

Footnotes

News from The Library of Innerpeffray

March 2025



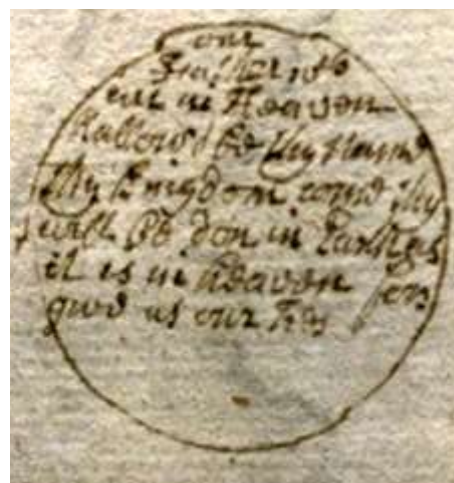
The Library of Innerpeffray

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Opening Lines

We reopened the Library for visits on Saturday 1st March and had a day packed with visitors! The new exhibition, *Book Marking: the things we write in books* has been great fun to put together and I'd like to thank everyone in the volunteer team for helping to make it happen. The books on display include names that help us trace the provenance of the books, how they arrived in the collection, and messages, dedications and comments. Look out for a series of blog posts looking in-depth at the stories revealed about the books. Illustrated below right is one of the more unusual scribbles on display:

The Lord's Prayer written inside a circle (probably drawn round a coin) in *The History of the World*, by Sir Walter Raleigh, 1634. This is the copy that belonged to James Graham, First Marquis of Montrose.



Last month we were delighted to be able to make some additions to the Innerpeffray collection when we acquired some new books. Thanks to an anonymous donor, we now have some of the books belonging to the Murrays of Dollerie.

Dollerie House is close to Innerpeffray and the Murray family were connected to the Library for many years. An event to welcome the Dollerie collection to the Library is planned for later in the year and we will be sharing more about the books in the coming months.

I'm delighted to say that the Friends have a full programme of talks and musical events planned for the year ahead, and you can read about all our events on the back page. Join us too, to see the results of textile artist Helen Gallogly's *Reading Forms* project throughout May, when Helen will be leading special tours. Looking ahead to the summer, The Three Inch Fools celebrate their 10th year with a production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream**—early bird tickets are on sale now!

Thank you for all your support. Lara

March is Madertie Month! In honour of our Founder, visits to the Library are free of charge through the month of March (donations welcome). This initiative is sponsored by the Friends of Innerpeffray Library and we are most grateful for this support.

Reading Forms: Textile Artist Exhibition and Tours

Coming up in May, we are delighted to have Textile Artist Helen Gallogly, known for her costume work on the Outlander drama series, present a site-specific visual art project: **'Reading Forms'** inspired by her time spent at Innerpeffray over the past two years. The exhibition will display printed textile sculptures, positioned throughout the Library location, presenting new visual narratives investigating the site and the content of its rare and antiquarian books.

*Helen Gallogly, Artist says:
"With Libraries disappearing from our national landscape, and a digital world growing, I have felt an urgency to connect creatively with this site, where the free and open sharing of information began in Scotland. Here we can slow down and reconnect with others over tactile sources"*



Gallogly's upbringing around an antiques shop developed her lifelong interest in objects, materials and places with a history. Her work with surface pattern evolved from her costume work, to explore soft sculpture and mixed media works. The project began with a VACMA research award (fife contemporary/Creative Scotland). Following a development period, Gallogly was awarded a grant from Creative Scotland in November 2024, to bring the work to a completed exhibition.

Jackie Stewart, Creative Industries Officer at Creative Scotland says: "Libraries are more than repositories of books; they are living spaces of shared knowledge, creativity, and community. 'Reading Forms' at Innerpeffray Library beautifully illustrates how history, art, and storytelling can converge to spark new perspectives on the relevance of libraries today. At a time when these vital spaces face uncertainty, this project reaffirms their role as evolving cultural hubs that connect and inspire."

'Reading Forms' runs from May 2nd - May 31st 2025 and is open to the public within the Library's opening hours. A series of talks and tours led by Helen will be available to book.



Friends of Innerpeffray Library

The Friends are delighted to be sponsoring Madertie Month again this year, enabling the Library to be open free of charge throughout March. Do join us for the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 9th April at 6.30pm in Innerpeffray Schoolroom, followed by a special performance of *Words and Music* with Crawford Logan, Joan Taylor and Peter Banks at 7pm in the Library. Tickets for the performance must be booked in advance and are available on the website now.

