

Nautical News

Newsletter of the Banffshire Maritime And Heritage Association.
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View from the Chair

Hello, and welcome to our 2nd annual newsletter. Firstly I should point out that at a Special General Meeting held in Macduff Town Hall 3rd Nov. 2008 the Association name was changed slightly to include an 'AND' after Maritime. This change was required to show that we are not only interested in maritime heritage; we're also interested in our local heritage. This we have shown with the publication of our local history book '*Macduff Through the Years*', described by the Press and Journal as a 'Potted History'.



Race yachts poignantly sail out of Macduff for the last time (2008).

In 2008 we held our summer exhibition in Macduff Town Hall 26th to 29th June to coincide with the Banff to Stavanger Yacht Race (North Sea Yacht Race), sadly there wasn't a yacht race in 2009 however we still held our exhibition when it would have been run. (2008 was the 25th year of the yacht race).



No. 7 Union Road, Macduff.

In November 2008 we looked at possible premises at No. 7 Union Road, Macduff. We quickly spoke to the Heritage Lottery people and sent off a pre-application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, and then submitted an application to the Aberdeenshire Towns Partnership (ATP). Unfortunately the ATP group didn't have the same foresight as our Association and rejected our application; this was

very disappointing but not surprising because the ATP group had rejected our previous three applications, which were our Herring Lassies publication which has been a roaring success, our website – of which we now have two, and our oral heritage project which we still haven't managed to achieve. Our previous exhibitions have shown that the number of visitors to Macduff is limited, certainly not enough to make a permanent museum sustainable without another means of financial support. The association is not supported financially by Aberdeenshire Council or any other body, and we don't think relying on hand-outs is the way to a sustainable future.

As a member of the organising committee for the 2008 Banff Gala, and the 2008 Banff to Stavanger Yacht Race I was shocked that Aberdeenshire Council charged the voluntary organising committee of the shore-side activities £500 twice for the erection of railings around the harbour. That's £1,000 taken from a voluntary organisation. To my mind Aberdeenshire Council should actively support such events and put up the railings for free. I understand that the organisers of the 2009 'Firth Fest' held at Banff Harbour are also to be charged £500. A lot of local people are under the misconception that the Council organises these events; in

the past the Council used to, but nowadays they leave it to voluntary organisations, and then charge them for whatever they can, railings, entertainments licence etc. Due to this I personally won't be part of any future organising committee for any shore-side activities unless Aberdeenshire Council put the railings up free of charge.

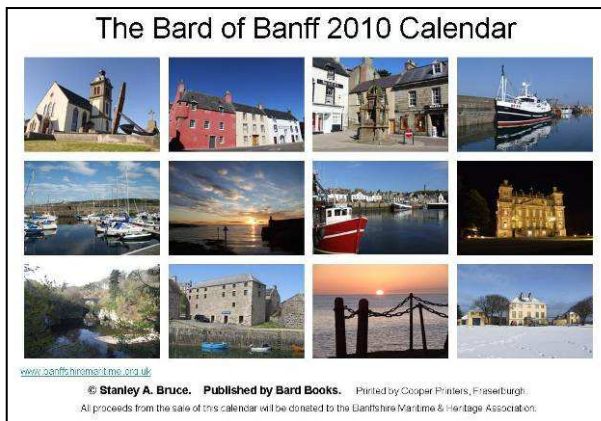


Peter Anson Sculpture.

During the last year and a bit we have put in place the stepping stones for the future, that is the publication of our own books, postcards and annual calendar, these, in particular the books will bring in revenue hopefully for a long time. We now have registered charity status, two websites, and

our online bookshop will soon be functioning.

I do hope you find our Nautical News interesting, and if you want to be part of it come along to the Town Hall Macduff the first Monday 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 2010 calendar coming soon.



2010 Calendar.

James Gatt from Macduff reported that he sent one of our 2008 calendars to his cousin in Canada, and she absolutely loved it. She told him that she couldn't put it down.

Funding

During the last year August 2008 to August 2009 we have received no external financial funding. We did submit three funding applications but they were all unsuccessful. We submitted an application for a grant for £500 from the Banff and Buchan Arts Forum (BBAF) for

galvanising the Peter Anson Sculpture but it was rejected. See later pages for more information on this. We submitted a funding application for £20,000 to the ATP Strategy Steering Group to buy an old workshop at No. 7 Union Road but this was also unsuccessful.

Special General Meeting

A special general meeting (SGM) was held 3rd November 2008 in Macduff Town Hall. At this meeting the Association name was changed to the Banffshire Maritime **And** Heritage Association.

Leaflets

During 2007 to 2008 we issued three different leaflets, and one of these, which was specifically made for the December 2007 Volunteer Fair held at the Banff Springs was picked up by Drew Davidson of Dumbarton when he visited Pennan. Drew has an interest in website design, and has built www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk free of charge for us, so we give a big thank you to Drew. If you need help with your website see Drew's website www.macdhaibhidh.com

Display Panels

We are now the proud owners of six new 6 feet wide x 6 feet high display panels. These were purchased for £570 using revenue from our book sales. These were used during our 2009 exhibition in

Macduff in June 2009, and at the Portgordon Gala July 2009. These panels are very light and portable and very easy to erect. We may rent these to other organisations for a small fee.



New Display Panels.

The Herring Lassies volunteered and played their part in making the British herring fishery the finest in the world. Come and join us and together we can preserve what they and the fishermen did for future generations.



**BANFFSHIRE MARITIME
HERITAGE ASSOCIATION**

2007 Volunteer Fair Leaflet.

A new leaflet was made for our 2009 exhibition promoting the Peter Anson Sculpture consultation, 250 of these were printed and distributed in Banff and Macduff, prior to and during the consultation.

We at the Banffshire Maritime & Heritage Association will be holding a small display and a public consultation regarding our Peter Anson Sculpture in Macduff Town Hall 26th to 28th June 2009. Come along, have a cup of tea or coffee with us, and have your say on where you'd like to see the sculpture erected.



**BANFFSHIRE MARITIME &
HERITAGE ASSOCIATION**

2009 Leaflet.

Web Historian



www.webhistorian.co.uk

A considerable amount of time has been spent developing our section

on this website and it has grown enormously since 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 the following page titles:

Banffshire Maritime & Heritage Association

[Competition - 2009 Homecoming Painting and Poetry Winners.](#)
[Portgordon Gala 26th July 2009.](#)
[Poetry Page.](#)
[Peter Anson Sculpture.](#)
[News - Local Maritime and Heritage.](#)
[BM&HA In The News.](#)
[A Look Around - Banff Harbour.](#)
[A Look Around - Macduff Harbour.](#)
[Along the Coast - Cullen to Collieston.](#)
[Mercat Crosses of the North East.](#)
[The Herring Lassies.](#)
[The Haunted and Spooky North East](#)
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[Shipwrights and Coopers Tools](#)
[Boat-building.](#)
[Lighthouses of the North East.](#)
[Scottish Fishing Boats.](#)
[Aberdeen \(A\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Arbroath \(AH\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Banff \(BF\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Buckie \(BCK\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Fraserburgh \(FR\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Inverness \(INS\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)

[Kirkwall \(K\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Lerwick \(LK\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Montrose \(ME\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Peterhead \(PD\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Wick \(WK\) Registered Fishing Boats.](#)
[Offshore Service and Supply Boats.](#)
[RNLI Lifeboats and Lifeboat Stations.](#)
[Fishing Boats in Trouble.](#)
[Banffshire Folk.](#)
[2008 Newsletter.](#)
[Macduff's Historic Places.](#)
[Tarlair.](#)
[Hall Russell Remembered.](#)
[Banff Castle.](#)
[St Mary's Old Kirkyard, Banff.](#)
[Castle and big houses of Aberdeenshire.](#)
[Churches and Chapels of NE Scotland.](#)
[Railway Memories of the North East of Scotland.](#)
[Delgatie Castle, Turriff.](#)
[Forglen House, Turriff.](#)
[Doo-cots of the North East.](#)
[Pictish Symbol Stones, St Peter's Church, Inveravon.](#)
[Wells of the North East.](#)
[Whitehills Past and Present.](#)
[Wildlife of the North East.](#)
[WW1.](#)
[COAST Festival of the Visual Arts 2009.](#)
[Community Presentations.](#)
[Local Links.](#)

The latest section added to the website is **'The Haunted and Spooky North East'** which gives ghost tales, and photographs some of which have been 'spookified' by Margaret MacKenzie of Aberdeen.

