

## 2013

- Jan. 1 **Top Award for Young Dynamic Lady** - There was a perfect end to the year 2012 for one local martial arts instructor when she was presented with a prestigious award. Taking the sportscotland Moray Coaching Awards Disability Coach of the year trophy recently was 19 years old Kimberley Clarke, who is head instructor at Dynamic Taekwondo in Buckie. She was also short listed for the Coach of the year award. For her achievements she was handed an engrave glass trophy and two certificates. Not only is she the youngest coach to have taken the Disability Coach of the year title she is also believed to be the youngest Taekwondo coach in the country. It was a great achievement for a club, which up to then had still to celebrate its first birthday.
- Together on Christmas Day** - As they have done now for some years past the local corps of the Salvation Army hosted a Christmas meal for those who would otherwise have been on their own. Captain Caroline Buchanan thanked the many people who made cash donations and also provided gifts of food towards the meal.
- Jan 8 **To unite** - The dawn of 2013 has seen a major local employer unveil plans a multi-million pound investment boost. Bold plans by Associated Seafoods Ltd. who own both Lossie Seafoods and Moray Seafoods in Buckie will see the two production sites merged at the latter's Low Street plant although the two brands will remain separate. Moray Seafoods has now moved out of the breaded scampi market in order to have a sharper focus on quality shellfish, such as langoustines, langoustine tails, crabs and scallops. The space freed up by this move in the factory will accommodate Lossie Seafoods smoked salmon production.
- Jan 15 **Findochty photograph** - In page 12 of this edition one can find a good photograph taken of the chemist shop, which once belonged to Edward Fraser who later had a shop in Buckie. The staff are seen posing in front of the premises with one of them uncannily like Sinclair Cowie who would later own/lease the shop. The premises would later become the village library.
- Harbour log** - Two fishing boats called into Cluny harbour last week to land their catches. In totals this comprised, 62 boxes of white fish, prawns and squid together with 390 bags of scallops. One cargo vessel paid a visit to the port. This was the British-registered MV Martin that came in from Ipswich with a cargo of sugar beet weighing 1131.740 tonnes on board. . When she left again, bound for Bruges in Belgium, she was carrying 951.020 tonnes of animal feeding pellets.
- Fochabers - Milne's High School** - Headteacher Carol Stuart left at the end of term to take up the post of Headteacher at Forres Academy. Buckie man, Alan McIntosh, who has served as a teacher at Fochabers for over twenty years will act as Acting Headteacher in the interim until a new Headteacher is appointed.
- Jan 22 **Portgordon Spy Story.** This was retold by the grandson of the railway porter Johnny Geddes, John McIntosh, he feels did not receive the credit he should have done, See front page.
- New PT Guidance** - Mrs. Isabelle Annand was appointed PT Guidance as of January 10 2013. . She had been in the post in an Acting capacity since last November.

**Magnificent Millbank** - Millbank Primary School Nursery have made their own piece of history after they scored the maximum grade-'Excellent' across the board in an inspection report.

Jan 22 **End of an era** – The curtain came down on the last ties between the Eckersley family and Moray Seafoods recently when former Director Grant Eckersley bid farewell.

Grant along with his brother James ran the firm until Associated Seafoods Ltd. took it over, along with Lossie Seafoods in the summer of 2011.

Moray Seafoods was founded by Mr Eckersley's father, Charles Eckersley OBE, a Manchurian who moved to Buckie in the 1950's and started trading as a fish merchant. He noticed that many of the varieties of shellfish that were regarded as economically useless by Buckie fishing vessels, such as prawns and scallops, were in fact the same species he had enjoyed whilst completing his National Service in Palestine. He seized the opportunity to exploit this gap in the market and from 12958 onwards built up a thriving processing and packing business, which eventually expanded to include factories as far afield as Barcelona and Alicante in Spain.

Jan 29 **Radical plans for Portgordon foreshore** - Part of the Portgordon foreshore could be transformed thanks to proposals unveiled last Saturday in the village hall when a full house of interested residents met to hear what was being proposed.

On hand to present this outline vision for the future and to gain local views on it were landowner Gemma Campbell and local architect and planner Dr Nick Brown. Chairing the meeting was Lennox Community Council Secretary Arthur Fearnley.

The proposals are that a strip of land running from the edge of the harbour along the shore to the Gollachy Burn could play host to a boatyard and boat store, a restored ice house complete with a café, three wind turbines - one for community use - and up to 14 houses.

Feb 5 **Drugs in Buckie** - Police have netted over £50,000 - worth of drugs after swooping on a house in Buckie.

Officers executing a search warrant descended on a property in the town's Harbour Street last Thursday, seizing amphetamines worth up to £48,000 and a further £4,000-worth of cannabis resin.

Three people have been charged in connection with the seizure-

Two males aged 39 and 49 and one female aged 31 - all from the local area.

**SEVENTEEN has closed** - The café cum gaming establishment known as SEVENTEEN at number 17 West Church Street owned by John Wileskwi and his family for the past seven years closed at the end of the month with a notice on the door stating this adding that it had been sold.

In local papers the following week among the planning applications was found one for a change of use at number 17 to a café, restaurant Take Away.

**Probus Club Burns Lunch** - A report is found in this edition of the special lunch held in the Marine Hotel last Thursday to celebrate the anniversary of Scotland's national poet. Members who took part in the proceeding, which was set in motion by the President, Bill Cecil who had welcome to a party of 70 members wives and friends.

Members of club who took an active part in the celebrations were - Hugh Patience firstly with the Selkirk Grace before Alex Bruce gave the address 'Tae the Haggis'. He was followed by Jim Pirrie, who gave a brief introduction, of the birth of Robert Burns while James Alexander on the violin played softly the air 'There was a Lad was born in Kyle' More music was provided by James Alexander in company with John Rennie. On the banjo The two poems - 'My Love is Like a Red Red Rose' and 'John Anderson Ma Jo' were recited by Bill Hunter, 'To a Louse' by John Legge and 'Ae Fond Kiss' by Allan Fraser. The only lady to take part was Mrs. Elsie Jamieson who gave us 'What Can a Young Lassie Dae'.

The last part of the entertainment was given by Jim Pirrie who recited part of the poem that the poet had written for his own Epitaph entitled 'The Ending o It'

It seemed to be most appropriate since following this Jim intimated that this would be the last Burns lunch that he would organise but expressed the hope that the club would continue to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns in a similar manner in the future. Mr. Pirrie, an Ayrshire man and a Burns enthusiast, it was unanimously agreed, will be missed, not only had he organised

the event over the past few years but had compiled colourful and informative programme/ booklets on Burns on each occasion and given to each one present. Steve Liley gave the vote of thanks.

**Easton marks Jags Programme Milestone** - Two decades of charting the ups and downs of Buckie Thistle will be celebrated this week by the club's programme editor Easton Thain. Easton is also the club's historian, secretary for two years and even President for a spell.

Easton wrote a book a number of years ago tracing the history of his beloved; Jags' entitled 'Happy Times at The Old Vic.' and is meantime engaged in another along similar lines.

Feb 12

**Future of local libraries in jeopardy** - Moray Council budget cuts could see three local libraries sacrificed, it has emerged.

Proposals due to be set before elected members this coming week will detail options to close the libraries of Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen, among others across Moray a move which it is estimated would save £200.

**Clochan went on the air** - A hundred years of amateur radio enthusiasm was celebrated last week at a special exhibition held in Clochan Community Centre (The former Enzie Public School).

From Friday through to Sunday Moray Firth Amateur Radio Society were on hand to hold the special event marking the centenary of the Radio Society of Great Britain.

Bill Cecil, President of the local radio club said how he had been asked by the Radio Society if we would put on an exhibition as part of the celebrations, which we were delighted to do. Among those who called at Clochan was Allan Fraser who did his National Service with the RAF as a wireless operator and was pleased to have the opportunity to see if he could use still remember the Morse code and use the key. He could but admit that his sending wasn't up to scratch being a bit 'ham-handed'.

Over the three days the members of club had 700 contacts with hams world wide with the furthest away being Australia.

Other things of interest on show was a collection of the earliest TV's and radio sets also radio gimmicks, sets found in all kind of unlikely objects including coco cola tins. These belonged to collectors and MFARS members John Rennie and Steve Liley

**Cash boost for All Saints Church** - All Saints Church in Buckie was celebrating a three-figure boost to its renovation plans thanks to one of its members

Caroline Fowler recently handed over a cheque for £850 to All Saints priest Canon Jeremy Paisey, the sum being the proceeds from her second booklet of poems "Mair Ramblins o' a Buckie Quine: Ca Canny'

The money has been ear marked to be added to the appeal to create a wheelchair accessible toilet in the church hall.

Feb 19

**ye shidna really be here and we winna be lang** - Four foreign nationals have been discovered working illegally in a Buckie restaurant following a raid by the UK Border Agency. Acting on intelligence officers targeted the Chinatown Restaurant at 52 West Church Street last Thursday. After the immigration status of staff were checked, two Chinese men along with a Chinese woman and a Malaysian man were found to be working illegally. It could mean a fine of up to £30,000 for the owners of the restaurant

**He had a Sparkie business - Brian** Davidson the youngest of a family of nine, whose father Roddy was a painter at a local shipyard died at his home in Fenny Drayton on February 3 aged 63. An electrician to trade who served his time with Campbell and Isherwood, who at one time had a base in Buckie he later joined ranks with fellow worker to form the firm of Thain and Davidson in 1971. At one time the firm had 80 employees and completed contracts over a wide area. The tough economic climate of the 1980's saw the firm go under when Mr Davidson and his family moved south to Coventry where he obtained a position as regional manager with the regional electricity board. He would later go into business himself, the firm that he set up has subsequently grown considerably.

