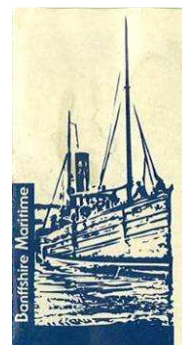




# Nautical News



Newsletter of the Banffshire Maritime and Heritage Association.  
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## View from the Chair

Hello, and welcome to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual newsletter. Firstly, I should point out that we in mid-August formally submitted an appeal to Scottish Ministers regarding the erection of our Peter Anson Sculpture, because we feel our planning application was dealt with unfairly. So the erection of the sculpture in the Maritime Garden, Crook o' Ness Street, Macduff may still happen.



*Peter Anson Sculpture.*

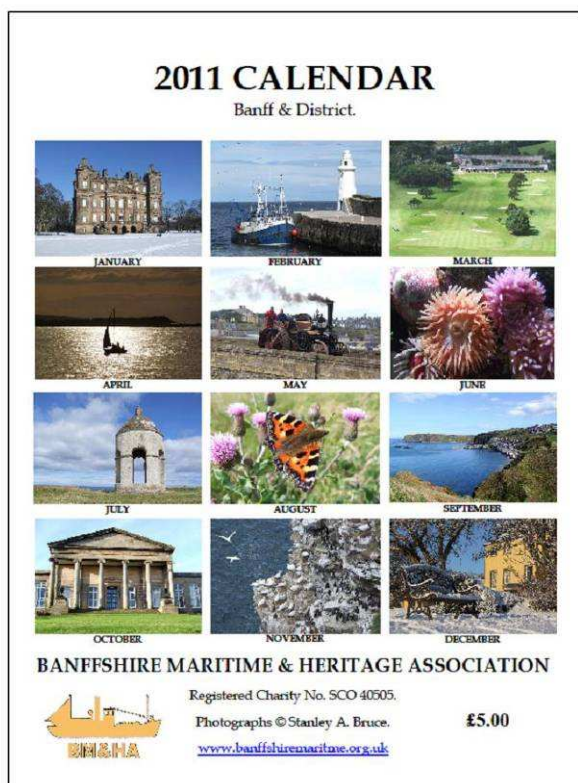
During the last year we have published a further five books, these I hope will bring in revenue hopefully for a long time. We are continually adding new outlets to our list of sales outlets, and in the past year have established new outlets in Aberdeen and Elgin.

We are now in partnership with Aberdeenshire Council and the Banff Preservation & Heritage Society (BP&HS) regarding Banff Museum. This partnership has led to the museum displays being reorganised, and we and the BP&HS now have some space of our own. Our publications can also be bought in the museum. The museum is now open 10am to 12.30pm Monday to Saturday June to the end of September and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons by volunteers from the two associations.

In May 2010, we made public our suggestions for a Banff Harbour Heritage Project, details of which can be read further in this newsletter, and we are happy to advise that three out of the six proposals have been met favourably with the other local groups that we

have heard from. We will in the coming year take these proposals forward, beginning with the refurbishment of the Banff Barometer Box, which has already started. (See page 7).

I do hope you find our newsletter interesting, and if you want to be part of it come along to the Buchan Street Club the first Tuesday of the month 7pm to 8pm and join us. We look forward to any new volunteers especially ones with new ideas and the enthusiasm to bring them to life, and don't forget to keep an eye out for our new format 2011 calendar, which is coming soon.



***Banff & District 2011 Calendar.***

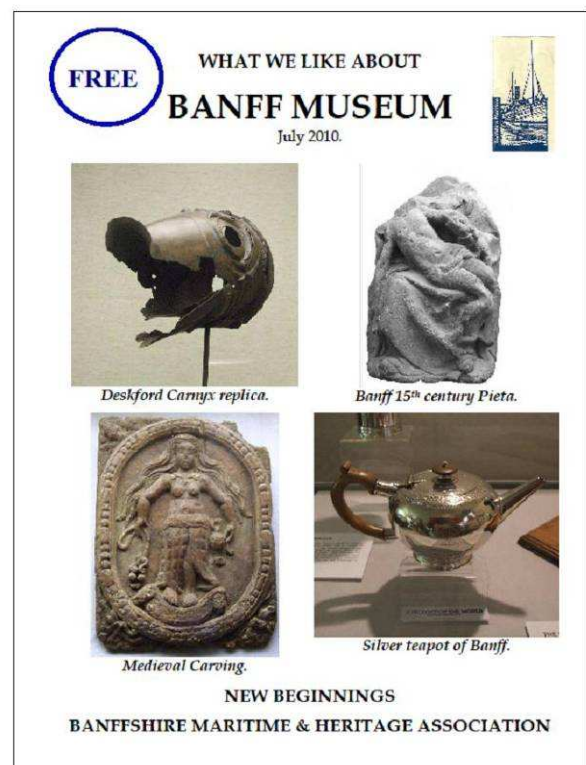
### **Funding**

During the last year August 2009 to August 2010 we received £600 of external financial funding from

Whitehills & District Community Council wind farm fund, which was used to partly fund the first print of a new book titled 'Whitehills Through the Years'. We received no other external funding.

### **Leaflets**

During 2009 to 2010 we issued two different leaflets, the largest of these (12 pages) titled 'What we like about Banff Museum' was specifically made for the open evening of Banff Museum. Due to its popularity, we intend to reprint it again in the future. The other leaflet was a small leaflet promoting our Peter Anson exhibition during the COAST festival in May 2010. Copies can be read or downloaded from [www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk](http://www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk).



***What We Like About Banff Museum Leaflet.***

## Web Historian



[www.webhistorian.co.uk](http://www.webhistorian.co.uk)

A considerable amount of time has been spent developing our section on this website and it has grown enormously since we first started it in December 2008. When you enter the site click on 'Sites' at the top, then 'Regional' on the left-hand side, then click on 'Scotland', you will then see the 'Banffshire Maritime & Heritage Association', when you open this you will see on the left hand side a column with many page titles of local interest.

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## BM&HA Website



[www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk](http://www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk)

Our official website has been developing since the beginning of 2009, and currently has information regarding:

Banffshire Harbours.  
Boat Builders.  
Net Making.  
Fishing Boats.  
The Herring Lassies.  
Famous Folks.

Fishers at War.

Peter Anson.

Membership.

Projects and Events.

News.

Newsletters.

The facility for an on-line shop has also been installed but still needs further development.

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## Treasurer's View

Over the past 18 months we have made great efforts to expand public awareness of the BM&HA, and of the heritage of our community.

To this end, we have:

- Had open days, at local Gala's.
- Run painting and poetry competitions on Scottish and Doric themes.
- Given presentations to both school groups and adult organisations on our own work.
- Considerably increased our range of publications on local heritage.

This investment has obviously had an impact on our financial situation and we made a small loss for the 09/10 financial year.

This is of little importance, however, if we can increase public awareness of our local history and culture.