The favourite 'spookification' to date is Inchdrewer Castle with the ghost dog, what's your's?



Inchdrewer Castle & ghost dog.



www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk

Our website has been developing since the beginning of the year, 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](#)
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[Online e-mail](#)
[Contact Us](#)
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The facility for an on-line shop has also been installed but isn't up and running just yet.

Treasurer's View

Since I became Treasurer, this is the first full financial year where we have had no premises of our own. This means that we no longer receive visitor donations or make direct sales, and we have received no grants from the Council or any other groups towards our costs. Despite this we have increased our book and calendar sales by more than 250% and our annual profit has risen from £325 in 2007/2008 to £939 for 2008/2009. That's excluding approximately £1,000 that we have spent on new display panels, our 2009 poetry and painting competition prizes and our 2009 exhibition.

Our Chairman and Committee have worked hard to produce new books for sale and to increase the number of outlets which sell on our behalf. It is our hope that the improvements in our financial position will enable us to find a new home for our museum exhibits in the future.

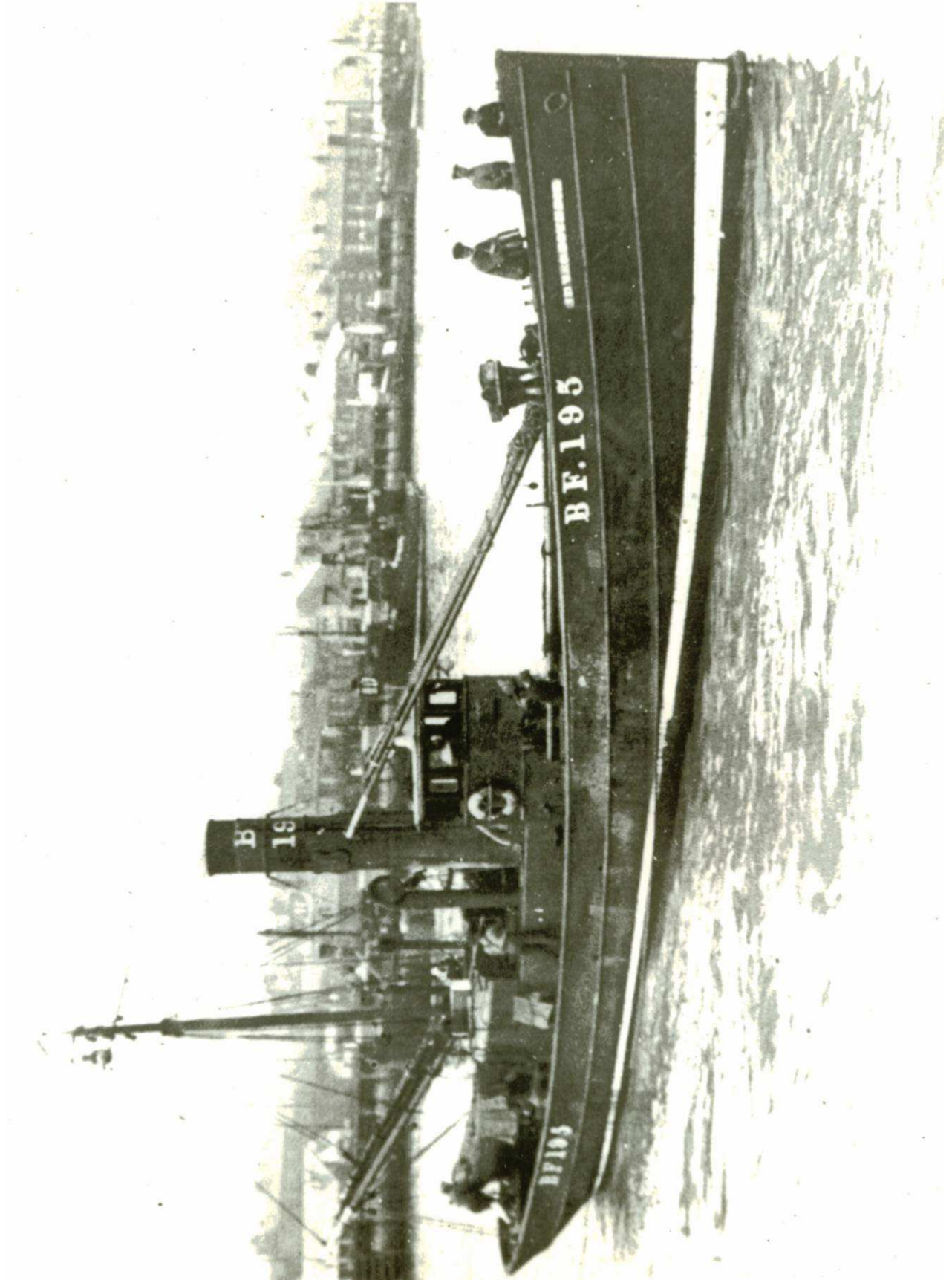
Jean Langham BSc. B.B.S.



Steam on the Brig o' Banff.

Local Heritage News

In this section we will look at topics of local interest, and requests from members of the public. First we have BF195 'Inverboyndie' requested by Martha Barron (nee Bruce), Banff (Photo courtesy of James Gatt, Macduff).



Also requested by Martha Barron (nee Bruce), Banff is BF144 'Gaveny Brae' (Photo courtesy of James Gatt, Macduff). Both of these drifters were owned by earlier generations of the Bruce family



Macduff Through The Years

In this section we have information received regarding the history of Macduff; that is items not in our book that have come to light since its publication. The following photograph was received by Willie Morrison of Banff; it shows the Salvation Army party 1938 which took place in the Gordon's Hall in Market Street, Macduff. If you recognise anyone, please let us know.



Salvation Army party 1938, Gordon's Hall, Market Street, Macduff. Courtesy of Willie Morrison, Banff standing back row 4th from the left, on his right is Jackie Conn. Centre at back is Mrs Halfnight, and 2nd woman from right with glasses is Lizzy Blanchard.

This is an interesting old postcard c1900 which shows Shore Street Macduff, the two cannons long since lost (Thought to have been wheeled into the harbour) were a nice feature.



Shore Street, Macduff, 1900's.

Also on the subject of the Salvation Army, we have recently discovered that Mildred Blanche Duff (1860 to 1932) born in London but a g-g-granddaughter of James Duff 2nd Earl Fife was a Lieutenant Colonel of the Salvation Army and later the Commissioner. She wrote three books and part-wrote four others, and over 150,000 copies of her books have been sold. A book titled 'Mildred Duff' - A surrendered life' was written by Noel Hope and published in 1933, and a second book titled 'The biography of Mildred Duff' by Madge Unsworth was published in 1954. These two books can be found on the internet for £4 and £5.



Mildred Blanche Duff.

The Goodies

Graeme Garden of the Goodies was born in Macduff, 18th Feb 1943. He left in 1947.

2009 Painting & Poetry Competition

Our 2009 competition attracted ninety entries, and the winning paintings were of an outstanding quality. The poetry competition could have been won by any of the ten best entries, it was that close.



