Inchgower Distillery after serving for 25 years. They were presented with gifts from staff and management by Douglas Cameron, manager.

**Portgordon School bairns** - A second photograph of Portgordon Junior Secondary School pupils of forty years before appear in the edition of the 'Advertiser'. The teacher of the class is Miss Clark and all 18 of her pupils are named.

**One hundred and three years not out** - Miss Rita Donn, formerly of Cullen celebrated her 103rd birthday at Netherha Home this week with a number of her relatives. She is the oldest person in Grampian Region. She was presented with a bouquet from the Social Work Department.

Jan. 21 **To retain their names** - Buckie's two remaining shipyards will retain their separate identities although they are now under one ownership. The names of Herd and Mackenzie and Jones Buckie Shipyard will continue to be recognised among the leading quality boat-builders in Scotland. Jimmy Anderson will be yard manager at Jones while at 'Herdies' former yard director Jim Farquhar takes over as yard manager. Jones managing director John Richardson becomes joint managing director of both yards and the other directors of Jones are now also directors of Herd and Mackenzie's. Ian Sinclair former managing director of Herd and Mackenzie Shipyard is retiring.

**Road crash in the Fochabers Woods claims the life of Buckie man** - Glyn Mackay, 24, 6 King Street, Ianstown was killed in a head on collision in the Fochabers Woods with Cecil Wilson, an Elgin man who also lost his life. Fiona Mair, 21, MacKay's fiancé and a passenger in his car suffered multiple injuries and was flown to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

Glyn's late parents formerly owned the Highlander Hotel which he carried on for some time before selling.

**Motto to be revived** - Portknockie's old motto will be revived for everyone to see. Grampian Regional Councillor Margo Howe advised members of Portknockie

Community Council at their January meeting that the battle had been won and the new entrance signs to the village will have Portknockie 'Aye Afloat' on them.

Jan 28 **an Amenities Group was formed at Findochty** following a well-attended meeting in the Town Hall. Willie Smith was appointed chairman, Ann Coull, treasurer and Walter Flett, secretary

**The Friends of Seafield will continue.** This was decided at the annual general meeting when sufficient interest was shown in the continuance of the organisation. Officials – John Craig, chairman; Gordon McKay, vice chairman, Allan Fraser, secretary, Abe Mummery, treasurer. Committee members – Edith Mummery, Janet Innes, Margaret Sutherland, Betty Smith, Sandra Duthie, Joey Bowie, Maggie Craig and Jean Fettes.

**Question put to Portgordon folk.** Would the residents of Portgordon like to see an organised bonfire party in the village or a decorated Christmas tree with lights over the festive season?

**A second Commendation Certificate** - For the second consecutive year the citizens of Buckie have been awarded a Commendation Certificate in the Beautiful Scotland in Bloom competition. There were 286 entries received from communities throughout Scotland.

Feb 4 **Smoke alarms** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows Buckie Community Councillor James Smith fixing a smoke alarm for pensioners Jean and James Smith 19 Bryson Crescent. Fellow councillor Allan Fraser was similarly employed in the Buckpool side of the town. The smoke alarms were paid for by the community council.

**Music teacher was busy** – George Clark, PT Music at Buckie Community High School not only addressed the haggis but also gave the Immortal Memory at Arradoul WRI Burns Supper. The toast to the Lassies was given by Donald Barr, the Reply by Morag Munro. The toast to the Lads was given by Councillor Margo Howe with the Reply by Ian Sinclair.

**Another Heritage Group** - A move is to take place for a Heritage Group to be set up in Portgordon following Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society and the Cullen, Deskford and Portknockie Heritage Group.

**Nae need tae be feart** - – Burton's Driving School. - Nervous and older pupils welcome. Buckie xx743

Feb 11 **A place tae bide** - The Cluny Hotel annex adjacent to the Scotscoup Betting Shop on Cluny Square (formerly the Square Café and before Rome Innes' Chemist Shop) is to be refurbished to provide accommodation for homeless people.

**To raise funds** - The Saturday Club are to hold a coffee morning in the North Church Hall on Saturday 15 February from 10am till noon. Tickets 60p.

**Libraries are used more and more** - Local libraries seem to be getting used more and more as sources of all kinds of un-library information and it seems that one role which they have is that of an un-official tourist information centre. This fact has prompted the area librarian at Buckie Sheila McDonald to explore the pros and cons of compiling a list of people who provide accommodation in the Fochabers –Buckie – Cullen area. She believes that there must be a considerable number of people providing B/B, rooms to let, cottages to let and self-catering facilities who are not on the lists provided by the tourist board.

**Given Royal approval** - St Peter's Canoe Club can now claim to have the Royal seal of approval following its selection as a club which had made particularly good use of money given under the Princes Trust Fund. In this week's edition of the

'Advertiser' Samantha Horrobin is seen showing off the parchment signed by Prince Charles which congratulates St Peter's Canoe Club

**Musician forced to give up** - The founder of Buckie Brass Band and a real veteran amongst teachers in the local area has to turn his back on over two decades of music tuition due to a hearing defect.

Andy Leith, who lives near Whitehills has been the main brass instructor at Buckie High School and most of the surrounding Primary Schools since coming into the area from Aberdeen in 1970. He also started the Buckie and District Brass Band from scratch in the winter of 1971 with the aid of, among others, of the then deputy head teacher of Buckie High Tommy Laing. **A fuller report is given on page 5.**

**A poem is found on page 8 columns 5 and 6** - written by Isabel Harrison it is titled 'Wartime'.

**Art work at Tugnet, Spey Bay** - On pages 14 and 15 photographs show the mosaics that have been created by pupils from Milne's High School in Fochabers. A photograph of the pupils involved is also shown.

**Agony prolonged** - Buckie Rovers lost by four goals to two on penalties to New Elgin in the Stewart Memorial Cup. The reporter of the day one A. L. Nath said: "That this game went into extra time had the effect something akin to developing toothache early on Sunday morning and having to suffer the pain until Monday morning before the dentist could bring blessed relief. The agony was cruelly prolonged.

Feb 18 **Factory extension opened** - An extension at Grampian Country Pork, factory at Buckpool costing £1.5 million was opened this week.

Starting in a modest way in 1986 when they took over the disused ACO abattoir GCP have continued to expand. The through-put of 1,500 pigs a week at the Buckpool plant had increased to 4,000 by last April and now with the opening of this latest extension the through-put is running at between 5,500 and 6000 pigs per week plus a regular German order for 150 sows per week.

(The factory closed completely in November 2005 when the work that was being done at Buckpool was moved to Bathgate. By mid October the factory was only killing pigs and storing the carcasses with all the butchers paid off. The factory employed around 320 people and the majority of those became unemployed with the closure.)

**Redundancies at shipyard** - The recent take over of Herd and Mackenzie shipyard by Jones, Buckie Shipyard has resulted in redundancies for five of "Herdies" former employees.

Three full-time and two part-time office posts have become surplus to requirements.

**He has done his last roon** - George 'Dod' Rumbles has retired after 45 years with the Post Office. IN a photograph he is seen receiving his Valedictory Letter from the Royal Mail Delivery Services Manager Logan Hadden. George also received a gold watch and a lawn edger from the management while a set of glasses, hip flask and a bottle of Glenfiddich came from his colleagues. This was presented to him on their behalf by Buckie Delivery Office Manager Paul Kozlowski.

Feb 25 **New toilets** - Planning consent has been given by Moray District Council for the erection of new toilets to the rear of the Town House on Cluny Place.

**To grow bigger** - Arradoul seems set to gain more houses despite its inclusion in the area Local Plan as a village and where the only replacement housing on existing plots would be allowed.

