

# GAZETTE NEWS

Scary goings-on in Monikie Country Park

# The monsters of Monikie

If you go down to the woods this Autumn you are sure of a big (and terrifying!) surprise.

The DragonQuest Augmented Reality (AR) live theatre show for all the family has come to Monikie Country Park and the *Gazette* was lucky enough to get a peek at the monster-hunting action on a foggy Tuesday night.

The audience, armed with a torch, their smartphones and a special free app, are sent into the woods to uncover the mystery of the Monikie dragon and a host of other mystical creatures.

Using the power of AR and strategically placed light markers you are able to 'see' on your smartphone the invisible creatures who inhabit the woods, which have been cunningly crafted by 3D animators.

Among those first on the scene was 10-year-old Amy Burns from Carnoustie who was fascinated by the clever mixing of live action and technology.

She said: "My favourite part was using my iPhone to spot the trolls and faeries in the woods, it was really cool."

"It was lots of fun to try to



Amy Burns tries out some of the interactive DragonQuest props while Depute Provost Alex King tries out the DragonQuest app as the dragon looms in the background.



get all of the monsters. The mist also made the woods really creepy, it was great!"

DragonQuest has been supported by Creative Scotland, EventScotland, part of the VisitScotland Events Directorate, and Angus Council.

Deputy Provost of Angus Councillor Alex King said: "We are delighted to be supporting DragonQuest and we are looking forward to welcoming visitors from across Angus and further afield. As the nights

are starting to get darker, the woods are coming alive with the magic of DragonQuest and Monikie Country Park is the ideal setting for people looking for something different this Autumn."

DragonQuest runs until Sunday, November 1, at Monikie Country Park, with tickets available from the Webster Memorial Theatre, 64 High Street, Arbroath, call 01241 435800, or visit [www.webstertheatre.co.uk](http://www.webstertheatre.co.uk)

## Monifieth Monday Ladies Club hear about Talking Newspaper

Monifieth Monday Ladies had an extremely interesting talk on Monday evening from Graeme Tarbet on the Talking Newspaper for the Blind. They

greatly appreciated his stepping in at the last minute when the booked speaker called off. Graeme has many strings to his bow - he has been with

the Education Department as a school and family support worker in Angus, a part-time pastor and is still a church organist. In 1981, he became a

reader with the Dundee Tape Newspaper for the Blind and became production coordinator two years later. He provides a valuable service

with his monthly productions of interviews and news items and these tapes are distributed to over 150 persons in our area. The next meeting is on

Monday, October 19, when the speaker will be Dave McKenzie from the Fire Service. He will speak on Fire Safety in the Home.

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