His funeral service took place in St Peter's Church on February 19

**Poetry boost for heart charity** Local man Edward Mitchell wrote a book of poetry in English and Doric entitled 'Straight Fae the Hert' copies of which were sold in aid of British Heart foundation. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who bought the book £820 was raised for the charity.

**Budget cuts dismay** The decisions made by the Independent-Conservative ruling group on Moray Council to claw back some money was received with both horror and dismay when they were made public. One of the decisions made was to axe their public transport subsidy, which it WA said would save £320,000.

One of the services which has fallen victim to the slaughter of the services is the 309, ran by Deveron Coaches, which is the only direct link connecting the Buckie area and Keith, including the railway station there. With this removal people in the rural area between the two towns, say Arradoul and Aultmore will be left without any public links whatsoever.

The other decision made that was met with fury is the closure of three local libraries at Findochty, Cullen and Portknockie, out of a total of seven all faced with the chop in a bid to eventually save £357,000. One thing that rankled people was the decision to close seven libraries was at least partly made from the answer received from a sample of 100 teenagers, who it is known are not the main customers of the libraries. Where people go for much more than to borrow books.

Feb 26

**St Gregory's Preshome - There** was plenty to celebrate last week for a local church when it was announced that they had been awarded over £90,000 for repair works. Funding prayers were answered for the members of St Gregory's Preshome R.C. Clochan, near Buckie when they learnt that they had been successful in their bid for £92,800 to allow work to the church roofs to strengthen parts of the structures, resolve problems of water ingress and initiate beneficial natural ventilation. Half the cash has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund with the rest awarded by Historic Scotland.

**Long service recognised** - A Buckie stalwart has been recognised for his long service and dedication to Buckie Community Council. James, Jim to some, Smith was last week presented with a long service certificate by Councillor Joe Mackay in honour of 26 years of loyalty to the Community Council. For the past seven years James has held the position of Chairperson before that he was vice chairperson for many years.

**Victoria Bowling Green.** Over the years the members of this bowling green haven't had their troubles to seek what with subsidence and slippage. They have now mounted a project to raise the £30,000 they believe will be necessary to pay for the work of dealing completely with subsidence that has been a plague for many years. The members hope to raise a percentage of the sum themselves with the remainder coming from other sources, such as grants. The green will be put in order for the coming season with the work hopefully being done once that is past.

Mar 5

**Baxter's boss passes on** - The man who made Baxter's Food Group a globe-spanning firm has died, Gordon Baxter, who was 95, passed away on February 22 surrounded by his family. (Story on page 1.)

**A new Police Station** - Local policing celebrated an historic moment last Wednesday when Buckie's brand new police station was officially declared open. The police moved from their site on South West Street into new premises at Moray House on East Cathcart Street next to Buckie Fire Station. Moves to acquire the former Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Building began last summer, with renovations then being undertaken to convert the building to its new purpose.

The ribbon to officially open the building was cut by Grampian Chief constable Colin McKerracher. He was joined by local Police Inspector Louise Blakelock, Superintendent Mark Cooper and Chief Inspector Willie Findlay. This is the fourth police station in Buckie; the first one was on Union Street, now St Peter's Terrace, the second on Banff Street, the third on South West Street and now East Cathcart Street.

**Celebrating an important milestone** - Last Saturday saw the beginning of a very special few months for a local church. The congregation of Findochty's eye-catching, white painted church of Scotland, which stands in splendid isolation atop a hill facing the Moray Firth, will be using the next few months to celebrate the building's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a place of worship, and to get them on their way last Saturday a special thanksgiving service was held. Led by Locum Minister Rev Brian Bain, the church was packed as local worshippers gathered to mark the milestone anniversary.

Local toilets become budget casualties - Five local toilets are set to close apart of Moray Council's budget cuts. Three of the toilets are in Buckie - at the Town House, the fishmarket and at Strathlene, The other two are Cullen harbour and the village's west beach.

The toilets are amongst Th a total of 13 identified for the chop as the Council attempts to shear £30 million from its budget over the next four years.

**Found guilty of heinous crime** There was justice for a Buckie pensioner last Thursday after two men were convicted of attempting to murder him. Pensioner James Robson, 66, has been left unable to eat, speak, walk or talk following a vicious attack last July at his Ianstown home. At Aberdeen High Court, Garry Munro, 30, and his 17 year old stepson Reece Kray were convicted of repeatedly kicking, stamping and punching him on the head and body, The pair will sentenced next month.

Mar 12 **Far will we pit them a'?** Moray Council is about to begin rolling out a further two bins, a blue and a pink, to add to the green and brown one every household already has. The bins have already been distributed to rural areas so now it is the turn of the main centres of population. The Council is of the opinion that more stuff could be recycled hence the bins for different stuff. There is no doubt that four bins will take up a considerable amount of room.

**Cutbacks not well received.** This edition of the 'Advertiser' carried an open letter that had been compiled by the chairpersons of three local community councils, Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen in which they condemn the council cutbacks. The letter lists the negative impacts of the cutbacks, listing those being made especially to libraries, toilets and transport with suggestions as to the way forward. They do recognise that we live in an age of austerity with an undeniable need for fiscal prudence and inevitable public service cut-backs, but feel that there are other places where the cutbacks could have been made. Letters were also received by the local paper from individuals criticising the cutbacks.

**Buckie Shoe Shop for sale** - The Buckie branch of DE Shoes has been put on the market, with hopes that it can be sold as a going concern. The Buckie branch is just one of 31 DE branch shops destined for closure across Scotland.

The DE has had a presence in Buckie since the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They moved into 10 West Church Street in 1903 when George Sutherland moved across the road, previous to that they had a shop on Cluny Square. It is in comparatively recent years that they moved to Mackay's Buildings on East Church Street.

Mar 19 **Bold boating vision for Cullen** - Bold plans, which could see a disused boat store in Cullen transformed into a base for a boating school, were unveiled last Saturday. Cullen Town Hall played host to a public consultation meeting on the proposals, which could also see canoeing and kayaking instruction given at the Small Boat Sailing Project

Mar 2 **Jags aim to change lives** - Buckie Thistle have unveiled plans to use the power of football to positively change the lives in their local community. The club has entered into talks that they hope will lead to facilities at their stadium becoming part of a Community Sports Hub. Work is planned on a new stand at Victoria Park with the existing facility being retained for hospitality and community use. -

**Fishing Heritage Centre** - Monday saw the Buckie Fishing Heritage Centre Ltd. open their doors to the public again for the summer season. The volunteer staff at the Centre has been busy during the winter months implementing various improvements and upgrades for the new season. A new large screen monitor has been installed to enhance the experience for those wishing to view old photos and a new sound system, featuring an induction loop for the hard of hearing has also been put in place.

**Important milestone for church** Members of Portessie Church young and old were present on Friday past to mark a very special anniversary- 100 years since the church was opened. A special cake was baked for the occasion by the Well Road Bakery with the church's oldest member, 96 year old David Johnston was given the honour of cutting the first slice. Church member David Wood made his own very special contribution to the anniversary having produced a book tracking the history of the century old church building entitled 'Portessie Methodist Church - 100 Years of Worship, 1913-2013'

Apr. 2 **Hub creates Commonwealth Legacy** - The Commonwealth Games is set to leave its own legacy in Buckie with the creation of a Community Sports Hub. Hosting the facility will be Buckpool Golf, Sports and Social Club, who changed their name last year from Buckpool Golf Club in order to reflect the range of activities going on there.

**Lost vessel discovered as anniversary approaches** - A Buckie fishing vessel lost over 125 years ago at Fraserburgh has been discovered just prior to the anniversary of its destruction.

March 31 1887 saw the Findochty lugger 'Margaret Flett' BF 1090 condemned to a watery grave whilst trying to enter Fraserburgh harbour in a very heavy storm. The boat foundered about quarter a mile south east of the Broch with the loss of three members of her crew. Nothing had been seen of the remains of the boat until recently when a Stonehaven man came across what looked to be part of a boat on Fraserburgh sands whilst walking his dog. He was interested enough to try to find out more and through research done by different sources it was established that it was the remains of a boat, her name, when she sank and other pieces of information. The Margaret Flett' was owned by David Flett 'Cornel' but where the vessel was built and by whom has yet not been established.

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**Historic Date for Buckie Firefighters** - It was time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future for Buckie's retained firefighters as history was made last week. The local crew's Monday evening training session coincided with what was a momentous day for Scotland's Fire Services with the eight former Brigades, including Grampian, being merged into the country-wide Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

There was a full crew complement of 15 on hand to mark the occasion, including the one lady member.

**The 'Advertiser' launches local news on line** - There is now a new way to follow all your local news, no matter where you may be.

Monday saw the launch of the 'The Banffshire Advertiser's' new website, which offers a chance to glance at what has been happening in and around Buckie.