**Buckie Maritime Heritage Centre** - Moray District Council have approved the exchange of land deals with Grampian Regional Council which will allow the Buckie Maritime Heritage Centre to be built on Freuchny Road.

**'The Shore of Buckie '** Buckie Community Council are considering the re-issue of a cassette tape that proved to be very popular some years ago called 'The Shore of Buckie'. The idea was floated by council chairman Derek Horrobin. It was agreed to make enquiries about the availability of the master copy.

**Versatile Windows Co. Ltd (Deskford)** – Windows, Conservatories, Patio Doors Roof Lights Aluminium, UPVC or Hardwood windows.

Mar 3 **People crowd to Deskford** - The beautiful spring weather at the weekend attracted more than 1000 people to Deskford to sample the joys of the Dutch bulb fields. Over the past ten years since he bought Cotterton of Deskford and an adjoining blacksmith's shop Dutchman Arnaud Kwent has been transforming the area into a flower garden. A large greenhouse has enabled him to bring on bulbs for planting at the right time.

**Danish fishing vessels** – For the first time in two years Danish boats were seen in Buckie harbour this past week when three arrived with shrimps caught on the Fladden Fields. The catch was sold to Moray Seafoods.

**The St Andrews Hotel own Karaoke on Sunday 8 March.** Come and enjoy the fun also a three course steak supper from £7.45. Sunday lunches served at £6.75 with Bar Suppers £3.25.

**Tutti Frutti** – Weekly Special for only £4.20. Enjoy our Chilli Con Carnie and Sweet plus tea, coffee or soft drink.

**Moray Tourist Board** takes over responsibility for Tourism Promotion in Moray from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1992.

**It saw the light once more** - A side drum belonging to Findochty Salvation Army was released from its prison in the loft of a house on 15 Commercial Street, Findochty where it had been for the past 60 years. It had been forgotten about when the Bruce family had moved and the new owners made internal alterations which closed off the roof space where the drum had been put. Recently the property again changed hands and the when a new roof was being put on the drum was discovered.

**Hydro men say their 'Good Byes '** - Willie Smith and John McIntosh received parting gifts upon their retrial from the Buckie depot of the Hydro Electric. Willie who had been 37 years with the firm received a micro-wave oven and John with 34 years service a Rotary wristlet watch. They both also received a cash gift.

**Probus Club** – The guest speaker at the recent meeting of Buckie and District Probus club was fellow member Eddie Anderson, Portknockie who took as the title of his talk 'The Sunshine Miners' Eddie who worked with the Coal Board for 40 years until he retired said how the name Sunshine Miners came to be given to those who work in Open Cast Mining. Eddie who took a degree in Geology at Aberdeen University joined the National Coal Board in 1946 four years after open cat mining began in Britain.

**Local SNP officials elected** - Convener- Bill Jappy; vice convener-Roy Shepherd; secretary/treasurer Ian Hamilton; organiser- Gordon McDonald.

**'Look Back to the Past'** This column which had been appearing in the 'Advertiser' for a number of years were compiled this week by Colin George and Matt Shortt of Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society. Matt had been doing it for a long time.

**School Football** - Buckie Community High School under 13 years – 8 Elgin High - 0  
0 BCHS < 15 – 5 Elgin High School -0

10 Mar **An old painting is discovered** – A painting of Portknockie Harbour dating from around 1895 has come into the possession of local artist Duncan Wood. The picture

is the work of the artist Robert Weir Allan who was one of the 'Glasgow Boys' a group of people from that city who developed the styles together. Mr Wood found the painting in a dealer's gallery in Edinburgh.

**Now open** – A fish shop at 5 High Street. All types of fresh fish, vegetables and eggs. Fresh fish delivered daily also frozen breaded fish, scampi and prawns.

**Substantial new extensions at the Mill.** A new entrance porch has been constructed, also staff bedrooms, bathroom with extensions also to the function suite.

**Have you any?** Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society is appealing for back copies of Olson's Almanac.

17 Mar **Snow** - The first serious snowfall of the winter caused havoc on roads throughout Grampian. A picture shows a scene from the Enzie Brae where a gritter lorry came to grief after slipping into the ditch and required to be pulled out.

**Lost overboard** - Buckie man William Geddes, 26 Pringle Court was lost over-board from the fishing boat Amethyst, skipper Ronald Grant, about 12 miles from Lochinver. He was 46 and a bachelor.

He is survived by sisters Edith Geddes and Jean Smith who live in Buckpool, Helen Marchie in Cheltenham and brother Stuart in Aberdeen.

**Short of members** - Rathven and Arradoul Community Council are now three short of their complement with the resignation of Fred Rumbles who has left the district.

**'Buckie Past in Motion'** The video tape 'Buckie Past in Motion;' which was put together from cine-films taken by the former proprietor of the Banffshire Advertiser Jack Johnston has brought much pleasure to those who have seen it. Copies have gone abroad to many parts of the world.

Now that pleasure has been reciprocated with the handing over of the profits from the sale of the video to Grampian Research into Intestinal Diseases (GRID). A photograph shows a mammoth cheque for £4,600 being handed over to Connie Valenzuela of GRID by members of the late Jack Johnston family. The videos sold at £12.99.

**An amazing character** - The death took place last week of one of Buckie's most amazing characters-Jeannie Innes. When Moray Seafoods opened their doors Jeannie was then 73 and one of the first to apply for a job. She worked full time up until the Saturday before she died on Monday of last week at the age of 91.

Moray Seafoods proprietor Charles Eckersley said: "Jeannie has had her life and run the distance. She has filled the unforgiving minute with 60 seconds worth of distance run. May she now rest at peace her work complete?"

**Buckie shipyards** - Two months after the merger between Jones Buckie Shipyard and Herd and Mackenzie took place the combined yards are settling down to a good working relationship.

Joint Managing Director John Richardson told the 'Advertiser' that the two yards have three new boats on the stocks and the repair and maintenance work is going well. The work situation is buoyant and work forces in both yards are working together very well under foreman Gilbert Jappy and the two yard managers John Richardson said.

**Good as New** - A very successful 'Good as New' sale was held in the St Andrews Hotel by members of St Peter's Youth Club in conjunction with Barnardo's Child Care Charity.

"This was a good example of youth working for the less fortunate", said Area Organiser John Bain

**The first launch** - The launch of the first new boat since the merger of the two Buckie shipyards is due to take place on Tuesday when the 'Kirkwall Bay' slides into the water off the Jones' slip.

It will serve as a combined tug and pilot vessel berthing among others visitors from cruise liners. The 'Kirkwall Bay' was built in just over 5 months. She has two Volvo engines generating 432 hp with a top speed of 12.5 knots. Her dimensions are - length 17.5 metres, breadth 5.2 metres with a draft of 2 metres. She was built for Orkney Islands Council.

**Advert** - 'HEADLINE' Portgordon, Ladies and Gents Stylists Gents night- Thursday.

**Buy it here now** - Regency Garage - Vauxhall Cavalier at £10,995, four door metallic paint extra.

24 Mar **'Remember Water** - A line or two of verse from the pen of Isabel Harrison, who says the water disna taste or smell like it did.

**Garrulous Guide**- The first name on the County Commissioner's Trophy for public speaking will be that of Jacqueline Sutherland 105 Highfield Road, Buckie. Jacqueline was one of three Young Leaders of the 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Guides, the others being Froya Rossvoll and Veronica Murray - who took part with Young Leaders and Ranger Guides from other parts of Moray in the competition in Elgin. Each participant was given a three minute topic 10 minutes before they were called upon to speak and Jacqueline's winning speech was a reply to a question 'Should Women have Men's Jobs?' She was presented with the award by District Commissioner Mrs Hilda McKessack Leitch.