***Jean Langham BSc. B.B.S.  
Treasurer.***



## **Macduff Through the Years**

In this section, we have information received regarding the history of Macduff, items not in our book that we have come across since the publication of the book in 2008.



*Macduff Harbour and Shore Street c1900.*



*Macduff Public School postcard.*



***George McKay and William John Watt of 'Helenora', holding a flag captured from an Austrian pirate in the Adriatic.***

The above photograph is of interest to us because a story titled 'Taken Prisoner' in our Macduff Roll of Honour 1914-1919 is based on a fourteen page account written by Skipper George McKay of the HM Drifter 'Helenora' (Above), and was featured in the Banffshire Journal on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February 1935.

### **Gardenstown**



***G. W. Nicol Gardenstown stencil.***

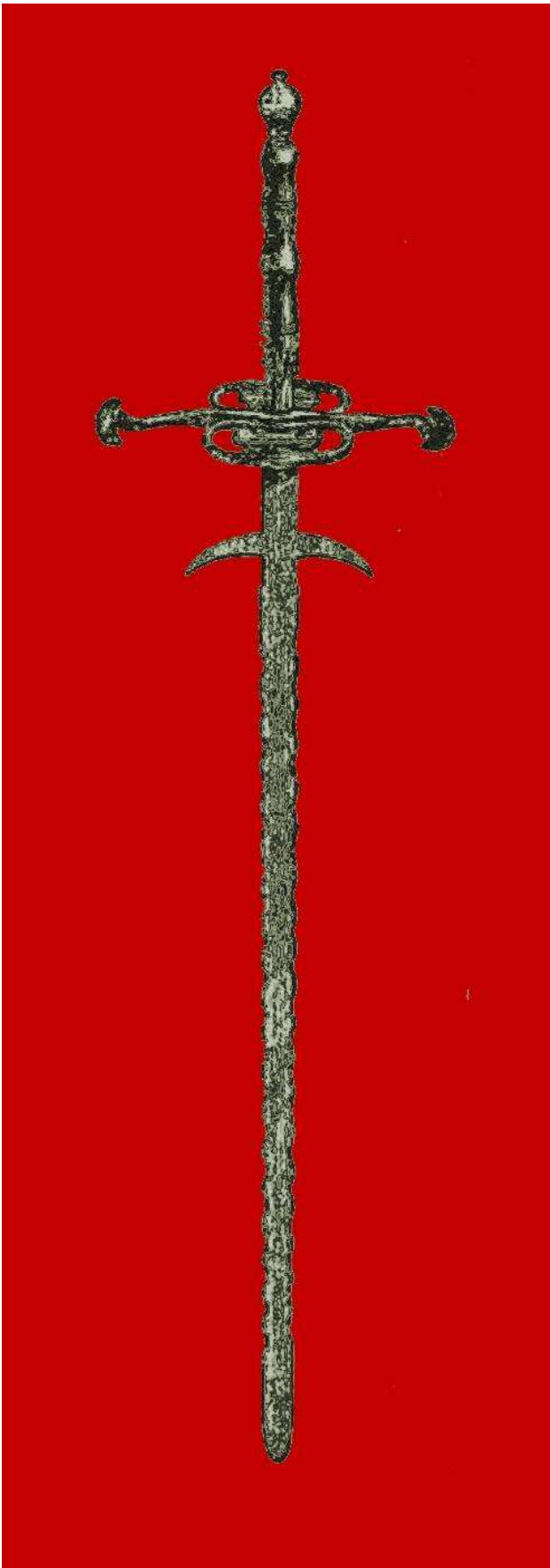
The above stencil 'G. W. Nicol Gardenstown' was found dumped at Inverboyndie, we assume it was used to mark-up fishing boxes. If anyone knows about it, we would very much like to hear from you. The stencil can be seen in Banff Museum.

### **Macpherson's Sword**

James Macpherson the freebooter aged 25 was hanged in Banff in 1700. Legend tells us that a reprieve was on its way, but Lord Braco put the clock in Banff forward to ensure he was hanged. Macpherson is said to have written a tune titled 'Macpherson's Rant' (Or Lament or Farewell) while in the Tolbooth, this he played on his fiddle as his last request. After finishing his tune, he asked the crowd if anyone wanted his fiddle, but the crowd were all too scared of Lord Braco and no one asked for it. With no taker's Macpherson broke it over his knee. He was then hanged. His sword is said to have been kept by Lord Braco and it was later said to have been kept in the armoury at Duff House, however today its whereabouts is unknown. We decided to make a replica, but this was more difficult than we first anticipated. We are currently completing our replica, which is not exactly the same as the original, however if it is good enough to get some publicity in order to find the



original then it will have served its purpose.



*Macpherson's Sword.*

### **Banff Harbour Heritage Project**

In May 2010 we made public six proposals for Banff Harbour, these were as follows:

- 1 – Beacon.
- 2 – McDonald's Jetty Stone.
- 3 – Banff Harbour Barometer Box.
- 4 – Coiler Features.
- 5 – Information Panel.
- 6 – Lighthouse Quay Lamps.

The Banff Preservation & Heritage Society pledged their support, however the Banff Harbour Users Group are only in favour of proposal Numbers 2 and 5. We have not heard from any other group. We do not want to progress without the full support of the groups so proposal numbers 1, 4, and 6 will not be taken forward. Proposal number 3 the Banff Harbour Barometer Box and notice board were partly refurbished before we heard from the Banff Harbour Users Group so we intend to complete this work as proposed.

Angus McAllister of Banff also proposed the following:

- 1 - The former well (or what is left of it) is preserved.
- 2 – The Cartwright's stone formerly used for making cartwheels has some notice aside it.
- 3) – Porter's Brae has a sign fitted.
- 4) – The WW2 pillbox (Category B listed) is opened up and refurbished.

## **Banff Harbour Barometer Box.**



***Banff Harbour Barometer Box & notice board before rework.***



***Banff Harbour Barometer Box & notice board partly refurbished. (Perspex fitted and varnished).***

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### **Postcards**

In April 2010, we launched two new sets of fishing boat postcards, both are sets of eight boats for Banff and Fraserburgh. The photographs were taken by Stanley Bruce and his son Andrew (17).

We also have a set of eight coastal views, which we published in 2008.



