

## **Kilrenny and Anstruther Burgh Collection**

### **Pictures from our Archives**

#### **Page 3**            **David Mitchell**

David Mitchell was the son of David Mitchell, Town Provost and Manager of Robert Watson's oilskin factory in Cellardyke. He was born in "Glendower" in Crail Road and went straight from school to work on the land. In 1964 Davie left to work for Anstruther Town Council and from 1975 for the Region becoming a sweeper in Anster until his retirement in 1982. His proud boast was that in 48 years he was never a day off work and was never on the dole.

#### **Page 4a**            **'Mert Gair'ner', Sail maker**

There was a skipper 'Mairtt Gairdner' in Anster in 1658. This MARTIN GARDNER, 1869 - 1933, was second coxswain of the Lifeboat for 31 years. He and three of his sons, all fishermen, served in the Royal Navy in wartime; the youngest son made his career in the Merchant Navy.

#### **Page 4b**            **Jimmy Muir, MBE, Skipper with Son John**

James Muir was born in Cellardyke into a family who had been Fishermen for generations. He went to sea aged about 14 on his Father boat the "Ebenezer" KY36, he Skippered the "Twinkling Star" KY347 from 1932-9, when he served as a Royal Navy Reservist until 1944 and was awarded the MBE. Returning to fishing he retired in 1973.

#### **Page 5**            **Mr Charles Scott leading the Provost and Town Council**

Mr Charles Scott fulfilling his duties in the ancient office of Town Officer escorting Provost Clement, Baillies and Town Councillors at a Church service in Kilrenny Parish Church. Also in the picture are Mr William Band and Mr Eddie Clark. This picture was taken prior to the disbanding of the Town Council in 1975.

#### **Page 6**            **Charles Ingram's Fish Curing & Coopering Yard**

Charles's Ingram's Fish Curing and Coopering Yard was destroyed by fire in 1924. Harbour Lea sheltered housing opened in 1982 now occupies the site.

#### **Page 7**            **John & Coull Deas**

John & Coull Deas two Cellardyke Brothers who were in the Navy during the Second World War. During their Service they met only once on the Isle of Man and decided to have their photograph taken. Coull was later awarded the MBE for services to the Fisheries Museum. A large number of young men and women from the town served their country in the two World Wars. Sadly many paid the supreme sacrifice. Their names are recorded on the Burgh War Memorials. The Town also had a thriving branch of the British Legion, which was one of the major organisations in the community.

#### **Page 8**            **Packing Herring**

Packing herring at the Sale Ring 1930's. The Sale Ring was where the Harbour Master's Office is now.

#### **Page 9a**            **Johnsie MacDonald**

Johnsie MacDonald pageboy at the Regal Cinema when it opened in the 1930's.

#### **Page 9b**            **Home On Leave**

James Bisset Doig with Mother Helen Doig and Sister Mary Doig outside 3 Castle Street, Anstruther c1938-39 James Doig later became a Marine Commando, served on HMS Hood till invalided out, became medical orderly and was at the liberation of Belsen.

#### **Page 10**            **Waid Academy production of 'Fisher Lassies' c1929**

This picture includes Mary Doig (Mrs Harrower) second from the left on the front row, Mrs

Thomson (Doig) and Chrissie Wilson.

**Page 11**            **Waid Academy Class. 1906**

- Back Row (left to right): (Rev.) James Wilson, ? , George Russell & Walter Turnbull.
- 2nd Row: Olive Lumsden, Lilly Finlayson, Jenny Carnegie & Maud Dunlop (Ministers daughter Ellie)
- 3rd Row: ? , Lizzie Forsyth, Mary Nicol, ? , ? Wilson & Robina Cunningham.
- Front Row: ? , Robert Ray, (Dr) Sidney Stewart & ?.

**Page 12**            **Audrey and Paul Easson playing with a snowball**

**Page 13**            **Children Sledging at the Billowness**

From the left Jim Knox, Jimmy Anderson and Thomas Gay.