Adult winner – ‘Homecoming Dream Song’ by Lindsay Ross, Forres.



Under 18 winner - 'Highland Dancer' by Hannah Corbett. (Mintlaw Primary School).

The winning poem in the Adult category was titled ‘Aul Willie’s Awa’ and was penned by Charles Geddes, Buckie.

The winning poem in the under 18 category was titled ‘Out at Sea’ and was penned by Chloe Cowie of Crudie Primary School.

The winning poems can be read on www.webhistorian.co.uk

The winning adults received £100 each, and the winning under 18’s a £50 Argos voucher, all winners also received a large trophy.

Look out for our anthology, which will be ready before Christmas and will include the poems complimented with the best of the paintings.



2009 Painting and Poetry competition prize-giving. Left to right - Kyle Finnie, Stanley Bruce (Chairman), Chloe Skinner, Charles Geddes, Chloe Cowie, Lindsay Ross, Jean Mortimer, and giving-out the prizes Eilidh Whiteford.

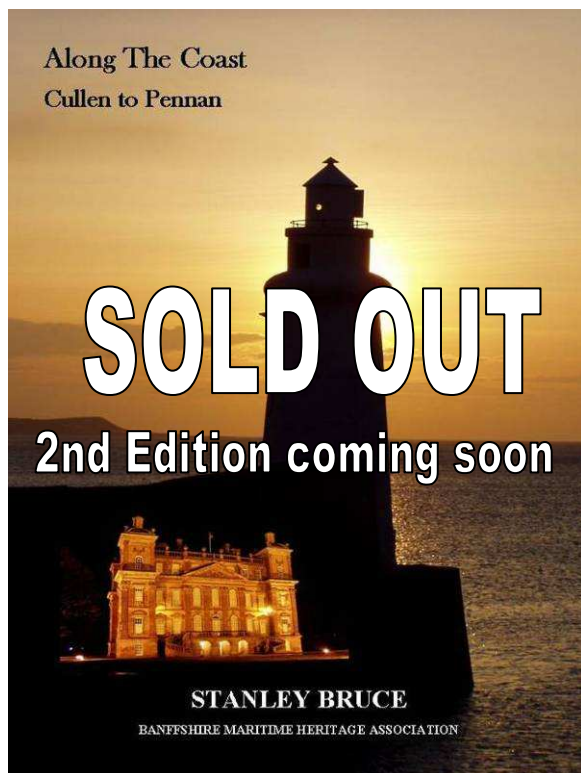
(Photo by Andrew Bruce).

Publications

Our books as follows are available at Chapter and Verse, 41 Low Street, Banff, AB45 1AU, telephone 01261 812400, and at selected outlets in the north east, or by contacting us at banffshiremaritime@yahoo.co.uk or Stanley Bruce on 07770 780232.

Along The Coast – Cullen to Pennan

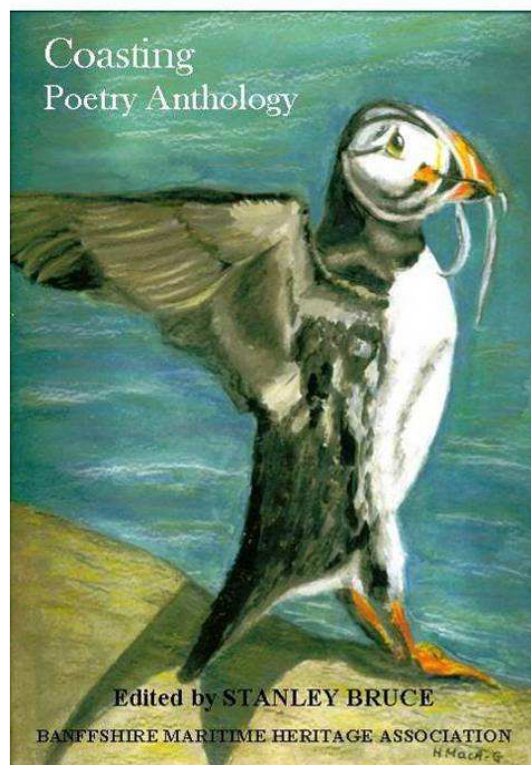
ISBN 978-0-9547960-4-4, A4 with 36 colour pages, published 2007, Price £5.99. A reader stated this is 'The finest book ever written about the Banffshire coastline'. The first edition is now **sold out**. The book is still in demand by tourists so look out for the A5 version second edition which will be coming soon.



Along The Coast – Cullen to Pennan.

Coasting

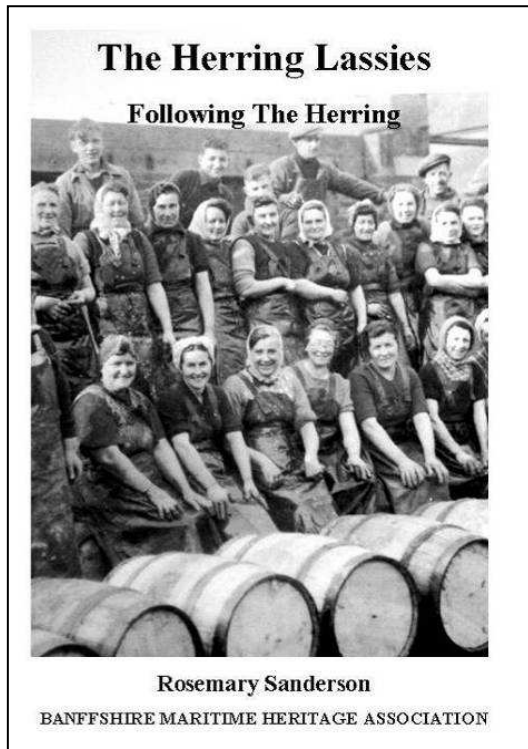
ISBN 978-0-9547960-5-1, A5 with 36 pages, published 2007, price £3.99. This book contains work of local poets, and others from England, and as far away as Australia. The publication of this book was supported by the Banff and Buchan Arts Forum. Many people have bought the book simply for the beautiful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



Coasting Poetry Anthology.

The Herring Lassies

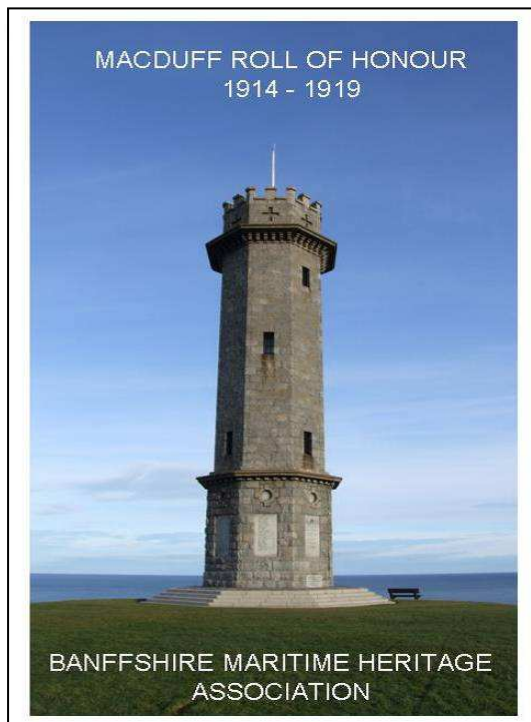
ISBN 978-0-9547960-6-8, A5 with 56 pages, published 2008, price £5.00. This book is to date our most popular publication, and is now on its third print. Copies are in bookshops all along the coast as far south as **Eastbourne**.



The Herring Lassies.