***Stanley Bruce and son Andrew Bruce (Press and Journal).***

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### **Publications**

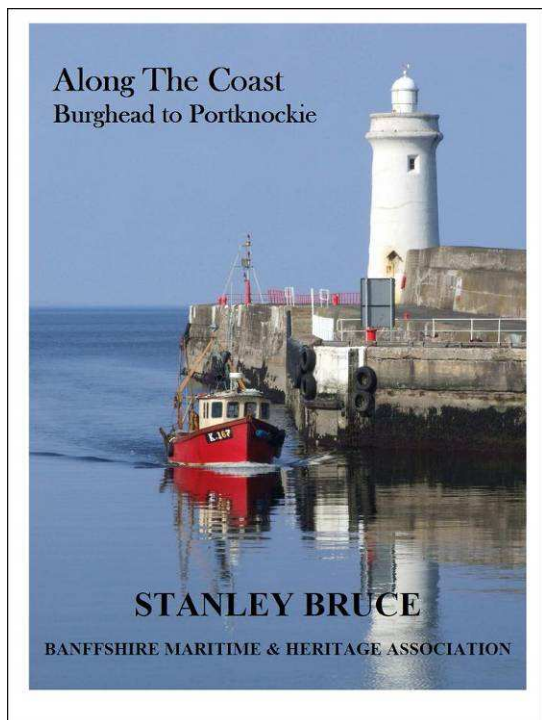
Our books as follows are available locally at Chapter and Verse, 41 Low Street, Banff, AB45 1AU, telephone 01261 812400, and at several other selected outlets in the north east, or by contacting us at [banffshiremaritime@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:banffshiremaritime@yahoo.co.uk) or Stanley Bruce on 07770 780232. The number of outlets continues to grow and expand further afield.

Books in order as follows – newest first:

***Along the Coast – Burghead to Portknockie.***

ISBN 978-1-907234-09-5, A5 with 60 colour pages. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of this popular series.

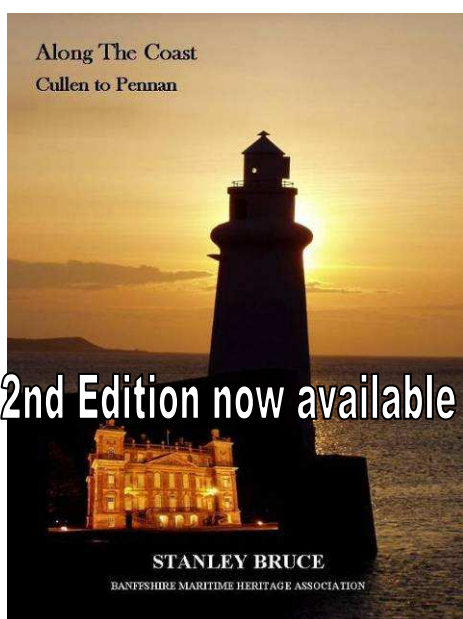




*Along the Coast – Burghead to Portknockie.*

*Along The Coast – Cullen to Pennan (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition).*

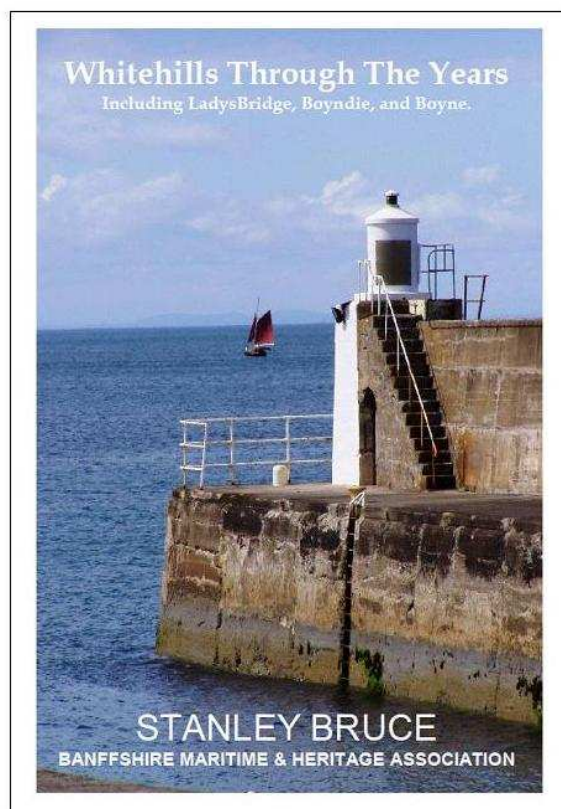
ISBN 978-1-907234-08-8, A5 with 60 colour pages, first published 2007, price £6.00. A reader stated this is 'The finest book ever written about the Banffshire coastline'. The first edition is now **sold out**.



*Along The Coast – Cullen to Pennan.*

*Whitehills Through the Years.*

ISBN 978-1-907234-04-0, A5 with 88 pages, published July 2010. This book is the third volume in this series, following the Macduff and Fraserburgh books. For such a small village it sure has a rich history. Price £6.00.



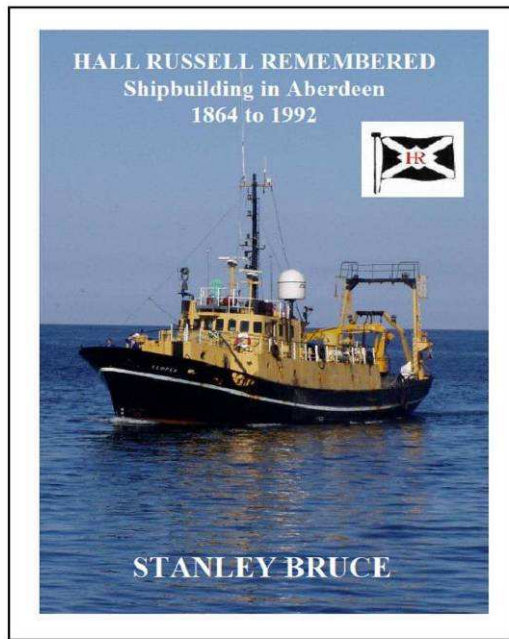
*Whitehills Through the Years.*

*Errata – In the first 50 books printed, page 62 reads that James Brown was lost on the Reaper off Whitehills; however, he was actually lost on the Diligence off Kinnaird Head. We sincerely apologise for this error.*

*Hall Russell Remembered – Shipbuilding in Aberdeen 1864 to 1992. (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition).*

ISBN 978-1-907234-022-6, A5 with 56 pages, price £5.00.

