

In my View

Grandchildren? Just grand!

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One of the joys of being a retired (all right, semi-retired) journalist is that one has more time to spend with grandchildren.

And with Stirling's schools on holiday for the whole of last week, granny and grandad were looking after two young ladies from Bannockburn.

I loved every minute of it, and I pay tribute to their patience with me when it was grandad's turn to fly solo, so to speak.

I had some business at the Strathmore Vintage Vehicle office near Glamis, and they were fascinated as we saw exhibits in the museum which a kind gentleman showed us - including entries in the massive auction sale there on March 21. Not all were transport related - although I'm not sure if the girls believed that stone pig hot water bottles keep you warm inside as well - if you fill them with whisky!

There were also car journeys where I was paid the greatest compliment by the seven-year-old - who chatted away to me non-stop, making me feel like an equal.

We all enjoyed the Shaun the Sheep movie - heartily recommended - and they even volunteered to walk the Tay Bridge and back with granny!

One tip I would pass on is that in the morning one should let sleeping granddaughters lie - let them wake up at their own pace rather than behaving like a demented Rutlins' Redcoat. It works!

THE
WIDER
VIEW

Tweets from
across the week
from local
Tweeters

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debate by emailing your views
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DAVID MAY

Delighted to have
unanimous support
at Angus Council for
my motion on free
personal care for
dementia sufferers
under 65.



GEORGE SHIELDS
I would like to thank
everyone that gave
me the opportunity to
manage Montrose FC
and wish them all the
very best for the rest
of the season.

Readers' Comments

'Bonnie Montrose' is back to stay!

BONNIE MONTROSE Reply to lovely letter

Sir, - Regarding the letter in last week's *Review* about 'Bonnie Montrose': Hi Joan, thank you for your lovely words. We are glad you like the book written all those years ago in 1899.

We are extremely proud to bring this back for a new generation to enjoy, and to raise as much money for all the charities we are supporting.

My father (Robert snr), has the *Review* delivered every week, and is looking forward to seeing this letter from you and sends his thanks, as we all do.

Montrose will always be close to our hearts and we look forward to our next visit soon.

May I take this chance to thank everyone in Montrose or wherever you are for buying, supporting and spreading the word that 'Bonnie Montrose' is back to stay, and we hope you enjoy the website too; www.bonniemontrose.co.uk

Yours etc.,

Bob McHardy
(Author's great-great grandson)
Glasgow

the EU does not know how, or where the majority of the animal products they buy were produced.

Depending on the member state concerned, 30 to 50 per cent of slaughtered meat is processed into meat ingredients for foodstuffs, mostly minced meat preparations and meat products. Manufacturers are under no obligation to reveal the country of origin of most processed food.

If a beef lasagne is labelled as a British product, then most people would presume it to be made with British beef, however items can be described as British provided 'the last substantial change' to a processed product took place in this country.

If forced to specify the origin of the meat in their frozen products then producers would have to keep a tighter grip on their supply chain - making it much less likely that illegal meat of unknown origin could creep in.

As well as helping to restore consumer trust, more honest and transparent labelling will also give consumers the abil-

has now made it clear that we want the same rules to apply to meat in processed food as for fresh meat and last week's European Parliamentary Plenary in Strasbourg voted in favour of a resolution calling on the European Commission to introduce labelling of the country of birth, rearing and slaughter for all meat in processed food. - Yours etc.,

David Martin, MEP
bye-mail

BRAVE OR OUTSTANDING PETS You can nominate

Sir, - All pet owners know what a huge difference animals make to our lives, and now a leading pet charity is launching a nationwide search for 'tails' of extra-special animals who deserve a medal.

The Blue Cross Medal celebrates all hero pets, from amazing assistance or therapy pets to animals in the services and military, or simply a life-changing companion. If you own or know of a pet that has done something amazing to change or even save a life, Blue Cross at charitably.org.uk

labrador retriever who has saved hundreds of lives - including her owner's - by detecting cases of cancer. Other outstanding entries included a cat who saved her owner's life by waking her up when she was having a heart attack in her sleep and a dog whose companionship helped her young autistic owner gain confidence and cope with social situations she found difficult.

The Blue Cross Medal was reinstated last year to mark the centenary of the First World War.

Sick, injured and homeless pets have relied on Blue Cross since 1897 and the charity played an important role providing front line veterinary care to horses during World War One. In 1918, Blue Cross awarded a number of medals to honour horses which had served in the war.

The Blue Cross Medal is open to pets that have done something brave, life changing partnerships, assistance animals or serving or working animals. To nominate a pet