Macduff Roll of Honour

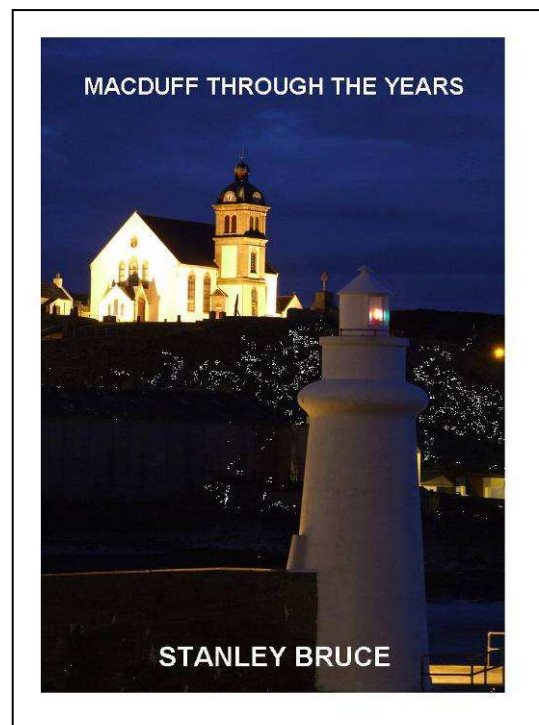
ISBN 978-0-9547960-7-5, A5 with 84 pages, published June 2008, price £6.00. Only limited copies available. *A copy of the 1st edition sold for £51.76 on ebay 7th August 2009.*



Macduff Roll of Honour.

Macduff Through The Years

ISBN 978-0-9547960-8-2, A5 with 84 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's exactly what it is a straight to the point historical view of the town, a must for every visitor or local.

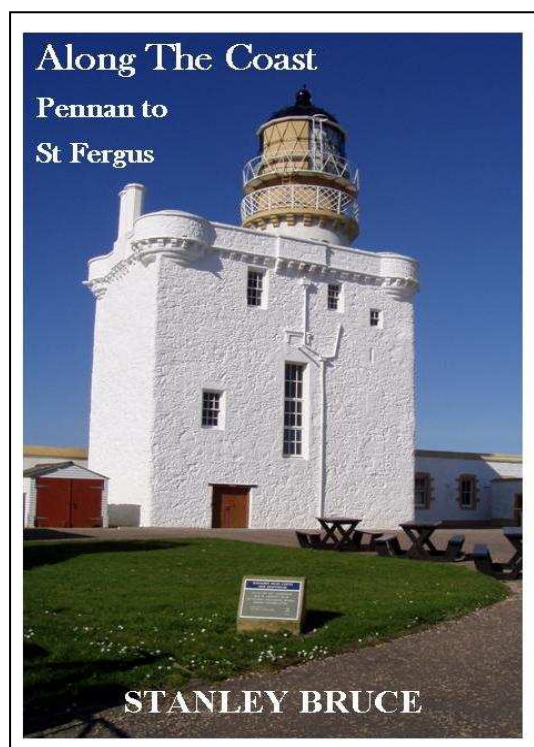


Macduff Through The Years.

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

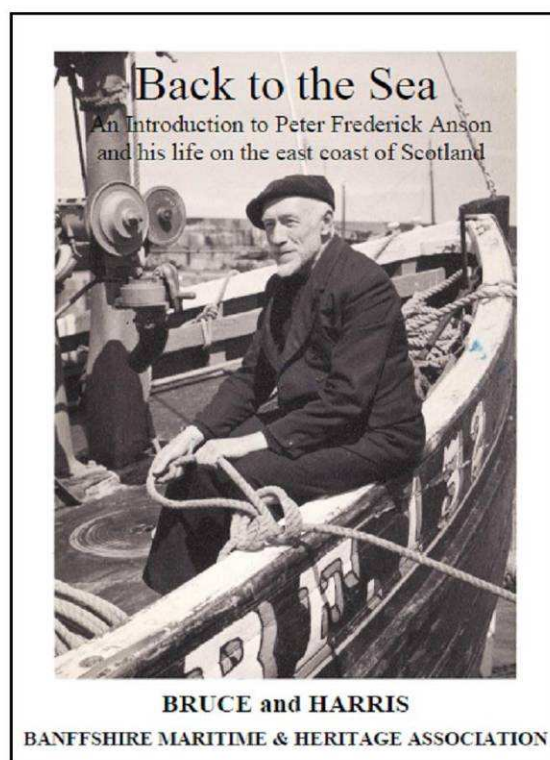
drive past unknowingly without the book.



Along the Coast – Pennan to St Fergus.

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.

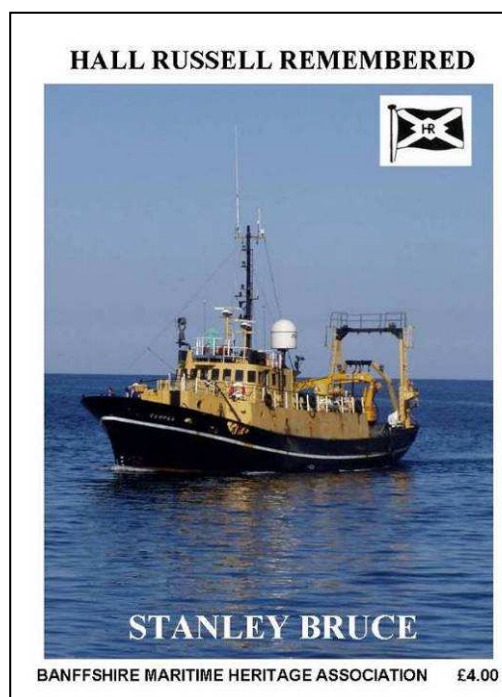


Back to the Sea.

The following books are currently only available from committee members:

Hall Russell Remembered

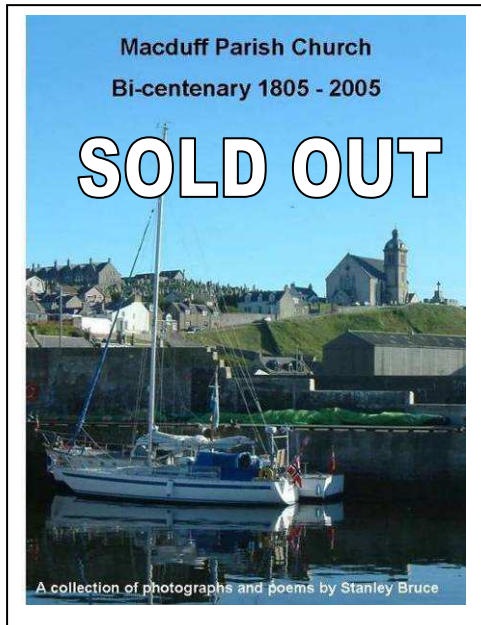
No ISBN, A4 with 36 pages, price £4.00. ***Limited stock remaining.***



Hall Russell Remembered.

Macduff Parish Church Bi-centenary

No ISBN, A4 with 28 colour pages, price £4.00. Only available upon special request, 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. A search of www.amazon.co.uk 9th July 2009 revealed the following asking prices for **used** copies of our books:

The Herring Lassies selling for up to £82.62.

Along the Coast - Pennan to St Fergus selling for up to £18.75.

And two of our chairman's earlier books: 'The Bard of Banff' selling for up to £23.85, and the ***Bard o' the Broch*** selling for £18.75.