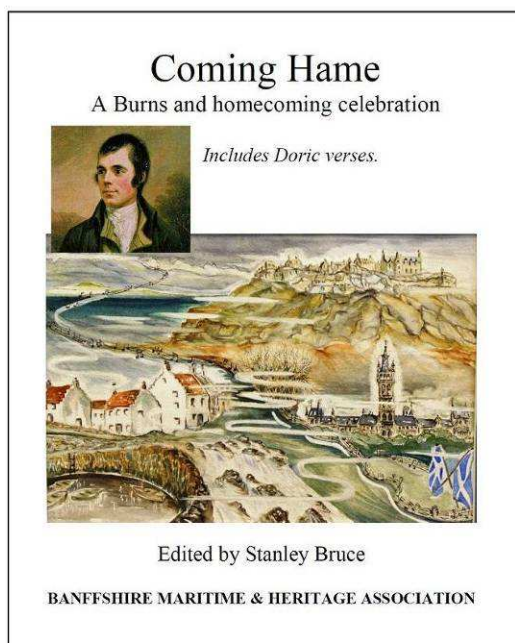




***Hall Russell Remembered.***

***Coming Hame.***

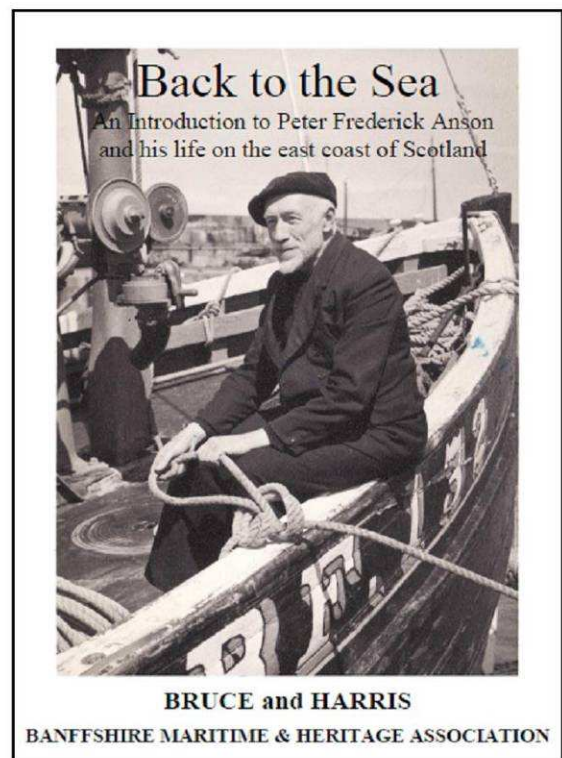
ISBN 978-1-907234-01-9 A5 with 52 pages. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> poetry anthology, but this one has a difference it includes our 2009 poetry competition poems complimented with the best of our 2009 painting competition entries, with the winning painting on the cover. Price £5.00.



***Coming Hame.***

***Back to the Sea – An introduction to Peter Frederick Anson and his life in the north east of Scotland.***

ISBN 978-1-907234-00-2, A5 with 60 pages, fully illustrated with some colour, published June 2009, price £6.00. This book gives you an insight into the life of marine artist and writer Peter Anson (1889 to 1975). Peter spent a large part of his life on the Scottish east coast, including twenty years in Banffshire. Many of the older locals remember him, but he is relatively unknown to the younger generations, this book serves to correct this and make Peter known to a much wider audience.

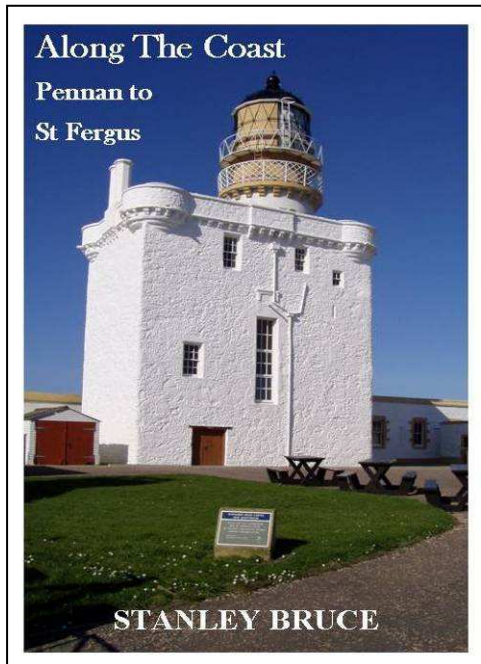


***Back to the Sea.***

***Along the Coast – Pennan to St. Fergus.***

ISBN 978 0-9547960-9-9, A5 with 48 pages, published May 2009,

price £5.00. This is the second book in our 'Along the Coast' series and guides you along this stretch of coast giving you historical information along the way. You will find out about our local heritage – things you would miss without the book.



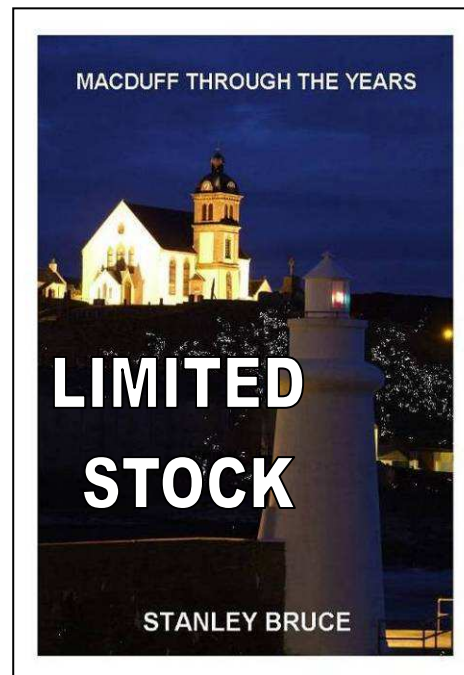
***Along the Coast – Pennan to St. Fergus.***

***Errata*** – In the first edition page 14, it states Alexander Forbes was a descendent of Malcolm Forbes, it should read ascendant.

***Macduff Through The Years***

ISBN 978-0-9547960-8-2, A5 with 76 pages, published October 2008, price £6.00. This wonderful book tells the history of Macduff on a timeline. Described as a 'Potted History' by the Press and Journal, and that is exactly what it is a straight to the point historical view of the town, a must for every visitor or local. ***Only very limited copies***

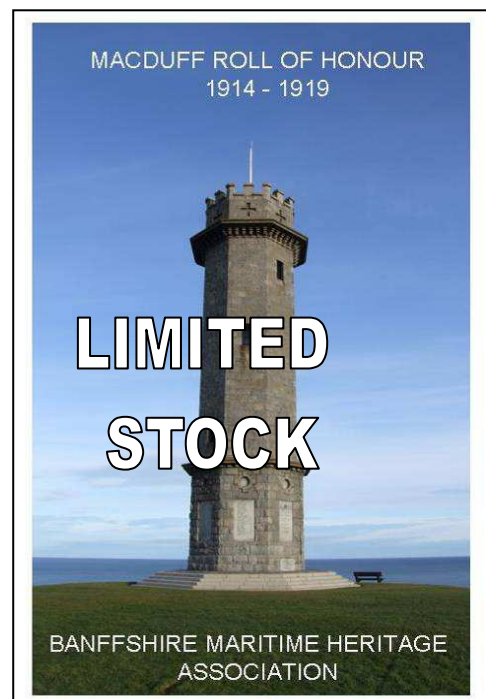
***of the first print are available.*** This book will be reprinted soon.