**The Legacy of Gaeldom** - Hugh Munro , Buckie Rotarian , gave his fellow members the fruits of his studies into the Gaelic place names - Mucks = Pigs; Findochty = Pleasant or fair place; Cullen = the place at the back of the river Deskford = Deskeart = high area with two streams; Inchgower = goat meadow; Letterfourie= cold slope; Clochan = hamlet Auchentae = home farm; Yardie = west and house = where west house was situated. Craigenroan = seal rock; Buckie = whelks; Portessie = harbour near waterfalls; Sloch = slochd, a hole.

(Some would disagree with his meaning for Cullen and Clochan. There seems to be general agreement that the word Cullen has to do with holly while Clochan is given as a stony place. Buckie is seen more as an adjective describing a place where male deer, bucks, were found. His meaning of the word Yardie is also very much open to question, likely to post date the time when Gaelic was spoken.)

**A poem is found on page 17 and columns 3 and 4.** It was written by James Whittet and titled 'Preparation'.

**Master of Lodge Bow Fiddle 1349 is James McKay.**

Mar 31 **New accolade for Cullen Chocolate factory** - A venture which started as a part time occupation in her kitchen has grown in the past three years to become an award-winning business ran by Nan Hay. She was in Aberdeen Marischal College to receive a Certificate of Commendation from Grampian Enterprises for her imaginative business venture 'Sweet Dreams'

A picture shows Nan and her assistant Dinah McGarvey and Gillian Murdoch. They make the sweets, 30 different kinds in the shop at the corner of Grant Street and South Castle Street, Cullen.

**The cassette tape will be re-issued** - Buckie Community Council are to re-issue the cassette tape 'The Shore of Buckie' which was made some years ago and of which all copies have been sold. Derek Horrobin, chairman, found that Beechwood Studios still had the master tape that copies could be run off at 80p plus VAT. It was decided not to add new material on account of the cost. It was decided to run off 250 copies.

**Croft house** - A photograph shows the croft house that formerly stood on the A94, 41 Great Western Road, at the entrance to the Grampian Country Pork factory. The inhabitants of the house for a long time were Mr and Mrs Ian Paterson and family. Ian worked the land on the south side of the road all the way to Portgordon growing crops and rearing ponies.

**Former Geography teacher** - Miss Helen Slater died last week. 'A Guide and Confidant' is how colleague Allan Fraser described her in an obituary found on page 6 and columns 3,4 and 5. She was a native of Portknockie where she lived for most of her life.

**One year old** - The Muirton wing of Seafield Hospital celebrated its first birthday since opening with a cake baked for the occasion. A photograph shows patients and staff gathered round as Norman Harper prepares to cut the first slice.

Apr 7 **I will not stand again** - Rathford Councillor Mrs Peggy Wilson decided that for family reasons she will not be seeking a second term as councillor for the Rathford ward.

**From a farm steading to a cattery** - A planning application has been made to change the use of the steading of Hillocks farm to a breeding and boarding cattery.

**The four hopefuls** - The four Moray candidates in the forthcoming General Election are James Brinsley Sheridan, Liberal Democrat, Margaret Ewing, SNP, Roma Hossack, Tory and Conal Smith, Labour.

**Under new management** - The business known as 'Homes and Gardens' at 25 West Church Street is now under new management of members of the family of John Duncan, Construction.

**Round Table -Thirty Year Anniversary** - Buckie and District Round Table are entering their 30<sup>th</sup> year and to commemorate this they have embarked on a special fund-raising project to purchase sensory stimulation equipment for Clydeville Day Centre.

Apr 14 **SNP victorious in Moray again** - The Scottish National Party took the Moray seat. The headline read - 'Ewing romps back home in high turn out poll.' She had a majority of 2,844 over her Tory rival. There was a 72.46% turn out.

Apr 21 **Number 19 to change again** - Planning application has been made to change the use of the property number 19 West Church Street from a shop to a hot food take away. (This particular property has seen a great number of uses down through the years. In 2006 as I write this it was known as Louis, Fish and Chip shop and ran by the two Wojcik brothers Paul and Bernard grandsons.)

**The Marine Hotel** - The owners in 1992 were Murray and Maureen Thain. Murray was also the proprietor of No 1 Electrical, a fairly large firm. The hotel had undergone extensive alterations including a gym, sauna, Jacuzzi, snooker lounge and the creation of Dodger's Bar in what was formerly a café. The opening day is Wednesday 29 April when all food and drink will be sold at half price from 11am till 7pm. Pints of beer 60p, nips of whisky 50p with lunches from £1.70

**The Rover's report** - This was written this week by Andy Newlands who spoke of standing in for A. L. Nath who he said had taken his donkey and followed Cammy Hendry to some stallion show down south. A good report while the Rovers didn't do too bad either drawing with Bishopmill.

April 28 **What umbrella are you under ?** Allan Fraser in a letter to the 'Advertiser' castigates Mrs Eileen Scott who declared that she was to stand as an Independent in the forthcoming Moray District Council elections only to show in her election bumf that her colour was most definitely blue. He said that to his mind there was no need

for politics per se to operate at local level where councillors should be free of all ties and allowed to vote as their conscience dictated.

May 5 **Macrae Duggie and McPherson manager to retire** - A well known member of the fisheries fraternity Hugh Patience has decided to call it a day and retire after serving for 42 years with the firm of M. D. M. He received a number of gifts and best wishes for his retiral

Hugh a native of Avoch in the Black Isle told of how he was given a temporary job by the firm for the winter at Ullapool in 1949. He came to Buckie for the first time in the early 1950's when he played for Buckie Rovers and was an officer in the 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Boys Brigade. After serving elsewhere he returned to Buckie where he had been Managing Director for the past ten years. He and his wife Marian, a native of Fraserburgh, plan to take a holiday in Canada where they will be visiting relatives. On return, he said that it was likely that he will be found dabbling around Findochty in his yacht Davaar.

**A grant of £500 given** - St Peter's Church is to receive £500 from Buckie Common Good Fund towards the expenses of Sister Bernadette Crook who is restoring two murals. After seeing how well the restoration will blend in with the inside of the church council officials and the two Buckie councillors agreed to the award.

**Slating Specialists** - The complete Roofing Service, Red Seal Roofing Slating Division, Unit Arradoul.

**Probus Club** - The speaker at last week's lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Arnold Pirie the retiring president. Portsoy born Arnold spent most of his working life in the Police Force mostly in the North of England. He retired to Portknockie. His subject was the poetry of Portknockie and Cullen written over the last 100 years.

**Champions** - The Buckie Community High School under 13 football team won all their 16 matches to take the championship of the North of Scotland Central League. Team captain Michael Shewan is seen in the photograph of the team holding the trophy aloft.

**Football** - The question was asked who the 62 year old was that had a place on the bench for Buckpool Victoria and was called upon in the second half against Portknockie in a Welfare League match. How many trials can a team give a 62 year old before they decide whether he will make the grade

**The Fry Inn** - Have you been to the Fry Inn (East Church Street) recently, if not come in and see our refurbished restaurant downstairs and newly opened salad bar.

**Lyric Theatre presentation** - Buckie Lyric Theatre put on a performance of 'The Sound of Music'.

May 12 **Fire claims the life of Tynet woman** - Annie McDonell, 90, of Ave Mar, Tynet died as a result of smoke fumes on Tuesday morning while her brother, William, 92, was removed to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary also suffering from smoke inhalation. The couple were discovered by their sister-in-law Mrs Margaret McDonell, from the nearby Tulloch Farm.