'Advertiser' Director and Editor Jack Johnston explained: "Every week we'll have snippets from 11 stories which appear in the paper, covering a range of different themes and subjects. If you want to learn more about these stories, you can subscribe to our new e-edition of the paper or, of course, buy a hard copy." To follow the 'Advertiser' on line visit -

**Diamond Wedding - Anniversary** - Family and Friends gathered round to help Bill and Ethel Cecil mark their Diamond Wedding Anniversary at their Oran home.

Married on April 4, 1953, the couple that is both from Milton of Campsie in Stirlingshire first met at a Young Farmers Ball in Kirkintilloch, Dumbarton in 1952. And were married in St David's Memorial Church in Kirkintilloch the following year. When they met Bill was a Corporal in the Royal Signals, serving from 1945-1955. He would later become involved in the radio and television business. The couple moved to this area 52 years ago when Bill secured employment with Hay's of Elgin. Later he would go into business as one half of the Music shop of Cecil and Harvey. He took up a teaching post at a Technical Institute in Saudia Arabia He finished his working life as Manager of the Training Workshop in E Mrs. Cecil worked as a nurse and then spent 11 years working with children with learning difficulties at the Richmond School at Clochan

Apr 16

**Thistle player and manager's sudden death** - Shock and sadness greeted the news last week that former Buckie Thistle manager and player Alan Scott had died. Mr Scott passed away on Wednesday after suffering a heart attack. He was 61.

As manager he took the Jags to the brink of the Highland League title, finishing third in all three of his full seasons at Victoria Park.

**Police change at Buckie station** - There was a new face at the helm in Buckie Police Station last week when Inspector Scott Mann took over the reins. On hand to wish him well last Tuesday was his predecessor, Inspector Louise who enjoyed a year in command of the officers at Buckie and Keith.

**New owners at Glenglassaugh Distillery** - The Benriach Distillery Company recently completed the acquisition of the Glenglassaugh Distillery near Portsoy. Glenglassaugh, one of Scotland's oldest distilleries dating back to 1875, has been purchased from its owners, the Amsterdam-based Lumiere Holdings, for an undisclosed sum. It produces a range of single malt whiskies and currently has the capacity to produce 1.1 million litres of whisky a year.

**Methodist Minister turns author** - If God accepts you nothing else matters- that is the uplifting message at the heart of a local Church Minister's newly launched autobiography. Rev. Martin Keenan, 51, who is the Minister for the Methodist Churches at Buckie, Portessie, Findochty, Cullen

and Banff, unveiled the fruits of two year's labour last Friday in the shape of 'Accepted ...at Last'. The autobiography tells the tale of Rev. Keenan's journey through rejection – beginning with his adoption at the age of eight weeks by a family in Cheshire – to finding acceptance and love in God.

**Lintmill Prizewinner** - A young Lintmill photographer and former pupil of Buckie Community High School, has snapped up a prize at a prestigious photography competition. Eden Brown, 18, was one of only eight people out of over 200 entries to walk away with a prize from the Scottish Civic Trust's My Place Photography Competition in the Secondary School category.

Apr 23

**Art Exhibition proves to be huge draw.** Visitors from far and wide flocked to Buckie Town House last weekend when an inaugural art exhibition was unveiled. Taking its bow for the first time was Buckie Arts and Crafts Group's exhibition, which ran over the course of Saturday and Sunday in the hall upstairs.

Friday evening saw the evening declared officially open by the Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire Clare Russell before an audience of invited guests.

**Sand in more than one's shoes** - Windy conditions last week brought sandstorms to the area, creating a sight that many may have not seen before.

The blowing sand affected most of Moray with the more western parts being extremely badly affected. Tuesday was especially bad with visibility significantly reduced, making driving hazardous. A number of roads were closed with deep drifts of sand; requiring snow ploughs to be used to open them again. In some areas a number of trees were toppled by the strong winds. West from Buckie the soil tends to be sandy in nature and following a long spell of dry weather it was readily whipped up and blown away when the farmers were busily engaged in making the ground ready for planting their grain crops.

**Probus Club Speaker** - - The guest speaker at the April lunch meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Martin Cook from Clochan of the British Trust for Ornithology. He gave an extremely interesting presentation of the recording of breeding birds in the north east of Scotland. On screen with maps, he showed how, with his colleagues, this enormous task was achieved be it on mountaintop, grassland, moor or beach. He also gave advice on how to put a name to all the birds displayed and described the varied habitats where they could be seen in the local area.

**Jags Website Row Erupts** It was difficult to **break** this down **into** a few sentences but on the face of it some recent new members of the Board of Buckie Thistle are bent on creating problems where none should exist. All is certainly not goodness and light at present at Victoria Park. The story covers much of the front page and also part of page 6 where anyone who cares may read of the clochmerle in greater detail. (You may remember that this was concerned with the ramifications that took place following plans to set up a urinal in a French village square.)

**Diamond Wedding celebrations** - A Buckpool couple recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. John and Annie Murray, of St Paul Street. Were married in the Buckie Methodist Church on April 18 1953. Mr Murray originally hailed from Portgordon while Mrs. Murray, whose maiden name was Jamieson hails from the Arradoul area. John served his time as a joiner but finished his working career as Clerk of Works Housing and Technical Services with Moray Council

**And in Portknockie too** - Fred and Kathleen Runcie Diamond Wedding anniversary fell on April 2 but due to a recent hospital stay and ill health the celebrations were saved until last Thursday. The couple first met at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, as did the couple above, and were married in the Drill Hall, Cullen on April 18, 1953. Fred started his working life as a baker later moving to Glenglassaugh Distillery before doing his National Service in the R.A.F. On demob he joined his grandfather at sea and spent 30 years on board the fishing boat Starcrest before retiring. The couple lives in a house on Pulteney Street part of which was part of Addison's bakers with whom he worked as a teenager.

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**Ghost Town Warning** - Cullen risks becoming a ghost town if controversial closure plans encompassing two public toilets, one at the harbour the other at the beach and the local library go ahead. That was the stark warning emerging from a packed public meeting in the Town Hall last Monday evening to consider the community's response to Moray Council's cost-cutting measures.

**Dallachy Anzac Day** - A number of local people turned out to pay tribute to fallen military personnel from Australia and New Zealand on Anzac Day. Dallachy Strike Wing Memorial, Bogmoor, near the

site of the former WWII airbase was the scene of a wreath-laying ceremony in remembrance of the Royal Australian Air Force and Royal New Zealand Air Force servicemen who gave their lives whilst based. Piper Anne Nicholson started the proceedings and the service was led by Wing Commander Chaplain Andrew Hewett. Bugler S.A.C. Emma Collinson played the last Post. The ceremony is organised each year by Lennox Community Council. Wreaths were laid on behalf of a number of organisations with Alan Robertson, Fochabers, representing The Royal British Legion, Buckie.

**New School Rector at Fochabers** - The start of term saw Milne's High School welcome their new Rector. The end of the Easter holidays saw Liz Woods formally take over at the school, succeeding predecessor Carol Stuart at the helm. Holding the fort for three months was acting Rector Alan McIntosh.

**Probus Club** - The annual general meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club took place in the Marine Hotel the previous Thursday. At present, according to the secretary, Bob Jamieson, the membership of the club at present is 51. Four new members had joined during the past year, but sadly four had passed on. The retiring President Bill Cecil gave his report on the past year, mentioning the names of the various guest speakers who it had been a pleasure to listen to, with their subjects being wide and varied. He ended his discourse by saying he had enjoyed the past year made much so by the help he had received from the committee to whom he offered grateful thanks. He also wished the incoming President and committee every success in the coming year. John Smith, who had been treasurer over the past year, gave a clear and concise statement of accounts. The club's finances, he said were healthy and was glad to say that there would be no need to increase the membership fee of £5. This was received with the usual shout of approval. Election of office bearers for the year 2013/2014 produced the following results - President - John 'Ian' Smith; vice president - Allan Fraser, honorary secretary - Bob Jamieson, continuing in office; honorary treasurer - Alex Smith; committee members - George Farquhar, James Reid, Alan McDonald, with retiring President Bill Cecil. Auditor - Alex Hay.

May 7

**CLOCK TURNED BACK** - To mark the 60th anniversary of the charity the staff of the Sue Ryder store on West Church Street Buckie turned back the clock last Wednesday and created a 1950's style tea shop with plenty of customers popping we receive are from that era, so it was easy to use them to decorate in to enjoy both a cup of 'Rosie-lee' and a browse. They were greeted by a volunteer waiter resplendent in black tie attire, adding that extra bit to the ambience. Said Store Manager Karen Duthie: "We wanted to tie in with 1953, the year Sue Ryder was formed, so we decided to do a themed teashop. A lot of donations we receive are from that era so it was easy to use them to decorate the store appropriately. All of the proceeds from the day will go towards the Sue Ryder Care Home at Deeside Court in Aberdeen. This has 22 full-time residents with various neurological conditions who all receive 24-hour care.

**SPORTS CONTEST** - Last Thursday the Fishermen's Hall was the venue for a Disability Sports contest, the first of such to be held in Buckie. The competitors taking part were primary and secondary school pupils with disabilities and special needs from Buckie, Speyside and Lossiemouth areas. Team and individual events followed a morning practice session. Organising the event was Buckie Active Schools Co-ordinator Hein Mijzen. A total of 24 pupils in teams of three took part from a number of schools, each playing boccia. This is a form of French bowls, petanque, and is an official sport in the Paralympics. The afternoon session saw the teams play each other, with the last half hour devoted to individual activities where the pupils were competing for medals. Mr Mijzen said: "This is the first contest like this to be held in Buckie and we're hopeful that we'll be able to expand it in the future to include more teams from across Moray." The event has grown from the formation of a boccia club in Buckie which has grown steadily with the members developing to a high standard, continued Mr Mijzen. We have about eight kids who come along and practice every week. We're always keen to hear from new members."

