

## The Fruitful Vine

## Polka



***The Fruitful Vine:*** *The Fruitful Vine, The Radiant Way, and Star of Promise:* a series of polkas named after fishing boats whose magically evocative names frequently contained scriptural allusions. Gospel Shipping in very truth. They are meant to be played in sequence. In my student days I once spent a blissfully happy summer painting fishing boats. I was usually responsible for the artistic bit on the bottom that only the fishes could see: they would swim up to inspect the dashing brushwork, exclaiming, “oh my goodness, look at that!” and seconds later....



*Statue of a fisherman looking out over the harbour at Findochty. Portions of Psalm 107 are inscribed on the base of the plinth: “These see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.” Findochty was founded by Fraserburgh fishers in 1716*