**Page 14a**          **Boat's Bakes**

Two Children eating "Boat's Bakes". It was the custom to hand biscuits round at the harbour before the fishing fleet sailed south. Irene and Maureen Anderson c1937-38.

**Page 14b**          **Mary and Jim Doig c1919-20**

**Page 15**            **Cellardyke School Cookery Class**

Boys are included because their first job going to sea was often ship's cook. It also appears from the photograph that discipline was severe!

**Page 16**            **Queen Elizabeth visiting Anstruther in 1950**

This is a rare photograph of Queen Elizabeth wife of George VI who sadly died two years later. In the foreground is Provost W W Carstairs, Mrs D Mitchell, wife of Ex Provost Mitchell and Miss Chrissie Smith are also in the photograph.

**Page 17**            **Opening Ceremony of Extension to Scottish Fisheries Museum. 1982**

Opened by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II accompanied by H.R.H. Prince Philip. Among those present is Sir George Younger Secretary of State for Scotland, Sir David Erskine, Convener of Fife County Council and in the foreground Miss Lynn Collis, Curator of the Fisheries Museum and Mr David Tod, Chairman of the Fisheries Museum.

**Page 18**            **Last Meeting of Anstruther Town Council. 1975**

This photograph is of historical importance as it shows the final meeting of the old Town Council which was disbanded under reorganisation of local government in 1975. The Council had a Provost, Baillies, Town Councillors and salaried officials including a Town Officer. It was entirely responsible for the administration of the town. There are still many who regret its demise.

- Back Row (left to right): Mr R Avery, Mr E Allan, Mr G McKenzie, Mr T Gay, Mr P Murray, Mr D Donaldson and Mr F Patterson.
- Front Row: Sgt. J Cargill, Dr D Greig, Mr J Halfpenny, Mr T Alex Henderson Town Clerk, Provost Pickford, Mr W Band, Mr K Elder, Mrs A Gardner, and Mr P Anderson.

**Page 19**            **Proclamation of George V outside Cellardyke Town Hall. 1910**

This was an occasion, which obviously created a great deal of interest in the Town as evidenced by the large crowd gathered to hear the news.

**Page 20**            **Crowning of the Cellardyke Sea Queen. 1966**

This picture was taken at the Cellardyke Bathing Pool. The photograph shows the Queen, Sheila Williamson and her entourage, which includes: (Left to Right) Kathleen Brown (nee Muir), Sheila

Williamson (Queen), Margaret Duncan (nee Drysdale), Elizabeth Williamson, Christine Nicoll (nee Hughes) and Marjory Stephens (nee Watson), with children in attendance.

**Page 21**      **St George's Day Parade**

Scout and Cub Groups with Mr Bruce Mair, Reverend Jim Hutchison (Minister of Anstruther Church) and Reverend J Matthews (Minister of Cellardyke Church) outside Cellardyke Church.

**Page 22**      **Outing to Lochearnhead, organised by the Y.M.C.A. c1970**

Seen setting off from Cellardyke Church the group includes: Miss J Bett, Miss M Gourlay, Miss I Matthews, Mrs Mackie, Mrs R Thomson, Mrs Tawse, Mrs Watson, Miss M Corstorphine, Miss E Corstorphine, Mrs D Smith, Mr & Mrs Peter Murray, Mr & Mrs Hay, Mrs M Corstorphine, Miss M Jack, Mrs Elliott and Miss Isobel Myles, seated in the bus.

**Page 23**      **Armistices Service Anstruther 1978**

A detachment of Airmen from RAF Leuchars attending the annual ceremony to remember local men and women who did not return from two World Wars. These services were always very well attended and the tradition continues to this day.

**Page 24**      **Opening of an early Burgh Collection Exhibition of the Town**

Charles Scott, retired and last Town Officer on the left, with centre Alex Darwood holding the Town Officer's Uniform and Dibby Greig on the right, 6th April 1994. The office of Town Officer was an ancient post possible going back to the 16 Century.

