

Postcard from Bennachie delivered via new video

THE Bailies of Bennachie have celebrated a landmark year by compiling a new video on the hill.

It is entitled A Postcard from Bennachie and will be launched a week today at a reception in the £400,000 Bennachie Centre, officially opened by the Prince of Wales in April.

Provision was made in the creation of the woodland centre — which provides a base for the Gordon District ranger service — for an area devoted to the work of the Bailies, a group dedicated to protecting the hill and preserving its history.

“The new video gives a real flavour of the hill, and is intended to encourage even more people to visit the centre and the hill,” said clerk to the Bailies, Paul Stallard.

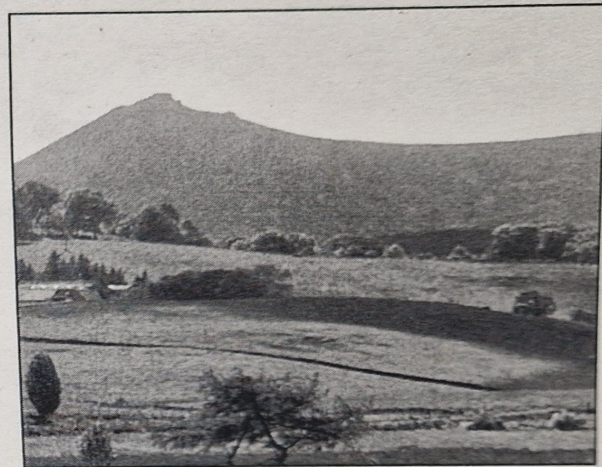
Gordon District senior ranger Fred Gordon, a Bailies council member and authority on Bennachie, provides the narration to the 25-minute video, while music was provided free by local folk band The Old Blind Dogs.

The project was sponsored jointly by Shell UK Exploration and Production and Bristow Helicopters, with Shell funding the

production and Bristow's providing a helicopter to film aerial views. The work is based on a family outing — with cast from Garioch Youth Theatre — crossing Bennachie from one end of the range to the other, ending at the Bennachie Centre.

The new video complements a previous one made around 1988 which provides detailed background to the hill and remains popular.

The new release will be on sale from the centre from October 10, with the possibility of wider sale through other outlets still being discussed.



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