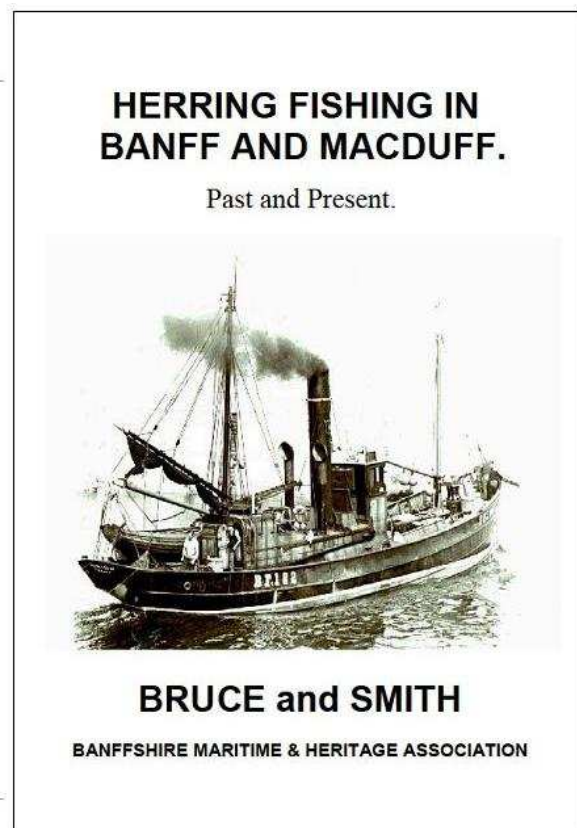
So when you buy one of our books you not only learn about our local heritage it's also an investment!

Future Publications

In our first newsletter we listed some possible future publications, 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.

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 this they only used three pages. Stanley has increased this to 15 pages, and committee member Malcolm Smith is currently researching the Macduff part of the book.

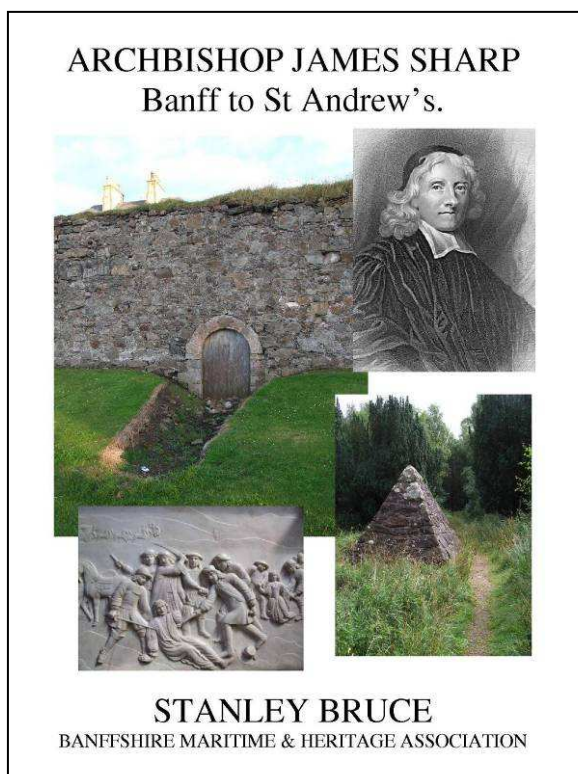


Herring Fishing in Banff and Macduff.

Depending on how Malcolm gets on with his research the book may extend to all of the harbours on the Banffshire Coast, keep an eye out for it.

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.

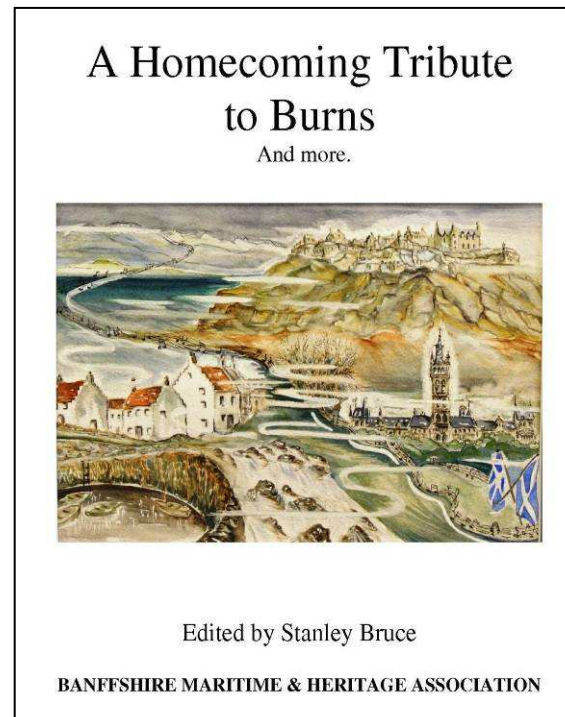


Archbishop James Sharp – Banff to St Andrew's.

3) *A Homecoming Tribute to Burns*

Our second poetry anthology, but this one has a difference it will include our 2009 poetry competition poems complimented

with the best of our 2009 painting competition entries. This book will cost approximately £5.00.



A Homecoming Tribute to Burns

4) *Along the Coast – Cullen to Pennan (2nd edition).*

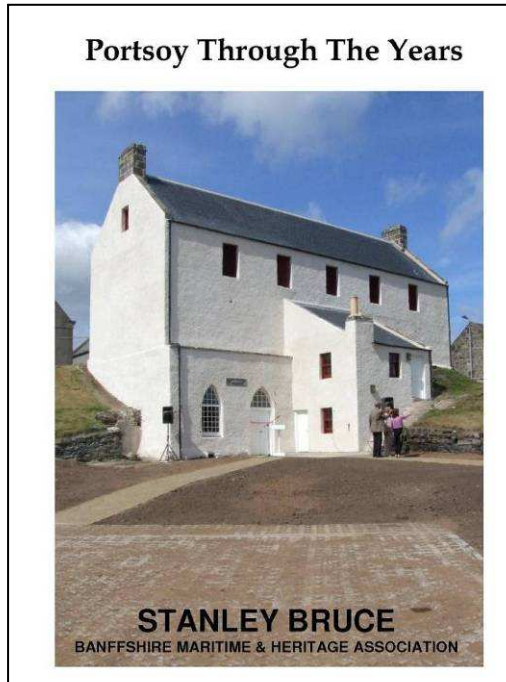
Due to the 1st edition being sold out we intend to republish a 2nd edition of this popular book. The 2nd edition will be an updated and improved A5 version of the book. This book will cost approximately £5.00.

5) *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. *Price to be advised.*

6) *Portsoy Through the Years.*

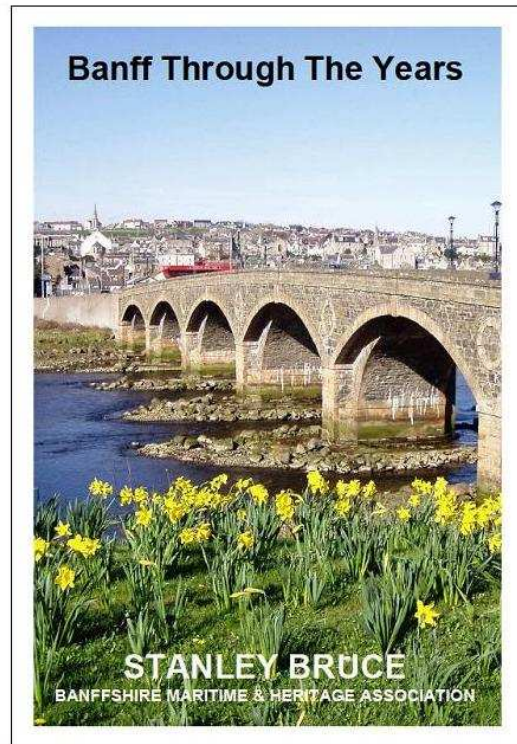
Another volume in this series following the success of '*Macduff Through the Years*' published in 2008. This book will be of a similar size to the Macduff book and will cost £6.00.



Portsoy Through the Years.