***Macduff Through The Years.***

***Macduff Roll of Honour***

ISBN 978-0-9547960-7-5, A5 with 84 pages, published June 2008, price £6.00. ***Only very limited copies are available.***

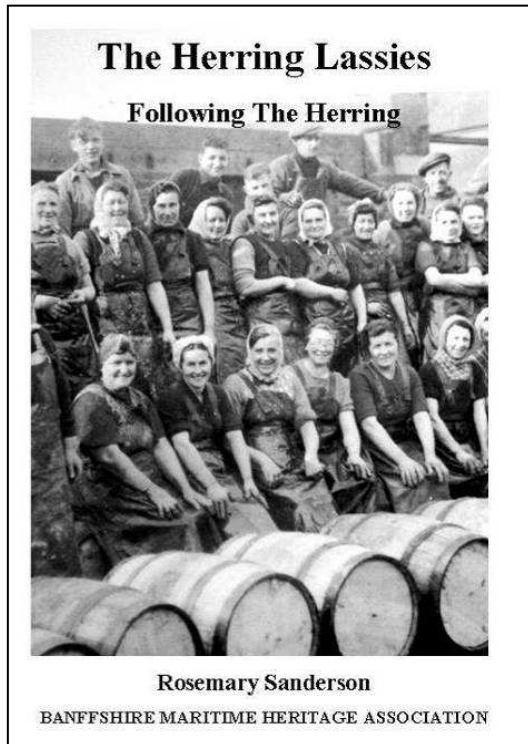


***Macduff Roll of Honour 1914 -1919.***



### ***The Herring Lassies***

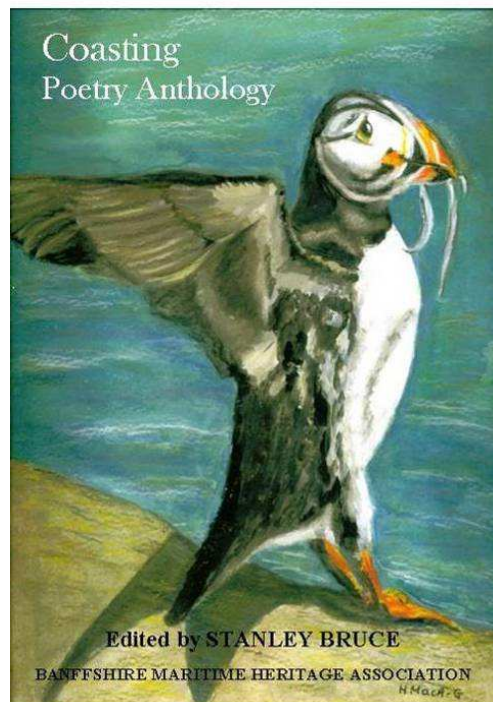
ISBN 978-0-9547960-6-8, A5 with 56 pages, published 2008, price £5.00. This book is to date our **most popular publication**, and was reprinted in 2010. Copies are in bookshops all along the coast as far south as **Eastbourne**.



***The Herring Lassies.***

### ***Coasting***

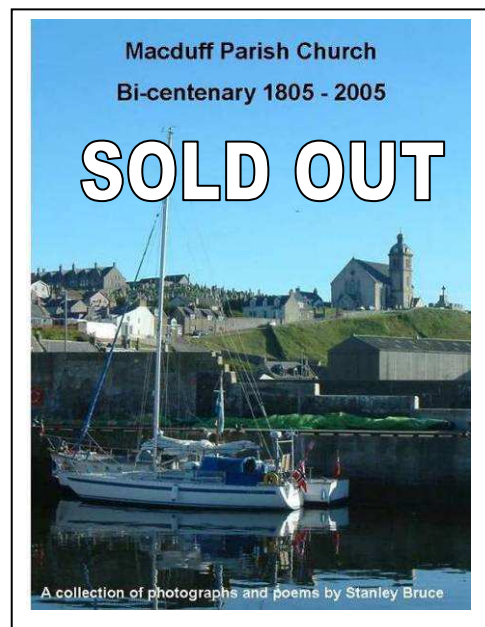
ISBN 978-0-9547960-5-1, A5 with 36 pages, published 2007, price £3.99. This book contains work of local poets, and others from England, and as far away as Australia. The publication of this book was supported by the Banff and Buchan Arts Forum. Many people have bought the book simply for the beautiful painting of the puffin on the front cover painted by Hazel Gerrard-MacAngus from Keith, Banffshire.



***Coasting Poetry Anthology.***

### ***Macduff Parish Church Bi-centenary***

No ISBN, A4 with 28 colour pages, price £4.00. All printed copies are sold out.



***Macduff Parish Church  
Bi-centenary 1805 - 2005.***

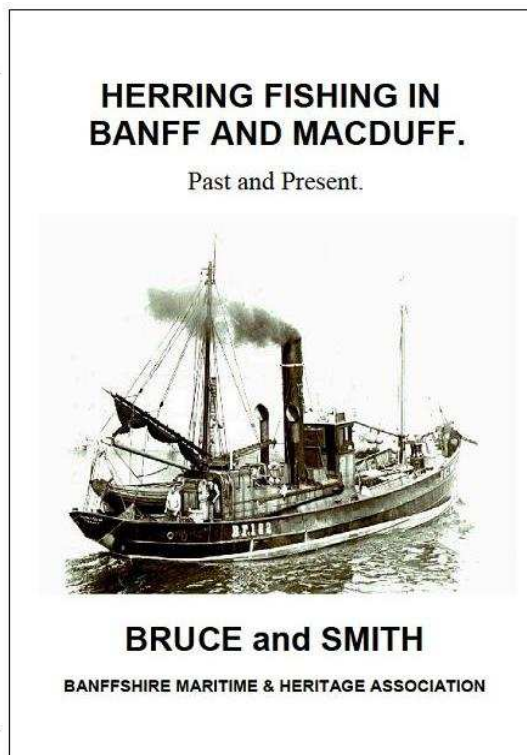
All of our books are considered rare by collectors due to the relatively small prints, and many of them sell

second-hand for around £20 each. So, when you buy one of our books you not only learn about our local heritage, it's also an investment!

### **Future Publications**

In our first newsletter back in 2008, we listed some possible future publications, many of which have since been published. Here in this issue we list the publications which we have commenced to write, and show where possible our proposed titles and covers (*Which may change*).

#### ***1) Herring Fishing in Banff and Macduff.***



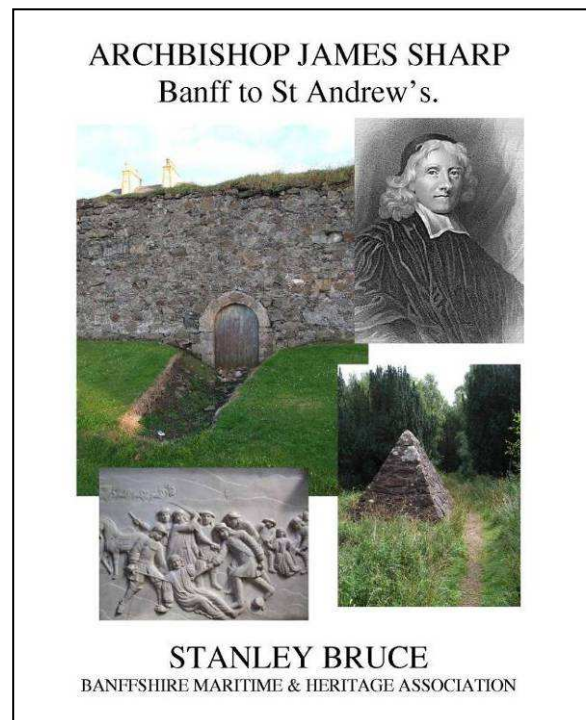
#### ***Herring Fishing in Banff and Macduff.***

Stanley Bruce, a life member of the Banff Preservation and Heritage Society wrote nine pages on the herring fishing in Banff for the

'Book of Banff', and from his work they only used three pages. Stanley has now increased his content, and committee member Malcolm Smith has spent considerable time researching the Macduff part of the book. This book will include several unseen photographs of Banff and Macduff harbours taken by John D. McAree of Stirling. ***Coming Soon.*** This book will cost approximately £5.00.