**Departing give away** - The last act of the outgoing Moray District Council was to give the go-ahead for the building of the contentious Elgin Leisure Centre.

**No change in local councillors** - With the local elections now past there was no change in the local councillors elected. Lennox - Tom Howe; Buckie East - Sinclair Longmore; Buckie West- Bill Jappy; Rathford - Joe Wilson took over from his wife Peggy.

**Thistle 'Player of the Year' award** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows Bill Lobban, regular reporter of Thistle games handing over the Banffshire Advertiser Trophy to this year's winner, Dave Gibson.

May 19 **Marriage in the Beacon Centre** - A photograph shows couple Donald Campbell and Maree Smith who were married in the Beacon Centre, (formerly the St Andrews Hall) St Andrews Square last week.

**Plane comes down at Chapelford** - An RAF trainer aeroplane Tucano came down in a field at Chapelford Farm, Clochan last week. The crew of two ejected to safety.

**A question of importance for Cullen folk** - Does anyone know the whereabouts of the collection of silver and copper coins which once graced the Council Chambers in Cullen Town Hall?.

The Royal Burgh of

Cullen and Deskford Community Council are trying to locate some of the artefacts which were removed from the hall when the Royal Burgh of Cullen Town Council was disbanded in 1974 with a view to having them back on display.

**Opening announcement** - Norman Niven, Joinery Work, Renovation and Modernisation Glass Fibre Roofing - Unit 3 Best Centre Marchmount Crescent.

**Décor Scene, Wallpaper and Paints, 41 West Church Street,**

**Meals on a Sunday** - The Highlander Hotel, 75 West Church Street intend to serve meals on Sundays, commencing Sunday 24 May at High Noon.

**Gift for long serving employee** - A photograph shows Margaret Mair, 3 Netherton Terrace, Findochty manageress of the Hydro Electric shop on East Church Street for the past two years receiving a gift of a brooch, ear-rings and necklace from staff past and present. This was handed over by retired manager Sandy Moar. She had been employed by Hydro Electric for 26 years.

**Successful in the Bursary Competition** - High School pupil Michael Ewen, 6<sup>th</sup> Year of 15 Morven Crescent Crescent, Findochty came 9<sup>th</sup> in the Bursary Competition ran by Aberdeen University. There were 200 entrants. Michael will receive £275 for each year spent at the University where he is to do Computer Science. He has already five Highers and is sit one more.

May 26 **A relic of the past** - Jimmy Grieve, skipper of the fishing boat Fortuna BCK 120 while fishing on the Fladdens, 106 miles north east of Buckie, dragged up two odd shaped flagons from a depth of 500 feet. They are 12 inches in height and 10 inches in circumference. The colour is brown and beige.

**Versatile Windows Co. Ltd,** require a mason, labourers, shop joiners and a wood machinist. Apply to Colin Miller.

**The minister is a wife** - The parish of Enzie and Rathven has a new minister, Rev. Rosemary Gomez a former civil engineer turned minister. She is a native of Coventry.

**Campaign paid off** - The campaign by the Friends of Seafield Hospital to sign up more members has paid off with the number of Friends now totalling 131. This was said by Chairman Gordon McKay at a recent meeting of the committee.

**Former school for sale** - The old school at Portessie is on the market at £17.500.

**Round Table election** - The new chairman of Buckie and District Round Table is Kenny Munro with Kenny Gunn as vice chairman. The retiring chairman was Albert Phimister.

**Opening announcement** - 'Gent' Menswear is to open on Thursday 28 May at 68 West Church Street, proprietor Malcolm Smith. A guest appearance will be made between 4 and 6pm by Eoin Jess, Portsoy, and a first team player with Aberdeen F.C.

**Baron Street Development** - Only two flats remain to be sold on the site part of which was at one time occupied by the draper shop of Robert Grant, Draper and Louis Chip Shop which later became a bookie's office.

**More on the pots found by Buckie skipper** - The pots dragged up from the depths by Jimmy Grieve are known as Bellarmine jugs, the production of which began in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. George Mair, Portknockie who is interested in the subject said the pot-bellied jugs were made in mockery of Cardinal Bellarmine, a Spanish priest. Dutch Protestants made them in the 17<sup>th</sup> century as an antidote to witchcraft often being filled with pieces of human flesh. The practice spread to Scotland and similar jugs were produced here as containers for liquid. Examples are founding Aberdeen Art Gallery.

When Christies were asked they felt that by description that the one recently found were of German origin and if in good condition could be worth up to £200. The jugs are known as Bartman in Germany and Greybeards in England.

**Now open** - The Cologin Cattery at the former farm of the Hillocks and owned by Mr and Mrs Nicol  
Is now open.

**The Admiral Inn, Findochty** - catering new management

'**The Horror of the Hill**' Spike's latest serial has now reached chapter 8.

**Fishing Heritage AGM** - Those present were shown a film by James George Addison.

Peter Bruce, chairman, mentioned the proposed Maritime Heritage Centre to be built near to the harbour. The Fishing Heritage Society he said had pledged to support fully this exciting development which could give a much needed boost to Buckie.

Officials elected for session 1992/93 - Peter Bruce - chairman; Millie Mair - vice chairman; Jim Merson agreed to continue as secretary as did Bessie Murray as treasurer for the time being. There were no other nominations. It was said how the committee was under strength with a need to enlist more members.

**Buckie Thistle F.C. AGM** - At the meeting Jim Leask, who had been President of the Club for the past ten year tendered his resignation. He was made the club's first Hon. President. Murray Thain was elected as the new President with Ian Wilson as vice president, George Jappy as secretary and Paul Much as treasurer. The committee was re-elected. The committee is very small and would welcome any volunteers who are prepared to serve.

**Travel Club AGM** - The following officials were elected - President - Ena Garden; secretary, Janet Murray; treasurer, Doreen Watt; press secretary, Marjory Wheatley. Committee members - Elaine Smith, Eileen Smith and Fiona McLean.

June 9 **Chinese Take Away** - Hang Hing, 55 West Church Street re-opened after refurbishment. The restaurant at the New View House Hotel is now closed.

**Joiner required** - Grampian Country Pork for extension and renovation work at the Buckpool premises.

**Probus Club** - One of the clubs most senior members Peter Farquhar Flett was the speaker at the May lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club. Before the war he was a policeman with the Metropolitan Police and a member of the RNR. He remained at sea after the war and became a leading salvage expert. He was known as Peter Farquhar because there were so many Peter Fletts.

June 16 **Plans to build a 30 bed private nursing home in Buckie** have been lodged by a group of Buckie doctors and a local businessman. They have put the proposition forward as a means of meeting the needs of the elderly folk in the town who can no longer live in their own homes. (Their plans came to fruition with the opening of Parklands Nursing Home on High Street being opened some time later.)

**A former Buckie woman is stabbed to death** - A former Buckie woman was stabbed to death in Elgin on Thursday evening after which a man was found hanged from a tree on the banks of the River Lossie. Brenda Ritchie (McGruer) 54 North Street, Bishopmill was found dead from stab wounds in the office of Clover Cabs. The hunt for her killer was called off when the body of George Stephen was found. He sold the business to Brenda Ritchie four years ago and had been seen playing cards with her earlier in the evening.

**Water from the Spey** - Friday saw the beginning of work on the River Spey Water Abstraction Scheme which will supply water to residents over a large part of Moray.

**RNLI Gala Day** - The note read- Everything, including the weather we hope, is set for the 1992 Buckie RNLI Gala at the harbour on June 20.

