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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 20th, 2019

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:

<https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

Electric Scotland News

It is with sadness that I have to let you know that Barrie Leslie, the first Commissioner for CLANZ has passed away. I got an email in from Stan Bruce copying me into the story which is...

I rang his wife, Patricia, today to find out how it had all gone. She told me that the operation had been successful, and last Saturday he was out of ICU, and seemed to be well on the way to recovery. However, on Sunday, he had a fall and suffered brain injury. He was on life support, but the doctors advised the family that this should be shut down. Subsequently, he passed away.

This has been a great shock to all concerned.

If you need contact details for the family, they are: Mrs Patricia Leslie, 109 Oxley Drive, Mount Colah NSW 2079 Australia. Email: lesliejb@ozemail.com.au

Barrie worked very hard for many years and also ensured we got copies of the clan newsletter to place on the site. He will be missed for sure as there are fewer of his ilk these days.

You can view a video introduction to this newsletter at:

<https://youtu.be/A-5zUfKpECA>

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

Note that this is a selection and more can be read in our [ScotNews](#) feed on our index page where we list news from the past 1-2 weeks. I am partly doing this to build an archive of modern news from and about Scotland as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. I might also add that in newspapers such as the Guardian, Scotsman, Courier, etc. you will find many comments which can be just as interesting as the news story itself and of course you can also add your own comments if you wish.

Europe beat USA 14½-13½ to win at Gleneagles

Bronte Law, who moments earlier won her match on the 17th, sprinted up the 18th fairway to join the celebrations after wildcard pick Suzann Pettersen holed an eight-foot putt on the last to win the trophy.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/golf/49710080>

Education review ordered amid subject choice concern

The move follows a critical report by MSPs on Holyrood's education committee who examined how S4, S5 and S6 work.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-49706462>

Galloway Hills rally in south west Scotland

In pictures

See them at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-49714396>

Airbus, French exporters reel as U.S. tariffs loom in subsidy row

Shares in Airbus (AIR.PA) and French luxury goods exporters fell on Monday as the European Union acknowledged it may face U.S. tariffs in a long-running dispute over aircraft subsidies, part of an escalating tit-for-tat trade row.

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-wto-aircraft/airbus-french-exporters-reel-as-u-s-tariffs-loom-in-subsidy-row-idUKKBN1W10RV>

The EEC, EU and the economy

The Remain case for staying in the EU is always based on the unproven economic advantages.

Read more at:

<http://johnredwooddiary.com/2019/09/17/the-eeceu-and-the-economy>

Stranraer Oyster Festival has come of age

A south of Scotland seafood celebration has come of age with visitor numbers up an estimated 25% on last year.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-49728440?>

Scotland's top fish and shop named in UK awards

It's the top prize in the calendar for the fish and chip industry and this year, an eatery in Stonehaven has taken the Scottish crown.

Read more at:

<https://foodanddrink.scotsman.com/food/scotlands-top-fish-and-shop-named-in-uk-awards/>

Who owns the sky?

We may be on the cusp of an entirely new kind of aviation industry

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/who-owns-the-sky/>

Beyond Brexit what a US-UK trade deal will really look like

Britain is bogged down in a mire of Brexit minutiae - it's time to look at the bigger picture again

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/beyond-brexit-what-a-us-uk-trade-deal-will-really-look-like/>

Canada election: Is Justin Trudeau in trouble?

Canada Election 2019

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-49490403>

Scottish Independence: Poll - majority of Scots will vote remain in the UK

A majority of Scots would vote to stay in the UK in a fresh independence referendum, new polling indicates.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/scottish-independence-poll-majority-of-scots-will-vote-remain-in-the-uk-1-5005983>

The little-known world of the tap water tasters

Like a wine taster, Sarah pulls the glass towards her nose and swirls the contents to release the complex aromas before tasting and spitting into a bucket

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-49652726>

UK inflation falls to lowest since 2016 in pre-Brexit boost to consumers

Consumer prices in Britain rose last month at the slowest rate since December 2016, a pre-Brexit boost to the spending power of

households who are also seeing the fastest wage growth in 11 years.

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-economy-inflation/uk-inflation-falls-to-lowest-since-2016-in-pre-brexite-boost-to-consumers-idUKKBN1W30YD>

China's economy runs on corruption - and the state is scared
Corruption in China impacts upon every area of the economy

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/chinas-economy-runs-on-corruption-and-the-state-is-scared>

Scottish ship praised for life-saving role in Bahamas Hurricane Dorian rescue operation
The Royal Fleet Auxiliary's Mounts Bay helped save hundreds of lives during relief efforts.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/scots-crew-govan-built-ship-20084763>

Electric Canadian

A History of Canadian Journalism

In the several portions of the Dominion with a sketch of the Canadian Press Association 1859-1908 Edited by a Committee of the Association Toronto (1908) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/journalism.htm>