**SIX HARBOUR WALK** - The annual six harbour walk, from Portsoy to Buckie, a distance of 15 miles, organised by Buckie Rotary Club, on Sunday past, helped by sunny, warm weather turned out to be another outstanding success. A record number of 600 walkers and cyclists took part, coming from as far afield as Norwich, Manchester and East Lothian. The youngest entrant was just 18 months old with the oldest in their 80's. The event marked a first for Val Forman, who took over as Six Harbour Walk Convener from Bill Greig who had been the incumbent for the past four years. Val was naturally delighted at the turnout saying: "It was a bigger turnout than I expected, which I'm

pleased about; I think the good weather played a part in that." A total of five charities are set to share in the sponsorship returns. Last year saw £25,000 raised through the Six Harbour Walk.

May 14

**Dialect study the claik o' the toon** - Buckie's dialect and the ability of its speakers to switch to a 'posh' form of speech when addressing outsiders, is to form the bedrock of a new academic study.

Dr Jennifer Smith, herself a Buckie quine and Senior Lecturer in English Language at Glasgow University, is to lead a team to uncover why increasing numbers of people have developed a dual linguistic identity and are now using two separate dialects in their everyday lives. Known as bidialectalism, the three-year study will seek to investigate the growth of the phenomenon and what the implications could be for the future of linguistics in Scotland. It is thought that increasing bidialectalism is fuelling this dual identity amongst young Scots in particular, many of who still regard speaking differently in their own community as socially unacceptable.

**Classic car show** - Sunday saw the third Buckie Classic Car Show take place at the Linzee Gordon Park. Vehicles and bikes of all shapes, sizes and vintages headed for Buckie with over 300 turning up on the day. The number of spectators was considerably higher than last year helped by the weather that remained dry if a little cold. The organisers Charlie McIntosh, Ian Ross and Charlie McIntosh Jnr. were pleased with the way things had panned out.

**Fantastic Fun Day at Aurora** - May Day was a fun day at the Aurora Restaurant at Strathlene recently when a successful fundraiser was held. The courtyard at the restaurant was packed through the day as the Family Fun Day got underway, with the proceeds going to the Buckie Lyric Theatre Group.

The Theatre Group are to stage two shows shortly - 'Bugsy Malone' which is set to run on Wednesday and Thursday June 5-6 and 'Blood Brothers' set to enjoy a three-day stretch from Thursday to Saturday June 13- 15.

**Springbank Football Tournament** - Young footballers from far and wide, including Tayside and Fort William descended on Buckie last weekend to pit their skills against one another at the annual Springbank Tournament. Merson Park once again was the venue for a warm welcome to hundreds of players, ranging from P1 level right up to U15. Two girls teams from Buckie joined in the football fun. The tournament, which is run by Buckie Thistle Football Development this year saw 70 teams in the Primary Section come along with 30 or so doing likewise in the Youth section.

May 21

**Boost for Ardach Friends** - Second year pupils at Buckie Community High School showcased a series of presentations last week as they competed for a cash boost for a local charity. Pupils had been working on the Youth Philanthropy Initiative in their PSE, RME and Modern Studies classes with the most compelling presentation receiving £3000 for their chosen charity. The project involves pupils in understanding what philanthropy is about, identifying social issues then, working in smaller groups they had to focus on a particular area of social need and research a local charity which works to address that need.

The winning team was made up of Camryn Mair, Lauren Hay, Amy Lewis and Ellie Rogers and they were thrilled to be able to present the cash prize to Practice Manager at Ardach Health Centre Anne Sim on behalf of Friends of Ardach. (A photograph of the girls appears in this edition of the *Advertiser*.)

**Historic Cullen Hotel for Sale** - The Seafield Arms Hotel, which is currently boarded up having closed its doors on June 12 2011, has been put up for sale at a figure of £490,000. The 26 bed-roomed hotels include a public house and owner's accommodation. It has a large off-street parking area capable of accommodating 20 cars. The Earl of Seafield originally built the Seafield Arms Hotel in 1822.

**School Librarian Retires** - Buckie Community High School said farewell to a much respected, long serving member of staff last week.

Librarian, Mrs. Sarah Marsh, Elgin, retired after working for 19 years in the school library and last Tuesday a celebration was held to mark her retirement, with colleagues, past and present gathering to wish her all the best.

**Gordon Castle Highland Games** - Up to and beyond 8000 people attended the 2013 Highland Games and Country Fair held at Gordon Castle, Fochabers, on Sunday. The day followed an action

packed programme that provided something for all the family. The day featured many displays and over 70 trade stands. This was the third Highland Games etc., to be held at Gordon Castle since they were resurrected in 2010.

May 28

**(Term Day) There were no flittings, however, to be seen in the town the day as there would have been in days gone by, nor were there any noticeable presence of farm workers celebrating the end of their engagement term and spending their fee.**

**Not a busy harbour** - During the past week only the one fishing boat, Blue Sky, called into Cluny harbour to land its catch, which comprised 24 boxes of white fish, prawns and squid. One cargo vessel paid a visit. The MV Eems Sky, a Dutch-registered vessel arrived from Cork in Ireland with 1893.280 tonnes of malt on board. She left again, light, bound for Aberdeen.

**For Firefighters read Car-washers** - A charity car wash held at Buckie Fire Station last weekend proved to be a great success. For a donation visitors to the event could have their car washed while enjoying some refreshments. A total of 3571 was raised and the money will go to the Firefighter's Charity and local charities.

**Crossover the bridge** - One was reminded of the words of an old song when reading a report of a new bridge that had been opened at Fochabers. The Burn o' Fochabers Woodlands Community Trust welcomed the arrival of an attractive new footbridge which it is hoped will be enjoyed by the wider community.

The new timber bridge crosses the Fochabers Burn, linking Murrayfield with the Milne's Primary School playing fields.

The foundations were designed by George Turnbull, Director of the Burn o' Fochabers Woodlands Trust, and the bridge was designed and installed by Yorkshire-based CTS Bridges. Work began on Tuesday of last week with a heavy crane used to lower the bridge beams into place. Construction of the timber deck and hand railings followed and the bridge was in place by Friday.

June 4

**Debut author offers new twist.** The fantasy genre has been given a unique twist by a local author as he unveiled his debut novel last week.

May 31 saw 34-year-old Cullen writer Rory B. Mackay proudly present 'Elmaria', a blend of fantasy and sci-fi he believes reaches beyond the standard sword and sorcery fare which comprises much of the genre.

June 11

**Rovers were represented** - Gary Innes, and Paul Robertson of Buckie Rovers F.C. were at Hampden Park, Glasgow on Tuesday June 4 when they played in a charity match for Tartan Army Children's Charity. They won places in the 16-strong squad through an on-line auction run by 'The Sun' newspaper and Carling. Amongst those playing for the Away Select, managed by Jim Duffy, were Andy Goram, Michael Stewart, Bob Malcolm, Alan Mahood and Rab MacKinnon. Gary's team manager Craig Brown chose him as captain and the game ended in a 3-1 win for the Away team.

**Book boost for Spire Fund** - Turning books into cash was the order of the day for a dedicated fund-raising team from St Peter's Church.

Last Friday and Saturday saw a bibliophile's dream unfold in Buckie Baptist Church Hall in a bid to raise around £300,000 for major renovations recently completed at the historic church. It is believed that in excess of £600 was raised by the venture.

**Towards the memorial** - A unique memorial is finally to have signposting erected indicating its location.

October 2012 saw the monument to the Land Army girls unveiled by Prince Charles at a site on the summit of the 'Station Brae' near the hamlet of Clochan. However, a few months later reports were received that visitors were going astray trying to find its location, adjacent to a minor road, due to a lack of signage. Two signs are to be erected this week, one on the B9016 Buckie to Keith road with the other to be sited in Clochan itself.

June 18

**Three score and syne anither 15** it was time to celebrate last week at Portessie Primary School as festivities got underway to mark their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The milestone event saw an Open Day held last Thursday afternoon, which was followed by a barbecue last Friday and, most likely, this week the burying of a time capsule.

**“Truly Impressive”** This was the expression used by local MSP Stewart Stevenson to describe Buckie Thistle Football Development’s Community Alert Day held last week.

Wednesday saw the SNP MSP for Banffshire and Buchan coast take a tour round the event, now in its fourth year, which aims to highlight the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse to P& youngsters making the transition to S1. Some 125 or so pupils were in attendance at this year’s Community Alert Day.

Dave Findlay Head of Buckie Thistle Football Development was heavily involved, as ever, in the organisation of the event, which saw a number of organisations present prepared to offer the children sporting opportunities. Mr Stevenson was made the recipient of a number of gifts including a Buckie Thistle jacket, pennant and a Community Alert Day water bottle.

**Visitors to the Banffshire Advertiser web site** - We are told that up to last week 3500 visitors Had logged into [www.banffshireadvertiser.co.uk](http://www.banffshireadvertiser.co.uk). Thos came not only from different parts of the UK but also the USA and Azerbaijan. Readers can subscribe to the electronic edition of the paper for just £37 per year (or a six month subscription can be requested).