**Buckie Rovers annual supper dance and awards** - Winners of the various trophies were - Mark Wood- Young Player of the Year; Jim Brindle - Player of the Year and Players Player of the Year; Keith Sinclair trophy awarded to person who made the biggest contribution to the club during the year.

June 23 **Last 'Herdiess' boat** - The last boat to be started by Herd and Mackenzie before they were taken over by Jones at the beginning of the year was launched on Saturday afternoon. It could be the last wooden fishing boat to be built in Buckie. The 54 ft. trawler 'Laurel' has a wooden, varnished hull and steel/aluminium alloy wheelhouse with a power block three trawl drum and winch supplied by North Sea Winches. The 350 Gardner 6LYTI engine gives a top speed of 10 knots and she is equipped with a Lister auxiliary engine. She has been built for a Peel, Isle of Man skipper who believes that wooden boats look smarter and last longer. He had his last one for twenty years and it is still fishing.

**Buckie Rovers have problems** - Allan Fraser Rovers secretary expressed fears for the future of Buckie Rovers because of the difficulties of getting sufficient number of people to form the committee. See the report following the annual general meeting on page 3.

**She won a prize again** - For the fourth year in succession a Buckie girl has won a prize in the Mathematical Challenge, a competition set by the Scottish Mathematical Council. Elaine Forbes, 71 Seatown, received a money prize and a certificate for her achievement in completing three sets of four problems to the satisfaction of the judges.

**Direct Building Supplies** (Donna Cowie) Unit 3 March Road\_ Suppliers of ironmongery, hand tools, power tools, timber, roof tiles, felt, insulation and general building products.

**Death of prominent freemason** - The death took place of Jimmy Anderson, 2 Barfield Road, Buckpool,. He was 61 and leaves behind his wife Jean four daughters and a son.

Jimmy was a joiner to trade serving his time at the local shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie. His National Service was spent with the REME much of the time in Malaya. After his service days he worked on Hydro electric Schemes and nearer home with local firms.

He was a member of Lodge Craigenroan 1247 which he joined in 1956 and served as secretary for 27 years. He was RWM from 1962 till 1964. He was Provincial Grand Secretary 1979-1984; Provincial Grand Chaplain from 1984 till 1989 He was Provincial Grand Sub Master at his death. He held the Honorary rank Grand Rank of

the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He was a Past Principal of St Andrews Royal Arch Chapter and held various posts in the Cryptic Council, Ark Mariners, and Knights Templars. At his death he was secretary of the Buckie Masonic Club. He was an Elder of Rathven Church and treasurer for many years.

**High School Duxes** - This year there were joint Duxes at Buckie Community High School both from the same class 5S and both girls, Elaine Forbes and Shelley McKenzie. They shared the Miller Medal. Shelley won the C.W. Thomson prize for French and German. Elaine took all three Dr Hendry prizes for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Graham Cormack and Imlach Farquhar shared the Christie Memorial prize for Technical Subjects.

June 30 **Bill and his wife reach a milestone** - Former local dance band leader Bill Geddes and his wife Molly have celebrated 60 years of marriage. Bill followed his father into farming and for 52 years entertained dancers all over the north east including the weekly dances for Buckie Welfare Society in the Town House and the Fishermen's Hall. For 22 years the couple have four children 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. (Bill and Molly are both buried in Bellie Cemetery.)

**Harbour tours** - These are to start again next week on July 7 and will continue through until September 15. They start at 2pm and 3pm. Twelve people can be accommodated on each tour with the guide being Jimmy Murray. Booking of places must be done at the Tourist Office on Cluny Square. The tours take in the following places of interest - The Lifeboat, Herd and Mackenzie Shipyard Cox Seafoods.

**The Fish Market tours** will run from July 10 till September 18. They start at 8.30am and 10.00am and in addition to the market itself will visit Mair's Fish and Sinclair Nets. As with the afternoon tours places must be booked.

**Radio Station** - Planning application has been made for a radio station at Torsliasg. To be erected will be a telecom tower, an equipment building with a buried fuel tank.

**Permission given** - Cullen F.C. have been given permission to erect permanent floodlights and dug outs at Logie Park, Cullen.

July 7 **Dolphins are an attraction** - One of the newer attractions of the Moray Firth area, particularly around Findochty and Cullen is the dolphins. Considerable numbers of these delightful sea creatures are to be seen disporting themselves close inshore, and dolphin watching has become quite a cult.

**Former Thistle player and trainer** - A former gym teacher and school janitor, well known and popular with generations of children in Buckie died last week. Alex 'Bomber' Thomson, was a former player and trainer with Buckie Thistle, Elgin City and Rothes. Glasgow born Alex acquired the name 'bomber' from his days as a boxer in his youth. He was a keep fit enthusiast throughout his life. He came to the Buckie area during the war where he met a local girl and got married. He leaves his wife and one daughter.

**Plans were approved** for a Nursing Home at High Street.

**Summer Sale** - Peter Slater, Gents Outfitter, 65 West Church Street.

**St Peter's School Sports Champs** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows PE teacher Mavourneen Watt presenting awards to St Peter's School Sports Champs - Kim Ainslie and Kris Murray.

**'Look Back to the Past'** Matthew Shortt of the BDFHS did this piece on his own this week.

July 14 **Personal and Industrial Laundry Service now open** at Unit 12 March Road Industrial Estate. Phone Jackie on XXX

**Opening this week at 1 St Andrews Square**, Sport and Leisure Wear – Top Quality at best prices.

**We've got a ship to build** - Jones Shipyard secured a contract to build a 75 foot ferry (passenger) to be used at the Flotta Oil Terminal in Orkney.

**Rotary Club** - Fellow Rotarian Hugh Patience gave a talk to members on the recent trip he and his wife Marian made to Canada.

July 21 **Keswick in Buckie** - The minister who first brought about 'Keswick in Buckie' in 1986, Rev Robert Morton preached his last sermon on Sunday before moving to Bradford. He arrived in Buckie in 1986 as minister of the Methodist Churches from Portgordon to Banff. His successor is to be Rev Paul Jackson.

**'Paraffin City' no more** - the gas has arrived in the village. This prompted a Portgordon Quine wrote a poem titled 'Thank You' to mark the occasion. Find this on page 4 columns 4 and 5.

**'Buckie Bard Goes into Print'** so we were told in a headline in the 'Advertiser' of this date. Isabel Harrison is to have a selection of her poems published in a booklet titled - 'That's Fit I Can Mine'. It is selling at a cost of £2.50.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle 1 Partick Thistle 3 (F)  
Thistle – Innes, Keith, Bruce, I. Mathieson, Fettes(J. Mathieson), Ord, Still, G. Clark, McPherson, Smart (Street).  
Partick – Nelson, Malcolm Murray (Law), McVicar, Chisholm, Tierney, . Clark, Peebles, Farningham, M. Walter (Hyde), Irons and Shaw.

**Buckie Rovers** - The threat that faces the junior team due to a lack of committee members diminished last week when at a special meeting called, Mike Matthews and George Mair agreed to take a peg.

The officials for the new season are – Dr Jim Tuckerman, President; Mike Johnston, vice president; Allan Fraser, secretary; David McKay, treasurer. Team Manager – Dennis Clark, assistant manager, Keith Sinclair. Committee – Jack Clarke, Andy Newlands, Sonny Johnston, Mike Matthews and George Mair. This is considered to be too small yet and anyone who would care to join would be made most welcome.

July 28 **Portknockie folk don't want it** - There were moves afoot to introduce a Town Scheme in the village. This would mean certain Conservation Measures e.g. windows would all have to be of the sash and case type.