7) *Banff Through the Years.*

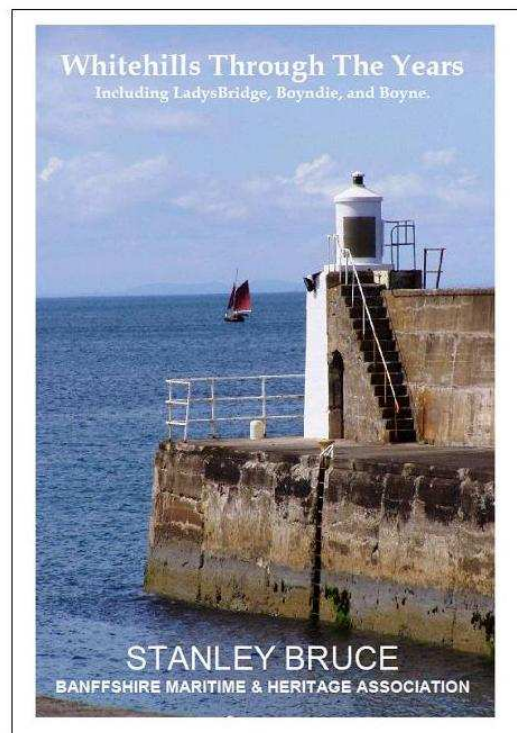
Writing of this book commenced early in 2008, with a lot of research done in 2007, but due to the launch of the '*Book of Banff*' by Banff Preservation and Heritage Society it was put on hold, and we worked on and completed '*Macduff Through the Years*' launching it the week before the '*Book of Banff*' 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 130 pages and cost approximately £10.00.



Banff Through the Years.

8) *Whitehills Through the Years.*

The fourth volume in this series, this book will be of a similar size to the Macduff book and will cost £6.00.



Whitehills Through the Years.

9) *Along the Coast.*

Part 3 - which will stretch westwards from Cullen.

Nine new titles coming soon; but in what order? We don't know that yet, so you'll just have to wait and see.

All the proceeds from the sale of these books go to the BM&HA.

Premises

On the 7th November 2008 the BM&HA committee made a visit to an unused workshop at No. 7 Union Road, Macduff which was placed on the market for offers over £20,000. It was thought that this workshop could have been converted for our use, and at least would have provided suitable storage for the items currently kept in an old container. A pre-application was quickly prepared and submitted to the Heritage Lottery fund. A second application was submitted to the Aberdeenshire Towns Partnership (ATP) Banff and Macduff Strategy Group chaired by Councillor John Cox. The application was for £20,000 to purchase the workshop. A £10,000 funding application was then prepared to be submitted to the National Lottery for funds 'to do the place up'. Sadly the ATP application was turned down, and according to the Banffshire Journal who had a reporter at the meeting the main reasons given for rejection

were a) Councillor Mair stated that the site was "An accident waiting to happen", and b) Councillor Cox stated that Aberdeenshire Council had plenty unused buildings and wouldn't appreciate the group buying another one. If Union Road is indeed "An accident waiting to happen" what is or has councillor Mair done to prevent an accident happening? And if Aberdeenshire Council have unused buildings which can meet our needs why hasn't Councillor Cox provided us with a list? The funding was given to the Princes Trust for a 'Health in the Workplace' pilot scheme and to Banff Castle to pay 50% of the re-lime-washing costs of the castle. It seems odd that community money is being spent providing fitness in the workplace when most companies have budgets of their own for this. I leave you to make your own assumptions. Usually any money awarded by the ATP group has to be spent by the end of the financial year (April 2009?) or it is lost, so has the money been spent?

After leasing No. 6 to 8 Duff Street, Macduff during 2006 and 2007 we were aware of how much it costs to run our own premises, No. 6 to 8 Duff St. was costing approximately £5,000 p.a. and due to the limited local support and the limited number of visitors to the area this proved to be unsustainable long term without some other means of

funding, however we believe with the revenue now coming in from our book sales we could have financially sustained No. 7 Union Road on our own.

Stanley Bruce and Nick Dolphin at the end of 2008 attended a meeting at the Banff Springs where the 'Trinity and Alvah Church' on Banff's Castle Street was discussed. Stanley Bruce declared an interest and suggested an 'Open Day' so members of community groups could have a look inside to see if it could be suitable for their use, but nothing has come of this. Premises such as this could work for us if shared with other groups. This could include commercial uses such as a library, tourist information, offices for rent or some small shops and a cafe. It is such a fine looking building that it deserves a new life.



Photo of the Trinity and Alvah Church, Castle Street, Banff.

Banff Museum

In December 2008 rumour was that the Banff Library was to be moved from its current home in Banff's

High Street to the proposed Better Life Centre at Princess Royal Park, this would leave Banff Museum vulnerable.

Although Aberdeenshire Council never actually stated that the museum was to close J & J Associates in collaboration with the Banffshire Maritime & Heritage Association and the Banff Preservation & Heritage Society were concerned, and submitted a joint proposal for the future of Banff Museum. Both groups early in 2009 received separate letters from Aberdeenshire Council. Both groups then had a joint meeting, prior to jointly meeting with Aberdeenshire Council in April 2009. Since this meeting the two groups have met regularly to discuss Banff Museum and are in the process of putting together a more detailed proposal. It is hoped that a second meeting will be held with Aberdeenshire Council at the end of September.



Banff Museum, High Street.

Remembrance

On the 11th November 2008 the 90th anniversary of the end of WW1 was commemorated at both Banff and Macduff War Memorials. However no commemoration could be held at the Longmanhill War Memorial because it isn't there! The hall on which the memorial stood was sold by Stewart and Watson, and the memorial was taken down. We believe the memorial is held in storage somewhere, however we are concerned that we have seen no indication that it will be re-erected. If you're interested in WW1 you may be interested in our limited edition 'Macduff Roll of Honour 1914-1919', available at Chapter and Verse, Low Street, Banff. '*Portsoy Through the Years*' will also have a 'Roll of Honour' as an appendix.



***Banff Remembrance Service
November 2008.***

In The News

On 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 P&J and the Banffshire Journal. See also www.banffshiremaritime.org.uk

Portgordon Harbour Gala

26th July 2009 we set up our stall at the Portgordon Harbour Gala. This was the first time we've been at the gala and decided to go here in 2009 instead of Portsoy. We went to Portsoy in 2008 and didn't get a very good stance, so opted for a change. It was a most enjoyable day out and we met Clare Russell the Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire who invited our chairman to Ballindalloch Castle for a chat.



Andrew, David, Roger, and Jean.



A busy BM&HA stall.

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.

Current Committee Members

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

Our constitution allows for a maximum of 15 members on the committee, so we have room for some more. Currently we don't have a Secretary and it would be great to have this position filled, so if you're interested please get in touch. At the 2008 AGM we said goodbye to our previous Chair and Vice-chair Isobel Smollet, Banff, and also to Neil Raffan, Macduff who served on the committee for over a year.

Involvement with other Community Groups

Of course our committee members are also volunteers in many other 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.

Enable – Liam Sparke & Nick Dolphin.

Methodist Church – Liam Sparke & Nick Dolphin.

Red Cross – Roger Lewendon & Jean Langham.

Tenants and Residents Association – Jean Langham.

Credit Union – Jean Langham.

Boy Scouts – Liam Sparke.

Supporting Other Community Groups

The following community groups have received support from the BM&HA during the last year.

Banffshire Partnership Ltd

BM&HA information provided by Chairman Stanley Bruce to the Banffshire Partnership was included in a full page in their '2009 Newsletter – issue 11'. The cover photograph and many others inside are by Stanley Bruce.



BPL 2009 Newsletter.

Banffshire Coast

The Banffshire Coast intended to erect ten poles along the Banff bypass with banners similar to those erected at Macduff Harbour. The banners were going to

represent the local towns and villages on the Banffshire Coast. Assistance was requested regarding photographs for the banners, and Stanley Bruce was only too happy to help. Stanley has previously helped with the banners in Macduff and Fraserburgh. Funding for the banner project was awarded by the ATP strategy group but the Banffshire Coast controversially retracted their application shortly after receiving the award.