**Page 25**      **Rob Wallace and Harry Bowman. 1978**

They are seen here receiving their free travel permits. Rob was born in Cellardyke in 1899. He served an engineering apprenticeship at Ovenstone and eventually joined Smith Brothers at Harbour head, Anstruther. For most of the Second World War he worked for boat builders in Leith. Harry was born at 35 George St, Cellardyke in 1895. He was apprenticed to David Walker, painter and decorator, but was called up on the outbreak of war in 1914 from the Territorials. He served throughout the war as a drummer in the Black Watch and was decorated with the Military Medal for bravery in 1916. After the war he set up as a Painter and Decorator at the foot of Hadfoot Wynd.

**Page 26a**      **Eleanor Wilson of Crawhill Farm**

Shown with a Clydesdale Horse at haytime. The 'big pole' would be up. This was a very long pole with a jib, pulleys and wire rope, with a fork grab. As the horse moved forward the fork with its load of hay was raised to the level of the men on the haystack. Then the horse was backed for the next load.

**Page 26b**      **Oxen Drawn Wagon**

This oxen drawn wagon visited towns and villages in the district, to advertise Atoxa Suet. The drivers spent the night at Anstruther, sleeping in the wagon. Mrs Wilson of Crawhill Farm gave them breakfast in the morning.

**Page 27a**      **Wilson Farm, Crawhill**

Robert Wilson sitting on a hen coop probably waiting to fetch the cows in for milking.

**Page 27b**      **Wilson Farm, Crawhill**

Mr & Mrs Andrew Wilson, with Robert and Eleanor, dressed to attend a wedding.

**Page 28**      **Crawhill Farm, Harvest Time**

Irish labourers cutting barley with sickles. In those days farmers employed seasonal workers from Ireland for harvesting. Many farms provided accommodation and meals for the men. As shown by the flattened barley this was a very wet year which made the cutting by sickle very much harder.

**Page 29**      **Crawhill Farm**

A horse drawn binder at work. The cut grain was then gathered into sheaves and set out in stooks, by hand, to dry. This entailed much hard, manual labour.

**Page 30**      **Wilson Farm, Crawhill**

Robert Wilson with Davy Stewart carrying milk cans to load on to pony trap ready for the milk round.

**Page 31**      **East of Fife Mandolin & Banjo Orchestra. 1929**

The occasion was the concert given on 17th July 1929, at Pittenweem, in aid of Pittenweem Harbour Debt. The Photograph was taken by James Patrick, Tia Mara, Pittenweem.

- Conductor: Mr Graeme MacNeilage.
- Back Row (left to right): Robbie Wilson, Tom Wood, Conductor, Miss Thaw & ? .
- Second Row: ? , Mrs Gray, Mrs Muir, Mrs E Birrell & Miss A Watson.
- Third Row: ? , Janet Pratt, Jim Lothian, ? , Jeanie Watson & Euphemia Wallace.
- Front Row: Tom Lothian, ? , ? , Alex Dickson & Willie Muir.

**Page 32** **Anstruther & District Amateur Operatic Society. 1978**

October 1978 their production of "Oklahoma". The President, Mrs Deanna Hughes, seen being presented with a Bouquet by her Daughter Dawn, (now Mrs Hughes) after the performance. Dawn danced the principal role in the Ballet Sections. This society was founded in 1938 under the Presidency of the late George Doig (Chemist). The reputation that has been gained by the Society is such that it attracts large audiences from far and near.

**Page 33**      **Anstruther & District Amateur Operatic Society. 1979 or 1980**

The Company are rehearsing for their production of "Viva Mexico". In the Foreground are: Avril Cameron - Accompanist, Mr Ken Greenaway - Producer & Mrs Greenaway - Musical Director. Members included are: Jacqueline Cathcart, J Smith, Jaqueline Watson, Dawn Gillin, Deanna Hughes, Daisy Muir, Lorraine Wilson, Alex Muir, Rhona Robertson, Molly Imrie, Sandra Hughes, Margaret Wilson, Eddie Harley, Stewart Barnett, John Stewart, Gavin Morrice, Ruth Hellicar & Pamela Gardner.