**New shop** - Seaview Second-Hand shop – furniture, electrical appliances – Seaview Road, Buckpool. (The property at one time was occupied by Reid and Slater a Grocer and General Merchant.)

**Fochabers – a new doctor's surgery opened.** The new surgery manned by doctors Ralph Pakinham, Colin Scott and Janice Tait has many items of new equipment missing in the old practice.

**Headmaster retires** - Eric Watt head teacher of Findochty Primary School for the past five years has retired.

**Peter Fair** - The paper carried the usual story, about it once being a market where first sheep and cattle later hoses were bought and sold and where man women and boys were engaged for the harvest. This year as in recent years the write up was amplified with a number of photographs of children mainly enjoying themselves. This year it was a three day event, from Wednesday until Friday. One of the showmen told the 'Advertiser' that they required three days to make it worthwhile

taking the bigger amusement this distance. There was a new big 'thriller' this year 'Trail Blazer' from Holland and owned by John Thomson. Others of the same ilk include the 'Kamikaze' made in Italy the only one of its kind in this country belonging to the Taylor Brothers; The Tri Star owned by Derek Codona, the 'Sizzler Twist' owned by his brother Clifford and Henry Evans 'Meteorite'.

This year the fair was under the organisation of John Anthony Cowley and Edward Percival.

**Some adverts** - Silverspoon Catering – Cluny Lane.  
Gents Wear , 68 West Church Street.  
A. C. Plumbing and Heating, South Land Street.  
Soda Fountain (Restaurant) 27 West Church Street.  
Peter Slater, Gents Outfitter, 65 West Church Street.

Aug 4 **Memorial unveiled at Dallachy**- Around 1000 people gathered at the former main gate of the Dallachy war-time airfield on Thursday afternoon for the unveiling of a memorial to the over 70 airman who died on a mission to Norway during the last stages of the war.

\*\*\*\*\* A report is given on the front page of this edition of the 'Advertiser' together with a picture showing retired Group Captain Peter Ilberry who unveiled the memorial and who came from Australia for the event. While stationed at Dallachy he was a Flight Sergeant in the Royal Australian Air Force . Also shown in the picture is Lennox Community Councillor of Upper Dallachy who was the main person behind the plane. **More photographs are shown on page 4.**

**Thistle start well** - Buckie Thistle won their first game of season 1992/93 when they beat Inverness Thistle in Inverness by four goals to nil. The Thistle team was – Innes, Keith, Bruce, Mathieson, Fettes, Robertson, Gibson, Still (Ord), Clark, McPherson, Findlay (Galbraith).

**The Great Keith Show** will take place on Sunday and Monday 9 and 10 August.

Aug 11 **Some advertisers** - Décor Scene- Wallpaper Sale , 41 West Church Street.  
B.M. G. Roofing, Tiling, Slating Bruce Mitchell and Murray Geddes.  
Tutti Fruitti - Café Bar, 17 High Street. Meals served 10am till 7pm

**New appointee** - John Craig took over from Alex Barr as President of the Rotary Club.

**Duff House, Banff is to be converted into a country house gallery** following the signing of an agreement by Historic Scotland, Banff and Buchan District Council, Grampian Regional Council and the National Galleries of Scotland.

**RAF Dallachy photograph** - these shows a number of Canadian ground staff airman taken during the war at Dallachy. Very few photographs were taken and we are indebted to Isabel Harrison for lending us this one.

Aug 18 **Local horse owners scored successes at Keith Show.** Cammy Hendry and his daughter Colleen of Hendry Terrace took second and fourth in his section while Wendy and Jennifer McLean, Redburn Farm, Drybridge, took second and third with their Shetlands.

**'List bonnie laddie and come awa wi me'** This is the song that two local soldiers , L/Cpl Neil Sandison Lintmill, Cullen and Gordon McLean of the Gordon Highlanders might have been singing as they were both home in their home area as part of a recruitment campaign.

**The Rovers couldn't emulate the Thistle.** They lost their first game of the new season quite heavily by seven goals to two away from home to Nairn St Ninians. The

Rovers ` team was Brindle, R, Smith, Tait, Innes, B. Slater, Campbell, Wood, Nicol, Kirkwood, (M. Slater), M. Smith and Redford. Sub. Trialist.

**A member of the Thistle team of the 50's dies** - Bobby Jeffrey, a member of famous Jag's side of the 1950's died on Saturday August 8 of a heart attack. He kept his position at left half in a team which picked itself week after week for months on end.

**Portgordon woman's proud feat** - Barbara Green, Portgordon won the Scottish Women's Singles Bowls title to bring the award to this area for the first time ever. The competition took place at Ayr.

Aug 25 **Big fire at local shipyard** - The joinery and carpenters shop at the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie was gutted when a major fire took place on Friday morning. Five fire engines tackled the blaze.

**Heroine returns** - Barbara Green received a rapturous welcome when she returned home to Portgordon after her triumph in the women's bowls championships held in Ayr. A photograph on the front page shows her holding the trophy, a magnificent rose bowl given to the SWBA in 1936. Mrs Green is the first woman from the north to have won it.

**Folk with green fingers** - Mrs Janet Diverty, 8 Redburn Drive, Buckpool won the trophy for the Best Kept Council House garden. Second was Mrs Elsie McKay 13 Scott Terrace, Buckie with Alan Forsyth, 16 Redburn Drive third.

**New minister for the Methodist Church** - The new minister of the Methodist Church in Portgordon and Buckie is Rev Paul Jackson. He and his wife Karen have taken up residence in the manse on Titness Street. They have come to Buckie from Louth in Lincolnshire

Sept 1 **Maritime Heritage Centre** - A sketch diagram on the front page of the 'Advertiser' of this date shows a cross section through the proposed Maritime Heritage Centre. 'The Buckie Drifter' will form the main feature. A report read - Assuming that there are no unexpected delays the Buckie Maritime Heritage Centre will be up and running by 1904.

**Not everyone was in agreement with the site** - Derek Horrobin, a member of Buckie Community Council in a letter said how the site for the Centre had been badly chosen, and this for a number of reasons, not least the distance one would have to walk from the car park. He suggested that the former Community Centre on West Church Street would have been a much better choice if it was intended that visitors to the Centre would later spend some time in the shops, the Peter Anson Picture Gallery and the Fishing Heritage Museum, all of which were close by.

**Probus Club** - When member of Buckie and District Probus Club met for their August lunch meeting in the Commercial Hotel they had as guest speaker Ewen Cattanach from Cardhu Distillery whose subject was naturally -Whisky. He said how whiskies were known as Highland, Lowland, Speyside, West Coast and Islands depending on where they were produced. All whiskies had a distinctive taste with the geology of the area and the water being important constituents. Water differed if it came from a spring or from a trapped source underground. He brought along a number of different malts from members to try, including one that cost over £500 in Thailand.

**Rotary Club** - The guest speaker this week was Genc Celo an Albanian electronics engineer who described his native country and described life for its people.

Sept 8 **Piper earns fame** - A young Buckie piper is making a name for himself in north piping circles and has amassed a large array of trophies in the past 12 months. Ian Smith 70 Milton Drive has been playing the pipes for a number of years getting early

tuition from Sinclair Longmore and has played with the Bishopmill Pipe Band for the past four years.

He is aged 16.

(At Christmas 2005 Ian became engaged to a girl from the isle of Lewis. They both live in Dorset.)

**They were the ones that made and sold Young's shortbread** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows six quines who used to work in Young the bakers on West Church Street. They are all named with their married names in brackets - Violet Stewart(Brady), Agnes Henderson (Cowie), Rita Thom (Cormack), Isobel Jappy (Geddes), Thera Geddes (Geddes), and Nancy Cormack (Robertson).