We are delighted to have a great programme of talks and music events lined up for you this year. Events are open to everyone, but Friends benefit from free entry to some of these as well as free entry to the Library. If you are not already a member of the Friends, why not join and help us support the Library?

A full list of the events is on the back page, and we'll be announcing more events for the second half of the year, including exclusive Friends tours, when the plans are all complete.

I hope to see you at one of the events during the year.

Joan

Joan Taylor, Convenor.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the AGM of the Friends of Innerpeffray Library (Scottish Charity SC023545)

Wednesday 9th April at 6.30pm

Innerpeffray Schoolroom

New in the Shop! Inspired by Foure-Footed Beastes

We have recently added some exclusive new gifts to our shop inspired by the woodcut illustrations in **Topsell's Foure Footed Beastes (1607)**, as illustrated below. We hope you like them!

Embroidery Kit—Cat: Gillean Ford has designed a wonderful new embroidery kit based on The Cat, which you can stitch in your choice of grey or ginger.

The Cat also features in our other new items: coasters and sticker sheets. **Coasters** are available in four different designs, Cat, Rhino, Hare and Hedgehog, either singly at £3.50 or in a set of four for £12. The Elephant and the Unicorn join the designs on our **Sticker Sheets**, available in black and white or bright colours, 6 stickers on an A6 sheet, £1 per sheet. The stickers are also part of a new **Scrapbooking Set**—unleash your scissors and glue and have fun with a kit that includes a selection of coloured paper scraps, a sheet of stickers, a stamp and pencil with a notebook to paste them into, all for £5.

All of these are in the Library shop and will be on the online shop soon—or call us for mail order.

Our ever-popular 'Woe to Drunkards' tea towel is currently sold out, but a restock is coming soon!



A Lasting Legacy

The Library of Innerpeffray was founded on a legacy, and since that time the Library has benefitted from the generosity of many people, helping to keep alive the spirit of David **Drummond's** bequest. After providing for his family our founder left a portion of his estate to keep the library going. Sadly, we don't have that income today.

As a charity, we rely on donations and fundraising to support essential running costs. They help us look after the books and buildings in our care and to share the story of this amazing place in the history of libraries and the heritage of Scotland.

Whether you are a regular visitor to the Library, have memories of a past visit, family links or are simply passionate about libraries, a gift in your Will ensures future generations can find the same connection and enjoyment from Innerpeffray Library. Costing you nothing in your lifetime, a gift, no matter how modest, even 1% of your estate, makes an enormous difference to our future.

*The details you will need are the name and number of our charity, **The Innerpeffray Mortification SC013843**, and your solicitor can carry out your wishes. An unrestricted gift is most useful, but if you would like to support a particular part of our work, we would welcome the chance to discuss this, so that we can do as you would wish.*

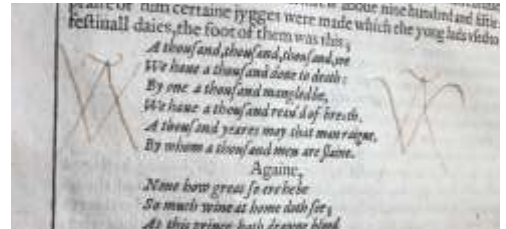
Thank you.

Book Marking—Highlights from the Exhibition

We are often asked, “where did the Founder get his books?”. The short answer is, from lots of different places, or simply, we don’t really know. But we do actually know quite a bit about some of the original collection. On display in this year’s exhibition are a selection of books that show some of the sources of the founding collection. We begin with his family.

Andrew Wood of Largo is a descendant of Sir Andrew Wood of Largo, Admiral of Scotland, a famous figure in the Scottish Navy. He is connected to Innerpeffray through James Drummond, 1st **Lord Madertie**, our Founder’s grandfather. His daughter, **Jean** married Andrew Wood of Largo in 1606, though she died, without children, in 1618. Andrew Wood became a burghess of the City of Perth in 1632, so was certainly wealthy and died there in 1649.

