

Following links will lead to a digitised set of the 'Deeside Field' volumes 20 in total, which were published starting in 1922 to the last in 1988. The wide range of subject matter means that there is almost certainly 'something for everyone' for anyone interested in the aims of the club (see below). The entire collection has a 'search' function to aid readers with particular interest.

- **Deeside Field Club (DFC) was formed in 1920 to** establish a club that would visit local sites & sights of importance and interest. The aims of the Club included the study of Topography, Geology, Natural History, Archaeology, Folklore History and Literature of Deeside and the North East. DFC dissolved in 2004

•Activities of the DFC included :

- **Summer Field visits and a Winter lecture program (much like AGS today)**
- **Published the 'Deeside Field'**; bound collections of learned articles on the widely different subject study areas
- Various, these volumes individually have been occasionally available in 2nd hand in bookshops, and latterly for purchase via the internet etc.

It seemed quite apparent that the quality & authoritative content of the articles was such that these should be made available on a much wider basis to anyone with an interest in Deeside and North East matters. With the availability of internet publishing, this is now possible - with access possible on a worldwide basis.

The Strathmartine Trust of St Andrews granted an Award in 2024 financial contribution toward getting all the volumes digitised, now available, via the Aberdeen Geological Society Website.

Note on other Activities & Achievements of the Deeside Field Club, 1920-2004

- Established **commemorative** local to Deeside battle-site markers, viewpoint indicators, memorials to significant individuals & events
- Sponsored **excavations & restorations**; Kindrochit Castle, Braemar & at Glenbuchat Castle & Kirkyard (accounts of these within the volumes).

These Field Markers & sites are still all well worth visiting today - many in lovely locations. The memorials are permanent field-markers in stone and bronze, hidden gems recording local history, otherwise unmarked.

The volumes of the 'Deeside Field' were in some danger of becoming 'unturned pages of the past' and becoming forgotten history. I hope that this will in some measure address this, & allow present and following generations to enjoy the work of the Deeside Field Club, who undoubtedly did 'Add Glory to the Past'.

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