Banff and Macduff Trust

The BM&HA committee wanted to run a tea room downstairs in the Macduff Town Hall during the COAST festival but the COAST team had already booked the room, so that idea was scuppered. So we ended up contributing photographs to the Banff and Macduff Trust for their display in the Bridge St. Community Centre.



Nick Dolphin – Bridge St. Community Centre.

However we did hear from the First Minister that it was our Peter Anson sculpture they were all talking about at Banff Castle during

the opening event. Just as well we never erected it in Banff Castle as it would have fair shown up the rusty steel cut-outs on display, and at what cost? That's two years of the festival been and gone and a considerable amount of money spent but nothing lasting is left to remember it or improve the landscape of Banff and Macduff. If something had been erected and left every year then relatively quickly we would have had some interesting features in the two towns. How about something lasting for 2010?



Rob Mulholland Sculpture, Banff Castle, 22 May 2009.

Banff to Stavanger Yacht Race (North Sea Yacht Race)

Sadly there was no yacht race in 2009, after 25 years it's such a shame, it's just another event which has fallen foul of new regulations; and I wonder how long it will be before it becomes impossible to run any kind of event. Events take a lot of organising and commitment and

today's need for risk assessments, public liability insurance, licences, stewards, training, etc, is making it very difficult and at times impossible for many voluntary organisations.

Boy Scouts

Liam Sparke donated his Nautical Knot-board to the Banff Boy Scouts, and spent several weeks teaching the youngsters how to tie knots.



Liam Sparke's Nautical Knot-board.

Community Presentations

21st October 2008 – Banff Parish Church Guild, St Mary's Hall Banff. Stanley Bruce gave a presentation on the 'The Great North East Corner – The Coastline from Cullen to Collieston', which was well attended and received.

31st October 2009 – Multi-Control, Norway, Drummur Castle. Stanley Bruce gave a presentation on 'The Great North East Corner - The Coastline Cullen to Collieston' (The Viking Version) to Multi-

Control, Norway, who had hired the castle for the weekend to celebrate the companies 10th anniversary.

3rd December 2008 – Aberchirder History Club.

Stanley Bruce gave a presentation on the ‘Herring Lassies – Following the Herring’ in the pavilion, Aberchirder, which was well attended and received despite the atrocious weather conditions.

6th April 2009 - Banff Ladies Club, Fife Lodge Hotel, Banff. Stanley Bruce gave a presentation on ‘The Great North East Corner - Along the Coast – Cullen to Collieston’, which was very well attended and received.

23rd April 2009 - Portgordon Harbour Group AGM, Portgordon Village Hall. Stanley Bruce and Rosemary Sanderson supported by the BM&HA committee gave a presentation on the ‘The Herring Lassies – Following the Herring’, which was very well received.

If you would like us to give you a talk or a power-point presentation with our projector please get in touch. Contact details on inside of the back cover.

2009 Exhibition

We held our 2009 exhibition, the Peter Anson Sculpture consultation, and launch of our latest book ‘Back to the Sea’ at the Macduff Town

Hall 26th to 29th June 2009. These dates were chosen to coincide with the Banff to Stavanger Yacht Race should it have miraculously gone ahead.



***Tina Harris and Stanley Bruce at the launch of ‘Back to the Sea’.
(Photo by Jaquie Kilkerr).***



2009 exhibition, Macduff.

During our 2009 exhibition we paid Aberdeenshire Council for the use of the room in Macduff Town Hall.

Peter Anson Sculpture

Our sculpture is dedicated to Peter Frederick Anson (1889 – 1975). Peter lived in Portsoy 1936 and 1960. Banff 1936 to 1938, and Macduff from 1938 to 1958, firstly in a cottage called Harbour Head No. 2 Low Shore which stood where the Harbour Café stands today, and from 1952 to 1958 in

13A Low Shore. Harbour Head cottage and No. 13A Low Shore were both demolished 1974. Peter was a very talented marine artist, and writer of forty-seven books. Several other local towns have contemporary steel sculptures e.g. Inverurie, Fochabers, Stonehaven, Peterhead, and Fraserburgh, so it's time Macduff had one, and what better cause than this. Banff and Macduff Community Council are in agreement with the proposal subject to Aberdeenshire Council giving planning permission for its erection. We have followed Aberdeenshire Councils guidelines for the erection of public art and hopefully permission will be granted.

Fabrication of the sculpture commenced in February in the premises of ACE Winches. The steel bars were donated by RDM Turriff, the herrings which are inside the net (not shown in the picture) were donated by Kelman Engineering, Turriff, the drifter and top plate were donated by DJR Water-jetting, Oldmeldrum. A grant application for £500 to cover the galvanising costs was submitted to the Banff and Buchan Arts Forum however it was rejected due to us not having planning permission. However Alfie Cheyne of ACE Winches has since paid for the galvanising costs. For more photos of the sculpture construction look in www.youtube.com or

www.webhistorian.co.uk follow sites / Regional and Banffshire Maritime and Heritage Association.



***Malcolm Smith and Stan Bruce
doing a trial fit of the drifter.***

A public consultation was held 26th to 29th June in Macduff Town Hall and the people of Macduff have spoken. The results of the public feedback for the location of the sculpture are as follows:

Approximately 200 people visited the exhibition / consultation. At the exhibition / consultation a questionnaire was available for anyone to complete, and on display were artists' impressions of how the sculpture would look at each proposed site.

From the questionnaires which were completed the following feedback was provided by the public:

- 1) Do you think we should erect the sculpture in Macduff?

YES 100% NO 0%

If you chose YES:

- 2) Please tick the box of the site which you think is best:

- To the east of the petrol station, Union Road. **20%.**
- Maritime Garden, Crook o' Ness Street. **45%.**
- Near the Harbour Café. **5%.**
- Piece of ground adjacent to the Waterfront Hotel, Union Road. **5%.**
- At the east side of Banff Bridge. **15%.**
- On a roundabout to be constructed in the new Industrial Estate. **0%.**
- At the A947 entrance to Macduff adjacent to the cemetery wall. **0%.**
- I have no preference – anywhere as long as it is erected. **10%.**
- Anywhere else (Add below)
Nowhere else was suggested.

Other comments made by the public:

- ◆ Good!
- ◆ It would give a point to the “Maritime Garden” name of the garden, and balance the fountain on the opposite side.
- ◆ Maritime Garden – A fitting setting being near the harbour.
- ◆ Congratulations on your concept and execution of this wonderful project.
- ◆ Peter Anson sculpture is a good idea.

The report was sent to Aberdeenshire Council on the 17th August for comment, and a planning application form, once we have received any comments - we will then submit the formal planning application.



***Peter Anson Sculpture, and Stanley Bruce with the new book 'Back to the Sea'.
(Photo by Andrew Bruce).***



***Proposed Peter Anson Sculpture, Crook o' Ness St. Macduff.
(Artist's impression by Margaret MacKenzie, Aberdeen).***

We also have an anchor donated by DNV Aberdeen which is currently temporarily held by Aberdeenshire Council in their Tannery Street

workshop, Macduff. The intention is to erect it in the Maritime Garden, Crook o' Ness Street adjacent to the Peter Anson Sculpture.

Back to the Sea - Peter Anson

According to James Gatt, Macduff the names of the men in the 'Stella Maris' are Alec McKay (Bow) and George Smith not Campbell Cowie (Helm).



BF75 Stella Maris, Macduff.

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Macduff Town Hall 7-8pm. (January is the 2nd Mon.). Please feel free to come along and join us.

Constitution

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

Business Plan

The association now have a business plan. This plan shows the

way forward for a sustainable Association, in premises which are owned by the Association. This plan was submitted with the charity registration forms.