#### ***2) Archbishop James Sharp - Banff to St. Andrew's.***

Archbishop James Sharp was born in Banff Castle in 1618, and in this book we intend to show his family links with Banff and St. Andrew's where he was ordained as an archbishop, and then brutally murdered in 1679. This book will cost approximately £5.00.

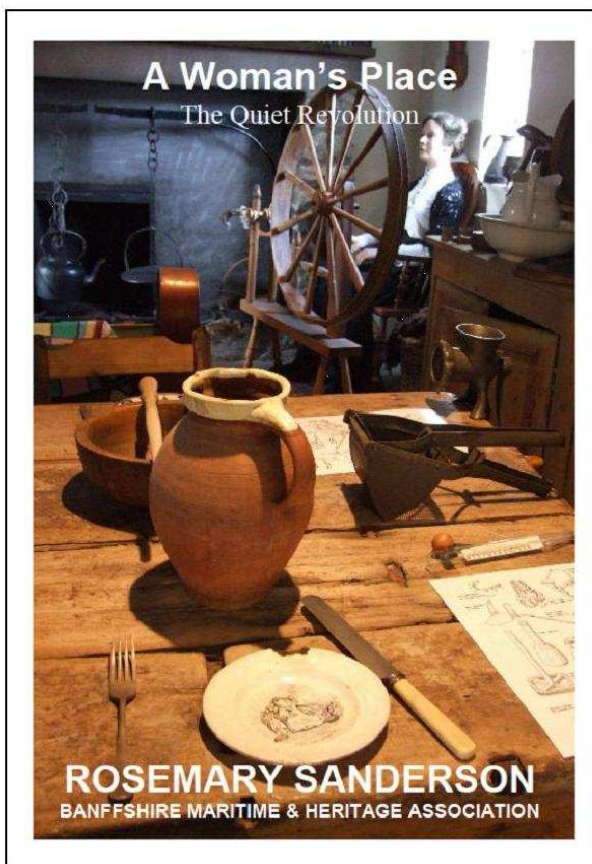


#### ***Archbishop James Sharp – Banff to St. Andrew's.***



### 3) *A Woman's Place – A Quiet Revolution.*

Rosemary Sanderson has written the manuscript for another book about women at home, and at work between 1850 and 1950. We look forward to seeing this large book in print. The cover is still to be prepared. It will be a big A4 book with over 100 pages and cost approximately £10 to £12.

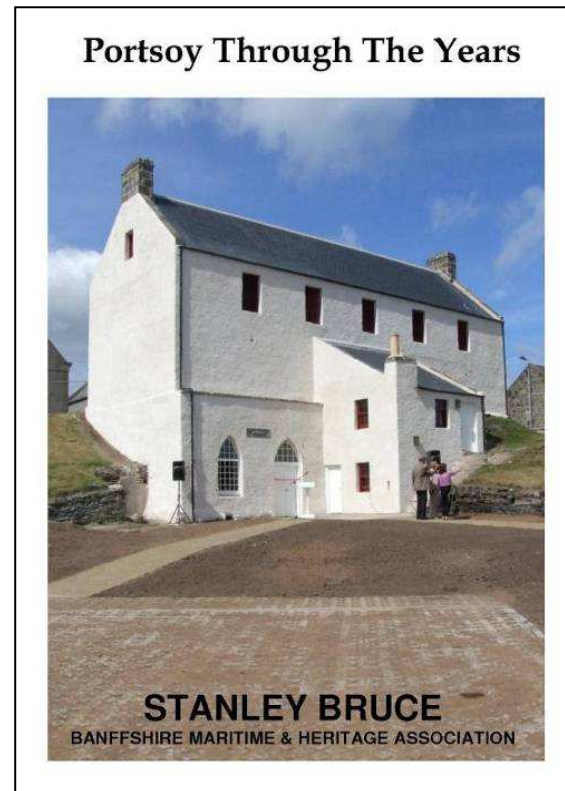


*Proposed cover for 'A Woman's Place'.*

### 4) *Portsoy Through the Years.*

We hope to publish another volume in this series following the success of '*Macduff, Fraserburgh, and Whitehills Through the Years*'. This book will be of a similar size

to the Macduff book and will cost £6.00.



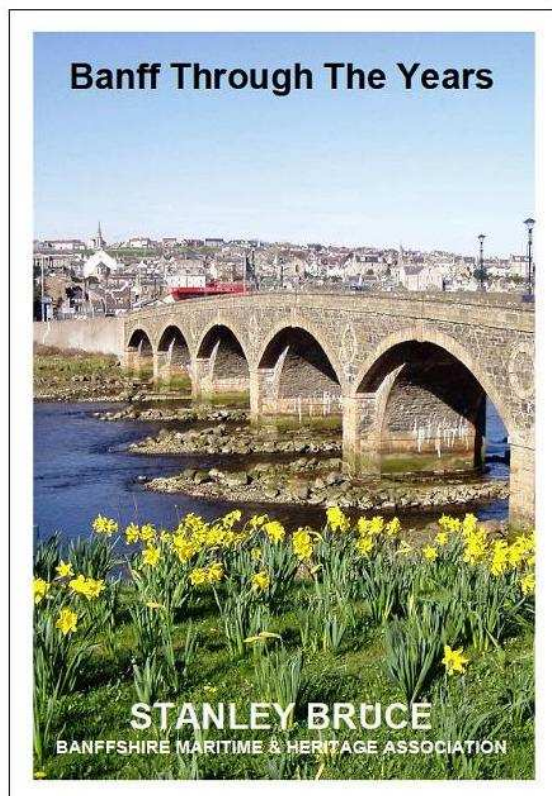
*Portsoy Through the Years.*

### 5) *Banff Through the Years.*

Writing of this book commenced early in 2008, with a lot of research done in 2007, but due to the launch of the '*Book of Banff*' by Banff Preservation and Heritage Society it was put on hold, and we worked on and completed '*Macduff Through the Years*' launching it the week before the '*Book of Banff*' in 2008. We felt that two new books about Banff being released at the same time would be too much. We now intend to complete this book and publish it. It will be a big A4 book with around 150 pages and cost approximately £12.

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information or photographs will be  
copied and the originals returned.