**Page 34**      **Anstruther Bowling Club Presentation Ceremony**

An old photograph (date unknown) showing a presentation ceremony at Anstruther Bowling Club. Prize Giving ceremonies were usually held at the end of the season by various clubs in the town. They sometimes took the form of a dinner-dance and were highly popular on the social scene. The gentleman posing in the front of the picture on the right is wearing a black armband. This was a common practice when a family suffered a bereavement.

**Page 35**      **Murray Library Men's Club. 1978**

The Murray Library building was donated in 1908 by David Murray an Anstruther man who made his fortune in Australia. The purpose of the Library was to provide social and educational facilities for men of the Town.

- Back Row (left to right): Robbie Wilson, Bill Jack, Eck Murray, Jim Drummond, Mr Boyd (Caretaker) & Dod Allen.
- Seated: Skipper Jim Muir, Leo (a Polish resident), Andrew Wilson, James Robb, Jack Boucher & Geordie Smith.

**Page 36 & 37** **Anstruther Philharmonic Society. 1956**

Anstruther Philharmonic Society was founded in 1892. The photograph shows the choir giving their annual concert in 1956 in Anstruther Town Hall with Robert Howells as Conductor. Today the

Society with some 70 members continues to thrive. Every year the choir accompanied by a full orchestra presents a concert of choral works by the great composers. Professional soloists are engaged for the performance and rehearsals start annually in September prior to the concert in March. Supporters of the Society come from all over Scotland and large audiences attend the annual concert. It is to the choirs' credit that this comparatively small community still succeed in providing such a cultural feature for the enrichment of local adherents and visitors alike.

As Promised here is a list of the choir that night taken from the original programme.

### **Soloists:**

Ceinwen Rowland	Soprano
Ruth Morrison	Contralto
Duncan Robertson	Tenor
Niven Miller	Bass

Also Miss Sheena Marr and Mrs P H Howling

### **Orchestra**

John Fairbairn	First Violin
Posy Levy	First Violin
Hilda Young	Second Violin
P Reilly	Second Violin
Jean K Steel	Viola
Dorothy Godfrey	Cello
Marie Dare	Cello
G Leonard	Double Bass
Janet Norbury	Flute
Margaret Moncrieff	Oboe
J Logie	Clarinet
D Harris	Horn
? Marshall	Tympani

### **Sopranos**

Miss A Adamson	Mrs Graham	Miss Lily Roy
Miss Annie Aitken	Mrs Murray Hutton	Miss A Scott
Miss E N Allan	Miss Dorothy Jack	Mrs Shearer
Miss Jean Allan	Miss K Leslie	Miss Margaret Shearer
Miss M D Allison	Miss Margaret Lothian	Miss D Small
Miss I Boyter	Miss Sheena Marr	Mrs T S Smith
Miss Anna Brown	Mrs A Mathers	Miss Sheila Steele
Miss Margaret Brown	Mrs W Moncrieff	Miss Helen Stevenson
Miss Wilma Brown	Miss Margaret Morris	Miss Helen Stevenson
Mrs C Carr	Mrs Moule	Miss Belle Watson
Miss A F Duncan	Miss Agnes Murray	Mrs J Watson
Mrs T Gardiner	Mrs Alex McLeod	Miss E White
Mrs Margaret Gourlay	Miss Margaret Nicoll	Mrs T Wood
Mrs Gourlay	Mrs E Robertson	