**Ella’s Community Work was recognised.** Ella Laing , a daughter of the late Fordie Lawson and widow of David Laing, a Buckie quine who attended St Peter’s School was awarded a prestigious award for her long time contribution to Community Service in many spheres, from the South Lanarkshire Council She has lived in Ferniegair near Hamilton for many years.

**They collected the trophies - Buckie Rovers’ Player of the Year** ceremony was held recently in the Harbour Bar, Main Street, the howf where refreshments are laid on following each home game. Jordan ‘Joe’ Legge and Kyle Gauld were named joint Young Player of the Year; Mike Gauld, Committee Player of the Year and Player’s Player of the Year; **Mike Wood**, Top goal scorer.

June 25

**SFA Honour Buckie’s Sole Scotland Star** - Buckie’s only football internationalist has been awarded a posthumous cap for his country- nearly 60 years after he turned out in the dark blue of Scotland. Alex Wilson, who was born in Buckie in October 1933 and sadly passed away in July 2010, was capped for Scotland against Finland on May 25. 1954. However, due to the rules governing the issuing of caps at the time he didn’t receive one. It was due to work by Neil Smith, presently involved in the writing of a book on players who have played at higher levels either before being at Victoria Park or after.

July 2,

**a decade as champion fund-raisers** - Buckie’s retained firefighters have been hailed for collecting nearly 340,000 for charity over the last 10 years. The local crew’s car washes, Christmas collections, Open Days, and, more recently, the clothing bank at the Fire Station have been part of the local scenery, but few will be aware that those quiet efforts have been a boon to both the Firefighter’s own charity and a whole host of local groups and good causes.

**Cullen Clock re-wakens** The Cullen Town Hall clock is ticking away again after possibly more than three decades of silence. The restored timepiece, which presents faces to the former burgh chambers and the Millennium Square, has been lovingly brought back to life thanks to the efforts of Cullen man Brian Lawrence and Fordyce-based horologist Bernard Schiavi. In order to fund the work £150 was sourced from the village’s Common Good Fund, this being matched by Cullen and Deskford Community Council. The work of cleaning and repairing both the clock and the cabinet took over two weeks to complete the task. Mr Schiavi told how the clock dates back to 1860 and believes that it was originally a railways station clock due to it having two faces. One would have faced the platform the other the ticket office.

**Dux in 2013** - This year there were joint duxes at Buckie Community High School with both Judith Mair and Abbie Dunn being presented with their Miller Medals by Hazel Davidson, daughter of Councillor Joe Mackay who was guest speaker at the prize-giving ceremony.

July 9

**Its our Park** - Moray Council were criticised for removing goal post from the Linzee Gordon Park after householders on Steinbeck Road, backing on to the back complained about the number of times footballs were being shot over the fence into their gardens. A petition with over 600 names against the Council was signed. The park belongs to the people of Buckie being gifted to them by the laird of Buckie in 1934.

**Toilets to remain open a filie langer** - Local communities were left celebrating after Moray Council granted an eleventh hour reprieve to public toilets earmarked for closure. The decision to

close a number of toilets including three in the Buckie area was on cost-cutting grounds but this raised much opposition from all kinds of parties.

**Radio folk have a new base** - Radio Buckie are settling into new premises after moving from their former base in the Town House.

For the last year they have been using a room off the upstairs hall as guests of Buckie Area Forum but have found more suitable premises in Buckie Community High School.

**He came top at Fochabers** - The dux of Milne's High School, Fochabers, and winner of the Sir Ashley Mackintosh Medal was Caelan Barnes.

July 16

**First Minister pays a visit** - Alex Salmond was in Buckie when the path that fish wives from Buckie would have used in the past when they went inland to sell or barter their fish received more than a small degree of publicity. The path was first recognised at least ten years ago when the path system in the local area that were in existence in the past was identified. This resulted in sign posts being erected all the way to Drybridge only there was no fan fare then.

**Buckie man writes of buses** - Peter Findlay, a native of Buckie has written a book entitled 'The Buses of Northern Scottish' a personal view of the history of the company.

Peter was a bus driver with Northern Scottish from 1975 until 1988 when he joined Grampian Regional Council. He is currently Moray Council's Public Transport Manager. The book is full of personal insights and contains 200 photographs of buses, which served with the firm's fleet. Peter's father, Tommy, was also a bus driver, before becoming manager at Buckie.

**Cash boost for golf club** - Strathlene Golf club were celebrating a significant step forward in plans to refurbish their clubhouse.

An application for £6,000 to Moray Sports Project Funds came up trumps and leaves the sub-committee just one grant away from getting work underway.

The club has been gathering funds for the project for the past four years and have to date raised over £18,000 through their own efforts. as was told by John Ross, Project Manager.

July 23

**No frying tonight** - This was probably a sign Dodie Gauld was forced to erect after his fish and chip shop at East Cathcart Street was totally destroyed by fire on Friday morning. Buckie Fire Station Watch Manager Alan Cruickshank received a call just after 8.00am that the Cathcart Chip Bar, almost next door, was on fire.

One unit from Buckie as well as units from Fochabers and Portsoy attended and because of the nature of the fire an Incident Support Vehicle from Peterhead were also present.

Mr Gauld who had been working in his shop prior to the blaze sustained moderate burns and was taken by ambulance to hospital for treatment.

**Portgordon Foreshore Proposals go on Show** - Plans to develop a strip of coastal land to the north east of Portgordon stretching from just east of the harbour to the Gollachy burn went on display in the Lampie House last week. Included in the plans are sites for nine houses to the rear of Gordon Street, the revitalising of the icehouse the creation of a freestanding coffee shop and car park near Seal Point, together with a path back to the village. The local councillors, Sean Morton and Douglas Ross, have received objections to the plans based on a diverse number of factors

**Fochabers Gala Weekend** - Glorious sunshine accompanied Fochabers' second Gala Weekend as the crowds flocked to the picturesque village. Resurrected last year after the opening of the bypass, the village Association once again scored a huge success with the three-day event.

One of those delighted with the support shown to the gala was Liz Rennie, Chairman of the Village Association's Gala and Event's committee.

This year's Gala Queen was Jessica Innes (11) with two Gala Princesses - Brooke Wright (9) and Kim Gordon (12)

Kyle Greig (Forres Harriers) outclassed the opposition to win the 5.5 mile Jean Carr Challenge in a time of 35 min. 1sec to finish 92 secs ahead of James Moad, Cambridge University

John Goodall (Buckie) who runs in the vest of Keith and District was the leading veteran finisher when taking the third position in 38.44 with the 2012 winner, former 100km ultra distance champion Simon Pride fourth in 40.22. Kirstie Rogan (Forres Harriers) won the women's prize when recording 46.20 while her clubmates Susan McRitchie and Elizabeth Watson were second and third with respective times of 47.51 and 51.33

- July 30 **Peter Fair** - The centuries old fair and erstwhile market, dating back at least to the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century was held again in the stance it has occupied since around 1883 when it had to move a short distance to the east to accommodate the Keith to Buckie railway line. It had occupied three different stances before the present, starting off beside the old church of Rathven, as did many of the kind. As it has done for many years, perhaps fifty, the Fair has been extended from the Wednesday evening to make it more worthwhile for the show people although to many Friday is still Peter Fair Day. Friday was wet in the morning with thunder and lightning in the afternoon but thankfully it cleared up well in the evening for which the crowd that gathered were glad.
- Portknockie Plaque** - A permanent monument to Portknockie's rich history was unveiled in the village last Thursday when a cairn and plaque bearing a brief history of the fishing community was unveiled in the Millennium Garden. Making it all possible was a generous legacy from the late Helen Anderson of Pulteney Street who died in 2011 aged 100. Unveiling the plaque was Portknockie Community Association Secretary Bob Croucher who spoke of Mrs. Anderson's bequest as a last gift for "the village she loved". It was a proud moment for Mrs. Anderson's nieces, Helen Field, who lives in Portknockie, Sandra Russell and Paddy Newman.
- Aug 6 **WRVS stalwart's honoured** Local WRVS volunteers were honoured for their stalwart efforts at a meeting in Portessie last week. The Public Hall last Tuesday saw Carole Gordon presented with a medal to mark her retirement from the role of Buckie Meals on Wheels Co-ordinator. Also honoured with medals for their contributions over the years to Meals on Wheels were Margaret Main, Findochty, who has amassed a total of 18 years service and Isobel Reid, Portgordon who has been involved for the past 19 years. Badges were also presented to Bill Hunter, Portgordon, and Alex Reid for 20 years and 10 years respectively.
- Aug 13 **Two Cullen ladies are recognised** - The group honoured two stalwart members of the Cullen Christmas Light's team recently. Mary Miller and Dora Mair were both awarded inscribed silver salvers to mark decade's worth of efforts on behalf of the Committee. Paying tribute to the duo, the group chairman David Paterson said, "Between them Mary and Dora have dedicated 50 years to the committee between them. We thought it was time to recognise this dedication by presenting them with silver salvers."
- Collision closes the A98** Two cars collided on the A98 Fochabers to Cullen road at the junction with the A942, (Toll Bar) last week. The incident occurred on Thursday August 8 at 1.45pm involving a Vauxhall Mariva and Vauxhall Corsa. The road was opened again at 3.40pm three people were taken to hospital in Elgin by ambulance suffering from minor injuries.
- Art on show at Cullen** - Cullen Art Group once again excelled them when they unveiled their 26<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition last Friday. The village's Memorial Hall was packed with artists and members of the public to welcome the launch of this year's proceedings, which were to run over Saturday and Sunday. There were 98 works of art on show at the exhibition. The Cullen Art Group has 25 members.
- Aug. 20 **Snooker at Buckpool Golf Club and a famous name.** - Buckpool golf Club's initiative to boost interest in snooker saw a very famous name in the sport in town to help out. As part of the ongoing project to expand the sport choices on offer at the club Buckpool are in the process of revitalising their snooker room. Last Thursday morning saw the table being recovered by Keith Davis, the younger brother of snooker legend Steve. He said, "I've been coming to Buckie for the last eight years or so; as well as the table at Buckpool I've done the one at the British Legion and a number of private houses", he told the 'Advertiser'. "Over the 33 years I've been doing this job it's taken me all over the world."
- Buckie Tesco Cancer Race** - Tesco in Buckie are to hold their own Race For Life in aid of Cancer Research UK. Entitled the Race at Your Place, the 5k-charity run will get underway at the store at 1.00pm on Sunday September 1. Entry fee is £5 for adults and £2.50 for children with a family ticket being £10. The race is open to all and can be completed at each individual's own pace whether running, walking or even skipping.