*See page 22 for contact details.*



### ***Banff Through the Years.***

Since our last AGM we have published five new titles, and have at least five more coming soon; but in what order? We do not know that ourselves yet, so you will just have to wait and see. All the proceeds from the sale of these books go to the BM&HA.

We would also like to thank DNV Energy for donating a laptop, which has been used for community presentations, and for typing up manuscripts for new books.

### **Banff Roll of Honour**

We would very much like in the future to publish a Banff Roll of Honour for WW1 and WW2, so if you have any old photographs or information relating to Banff during the wars please get in touch. Any

### **Banff Museum**



### ***Banff Museum, High Street.***

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - Banff Museum was officially launched as a Community Museum.**



### ***Stewart Stevenson MSP and Rosemary Sanderson BM&HA Vice-chair and Museum Curator.***

Banff Museum was officially opened as a Community Museum by local MSP Stewart Stevenson. An agreement was signed with Aberdeenshire Council who



manage the museum, Banffshire Maritime and Heritage Association, and Banff Preservation and Heritage Society in April 2010. The museum, which has changed very little for the past 20 years, has now been revitalised with displays from both community associations, and an exhibition area for changing exhibitions, which currently hosts a Girl Guides display. So if you have not been to Banff Museum or have not been for a while, get yourself down there before it closes for the season at the end of September. Visitor numbers are now double what they were at this time last year. The museum is now officially open Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 12.30pm, but is also open Saturday and Sunday afternoons subject to volunteers.



***BM&HA display, Banff Museum.***



***Liam Sparke's Nautical Knot-board, now in Banff Museum.***



***BM&HA display, Banff Museum.***

### **Longmanhill War Memorial**

We are still looking to see the Longmanhill War Memorial re-erected. The hall on which the memorial stood was sold by Stewart and Watson Estate Agents, and the memorial was taken down. We believe the memorial is held in storage somewhere, however we are very concerned that we have seen no indication that it will be re-erected. A simple stone cairn similar to the one at nearby Crudie would do the job.

## In The News

On [www.webhistorian.co.uk](http://www.webhistorian.co.uk) we have established our own news page, which covers local heritage and maritime news. We also have a separate page titled 'BMHA in the News' this is newspaper clippings in chronological order concerning the BM&HA or our members, mainly from the Press & Journal and the Banffshire Journal. See also [www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk](http://www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk) for news.

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## COAST

During the 2010 COAST Festival, we in collaboration with Aberdeenshire Council and BP&HS set up a Peter Anson exhibition in the ground floor of Banff Museum. On display was a large collection of Peter's books, a selection of his paintings, and two large information panels giving information about Peter and our Peter Anson Memorial Sculpture. Malcolm Smith did a great job as volunteer curator, and we had 289 visitors.



*Malcolm Smith and part of the Peter Anson display.*

## Whitehills Gala

17<sup>th</sup> July 2010 we set up our stall at Blackpots playing fields, Whitehills. This was the first time we have been to the Whitehills Gala. At the Gala, we appropriately launched our book titled 'Whitehills Through the Years'.



*Nick Dolphin, Liam Sparke, Malcolm Smith, and Stan Bruce at Whitehills Gala.  
(Photo Andrew Bruce).*

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## Portgordon Harbour Gala

25<sup>th</sup> July 2010 we set up our stall at the Portgordon Harbour Gala. This was the second year in a row that we have been at the gala, after deciding to go there firstly in 2009 instead of Portsoy. This year we launched our book 'Along the Coast – Burghead to Portknockie', which was very appropriate since Portgordon is featured in the book. Once again, it was a most enjoyable day out.



## **Aims of the Association as per our Constitution**

To advance and preserve the maritime & local heritage of the Banffshire Coast area.

In furtherance thereof but not exclusively:

- (1) To preserve, display and collect artefacts and items of interest relating to the maritime heritage in the Banffshire Coastal area.
- (2) To promote, advance, preserve, and raise awareness of the importance of our maritime heritage of the Banffshire Coast area through exhibitions, events, lectures, demonstrations, and other relevant avenues.
- (3) To provide information, training or education relating to the maritime environment and heritage of the area.
- (4) To perpetuate the skills and craftsmanship of traditional boat building in theory and practical demonstration and education.
- (5) To preserve the practical skills of rope and net repair through demonstrations and education.

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### **2009-2010 Committee Members**

Stanley Bruce	Chairman
Rosemary Sanderson	Vice-Chair
Jean Langham	Treasurer
Liam Sparke	Committee
Nick Dolphin	Committee
Roger Lewendon	Committee
Malcolm Smith	Committee

Our constitution allows for a maximum of 15 members on the committee, so we have room for some more. Currently we do not have a Secretary and it would be great to have this position filled, so if you are interested in joining us please get in touch.

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## **Involvement with other Community Groups**

Our committee members are also volunteers in many other local community groups and organisations as follows:

***Banff and Macduff Trust*** - Nick Dolphin.

***Banff Museum*** – Rosemary Sanderson.

***Banff Preservation & Heritage Society*** – Stanley Bruce & Nick Dolphin.

***Cats Protection*** – Jean Langham.

***Community Safety Group*** – Nick Dolphin.

***Credit Union*** – Jean Langham.

***Enable*** – Liam Sparke & Nick Dolphin.

***Friends of Banff Museum*** – All of our committee.

***Friends of Pitsligo Castle*** – Stanley Bruce.

***Methodist Church*** – Liam Sparke & Nick Dolphin.

***Red Cross*** – Roger Lewendon & Jean Langham.

***Tenants and Residents Association*** – Jean Langham.

### **Banffshire Partnership Ltd**

BM&HA information provided by Chairman Stanley Bruce to the Banffshire Partnership was included in a full page in their '2010 Newsletter – issue 12'. The cover photograph and many others inside are by Stanley Bruce.

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### **Community Presentations**

Over the past year, we have given seven talks to local groups.

**Talk No 17 - 14<sup>th</sup> September - Peterhead Probus Club.** 'Along the Coast from Cullen to Collieston' to the Peterhead Probus Club in the Palace Hotel, Peterhead. (Stanley Bruce).

**Talk No. 16 – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Banff Ladies Club,** - 'The Herring Lassies - Following the Herring' to the 'Banff Ladies Club', Fife Lodge Hotel, Banff. (Stanley Bruce and Rosemary Sanderson).

**Talk No. 15 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 - Rosehearty Primary School,** - 'The Herring Lassies - Following the Herring' to 'Rosehearty Primary School'. (Malcolm Smith and Rosemary Sanderson).

**No. 14 – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - Banffshire Field Club, Keith,** - 'The Herring Lassies - Following the Herring' to the 'Banffshire Field Club'. (Malcolm Smith and Rosemary Sanderson).

**No. 13 – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - Banff Pot Pouri Club, Banff Community Centre,** - 'Along the Coast - The Great North East Corner - Cullen to Collieston' to the 'Banff Pot Pouri Club'. (Malcolm Smith).

**Talk No. 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 - Workers Education Association, Banff Castle,** - 'Castles and Big Houses of Aberdeenshire' (The ghostly version) to the 'Workers Education Association'. (Stanley Bruce).