**Pub in the Square** is the name of a pub that has opened in the property on Cluny Square partly occupied by Bill Forbes the 'Lightning Barber' and the bank at the corner. Later the corner shop became a TV shop then later a coffee shop before it was taken over by Christies (Fochabers) who owned the Cluny Hotel and turned the former barber's shop area and corner into a coffee shop and bar.

**As they were** - A large photograph, found on page 17, shows the staff on Thorn Lighting factory in 1952.

**The Veterans of the 6<sup>th</sup> Bat. G. H.** - A photograph shows the surviving members of the disbanded 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Gordon Highlanders who met for a reunion in the Buckie Royal British Legion Club last week.

Sept 15 **Garage owner dies** - The death took place of John Milne, Cameron Crescent, a partner in the family business of Regency Oils and Regency Car Sales, which was established in 1957 along with his brother Stephen.

**Computer and Electronic Repairs and Sales Service** - Moray Micro Computing - Clochan 377.

Sept 27 **A monster eel** - A four foot long conger eel attacked a diver who was involved in work under pinning the piers at Findochty harbour. It was later hooked and brought to the surface. The diver said that a number of smaller eels had been noticed swimming about but this monster shot out of a hole and attacked his helmet giving him quite a scare.

**Auchintae Farm Shop, Arradoul** - Perennial plants and fresh vegetables - Open Friday and Saturday from 10am till 4pm

**Record entry for Cat Show** - No less than 105 cats have been entered for the Cat Show to be held in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 26 September.

**For sale the former Community Centre.** This was previously the West Church, situated partly on West Church Street and Cluny Place.

**Tutti-Frutti, 17 High Street, The Original Café Bar.** Had an advert taking up the whole of one page of the 'Advertiser' Friday 25 September there is to see the introduction of new menu with a lot of more tasteful dishes.

**Community Council complains** - At the recent meeting of the community council members were most annoyed that there was no room for any members on the board of the proposed Buckie Maritime Heritage Centre and saw this as being a 'a real slap in the face'.

The chairman, Sandy Stewart, said how he felt that it was to be sited in completely wrong place for which it was intended to sponsor, shops and cafes etc.

Councillor Gordon McDonald, Grampian Region, who was present said that Moray Council had got the site at a knock down price but the Region could not give away the Community Centre at a pepper-corn price, it was a valuable property and anyway he said it could not be made to suit the design intended.

**Photo of Champion football team** - The Buckie Wanderers team of 1958/59 are shown in this issue with the players and manager all named – Atholl Reid, James Murray, Edward Bruce, Bill Flett, Robert McKenzie, Ian Brown, Jimmy Leslie (manager), Charles Davidson, John May, Jim Clark, Willie John Cowie, Andrew Cowie, Andrew Cowie and Peter Smith. The team won five trophies and were Juvenile Champions.

**A second football team photo.** This shows Buckie Thistle Youth team. Hay, Malcolm, Walker, Farquhar, Whittaker, Reynolds, J. Mathieson, Huldal, Shewan, Clark, Thomson, Subs – Lorimer, Duncan.

**Now open** – New View House Hotel (Formerly Rathburn House), March Road, Chinese Restaurant. Hang Hing, 'Carry Out' also open at 55 West Church Street.

Sept 29 **She won a prize** – The prize for the best cat in the Grampian and Highland Cat Lovers Group was the long-haired 'Tiger' whose owner is Violet Murray, 1 Milton Drive.

**Now has a Paramedic on the staff** – Buckie Ambulance Station now has a fully qualified paramedic on the staff. He is Charles Napier, 30 West Cathcart Street.

**Probus Club** - The guest speaker at the September meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Dr Bill Jaffrey who gave a talk on Action Research for the Crippled Child. This he illustrated with an excellent video.

**Wedding anniversaries** - 1<sup>st</sup> Cotton; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paper; 3<sup>rd</sup> Leather; 4<sup>th</sup> –Flowers; 5<sup>th</sup>- Wood; 6<sup>th</sup>-Candy; 7<sup>th</sup>- Copper; 8<sup>th</sup>- Bronze; 9<sup>th</sup>- Pottery; 10<sup>th</sup>- Tin; 11<sup>th</sup> – Steel; 12<sup>th</sup> Line; 13<sup>th</sup> – Lace; 14<sup>th</sup>- Ivory; 15<sup>th</sup> –Crystal; 20<sup>th</sup> –China; 25<sup>th</sup>- Silver; 30<sup>th</sup>- Pearl; 35- Coral; 40- Ruby; 45<sup>th</sup> –Sapphire; 50<sup>th</sup>- Golden; 55<sup>th</sup> – Emerald; 60<sup>th</sup> – Diamond.

Oct 6 **Quiz Evening** - The Friends of Seafield Hospital are to hold a Quiz Challenge Evening in the Fishermen's Hall. On Friday 6 November. Tickets cost £3 this includes a stovie supper.

**He was Harbourmaster** - The death took place of Retired Portknockie and Findochty harbourmaster, Wm. Wilson, 21 Reidhaven Street, Portknockie. he died in Spynie Hospital, Elgin on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Club gets face-lift** - Buckie Thistle Social Club, the former Volunteer or Drill Hall on West Church Street underwent extensive refurbishment. Involved was re-decoration, floor coverings, bar renewed and joiner work.

**Cat Show** – The sponsors and organisers of the recent Cat Show were John and Jean Nicol, Hillocks Cattery, Inchgower. They said how they were very well pleased with how everything had gone – there was a record entry and they had had lots of visitors.

**Rotary Club** – The speaker at Buckie Rotary lunch time meeting, held in the Marine Hotel, was Stanley Flett, Area Manager of the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Oct 13 **You can save money** – Senior Citizens in Grampian will be able to travel for 1/5 of the normal adult fare from January 1 1993. the existing concession is presently a ¼ fare on bus and train.

**Lack of numbers force organisation to fold** - The Buckie branch of Save The Children Fund has folded. It was begun in the town 12 years ago and for a time was very active. In the last five years the committee raised £16,000. The rules of the Fund say that for a Branch to operate it must have 14 committee members and by the beginning of this year the number was down to 7. There is still a branch in Elgin to which any donations should be sent. The organisation exists to care for children who may be suffering from lack of food or shelter.

**'Look Back to the Past'** - Matt Shortt a member of Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society who had written this column for a long time was missing this week.

Oct 20 **She lays down her pointer** - After 38 years teaching at St Peter's Primary School, the past five years as Head, Mrs Ena Garden has retired. She received a gift of leather luggage and matching accessories, an ideal gift for someone who is currently president of the Travel Club. She got a lot more presents from pupils of all classes and the Nursery School also a framed poem composed in her honour by Isabel Harrison. (Ena moved to Australia where her married son Kevin also lives.)

**Fry Inn goes mobile** - Leslie Craib owner of the Fry Inn for the past 11 years put a trailer on the road. The trailer with heating appliance inside is designed to bring fast food hot pizzas, costing over £10 to your door.

Oct 27 **The fishing scene** - A lean time in the run up to Christmas looks to be in store for local fishermen, following the Government's decree that boats in membership of the Scottish Fishermen's Organisation should stop catching haddocks and cod in the North Sea.

However with plenty of squid about and still some available fish in the sea Buckie skippers were carrying on fishing last week in the hope of making a few pounds.

**Versatile Windows** - Planning application has been submitted for the erection of new offices, a reception and workshops at Swellend, Deskford.

