

City businessman serves up second book

GOURMET HOPING TO REPEAT SUCCESS OF FIRST RECIPES COLLECTION

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AN ABERDEEN businessman has dished up a second helping of his culinary memoirs.

Design agency director and gourmet Mike Robson hopes to repeat the success of his first collection of recipes, *Fun With Spinach*, with the publication of a follow-up, *The Handsome Chip*.

Featuring the same winning formula of food, anecdotes and art, it is hoped it will also prove as much of a money spinner as the original, which raised more than £10,000 for a range of good causes last year.

This time the proceeds will go to the north-east children's charity Cash for Kids.

Acclaimed Scottish figurative artist Catriona Millar, whose illustrations feature in *The Handsome Chip*, has also donated the front cover painting, entitled *Hector*, to the organisation.

About 200 guests joined Mr Robson, marketing director of Aberdeen-based design and advertising firm the agency for the launch of the book at HM Theatre in Aberdeen last night.

Mr Robson, of Forest Road, Aberdeen, said it had been an "utter delight" to compile the latest instalment of recipes culled from his travels around the world, and favourite dishes suggested by friends.

He added: "Almost immediately after *Fun with Spinach* came out people were asking me when my next instalment of recipes would be available.

"My culinary memoirs started off as fun, spoof entries on our agency website, and to see these develop and materialise into this second batch of recipes is just incredible."

Alastair Brookes, Cash for Kids' charity manager, said: "We are delighted to be working with Mike, Catriona and the team on this exciting project, and the sale of both the book and the painting *Hector* will go a long way towards helping us to reach our annual target of £200,000.

"All the money will stay here in the north-east and will go directly to help children's groups, organisations, projects and individual youngsters."

The Handsome Chip is available from all major bookshops in Aberdeen and Banchory as well as The Hammerton Store, Finzean Tearooms and the Card and Gift Co, Cults.

Businesses and individuals are also being invited to sell boxes of books in reception areas and waiting rooms to boost the Cash for Kids campaign.