Aug 27

**Shipyard closure** - Buckie was dealt a massive body blow last week when it was revealed that the shipyard had entered into voluntary administration. Workers at Buckie Shipyard Ltd. were told to go home last Friday, and, it has been claimed will not be paid for 13 weeks. As administrators RSM Tenon begin their work, 65 men and women are now seeking new employment.

**Speyside Way Race** - With a total of 137 runners signed up to run this year's Speyside Way Race (The third to take place.), a distance of 36.5 miles, this marked the largest number yet and an increase on last year's figure of 125, just 13 short of the race's maximum capacity.

Runners got under starter's orders at Ballindalloch at 9.00am with nine hours the limit to finish the race at Buckie in order to collect Scottish Ultra Marathon series points.

There was to be a fierce battle for who breasted the tape first, with defending champion Donnie Campbell (U.A) just a shade in front of Cromdale's Terry Forrest (Cairngorm Runners), last year's third placed runner. , The duo posting times of 4.09.36 and 4.09, 38 respectively. Mr Campbell was just a minute or so off the course record. Neil MacNicol (Fife) came in third with a time of 4.15.48.

The first female runner across the line was last year's ladies champion Charlotte Black of Shetland AAC in 5,02.22. Joanne Thom (Edinburgh AAC) was second in 5.05.37 with Kathy Henly (Portobello Running Club) third with a time of 5.26.36.

Other prize winners were - Veteran -Neil MacNicol (Fife) 4.15.48; Male Veteran 60+ Alan Robertson (Lothian Runners) 5.51.00. Female Veteran Kathy Henly; Female Senior Veteran Carole Fortune (Gala Harriers) 5.59.04.

The list of sponsors was - Buckie Area Forum Regeneration Group, Walkers Shortbread, John Dewar and Sons, Baxter's of Speyside, Tesco, and Buckie.

Fame of the Speyside Way Race has spread it was made clear with international talent on show in the form of Theresa Majeed of Colorado, USA and Christine McKinlay from Christchurch in New Zealand.

**New Head at Portgordon School** - The welcome mat was laid out at the start of the new term at Portgordon Primary for new Headteacher Alison Forbes.

Previously a Principal Teacher at Lhanbryde, Mrs. Forbes takes over the reins from Liz Rennie, who is now Headteacher at Mosstodloch Primary.

Sept 3

**Portgordon Boatyard Plans Withdrawn** - Radical plans to redevelop the foreshore area at Portgordon have been withdrawn pending revision. Developer Gemma Campbell had proposed building a boatyard to cater for elite yachts next to the harbour, revamping the icehouse and opening it to the public and crating a café nearby, as well as building a single house at the end of Gordon Street. Also withdrawn late last week was her application to build nine houses to the rear of Gordon Street on a plot currently occupied by garages and drying greens.

**New Deputy Lord Lieutenants Unveiled** - Two local men were honoured last week when they were presented with Commissions as Deputy Lord Lieutenants of Banffshire.

At a ceremony held at Ballindalloch Castle last Monday afternoon Prof. Ashley Mowat LVO from Cullen and Portsoy's Vinaykant Ruparelia were formally welcomed into their new roles by Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, Clare Russell. The duo will join a team of six Deputy Lord Lieutenants led by Vice Lord Lieutenant Roger Goodyear. (More on the story can be found on pages 1 and 4 of the Banffshire Advertiser.)

**Kiltwalk on March for Cash** - Hundreds gathered in Buckie last Sunday to put their best foot forward in a bid to raise cash for underprivileged children.

Around 750 people from the local area and further afield set off from Buckie Community High School at around 9.00am as the second Speyside Kiltwalk set off on its 26-mile journey to Aberlour. For those who didn't fancy the marathon distance there were the options of the Half Kilt, a 16 mile jaunt from Fochabers to Aberlour or the 10k Wee Walk, which took in a loop of Aberlour.

This year's Kiltwalk saw 750 people taking part, 250 up from the initial walk last year. It was hoped that once all monies were in that £150,000 would be made from the 2013 Speyside Kiltwalk.

**Cash for the Pipe Band** - Buckie and District Pipe Band were playing a happy tune last week when they were handed a four-figure boost to their coffers.

Thanks to the Cooperative Membership Community Fund, the band is now better off by £1900. The money has been earmarked for the purchase of two drums, two new kilts and three waistcoats.

**New Starts at Buckie High** - Those members of staff who took up posts at Buckie community High School at the beginning of the autumn term were – Christopher Horton, PT Geography; Becky Taylor who will be teaching drama; Scott McCracken joined the PE Department; Sarah Scholes, a newly qualified teacher joined Mr Horton in the Geography Department; Dorothy Loveland joined the History and Modern Studies Department; Richard McWhirter took up a part-time position in the Special Education Department; Jo Belfour an Apex worker has joined the team at Buckie High after working for over three years with Aberdeenshire Young Carers.

Sept 10

**Minister Upbeat over Shipyard Future** - Buckie Shipyard's potential to rise from the ashes of closure were top of the agenda last week. A special meeting at the yard last Monday brought together the Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism Fergus Ewing MSP, administrators RSM Tenon, Moray Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise and ended on an upbeat note following the shock news on Friday August 20 that Buckie Shipyard Ltd. had gone into voluntary receivership. Mr Ewing said while acknowledging that the closure of the yard had led to the loss of around 70 jobs, a devastating blow, he felt that there were grounds for optimism for the yard, especially in the realm of the energy sector.

**Cluny Fish given Funding Boost** - The Buckie-based fish-processing firm, Cluny Fish Ltd. is to benefit from a funding boost, which will help expand their lines. The firm has been awarded £16,750 from the Scottish Government's European Fisheries Fund programme and Moray Council. The money will help to introduce a new seafood soup filling line at its premises on Low Street, Buckie, which is likely to create two full time jobs. –

**Death of a Buckie Thistle Stalwart** - A true Buckie Thistle legend- that was just one of the many tributes paid to Joe Jappy last week, who passed away on Friday August 27. He was 92. Along with his wife Annie, Mr Jappy was one of the stalwarts of not just the Jags but also the Highland League as a whole for decades, a commitment that was recognised by the League with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Thistle President Garry Farquhar described Mr Jappy as a 'true legend' in the annals of the club. The president was only one of many who paid tribute to him. Councillor Joe McKay said "If Joe was not a gentleman in every sense of the word, he was a gentle man". His funeral service took place in front of a large congregation in the South and West Church including representatives from many, if not all, Highland League Clubs. The flag at Victoria Park was flown at half-mast for a whole week in his honour.

Sept 17

**Parklands Group are Honoured** - Moray Chamber of Commerce honoured the Buckie-based Parklands Group at their tenth annual Business Awards. Around 300 politicians, civic leaders and business representatives gathered in Elgin's Mansfield Hotel for the region's largest ever business awards. Parklands Group was presented with the Moray Business Award, sponsored by Moray Economic Partnership, for Most Overall Contribution to the Moray Economy. A large number of representatives from the Parkland Group attended the awards ceremony including directors and staff. Parklands Managing Director Ron Taylor said: "It was a real surprise to win this award and we were just over the moon. We were surprised to be nominated and to reach the finals and to win was just fantastic.

**BABS- Dial – Bus to change direction** - Rumours that the valued charity bus service for the disabled and elderly was to fold were unfounded but changes to the services are to take place following on the £30,000 grant from Moray Council being withdrawn. They are to return to being a charity, available for hires for care homes, theatre trips and also transport to hospital appointments.

**Buckie bank's new look** - Celebrations were held at Buckie's TSB last week as the bank relaunched itself nationally. Two strong banks- TSB and Lloyds Bank- have now been created which will increase choice and competition in the UK banking sector. A special cake sporting the new TSB logo was baked for the occasion, which was gifted to the Burnie Centre. A free draw also took place with every customer being given the chance to win a bottle of wine and some delicious chocolates. Said Alan Milne, Bank manager at Buckie's TSB, "We are quite unique in that all of the staff at the branch have each given 20 years' service so they know our customers extremely well.

