Five things you need to know today

▼ It is St David's Day today, patron saint of one of those other Celtic nations, Wales. Wear a daffodil. It will make someone smile.

A worrying move by the Lord Advocate, Lord Wallace, according to The Herald, in tabling an amendment to The Scotland Bill currently before Westminster. The paper says that the peer has tried to amend Scottish criminal law by removing the right of appeal to the High Court in Scotland and moving the jurisdiction in such cases to The Supreme Court in London. This would mean that the court of final appeal (except in cases which can then be appealed to Europe) in all civil and criminal matters would no longer be in Scotland, ending the traditional role of our own judges. A separate thread of the article is that the amendment was tabled secretly.

An interesting story from The Times (page 18 printed edition) about Glencraft in Aberdeen which has been commissioned to make a bed for Wills & Kate.... They already hold a Royal Warrant... What a pity that it is not Blindcraft.

<u>The Guardian</u> asks if we all agree that The City of Edinburgh Council website is in fact the best in Scotland.... Perhaps a little ambitious....? Or is it?

And the Council have today got on their (electric) bikes....Actually scooters... Which the company Go ZippyR are providing free of charge on trial. Read more here.