Fish landings - 34 boats landed last week 914 boxes of white fish, 351 boxes of prawns, 30 boxes of shrimps and 150 bags of scallops.

The boats were - Craighall, Regent Bird, Elegant, Aurelia, Suilven, Ocean Way, Accord, Heathery Brae, Sheroba, Mistletoe, Rival, Integrity, Ardelle, Flowing Stream, Altair, Internos, Intrepid, Moray Endeavour, Quest, Anna Bhan, Fortuna, Kedana, Solstice, Crystal River, Margo, Crimond, Dalma, Sherona, Bounty, Heather Sprig, Janeen, Pisces, Regal Star and Headway.

Nov 3 **Given the Go-Ahead** - Moray District Council gave the thumbs up to the plans for a Nursing Home in Buckie by a vote of 10 to 6.

**Coffee Mornings were popular** with three taking place this coming Saturday. One was in the All Saints Church Hall, one in the North Church ran by the Guild while St Peter's PTA was to run one in the school hall. Tickets at all three cost 60p.

**Only a picture in a frame** - Isabel Harrison penned a few lines as she thinks of the uncle that she never knew who was killed with the Gordon Highlanders during the Great War 1914-1918. He was John Albert Garden, her mother's brother. Remembered always on Remembrance Sunday.

Nov 10 **Remembrance Sunday** - A large crowd turned out to watch the ceremony at the War Memorial and were blessed by a day of glorious sunshine.

**Buckpool man honoured** - Stephen Matheson, 14 Seaview Road, received the Royal Humane Citation for rescuing a woman from drowning in Buckie harbour in August 17 1991. The award was presented by Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Moray, Councillor Eddie Aldridge.

**Sent home to think again** - Grampian Regional Council under great pressure from Milne's Primary School Action Group are to give second thoughts to the reinstatement of the former Milne's High School, a listed building, as a basis for a new Primary School.

**Former Buckie Town Clerk** - John Riddel, a native of Mosstodloch, graduate in Law from Aberdeen University, and former Town Clerk of Buckie from 1968 till 1974 died at his home in Inverurie aged 67.

**Flower Show AGM** - President John Grant made reference to the sad passing of Mrs Amy Duncan who had been a founder member of the Flower Show. He went on to say that despite a poor year weather wise the Show had been a success, financial and other wise.

The officials were returned en bloc namely – President John Grant, secretary, Beryl Sankey. Treasurer, Wilma Baxter. Show Manager, Jeff Duguid, Staging Manager, Bill Milne.

Nov 17 **Friends vice-chairman steps down** - the Friends of Seafield Hospital were disappointed to learn at the November meeting that their vice-chairman, Gordon Mackay had decided to resign. He gave as his reason the fact that he was involved in too many public activities which were playing too big a part in his life and that it was time to do an appraisal.

**Dallachy Airfield War Memorial** - Moray District Council agreed to look after the memorial which would cost £150 per year.

**Christmas Lights** - The Chamber of Commerce decided to give the town another fine display this year despite the facts that vandalism done to the display last year had cost £600 to rectify.

**Rover's player receives tankard** - A photograph shows David 'Pecos' Mackay receiving a tankard from Buckie Rover's youngest player, Mark Wood prior to the game on Saturday against Forres Thistle which ended in a draw of one goal each. Pecos while still holding his place in the team reached the age of forty.

The Rovers' team was – Brindle, McGettrick, R. Smith, Innes, Mackay, B. Slater, M. Smith, Nicol, Wood, M. Slater (Duthie), Gault. Sub. Paterson

Nov 24 **'Speakers' come out on top again** - A team from Buckie Speaker's Club together with their wives won the Quiz Challenge ran by the Friends of Seafield Hospital for the second year running.

The team members were – George Campbell and Nan, Brian Wilkinson and Betty, George Thow and Veronica and Michael Watt and Gerardine

**Opening announcement** - Buckie's newest chip shop, 'Coasters' has opened next door to the 'Jelly Bean' at 42 West Church Street. Both businesses belong to John and Lorna Wielewski. They previously had 'John's Place' in Portgordon later moving to Yuill Avenue.

Dec 1 **Latest book from Portsoy author** - James Slater, Portsoy has published his latest book, a book of poems titled 'Poems from a Pensioner's Pen'

**The Christmas Tree on Cluny Square** was donated this year by Eric Smith skipper and owner of the fishing boat Rhodella

**Scottish Junior Cup** - Buckie Rovers played away to Lanark United in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Scottish Junior Cup and lost the tie by 1 goal to nil. 'Sonny Johnston' 'The Bow Bard' was present and wrote the report. In this we read his quip which has now become famous "A tea bag bides langer in a cup that the Rovers."

Dec 8 **Buckie's private nursing home** – The proposal to build a private nursing home on land adjacent to the Linzee Gordon Park which lies outside of the present Buckie town boundary has led to strong difference of opinion between Grampian Region and Moray District Council.

It will now be up to the Secretary of State for Scotland to determine which council will have the final say on whether or not the home will be built on the site. (It was built and named Parklands Nursing Home.)

**Shipyard gains an order** - Jones Buckie Shipyard have been given an order to build a pilot harbour launch for Peterhead Port Services. This is the first order for a new boat since the amalgamation of the two ship-building firms Herd and Mackenzie and Jones.

**Probus Club speaker** - The guest speaker at the December lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club which took place in the Commercial Hotel was Andy Wells, Countryside Ranger with the Crown Estates at Glenlivet. In addition to imparting some interesting information about the area he also showed some excellent colour slide of the area.

**The Travel Club** – Miss Fiona McLean and Mrs Moira Smith spoke to the members of the Travel Club at their meeting last week and told them of their mission to Romania earlier this year and especially about the many children in the orphanages.

Dec 15 A trophy for Buckie Thistle - Buckie Thistle won the Aberdeenshire Shield when they beat Huntly by three goals to two at Kynoch Park Keith on Wednesday evening. The team was Innes, Smart, Bruce, Mathieson, Taylor, Robertson, Fettes, Still, Clark, McPherson and Galbraith. Sub. Gibson and Keith. Huntly got revenge three days later when they beat the Thistle by three goals to nil in a league game.

**Susan won a poetry competition** - Susan Paterson, a senior pupil at Buckie High School won a poetry competition with a poem written in the Doric she called 'Ma' Thistle' This **is found on page 17.**

Dec 22 **Councillor resigns** - The vice-chairman of Buckie Community Council , Mr Roy Shepherd resigned from the council when he took exception to previous adopted policies concerning the dates of meetings being overturned . Sandy Stewart, Chairman, said that he accepted that it was his fault that the meeting date had been changed and also offered his resignation, having his letter all written out. Both Mr Shepherd and Mrs Stewart were asked to re-consider their resignation but only Mr Stewart did so.

**Girls receive praise** - Gordon Packman in a letter reminisces of a Christmas Eve service he attended in the South Church , Buckie forty years before when a choir of fifteen senior girls from Buckie High School sang carols much to the delight of the congregation . This he said was the first Christmas when fairy lights were shown after the black out of the war.

Dec 29 **A contribution from Isabel Harrison** - Isabel writes a few lines of poetry and titles this 'Equal Opportunities ' with a Christmas and Nativity theme.

**Charlie the Cullen hermit** - A couple from Berks, England wrote a letter to the 'Advertiser' with memories of yester-year. Enclosed was a photograph of Charlie taken outside his 'home' near the beach west of Cullen harbour.

**Findochty Salvation Army band** - The recovery of a drum that once had formed part of the Salvation Army Band many years ago encouraged someone to hunt out a photograph of the band taken at the turn of the twentieth century. **This is found on page 14.**

