

Bailies have a ball!

HUNDREDS of people from all over the world went back to nature as part of the Bailies of Bennachie summer rally.

Now boasting a membership well over 4700 from all corners of the globe, the society's latest get-together in the shadow of the hill drew the crowds from far and near.

Apart from raising the profile of the Bailies, the summer rally provides a good opportunity for the members to get together and discuss ideas.

Said senior Bailie John Nicol: "The Bailies only get together twice a year, the other time being our AGM, so this is

a good time to gather and have a proper chat.

"Most of the people there were local but there are some who come up from down south for the rally and we do get people occasionally from further afield.

"It was a very enjoyable afternoon and the great weather made it one of our very best."

Mr Nicol explained that the popularity of the summer rally was increasing year after year.

He went on: "I think folk appreciate getting out into the countryside for an afternoon, especially local folk who are just on the doorstep of the hill.

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■ Hill hiker: Senior Bennachie Bailie John Nicol welcomes society member Lexie Pettus, who made the long trip over from Canada for the summer rally.



■ Green team: Enjoying the sunshine at the Bailies of Bennachie summer rally are (from left) Aberdeenshire Council convener Dr Colin Millar, vice-convener Raymond Bisset and Bailies Algy Watson, Dr Geoffrey Gill, James Mackay and John Nicol.

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