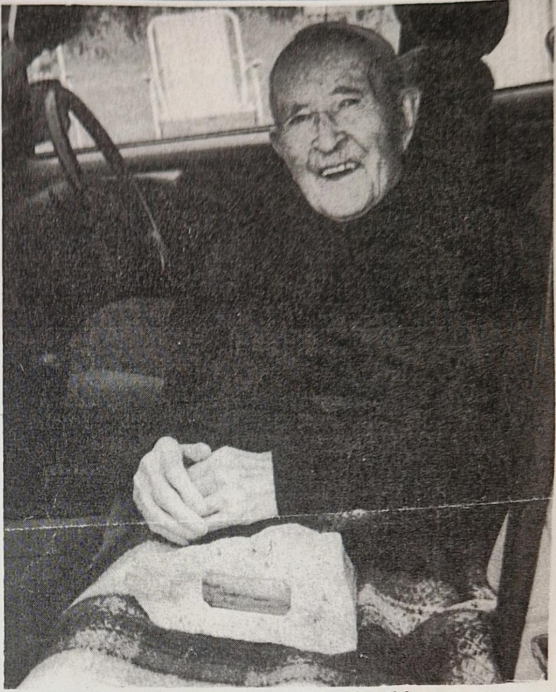


# Death of Baillie Gordon



Dr Danny Gordon, pictured earlier this year.

**A NORTH-EAST character, whose love of his native countryside led him to form the Baillies of Bennachie, has died aged 92.**

Dr Danny Gordon, of Coldwells, Inverurie, was known throughout the area as a dedicated family GP and county councillor. But his many interests also embraced the church, Doric culture and the rural countryside.

Born in 1901 at Tayloch, Clatt, Dr Gordon was educated at Kennethmont School and the Gordon Schools in Huntly.

He graduated in 1921 from Aberdeen University, and began his medical career in Inch and London.

After his return to the North-east, he joined an Ellon GP practice in 1928. Except for service during World War II, as a major in the Royal Army Medical Corps - when he was mentioned in dispatches - he remained there until his retiral.

He then moved to Coldwells farm, inherited from his uncle. He particularly delighted in the beech wood on the land, as he

had a keen interest in forestry. Many people in the area were given trees from his nursery, with the advice: "Aye keep stickin' in a tree, it'll be growin' when yer sleepin'."

During his long career, Dr Gordon held posts on several medical committees before and after the birth of the National Health Service. He was also made a Fellow of the British Medical Association.

He served as an elder of Ellon and Inverurie West churches, and became a founder member of Garioch Probus Club.

His interest in Doric led to his membership of the David Rorie Society and chairmanship of the Charles Murray Memorial Trust.

Tribute was paid to his terms as a county councillor and chairman of Garioch District Council by Gordon provost Raymond Bisset.

"Danny Gordon was one of the great characters of the district, and he is a great loss," he said.

"I knew him for many years, and enjoyed his company. He had a sharp intellect, great wit, and a great love of his fellows and the land around him.