## **Contraltos**

Mrs Belford	Mrs P H Howling	Mrs Thomson
Mrs L Brown	Miss Betty Hughes	Miss H M Watson
Miss J Bruce	Mrs E Mair	Mrs R Watson
Mrs Burd	Miss Dora Muray	Miss E Wilson
Mrs Calder	Mrs Myles	Mrs Wilson
Miss Jean Calder	Miss I Myles	Miss Marion Wilson
Miss E Duncan	Mrs D McLeod	Miss Isobel Wood
Mrs R Findlay	Miss A Stewart	Mrs Murray Wood
Mrs Ian Gilmour	Miss E Tarvet	
Mrs L Horburgh	Miss M Thaw	

## **Tenors**

E J Cockcroft	Alex Watson	William Watson
Ian Gilmour	James Watson	A D Westwater
Michael Jack	James L Watson	Andrew Wilson
J H McIntosh	Robert Watson	Robert Wilson

## **Basses**

John Anderson	John Doig	J W Robin
John Bonthron	Ian Gourlay	David Smith
R T Cunningham	Murray Hutton	John Smith
J C Dick	D Moncrieff	Dr J D Tothill
George Doig	J F McFarlane	Rev Harold Troup

## **Page 38**      **The Anstruther Sunshine Club**

The Club was established to provide fellowship for the elderly residents in the town. It was a welcome addition to the social life of the community. Weekly meetings took place in the Town Hall. An important part of the meetings was that it gave an opportunity for old friends to meet and reminisce about bygone days. The Sunshine Club is still active today with the dedicated efforts of volunteer helpers. Members about to embark on their annual outing. (left to right) Mrs A Meldrum, Mrs R Thomson, Mrs Legg, Mrs L Wood, Mrs McLeod, Mrs Gardner, ? , Mrs B Reid, Mrs A Ramsay, Mrs Mathers, Mrs C Moncrieff, Mrs C Corstorphine, Mrs I Mathers, Mrs L Gray, ? , the Misses Corstorphine & Mrs D Murray.

## **Page 39**      **Kilrenny W.R.I. Choir. March 1934**

This choir enjoyed a very good reputation and gave concerts all over the district. Sadly it no longer exists.

- Back Row (left to right): B Band, R Reid, R Jack, D Martin, L Murray, B Watson, E Duncan & J Watson.
- Front Row: Conductor A Reid, Mrs A Scott, F Jack, B Hughes, Mrs Band, M Jack & A Stewart.

## **Page 40**      **Billboards at the Regal Cinema. April 1936**

Jack Harrower, Manager of the Cinema is on the extreme left. The Cinema played an important part in the social life of the Town. Unusually there were two or three changes of pictures per week. The Cinema had a rival in the Empire in Cunzi Street. Both Cinema Houses catered for Local Devotees

and the annual influx of Tourists who came mainly by train to town for their annual Holidays.

**Page 41**      **Waid Academy 1st Fifteen. 1889-90**

The Waid Academy, opened in 1885, has enjoyed an enviable reputation for sporting achievement which continues to this day. Some of the 1st Fifteen shown here are sporting their caps which were awarded for being chosen in the face of intense competition.

- Back Row: T D Murray, D Cook, W Carnegie, D Ireland, W Sime, H Cargill, C P Edie & G Lumsden.
- Middle Row: J Bell, A Cook, R Reid, H Edie, W Band & A C Robertson
- Front Row: C Stockwell and F Bruce.

**Page 42**      **Waid Academy Girls' Hockey Club. 1901-02**

Some of the Girls shown here later played for Scotland. This is an extremely rare picture because it demonstrates the clothing worn by ladies' hockey teams some hundred years ago.

- Back Row (left to right): M. Currie, M.A.I. Ross, M.B. Russell, A. Cairns, G. Sime, J. Carnegie & E. Gilchrist.
- Middle Row: A.P. Lawson, A.M. Lumsden (Captain) & H.C. Forgan.
- Front Row: M.C. Tosh and J.A.C. Cairns.

**Page 43**      **Anstruther Tennis Club. Summer 1943**

Anstruther Tennis club during the War. This photograph was donated by Christine Keay whose Mother is on the left in the front row comments that the Polish Pilot shown here was sadly reported missing soon after.