**Talk No. 11 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - Enable Club, Banff,** - 'The Great North East Corner - Along the Coast – Cullen to Collieston', Bridge Street Community Centre, Banff. (Stanley Bruce).

If you would like us to give you a talk using our laptop and projector, please get in touch. *Contact details are on page 22.*

Talk number 18 is already booked by the Banff Ladies Club for 2010:

A full list of all talks given can be seen on our section of [www.webhistorian.co.uk](http://www.webhistorian.co.uk)

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### **2010 Exhibition**

We never held a 2010 exhibition; however, we did have our Peter Anson collection on display in Banff Museum during the COAST festival of visual arts.



### **Peter Anson Sculpture**

In our 2009 Newsletter, we wrote extensively about Peter Anson and our sculpture, so we will not repeat ourselves here. However we will advise that mid-August we submitted an appeal to the Scottish Ministers regarding our planning application for erection of our sculpture which was refused by the councillors on the area planning committee at the end of June 2009. We are hoping the Scottish ministers see sense and accept our proposal. *“Not being allowed to erect a maritime memorial in a maritime garden is like not being allowed to park your car in a car park”.*

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### **Committee Meetings**

Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at The Buchan Street Club, Macduff 7-8pm. (January is usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.). Please feel free to come along and join us.

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### **Constitution**

Our constitution was revised 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 to Rev 4., & now shows the new name, and some other amendments to suit the office of the Scottish Charity Register (OSCR).

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### **Business Plan**

The association's business plan shows the way forward for a sustainable Association, in premises, which are owned by the

Association. This plan was submitted to OSCR with the charity registration forms.

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### **Charitable Status**

18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 we officially became a registered charity with registration number SCO40505. OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Register).

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### **Membership**

Membership of the Association runs from April to April and is only £5.00. For that, you get a membership certificate, a 9” x 6” copy of our annually chosen heritage photograph, and a copy of our annual newsletter; a membership form can be found at the back of this newsletter, or can be downloaded from our website. The 2010 / 2011 photo is of the Craig Alvah fishing boat berthed in Macduff Harbour.



*Craigalvah, 2010 / 2011 photo.*

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### **BM&HA Annual Outing**

The 2010 annual outing was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010. We visited Ballindalloch Castle, home of Clare Russell Lord-lieutenant of

Banffshire, Mrs Russell made us very welcome and we all enjoyed our visit very much. If you have not been to Ballindalloch Castle we recommend you visit this wonderful castle and gardens, make it a day out and take a picnic or have some tea in the café. We then stopped for Sunday lunch, before visiting the Moray Motor Museum in Elgin. This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> official outing as an association, and was attended by committee members only. For next years outing, we intend to extend an invitation to all members. So if you have any ideas where to visit please let us know.



***BM&HA committee with Clare Russell at Ballindalloch Castle.***



***Ballindalloch Castle***



***Moray Motor Museum, Elgin.***

[www.ballindallochcastle.co.uk](http://www.ballindallochcastle.co.uk)

[www.moraymotormuseum.org](http://www.moraymotormuseum.org)

### **T-shirts**

In July 2010, we had our drifter logo printed on T-shirts, these were made available to committee members, however, we have since decided we can make these available to all members. T-shirts and sweatshirts are now available at £18 each.



CORPORATE IMAGE: Stanley Bruce with the new Banffshire Maritime and Heritage Association polo shirts

***Stan Bruce and our T-shirts in the Press & Journal.***



### **An Interesting Find**

Stanley Bruce in August 2010 handed-in an interesting stone, which he dug up in his garden in Banff to Banff Museum. Stanley wondered if it was a pre-historic tool, however a photograph was sent to Treasure Trove who said they thought it was just a stone, which coincidentally looked like it could have been a tool. Banff Museum then returned the stone to Stanley.



*Unusual shaped stone.*

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### **Aberchirder**

Bob Peden has written a new book titled 'Old Aberchirder', congratulations to him. The book contains many interesting views of Foggie mainly in old postcards.

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### **Buckie**

Over the past two years, we have made some good friends at the Buckie and District Fishing Heritage. They have been selling copies of our books in particular 'The Herring Lassies' which they say is currently their best-seller. Therefore, we would like to say thanks to the guys in Buckie for

selling our publications, and it is great that they also financially benefit from our work. If you have not been up to Buckie to visit them then make sure you go soon, we recommend a visit. Opening times during the summer months are:  
Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm.  
Saturday 10.00am - 1.00 pm.  
Sunday – closed.

[www.buckieheritage.org](http://www.buckieheritage.org).



*Inside the Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Centre.*

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### **The Future**

Our library of books continues to grow, however this takes a lot of hard work, and continual funding to publish new titles. Three of our members have become published authors, and hopefully very soon we will have our fourth. Our books are currently only printed locally in relatively small quantities so there is so far not a massive profit, however we do hope that outlets can be found overseas sometime in the future. We did have ideas for other sculptures, however, after the

hassle we have had with our Peter Anson Memorial we will not be taking these forward. We sincerely hope the future of Banff Museum is secure, and look forward to working with Aberdeenshire Council for many years to come. We could still do with more members on our committee & our general membership still needs to grow.

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### To Close

So that's our third issue of our annual 'Nautical News', and once

again I must say it's amazing what can happen in a year. We have now established very good ties with the Banff Preservation & Heritage Society and the Buckie and District Fishing Heritage and many other organisations, and it is true that we are stronger working together, long may it continue.

A' the best,

**Stanley Bruce,**  
**BSc; I. Eng, MIMarEST.**  
**Chairman.**

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# **BANFFSHIRE MARITIME AND HERITAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**



Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss etc

First Name: Surname:

Company Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number: Mobile Number:

Email Address:

I wish to apply for Individual (£5) / under 16 (£2) / Company (£30)\* Annual Membership of the Banffshire Maritime and Heritage Association effective from the date of application & valid until April (Membership runs from April - April each year)

To qualify for under 16 Annual Membership, please give your date of birth: / /

I wish to pay my Annual Membership fee to the value of £ by:

Cheque (Made payable to: Banffshire Maritime & Heritage Association)

Post to:

BMHA Chairman, c/o Strathearn House, Seafield St, Banff, Aberdeenshire, AB45 1EB.

Signature: Date:

\*delete as appropriate

## **Membership of the Association entitles our members to the following:**

Receive free copies of our newsletter. Currently this is an annual newsletter, (The hope is to publish it bi-annually in the future). Submit articles for entry into the newsletter.

A discount of 20% on all of our books, calendars, and postcards bought direct from the Association.

A vote, at our Annual General Meeting (Where applicable).

An opportunity to become a management committee member, or an office bearer.

Free entry into any of our exhibitions.

Company membership entitles the company to a free advert in our newsletter.

And as a member you can request assistance or information from other members or committee members.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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## COMING SOON

### 2011 CALENDAR

Banff & District.



JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



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OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER

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