Charitable Status

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

The Future

The coming year 2009 / 2010 should be a great year for the association. If all goes to plan our website

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will have an online shop for sale of our publications, and we will be publishing a record number of books, hopefully six of the nine shown in this newsletter. With the future of the association now more financially assured, with a revenue stream created, perhaps it's time to look at owning some small premises of our own, or sharing one such as Banff Museum with other groups. Artefacts kept in a container, and in lofts is not satisfactory, and efforts need to be made once again to have our own premises. From a financial point of view it would make sense to purchase our own premises thereby establishing a base for the future and negating the need to pay rent. Having premises means outlay and

a big cost is insurance which previously cost us £1,200 p.a. This would still need to be paid unless a cheaper option was found. I've heard of organisations getting together and buying insurance as a group, and this is an avenue which needs to be explored. That leaves rates, electric and general running costs, all which need to be paid and without financial assistance from Aberdeenshire Council it will be difficult but not impossible. Having our own premises also means extra commitment from the committee & members, which we need to grow.

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. Membership forms are available to download from our website. The 2009 / 2010 photo of herring lassies and coopers taken in Great Yarmouth in 1947/48 came complete with a list of 34 names, everyone in the photo.



2009 / 2010 photo.

Next years photo shown below will also come with the names of the women.



2010 / 2011 photo.

BM&HA Annual Outing

It was suggested by Liam Sparke in 2008 that the Association should organise an annual trip. Our first ever annual visit will be to the Fochabers Folk and Heritage Centre on Sunday the 13th September 2009. Although this is only 25 miles from Banff it ties in with Rosemary's research for her forthcoming publication – Fochabers Heritage have thousands of items in their collection.



Wartime artefacts in the Fochabers Folk and Heritage Centre.

Thanks

On behalf of the BM&HA I'd like to thank the following people / companies for their help over the last year:

- ◆ DNV Energy, Aberdeen.
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- ◆ Stanley West, Macduff.
- ◆ Alfred Cheyne Engineering.
- ◆ John Thomson, The Press and Journal.
- ◆ Drew Davidson in Dumbarton.
- ◆ Gordon Stephen at www.webhistorian.co.uk
- ◆ DJR Water-Jetting, Oldmeldrum.
- ◆ James Gatt, Macduff.
- ◆ Chapter and Verse, Bookshop, Low St, Banff.
- ◆ J.J. Porterfield, Macduff.
- ◆ Banffshire Journal.
- ◆ Drew Davidson, Dumbarton.
- ◆ Angus McAllister, Banff.
- ◆ Wilma Woodwin, Bookends, Portsoy.
- ◆ Raymond Jaconelli, Abbot, Nunraw Abbey.
- ◆ Graeme and Ann Smith, Ferryden.

To Close

So that's our second issue of the 'Nautical News', thirty pages, which is two pages bigger than last year. I do hope you enjoyed it as much as I did reminiscing as I put it together. It was great to reflect on the activities of our association over the last year. I'm happy to say that once again we made the news

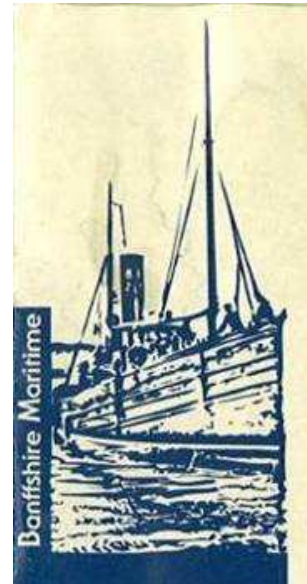
many times, and of which I'm sure the local journalists are all once again very grateful.

A' the best,

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Chairman.

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

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

Signature:..... Date:.....

*delete as appropriate

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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.

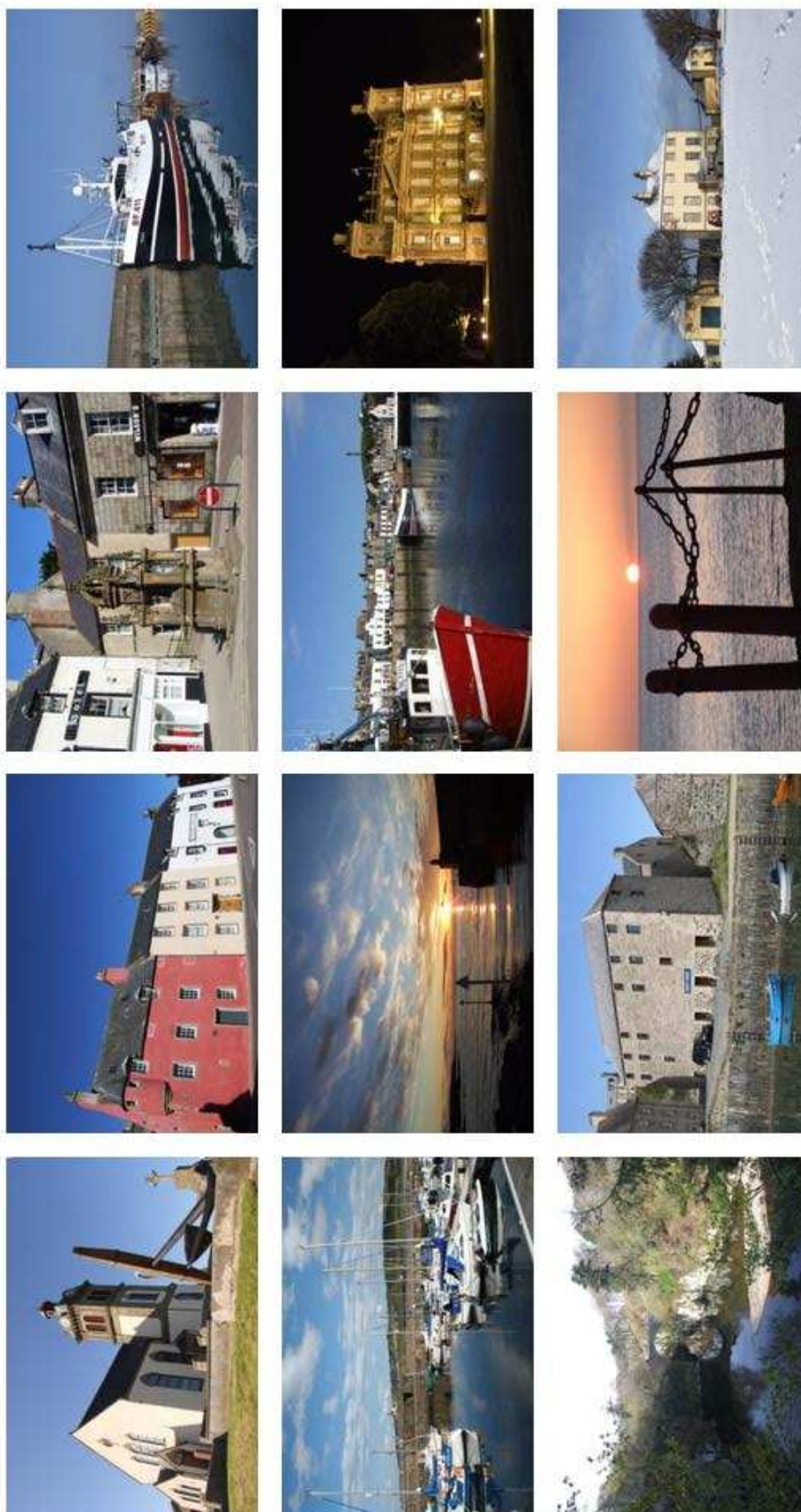
And as a member you can request assistance or information from other members or committee members.

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(Artist's impression by Margaret MacKenzie, Aberdeen).*

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