Wood not only writes his name in his books, he often decorates favourite passages with his initials or a cipher (where the initials are intertwined to make a symbol). We don’t know whether the Founder ever met Wood, his aunt’s husband, though if Wood was in Perth it is perfectly possible. Perhaps the books were passed to him when Wood died, regardless, twenty-seven of his books are now a core part of the

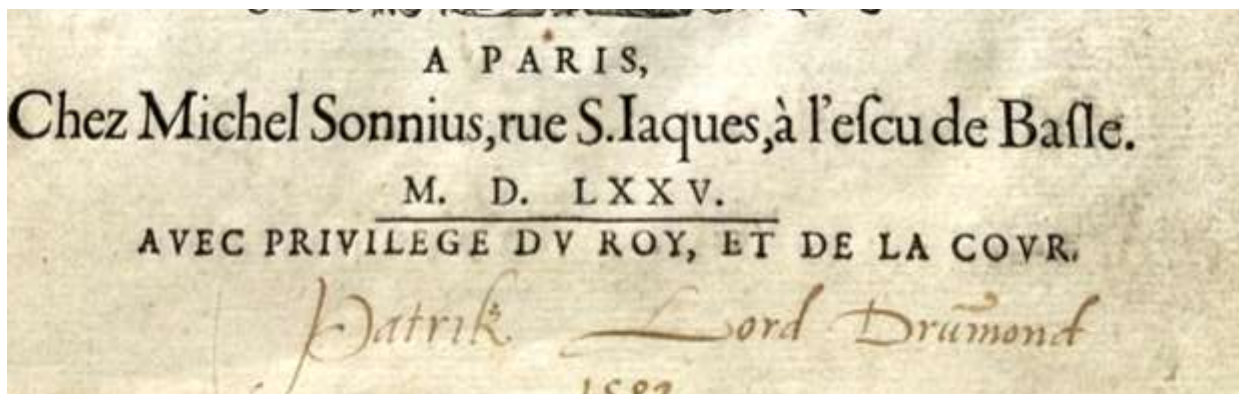


Innerpeffray collection.



Patrick, Lord Drummond is great-uncle to the Founder and we have seven books in the collection that bear his signature. He has a legible distinctive hand, even in childhood, as we can see here in his Arithmetic textbook from 1585 (left).

Many of his books are in French, including the arithmetic book and a magnificent *Cosmographie*, 1575. We also have a book signed by **Patrick’s mother, Lilius Drummond**.



For both of these family collections the link seems to be Madertie’s grandfather, James Drummond, 1st Lord Madertie, friend to James VI. More about his books in the next newsletter.

Dates for Your Diary



1st—30th March **Madertie Month : free entry for all.** Tours of the library are free throughout the month of March, in honour of our founder, who created Scotland's first free lending library here in 1680. Madertie Month is sponsored by the Friends of Innerpeffray Library.

Thurs 20th March 7pm **Ursula Buchan : Beyond the Thirty-Nine Steps.** The granddaughter of author John Buchan, Ursula Buchan is a popular public speaker and writer who has won awards for both books and journalism. Venue: Innerpeffray Schoolroom. *Tickets £10, [available here](#).*

Wed 9th April, 6.30pm **Friends of Innerpeffray Library AGM.** Venue: Innerpeffray Schoolroom.

Wed 9th April 7pm **Words and Music** The official business of the Friends AGM will be followed by a programme of music and readings, with actor Crawford Logan and musicians Joan Taylor and Peter Banks. Venue: The Library *Tickets: Friends members free, guests £10. [Available here](#).*

Sun 27th April, 3pm **Morag Brown and Lewis Powell-Reid.** An afternoon of acoustic instrumental music from Scotland to the Balkans and beyond, with sparkling improvisations and a joyful spontaneity that draws deeply from the wells of traditional repertoire. This concert is of special significance to Lewis as his grandfather, Ted Powell, was the fondly-remembered Keeper of Books at Innerpeffray from 1988 to the mid 2000s. Venue: Innerpeffray Chapel *Tickets: £15, Under-16s £5. [Available here](#).*

Fri 2nd May - Sat 31st May **Reading Forms : Artist Exhibition.** Locally-based textile artist **Helen Gallogly**, known for her costume textile design work on the *Outlander* drama series, presents a site-specific visual art project at Innerpeffray. The exhibition will display printed textile sculptures, positioned throughout the Library location, presenting new visual narratives investigating the site and the content of its collections. A launch event, artist's talk and artist-led tours of the exhibition will take place over the course of the month of May. *Tickets available soon.*

Tues 24th June, 7pm **'Good Again' : Viola da Gamba recital.** A musical tour with a difference, Sarah Small is cycling from venue to venue to perform a programme of music ranging from the 17th century to the present day on the Viola da Gamba. Venue: The Library *Tickets available soon.*

Thurs 10th July, 7pm **The Three Inch Fools present A Midsummer Night's Dream.** They're back again! In their 10th anniversary year, the Fools present an outdoor performance of an audience favourite in the grounds of the Library. Tickets available [here](#). **Early Bird prices available until the end of March** - book yours now!

Book your tickets at <https://innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk/whats-on/>

Or call the Library on 01764 652819