**Former shipyard workers find work** - When Buckie Shipyard Ltd. went into administration around 70 jobs were axed and although many people are still on the search for work some have been able to put their skills to good use elsewhere.

Forsyth's (Rothies) at their branch in Buckie have taken on 12 former employees of Buckie Shipyard. Taken on were two welders, two labourers, three fitter/platers, two painter, sub contractors and three other fitter/platers as sub contractors.

**Target met for green repairs** - Buckie Victoria Bowling Club welcomed a recent new sponsorship deal in support of their plans to lay a new green.

Karl Thomsen net specialists have given a generous £3000 in sponsorship to help meet the repair costs of the clubs subsidence -hit green. Club President Stephen Grant said, "We gave ourselves a big task to raise the £36,000 required to carry out the repairs but this has now been achieved. The club has raised a percentage of the money, with the remainder coming from other sources, such as grants. We are very grateful to all who have supported us and we have reason to thank our latest sponsor Karl Thomsen for his kind support." Long-standing member of the club and treasurer Norman Mitchell accepted the cheque from Mr Thomsen.

**Buckie 10K** - A large number of runners turned out for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Buckie 10K, which was run last Sunday. The organisers had to be pleased with the large number of youngsters who took part, which bodes well for the event in the future. For the first time the 3K Junior Race was organised by Keith and District Running Club in a bid to encourage budding young runners from Buckie and the surrounding area. A total of 30 youngsters took part in the race, held in the Ian Johnston Park with the overall winner being Megan Smith of Buckie coming in first in the 13-16 age group. Other winners in the different age groups were Lucy Grant, Keith 9-12 years and under 9 Callum Dunbar, Keith

An entrant in 10K was George Ralf from Houston, USA who said how he had thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The first male runner home and winner of the Emil Wojcik Trophy with a time of 34.36 was Gordon Lennox, Forres. Sarah Leibnitz, Inverness, was the first female to cross the line with a time of 39.27. She was awarded the Louis Jannetta Trophy. Super vet John Goodall of Buckie, who runs for Keith and District came in on a time of 37.13

Malcolm Smith, a member of the race committee said, "On behalf of the Race Committee I would like to thank everyone who took part, both in the 10 K and the 3K. races. Congratulations go to Keith and District Running Club for their organisation of the 3K Junior Race. This was a new venture and it paid off and so we look forward to working closely with the club again in the future. Congratulations as well go to all those who won prizes on the day and our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who do a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure the day runs smoothly, Finally I would like to thank all of our sponsors whose generous support helps to keep us going. Special thanks to new sponsors Andrew and Peter Reid of Scottish Property Centre, who presented the prizes and supplied the prize money for the overall winning male and female runners'

Colin Taylor of Aberdeen won the prize draw for a pair of Merrell barefoot running shoes, donated by Out Run in Fochabers.

**24 Sept**

**Foreign Sponsors** - Buckie Rovers, the local junior football team, have renewed their links with foreign sponsors, which have seen the team fully kitted out. Montagu Asset Management of Dubai has provided tracksuits and tee shirts for the new season. The club has also been given club jackets by Lazer Gulf of Azerbaijan. Rovers' president Gary Innes praised Montagu Asset Management managing director, Vijay Paul, for continuing his association with the club.

**Harbour Log** - Nine fishing boats called into Cluny harbour last week to land their catches, which in total comprised 296 boxes of white fish, prawns and squid together with 90 bags of scallops. The boats were - Blue Sky, Deeside, Calisha, Just Reward, Shalimar, Reward, Carona, Illustrious, and Jenna Maree.

No cargo vessels called.

**Leadership** Two pupils from Buckie Community High School recently reported to Buckie Rotary Club on their experiences in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Challenge. Abbie Dunn and Craig Reid spent a week at Nethy Bridge with the Abernethy Trust. undergoing a arrange of activities, including rock climbing, kayaking, ,mountain biking, gorge walking, hill walking, coasteering and raft building. They received Youth Award Certificates from Rotary vocational committee member John Duncan and President Bill Greig

Oct 1 **Jags to Honour War Veterans** - Buckie Thistle are to commemorate those players who fought in both World Wars. The project is the brainchild of club historian Easton Thain, who felt that it was 'about time' the efforts and in some cases ultimate sacrifice, of these players were recognised. The plans are to have a service in the Victoria Park to which descendants of these men will be invited while a plaque with their names will be unveiled.

**On top of the world** - There were celebrations aplenty for a Buckie dance school when they lifted no fewer than half a dozen world titles recently.

The IDance School of Dance, who are based at Buckie Community High School's gym, beat off competition from across the globe to return north from the recent World Championships in Blackpool with six trophies. A photograph of the club members, all girls, appears on the front page of this week's edition of the *Advertiser*.

Oct 8 **Harbour Log** - Last week seven fishing boats called into Cluny harbour, Buckie, to land their catches. The boats were Blue Sky, Just Reward, Charisma, Reward, Shalimar, Conquest and Transcend. Total landings comprised - 335 boxes of white fish, prawns and squid.

The cargo side was busier than it had been for some time with three cargo vessels being port at some time during the week. (The following week there was none.)

The Cyprus-registered vessel arrived light from New Ross on the 29 September and after taking on board one Sand Clen-up Package and one Slurry Pump Skid with a total weight of 14.538 she set sail again the following day bound for Felixstowe.

September 29 also saw the arrival of the MV Rebecca Hammann, registered in Germany, from Ipswich, carrying a cargo of sugar beet weighing 2122.620 tonnes. She sailed again light, bound for Kings Lynn on October 1.

The last visitor of the week was the British MV Scot Carrier that came in light from Invergordon. On October 1. She left again two days later enroute for Workington with a cargo of pulpwood logs weighing 2207.500 tonnes on board.

**Marathon Music Fundraiser** - Cast members of Buckie Lyric Theatre Group held a 24-hour musical marathon in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday last and raised the sum of £1800. The music performed was from the classic 'Wizard of Oz'. A member of the Theatre Group, Glen Campbell was delighted with the sum realised but told how such money was badly needed as it costs, he said a lot of money to stage a show. The forthcoming Christmas Panto this year, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' will cost £10,000.

**American minister takes over** - Buckie's newest church minister and his family have been enjoying their new life in Buckie after making the long trip from the USA.

Pastor Mark Anderson, along with wife Jordan and children, Aberdeen, two, Caithness, 4, and Caedmon, six, took over at Buckie Church of Christ this June and since then have been kept busy with their new lives in Scotland.

Oct 15 **Honour for Irene** - Buckie woman Irene Halliday was presented with a certificate and bouquet of flowers when the Keith and District Parkinson's Support Group met recently in the Cullen Bay Hotel. Irene was made an Honorary Life member of Parkinson's UK in recognition of the exceptional work she has done over the years to help improve the life of people affected by Parkinson's. The flowers were handed over by Chairperson and secretary Janet Murray, Buckie.

**Major milestone marked by book of verse - Portessie** Primary School's milestone 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year has inspired a book of verse on the local area.

Former pupils James Morrison, who grew up in Ianstown but who now lives in New Zealand, and David Wood have come together to produce 'A Slochie Loon Reflects'. The book, which contains nine poems, is for sale in local shops with all proceeds going towards school funds in honour of their anniversary year.

Headteacher Alison Vass was pleasantly surprised when she was approached 'out of the blue' regarding the project but was delighted to learn of the plans and most grateful to both men.

Oct 22 **The Scout Hut** There hasn't been a troop of Boy Scouts in Buckie for some years now but the meeting place was still standing up until this week though becoming ever more dilapidated and in a way dangerous. The decision was thus taken to take it down. It is not known when the building was erected though it was before WWII as dances were held there, it is known, on an occasion to

raise funds for the Sailors' Home. A picture on page 8 of this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows workmen in the process of demolition.

**All hands to the pump** The Findochty community got together last Saturday to begin improvements to the village nursery.

Volunteers from the local community council and Parent Support Group were joined by other village residents to start work on freshening up the area in time for the youngsters returning from their two week 'Tattie Holiday' breaks

Among the things the group did was to spread wood shavings, the shed and fence received a coat of paint, the former also receiving a new window. Recycled materials like tyres and water barrels were installed as additional planters.

Oct. 29

**Not all singing from same hymnbook** - A group of Portgordon residents have banded together to show their support for development plans in the village. Plans by developer Gemma Campbell to build a boatyard and store to the east of the harbour as well as creating a café near the former ice house, which itself would be reopened have prompted controversy in the village.

A group - Save Our Portgordon Beach - were formed to oppose the plans but last week saw residents who welcome the development opportunities speak out in favour of Ms Campbell's initiative, which has been lodged with Moray Council planners.

**Award for local musician** - A gifted young musician whose home is at Hillhead Farm, Drybridge, is celebrating funding success.

Seventeen-year-old Sarah Alexander, recently heard that she had been awarded £500 from Awards for Young Musicians, beating off competition from a record number of applicants.

The former Buckie Community High School pupil is in her third and final year at St Mary's Music School in Edinburgh is set to use the cash to help purchase a new accordion.