- Back Row (left to right): Cicely Band's Cousin in R.A.F., Cicely Band, Polish Airman, John Bonthron, Helen Watson & David Brodie.
- Front Row: Mary Harrower, Dawson Cunningham, Pat Gale, Ian McGregor (Draper), Kathleen Gardner & Isobel Cuthbert.

**Page 44**      **Cellardyke "Bluejackets". 1903**

Winners of the Martin Whyte Cup in 1903. Standing far left is D Walker, a Painter, former owner of the Waid F.P. Club House, High Street.

**Page 45**      **Anstruther Bowling Club. 1970's**

Opening the Bowling season with the first game. The club continues to thrive to this present day.

**Page 46**      **Anstruther Rangers F.C. 1906-07**

Winners of the Davidson Cup 1906-07.

- Back Row (left to right): J Leslie (Treasurer), D Birrell, J Carstairs, A Cornfoot, M Gardiner (Captain), W Birrell, J Pratt, W Lindsay & R Hill.
- Front Row: R Pratt, C Lawrie, J Birrell (Secretary), A Sime, A Jamieson.

**Page 47**      **David Barnett wind surfing in Cellardyke Harbour**

David Barnett a member of a well known Bakery family showing a sign of changing times in harbour activities over the years. The outer part of the Harbour Wall was destroyed by a storm soon after this photograph and has recently (2002) been rebuilt.

**Page 48a**      **Chalmers Birthplace**

Thomas Chalmers was born in the 1780 in the house shown above in what is now "Old Post Office Close" Anstruther. By 1981 the house had fallen into a state of disrepair. It was then fully restored by the Joiner and Builder Peter Murray. The House has retained many original features.

**Page 48b**      **Dr Thomas Chalmers**

Thomas Chalmers was the driving force and founder of the “Free Church of Scotland” in 1843. This work was the culmination of his beliefs in the need for social reform among the poor and needy. During his life he studied at St Andrews University, and later was given the Chair of Moral Philosophy there.

**Page 49a**      **Rev Dr Ogg**

Minister at the Parish Church before it was amalgamated with Anstruther Wester Church. As a distinguished Scholar and Academician he had a distinguished reputation.

**Page 49b**      **Rev J.F.M. Crawford**

Last Minister at Chalmers’ Church. 1949-1971. He was much respected by his Parishioners and the townspeople as a whole.

**Page 50**      **Baptist Church Annual Outing**

The outing include: Mr Thompson, Mrs Peel, Mrs Colin, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Smith, Mr Elder (Bus Driver), Mrs Moncrieff, Miss Doig, Mrs Watson and Mrs Wood.

**Page 51**      **Cellardyke Church Outing. 1937 or 1938**

- Back Row (left to right): Mr Martin Gardner & Annie Watson.
- Middle Row: Rev. J Lee, Mrs A Doig, Mrs I Watson, Mrs M Jack, Mr Andrew Henderson, Agnes Donaldson, Mr J McLeod, Mr T Wood, Mrs M Cunningham, Rosie Keay & Mrs M Tarvit.
- Front Row: Mr Bett, Mr Donaldson, Mr Bett, Mr Doig (Chemist), Mrs M Shearer & Mrs R Hughes.

**Page 52**      **Reverend David Henry Alec Watson**

Alec was born in, Co Down, 1927. A graduate of Trinity College, Dublin and a graduate of St Mary’s College, St Andrews. He was at the start of two Church Extension charges in Northern Ireland. He left Harmony Hill, Lambeg in 1975 to go to the Parish Church in Kilsyth, Scotland before coming to Anstruther in 1982. He was well known and loved by everybody. He had been a member of Iona Community and was a founder member of the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland. He was an avid reader and knowledgeable on a wide range of topics. Sadly he died soon after retiring.

**Page 53**      **Anstruther Parish Church**

Built in 1634 the tower added in 1644. Parish distrained from Kilrenny in 1641.