In a Canadian Canoe

The Nine Muses minus one and other stories by Barry Pain (third edition) (1891) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/In-A-Canadian-Canoe.pdf>

Homeward from California through the Magnificence of the Canadian Rockies
By the Canadian Pacific Railway (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/homewardfromcalifornia.pdf>

Items of German-Canadian Folk-Lore

By W. J Wintemberg (pdf)

This can be read at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/germancanadanfolklore.pdf>

The Canadian Soldiers' Song Book

This edition of the Soldiers' Song Book is donated to the Y.M.C.A. by Mr. and Mrs. William Southam, of Hamilton, Ontario, in memory of their son, Gordon Hamilton Southam, officer commanding the 40th battery, C.F.A., 3rd division, who was killed at the Battle of the Somme, Oct. 15th, 1916. (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/canadiansoldiers.pdf>

The Canadian Bookman

A Monthly Review of Contemporary Literature Devoted to the Interests of Canadian Bookbuyers

You can read Volume 1 at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/canadianbookmanvol1909.pdf>

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A National Fisheries Society

By Charles Edward Fryer (1883) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/sea/anationalfisher00fryegoog.pdf>

The Irish Scots and the "Scotch-Irish"

An historical and ethnological monograph with some reference to Scotia Major and Scotia Minor to which is added a chapter on "How the Irish came as builders of the Nation" by the Hon. John C. Linehan (1902) (pdf)

You can read this book at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/scotsirish/irishscotsscotch01line.pdf>

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

Got in the October section 2 issue which can be read at: <https://electricScotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

Transactions of Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Scotland

Put up a review of the Institute at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeenshipbuilding.htm>

The Home Preacher

Added the 7th service given by Dr. Cairns which you can get at:

<https://electricScotland.com/bible/homepreacher/week07.htm>

Watt Anniversary Lecture

14th January, 1887, in Honour of the Birthday of James Watt by Mr. Robert Duncan on Evolution in Naval Architecture during the reign of Queen Victoria.

You can read this at: <https://www.electricScotland.com/books/pdf/mrrobertduncanon00duncrich.pdf>

The Sunday Magazine

Edited by W. G. Blaikie, D.D., LL.D. (1873) (pdf).

You can read this at: https://electricScotland.com/bible/The_Sunday_Magazine.pdf

Videos on Tartans

Noticed all the videos I put up from YouTube are all missing so have now replaced them with a new selection.

You can view these at: https://electricScotland.com/tartans/tartan_videos.htm

Russia

Its History and Condition to 1877 in three volumes by Sir Donald MaKenzie Wallace. See bullet 12 at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/russia/index.htm>

The Story

I did wonder what was happening on this scheme and now we know... this taken from the BBC web site.

Named person scheme scrapped by Scottish government

The Scottish government has scrapped its controversial plan to appoint a named person to safeguard the welfare of every child in the country.

The scheme, which was branded a "snooper's charter" by opponents, was due to be introduced three years ago.

But it was delayed when the Supreme Court ruled that part of the plan breached Human Rights laws.

Education Secretary John Swinney has now confirmed that he will withdraw the named person legislation.

The Conservatives said the move was a "complete humiliation" for the government.

They called on Mr Swinney to apologise for the "millions of pounds of taxpayers' money that has been wasted" and to "all the professionals on the front line who have been faced with endless bureaucracy around this policy".

The scheme would have seen a named person - usually a teacher or health visitor - act as a clear point of contact for every child from birth until the age of 18.

In its ruling in July 2016, the Supreme Court said the aim of the policy was "unquestionably legitimate and benign", but that proposals around information-sharing breached the right to privacy and a family life under the European Convention on Human Rights.

The judges said the proposals meant it was "perfectly possible" that confidential information about a young person could be disclosed to a "wide range of public authorities without either the child or young person or her parents being aware".

Mr Swinney subsequently set up an expert panel which was tasked with finding a way of making named person compatible with the Supreme Court ruling.

But the panel was unable to write a workable code of practice on information sharing, and concluded that doing so "would not be desirable" as the complexity would make it difficult to understand or apply in practice.

Mr Swinney told the Scottish Parliament on Thursday afternoon that the "mandatory named persons scheme for every child, underpinned by law, will now not happen" and that "we will withdraw our bill and repeal the relevant legislation."

He said that existing, voluntary schemes that provide a point of contact for support will continue - but only for those councils and health boards that wish to provide them, and only for parents who wish to use them.

Mr Swinney said: "In this way, we will support our children and young people so that they can thrive and rise to the challenges and opportunities that life brings."

He added: "I believe that today we have taken an important step forward in providing families and practitioners with certainty about how information-sharing can support well-being in a transparent way which respects the rights of everyone."

Earlier on Thursday, the government launched an investigation after details of Mr Swinney's statement were leaked in advance to the Herald newspaper.

And that's it for this week and hope you all have a great weekend.

Alastair