

# Friends of the Book of Deer

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A Newsletter to inform those who take an interest in "that splendid little book", the *Book of Deer*. Prepared by Cecilia Penny and Andrew Kellock.

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## Joint AGMs

This year, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, the Project held its AGM jointly with the Friends on the 3rd of June. Lynda McGuigan, now the property manager at Brodie Castle came over to chair the Business side. After the Business had been completed, the audience heard Jack Webster give his talk - "My Buchan". Many there were able to add to the enjoyment with their own memories giving a warmth and homeliness to the proceedings. Before the company broke up we cut the birthday cake and presented certificates to Jack as our first Patron, appointed George Smart as honorary President and gave a vote of thanks to the Reverend Tim Curtis for his services as Convenor of the Friends.

bers, Elizabeth Pirie, Sandy Cowie, Sandy Ritchie and Sheila Johnstone.



**Sandy Ritchie, Bunty Penny, George Smart, Lynda McGuigan, Elizabeth Pirie and Betty Campbell do the honours.**

## Book of Deer Project

Officers: Hon Pres., George Smart; Chair, Cllr Alan Cameron; Vice-Chair, Denis MacHugh; Treasurer, Maureen Stephen; Project manager, Andrew Kellock; Minute Secy, Peter Elrick: Members, Cllr. Albert Howie, Betty Campbell, Sandy Cowie, Bill Johnson, Sheila Johnston, Cecilia Penny.

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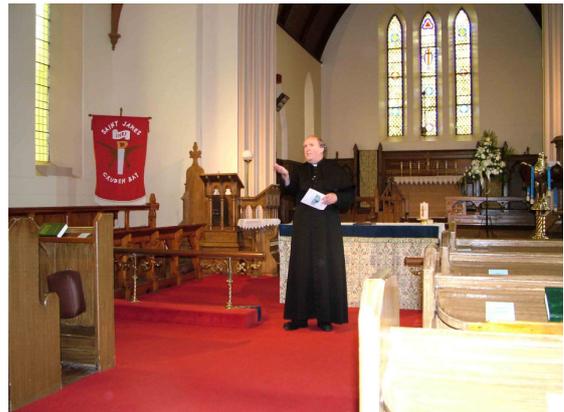
**Presenting the Honours**

## Project Room

The premises had a spruce up inside and out before opening for business this summer. We will close at the end of October and once again we have had many visitors, from near and far. Many, many thanks to the volunteers who give of their time to entertain and inform our visitors.

## Pilgrimage

On the 24th June the Pilgrims set off from the Church of St. James the Greater at Cruden Bay in the Footsteps of St. Olaf. The Reverend Gerald Stranraer Mull had given an account of the local history with special reference to the Vikings and sent the pilgrims on their way with a blessing.



Their journey took them over Bishop's Bridge, on to Moreseat House, through Lenabo Woods and on to lunch in the Longside Church Hall.



**Armoury Lane, Longside**

The walk to Aden park was completed by going along the Buchan Walkway to arrive for a warm welcome.

The Pilgrims were enlightened by George's carefully compiled notes on local history. We look forward to a successful pilgrimage in 2007.

#### **Awards for all**

As you may have seen in the Press, the Project has been awarded £3892. This money will be mainly spent on computer hardware and software to improve and add to our presentations in the Centre in Aden Park; and bring the website up to date. Last year, there were 24,000 visits to the website and it is expected that with more information added that this number will increase.

#### **Forthcoming events**

On Saturday, 14th October, 1 30pm for 2, in the Aden Park Theatre, artist and calligrapher, Donald Murray will make a welcome return visit. There will be a script writing workshop in which everyone is welcome to join, including the schoolchildren from the colouring in competition. Having the monk's costumes, we will be able to indulge in some role play, but we will not simulate the austere conditions the monks worked in!

Light refreshments will be available for a small donation.

#### **New Season Seminars**

As usual, Bunty has come up with something exciting.

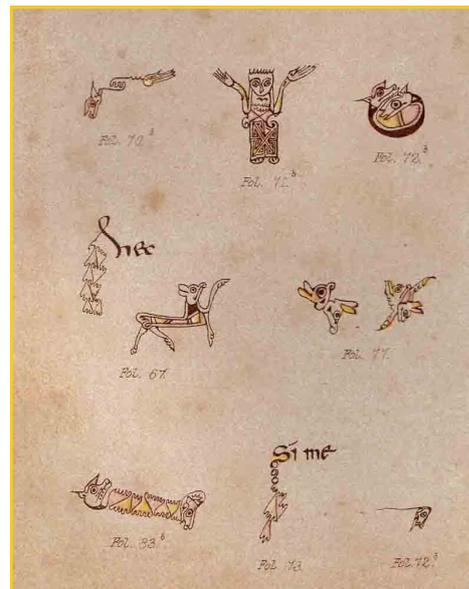
Thursday 7th February 2007, Dr. Alistair Mason from Banff will speak about "The White Monks." Then in March, Seumas Grandd will be our Guest Speaker. His subject will be "Gaelic in Banffshire" with sub titles "Where Gaelic was spoken in the N.E. in 1891" and "what the Gaelic in Banffshire sounded like."

Both these events will take place in the University Chaplaincy, 25 High Street, Old Aberdeen - opposite King's College. Entry is at the rear via the car park. Full details will be in our next Newsletter.

#### **Friends.**

*We are now 73 in number; and again there has been a widespread interest shown in the Book of Deer. Thanks to those who have already renewed their subscription and those who haven't can do so by using the enclosed slip. Subscription forms are enclosed for those friends who may not have paid their £5 fee. There are also questionnaires for new members so that we can get to know them better.*

*We are always on the lookout for volunteers for the centre at Aden Park. Duties are not at all onerous, in fact, good fun and training will be given. Volunteers will have to apply for "Enhanced Disclosure." This is required by anyone operating on Aberdeenshire Council premises and who is likely to come into contact with children. The Project will facilitate any application. Friends are also reminded that we are always willing to take suggestions, particularly subjects for our Seminars.*



An illustration from Dr. John Stuart's book, which will soon be on display at The Project's centre in Aden Park.

*Warmest good wishes to you all ; please keep in touch !!*