**Page 54**      **Visit of Rev. Dr. Craig to Kilrenny Church. 1988**

The Photograph includes The Minister of Kilrenny Church, The Rev. and Mrs Hamish McNab and the Rev. Dr Robert Craig, Moderator of the Church of Scotland and Former Principal of the University of Rhodesia.

**Page 55**      **Wedding of Miss Cecily Band to Mr Robert Paterson. 1953**

Wedding of Local School Mistress, Miss Band to Mr Paterson, Farmer of Buckthorns Farm, Upper Largo. Schoolchildren, carrying Lupins, of Arnroach Primary School, of which Miss Band was Headmistress, are seen forming a Guard of Honour as the newly wedded couple leave Chalmers Memorial Church in July 1953.

**Page 56**      **Cellardyke Sunday School Picnic 1979**

A happy group of Cellardyke Sunday School Children shown about to set off walking to Kilrenny Common for their picnic.



**Page 57**      **The Railway Station, Anstruther**

This railway line played a vital role for Anstruther in transporting schoolchildren, workers and visitors. It was vital to the Scottish Fishing Industry. Large “Fish Trains” ran daily. The closure of this line in the mid-sixties contributed to the decline of the local economy.

**Page 58**      **The Train Service, closed in the 1960’s**

One of the trains to be used on the line to Anstruther showing the rail sidings and the signal post which no longer exists. The driver of the train is shown receiving a token which gave him permission to go on each section of single track. This was a means of ensuring that only one train was on the line at a time. The driver had to make this catch at speed but if he missed he would have to stop and go back to collect it before he was allowed to continue.

**Page 59**      **The Train at Anstruther**

With Mr J Bell (Porter) on the left with others. Mr Bell arranged flower displays in the station garden.

**Page 60**      **Tom Gardner’s Bus Service, Inaugurated 1924**

Shown on this picture is one of the first diesel buses to be used in Fife. On the right of the picture you may see the Stephen Williamson Memorial Drinking Fountain, which was demolished in the 1930’s.

**Page 61**      **Mr Kember, Chauffeur with Albion Car**

Bank Corner, Anstruther. One of the first cars for hire in the Town.

**Page 62a**      **Wilson’s Milk Cart in Cellardyke**

Small children enjoyed a “hurl” on it. Note Watson’s Factory in the background where fishermen’s oilskins were made.

**Page 62b**      **Jimmy Anderson**

Well known local Butcher with his Pony and Cart. Mr Anderson was known nationally for his success at Pony-Trotting events throughout the U.K.

**Page 63**      **Peter Murray**

Peter Murray served as a member of the Anstruther Lifeboat crew for 33 years. He took over as Coxswain of “The Doctors” in April 1974 on promotion from second Coxswain. In 1984 he was awarded a long service badge. He was later Coxswain of “The Kingdom of Fife”. During this period he was awarded the M.B.E. for his long and distinguished service. Forty-seven lives were saved at sea during his long years of service with the Lifeboat. Peter retired in 1994.

**Page 64**      **The Arrival of the “James and Mary Walker”, 30th July 1904**

The “James and Mary Walker” (1904-1933) with Coxswain Sutherland and 2nd Coxswain Martin Gardner served in partnership for almost thirty years. The trio came to be known as the “Wooden Boat with the Iron-Men”.

**Page 65**      **Martin Gardner, Fisherman & Cox’n 1869-1933**

Sons (left to right): Robert, Martin, Thomas & Alexander. Like his father before him, Martin Gardner (2nd from Left) was Cox’n of the Anstruther Lifeboat from 1938-42 when he joined the Royal Navy. While home on leave in Feb.1940, he took the “Nellie and Charlie” out, and rescued, under extremely hazardous conditions, a Swedish Cargo Vessel which had run aground N.N.E. of Fife Ness. During his absence Hugh Gourlay, Alexander Mackay and Alexander Wood formed a ‘Reserve’ of emergency Cox’ns, he returned from W.W.2 in Jan.1945 and remained Coxswain until June 1954.