**It had to have been a hard slog** - Footsore, shattered but proud - Portknockie man Ian Innes and Inverurie - based friend Nigel Carter made it back home after a gruelling 300 mile Lap of Honour walk which took them from Findochty through the likes of Brechin, Grantown-on-Spey and Nairn before heading back to their starting point ten days later. Raising cash for the Armed Forces charity Help for Heroes, the duo carried 50lbs-weighted backpacks to simulate the weight carried by troops. The total raised by the two intrepid lads was £4,400. A bag-packing session in the local Co-op was, it was anticipated, to bring the figure up to £5000.

Nov 5

**Harbour Log** - Last week eight fishing boats called into Cluny Harbour to land their catches. They were - Carisma, Crimson Arrow, Blue Sky, Jenna Marie, Reward, Carona, and Charisma and transcend. The total catch comprised - 389 boxes of white fish, prawns and squid.

One cargo vessel paid a call. The Liberia-registered MV Toisa came in light from Aberdeen and left again the following day bound for Newcastle, carrying four large steel reels, fabricated in Buckie by Forsyth's

**Many Thanks** - Shona Smith, a Buckie woman who spent some time at CLAN House in Aberdeen where she was receiving treatment for cancer, recently made a generous donation, which will help others suffering from cancer that will stay there. She said of CLAN it was like nowhere else. If angels had been looking after me they couldn't have done a better job.

She teamed up with friends to hold a bag-packing session in the Co-op store where they raised £400. The money was used to buy some equipment to augment what was already there and noticed was in high demand.

Nov 12

**The War Dead Remembered** - - A dry crisp morning ensured that large crowds turned out on Remembrance Sunday to honour those who fell in two world wars. Wreaths were laid at all the war memorials in the area. At Buckie the Royal British Legion once again organised the parade starting off from the Legion Headquarters on High Street, and under the command this year of Sergeant Major Peter MacPhee. Included in the parade were a dwindling number of ex-servicemen with Bert Samuel, at 97, the last veteran of World War 2, once again making a supreme effort to be present. Helped by his son David. Also present was a detachment of R.E. soldiers from Kinloss Barracks. - Rev Steve Hay, accompanied by Pastor John Coppard, and Rev. Jeremy Paisey, led the service at the memorial. Piper Rab Taylor played the lament, 'The Flowers O' the Forest' while bugler Janet Winterbourne sounded the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'. Peter Reid gave a rendition of "They shall not grow old ....." and "When you go home...." The church service this year took place in the South and West Church.

**Blythswood** - This year the Christmas Shoebox Appeal saw 1263 boxes filled and destined on this occasion for Romania. The boxes contained a variety of things ranging from toys and stationery through to such things as toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant.

Buckie Blythswood support group has come a long way since it was formed in 1994 by Janet Smith (nee Bowie), and her late husband Eric.

Back in 1997 some 343 shoeboxes were filled and by the Millennium had risen to 1091. Last year drew in 1257 shoeboxes, the beneficiaries being people in another former hard-line Communist state, Albania.

Nov. 19 **Tribute Concert** - The life and work of a former music teacher will be celebrated in a tribute concert this weekend.

Former pupils and friends will take to the stage in tribute to string teacher W. Steve Merson, who taught in schools in the Buckie area from 1959-79.

The concert will be a mix of classical favourites and Scottish fiddle tunes and proceeds from the event will go towards establishing the Steve Merson Memorial Prize, to be awarded to a promising young violinist on an annual basis. W. Steve Merson played a big part in introducing instrumental tuition in school.

**Rotary helps for storm-struck Philippines**- The Rotary Club of Buckie have been quick to respond to help those affected by the Philippines disaster. (The Philippines suffered dramatically when the islands were struck with the worst tropical winds ever experienced, with great areas completely demolished.) Thanks to the generosity of local supporter, the Rotary Club of Buckie were able to send two Shelterboxes to the areas affected by the storm.

Shelterboxes, which cost approximately £500 each, include a ten-person tent with segregated rooms, cooker, sleeping bags, tool kit, water purification and other essential equipment.

**Special Dux Prize** - Buckie Community High School Duxes Abbie Dunn and Judith Mair each received the Joe MacKay Award. Each year Councillor McKay presents the school dux with £100 and a copy of 'I Love Banffshire by Lord Lieutenant' by Clare Russell. The awards were presented to the two girls by Hazel Davidson and the Lord Lieutenant while Councillor McKay and David Strachan, Depute Rector look on.

Nov 26 **Buckie Christmas Cracker (BCK)** The third such event held on Saturday was declared to be the biggest and best yet, being blessed with good weather people turned out in large numbers and seemed to enjoy themselves. Andrew Murray, BCK group chairman stressed the importance of the local community pulling together. He said: "We can't hold events like this without the backing of the whole community and I'm delighted to see people have responded so well.

The front page of the 'Advertiser' shows a crowded Cluny Square as people wait to see the lights switched on "

**Platinum Wedding Anniversary** - Buckie couple James and Jessie Robertson were joined by family members and friends for a party at Netherha Nursing Home to celebrate 70 happy years of marriage.

James (94) still lives at home but Jessie (91) is a resident at Netherha. They were married on November 22 1943 in Buckie Methodist Church. They have two daughters, Ann and Moira, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Dec 3 **A DOUBLE CENTURY** having one centenarian celebrating their big day is rare enough events in its own right - to have two, not only in the same week but also on the same day, must be something of a record. However, that was just what happened last Monday when two local women, Nannie Coull and Jeannie Bruce marked the milestone of hitting the century. Mrs Coull was born in Findochty with Mrs Bruce in Hay Street, Buckpool.

**Better news** - Part of the former Buckie Shipyard Ltd., the main fabrication building and a range of plant and machinery have been bought from the administrators by Macduff Shipyards Ltd. They have also leased the launching ramp lying adjacent to the main fabrication building.

**Arts and Crafts** - The fifth annual Buckie Arts and Crafts Fair held in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday last, proved again to be a great success attracting a large crowd of spectators. There were 34 different stalls.

**Portknockie Citizen of the Year** - Mary Reid was this year declared to be Portknockie's Citizen of the year with the John Addison Memorial Trophy. Given the honour of handing over the trophy was Mr Addison's daughter, Emma. Mrs Reid was honoured for her long and dedicated service to the seniors' Club and the community in general.

**Christmas Dinner** - Buckie 65 and Over group recently enjoyed their annual Christmas Dinner at the Marine Hotel. There was a large turnout despite it being a very windy night. After the meal Gordon Grant entertained all with a selection of music on his keyboard and had everybody singing to music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. and also some carols. Councillor Gordon McDonald gave the vote of thanks which were extended to Tesco, Buckie who had given money towards the raffle prizes, the Common Good fund, Cruickshank's, and Moravian Garage who also gave towards the cost of the dinner and Mayne's buses who took some of the members to and from the event.

**Community Council** - Following the recent election the members of the new Buckie and District Community Council are - James Smith, Heather Innes Christine Allan, Morag Stewart, Fred Rumbles, Jane Murray, Sonia Ritchie, Gordon Cowie, Ann Mitchell, John Cowie, Ian McPherson and Patricia Greenwood. . It was decided that office bearers would not be elected until the February meeting to allow for new members to settle in.

Dec 10

**Gales up to 90 mph** From late on Wednesday night and practically all day on Thursday the North of Scotland including the local coastal area was subjected to winds of up to 90mph causing widescale disruption to transport in all its forms. High tide and a storm surge wrecked considerable damage and erosion along the coast. At Portgordon the storm left a large gaping hole on the west - facing pier. At Findochty the high tide and surge came within inches of forcing the moored sailing boats up on to the pier and pontoons. The "Advertiser" has some good photographs of the storm in this edition.

**Victoria Bowling Green** Although it was not found possible to rise the #60.000 necessary to complete the work of curing the subsidence problem, which has plagued the surface of the Victoria Bowling Green the sum of #36.000, has been spent on levelling the ground and laying new turf which it is hoped will help. It was found that there was a difference of five inches between one end of the green and the other, sloping towards the Buckie burn and also the gate. The #36.000 was raised through fund-raising activities and loans from club members.

**Lack of communication** - Residents living in houses along the sea front in Portessie found grounds to criticise Moray Council following the recent high tide, gale force winds and storm surge that saw their houses flooded. Earlier in the day Moray Council dumped a load of sandbags but gave no indication as to who could use them. The complaint is that had the council informed the residents of the houses most likely to be affected a lot of damage could have been avoided. People thought that the bags were for some council project. A council spokesperson said that it was normal practice in areas liable to be flooded to leave bags on a pallet for people to help themselves. . This was done at a number of places along the coast from Lossiemouth to Findochty.

**Shelter Boxes** - Buckie Rotary Club were full of admiration for the generosity of the local public who heeded their call to help them raise the necessary finance to buy shelter boxes for the people of the Philippines who found their island homes completely destroyed by the 300 mile wide typhoon Haiyan which struck the islands in November 8. Thousands were killed and countless thousands left homeless often without food or clean drinking water. Each shelter box costs #590 and as a result of the money raised the Rotary Club was able to send six boxes.

**Traffic Lights** - New traffic lights are due to be installed in Buckie next year - four years after they were originally mooted. As part of the developer contribution from Tesco when they opened their Buckie store in November 2010, the firm were obliged to fork out for a series of traffic management measures to compensate for the increased traffic flow to and from their site off High Street. As part of this plan, traffic lights were earmarked for installation at the junction of Well Road and High Street, which has often been identified as being a potentially dangerous spot due to limited visibility much of the time. June 2014 is the likely date when they will be installed.