**Page 66**      **Launching of “The Doctors”. 1965**

This Year also marked the 100th Anniversary of the Lifeboat Station. The Boat was gifted by Dr Norah Allan, of Bearsden, Glasgow and the Coxswain was Philip Anderson. The naming ceremony was performed on 28th July 1965 by H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester. Mr Frank Patterson (Joint Hon. Sec.) accepted the new boat on behalf of the Anstruther Branch of the R.N.L.I.

**Page 67**      **Helen Watson, Solicitor, Presenting a Cheque to Michael Valstro, Inspector of Lifeboats**

Miss Watson, a well-known local Solicitor, was a much-respected member of the community and played a leading part in the life of the Burgh. She was an indefatigable worker for Anstruther Lifeboat and served for many years as President of the Ladies' Lifeboat Guild receiving prestigious awards for her services to the R.N.L.I.

**Page 68**      **Lifeboat Gala Day – Raft Race**

The start of the Raft Race at an Anstruther Lifeboat Gala Day. For many years now, the Gala Day has attracted many thousands of visitors to the town and is now one of the largest summer attractions in Fife. When the Gala Day is over work begins on preparation for the next one. A great deal of dedicated, voluntary work goes in to this and thanks are due to all concerned. As a result, thousands of pounds are raised each year for the Lifeboat Service.

**Page 69a**      **“Jimmy” Brattesani**

Manegildo Brattesani, “Jimmy” to Anster folk, was born at 25 James Street, Cellardyke, over his father's shop which advertised in 1905 “Fried Fish and Potato Suppers”. From the age of 14, after a few years at a seminary near Rapallo, he worked for his father first in Earlsferry then in Rodger St. then in the confectionery shop and billiard room at 43 Shore St., which his father bought in 1919. Jimmy ran the business for 60 years retiring in 1979.

**Page 69b**      **Eddie Clarke**

“Eddie” Clarke was born in Buckhaven and educated in Kirkcaldy High School. He was awarded the Military Medal for war service in North Africa in the 51st Highland Division and came to Anstruther in 1947 to start a grocer shop at 8 Shore St. In 1963 he bought the West Anstruther Manse which two years later he opened as the “Craw's Nest Hotel” where in 1982 he and family entertained the Queen and Prince Philip to lunch during a Royal Tour of Fife.

**Page 70a**      **Alastair Reekie**

He was born in Anstruther and educated at the Waid Academy which he left at the age of 15. Instead of following a career at sea like his father, Captain Robert Reekie, Alastair followed his maternal Grandfather, James Nicholson, at Gray and Pringle, Ironmongers in High St. In association with his father, Alastair has restored several old houses in Anstruther and Cellardyke, the most notable being the Old Mill at the Dreel in 1976.

**Page 70b**      **Thomas Murray**

Thomas Anderson Murray descends from generations of Cellardyke fisher folk. As the 1930's were poor years for the fishing he was apprenticed to R Williamson, Plasterers, in Cellardyke, and in 1947 set up his own Business, T.A.Murray & Son, Building Contractor. In 1977 Tom won an award from the Saltire Society for his restoration of the James Melville Manse. As Baillie on the Old Town Council he was a prime motivator in the setting up of the Fisheries Museum.

**Page 71**      **Thomson Bros. Drapers**

Thomson Bros shop in Cellardyke was very much a feature of life in the Burgh. As can be seen from the photograph it supplied a wide range of ladies' and gentlemens clothing. The shop also supplied clothing for fishermen. Several staff members were employed in various departments.

Stephen Williamson was born in Cellardyke in 1827. He became a wealthy shipping magnate in Liverpool and a most generous benefactor to his place of birth. Along with another successful business man David Fowler he gifted Cellardyke Town Hall. He also donated generously to the rebuilding of Chalmers Memorial Church including all the stained glass medallions, which were fortuitously saved when the Church closed down. His gift of £1000 to the Waid Academy resulted in the building of the present tower.