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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for April 15th, 2022

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

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

Electric Scotland News

Searching the 1950 U.S. Census on MyHeritage and viewing records is free.

If you have a family tree on MyHeritage, their Record Matching technology will notify you automatically if records from the collection match your relatives. You'll then be able to review the record and decide if you'd like to add the new information to your tree.

Read their Blog Post at:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/04/the-1950-u-s-census-index-for-alaska-new-hampshire-and-the-u-s-virgin-islands-is-now-live/>

I continue to believe that the SNP are doing Scotland great harm. They are incompetent and lack a vision for what Scotland could be if run differently.

Of late we see the continuing fiasco of the Ferry debacle. We see them ignoring nuclear in their so called green energy plan. They seem incapable of taking advantage of Brexit and prefer to rail against it and they still want to rejoin the EU which is proving to also be incompetent and unable to deal with Britain in anything like a reasonable way.

Britain voted to leave the UK and despite all the various political parties saying we should remain we accepted the democratic vote to leave. Yet the SNP refuse to accept the vote just as they did for the Independence vote.

What is the point of having a referendum if you don't accept the result?

I see our legal system is a real mess and our health service not up to the job it should be doing. Point is that the SNP don't seem to have any idea on how to fix those issues. They seem to be fixated on the middle class in Scotland as the poor in Scotland just keep getting poorer. They continue to promise things that they simply can't deliver and yet the Scottish people seem to continue to believe them.

They are also control freaks in that they want to control everything but when they manage to rest control they then prove they can't actually do a better job and things keep getting worse. I see the Scottish rail takeover has already ditched many services which is one way to save money but it will be interesting to see if they can do any better.

I don't really care if England is doing worse or better as all I really care about is how is Scotland doing. In most cases figures from Audit Scotland keep showing we're doing worse.

We are now going into the council elections and the prediction is no change to the status quo. Perhaps this would be a chance for Scots to vote against the SNP and Greens to give other parties a chance to see what they might deliver?

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 and world news stories that can affect Scotland and as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines it becomes a good resource. I might also add that in a number of newspapers 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 which I do myself from time to time.

Canada proposes foreign buyers home real estate ban

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has proposed a two-year ban on some foreigners buying homes. The measure comes as the country grapples with some of the worst housing affordability issues in the world.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-61027374>

ScotRail refuses to reveal salaries of senior bosses after becoming nationalised

The Sunday Mail asked the operator to state the pay of three new officials - chief operating officer Joanne Maguire and new body Scottish Rail Holdings' chief exec officer Chris Gibb and finance boss David Lowrie.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/newly-nationalised-scotrail-refuses-reveal-26677229>

Justice system is crumbling while minister in charge sits in monastic silence

IMAGINE a country where the number of reported rapes has soared by nearly a third in a year — but the justice minister thinks locking people up is 'puerile'. Teenage criminals including killers are to be spared a spell behind bars in favour of 'care-based alternatives', and will be treated as young offenders until the age of 25.

Read more at:

<https://graham-grant.medium.com/justice-system-is-crumbling-while-minister-in-charge-sits-in-monastic-silence-783fb0ae4173>

SNP ignore a third of own climate assembly's policy suggestions

Despite the SNP's usual claims about Scotland's 'world-leading' climate change efforts, a new report co-authored by Scottish government officials and Newcastle University has found the SNP have ignored more than a third of the recommendations put forward by their own Climate Assembly on environmental policies.

Read more at:

<https://order-order.com/2022/04/04/snp-ignore-a-third-of-own-climate-assemblys-policy-suggestions/>

It is vital antenatal care but Scotland has always been resistant. I don't know why

Pregnant women at risk of a life-threatening condition in Scotland are not being offered simple diagnostic tests now available south of the border, we can reveal.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/it-is-vital-antenatal-care-but-scotland-has-always-been-resistant-i-dont-know-why>

A loaf of bread meets global inflation

The cost of living continues to soar, with prices rising by 7% in the 12 months to March - their fastest rate for 30 years.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-61090682>

It's the money supply, stupid

Blocked ports, war in Ukraine, poor harvests...you'll hear all sorts of reasons that prices are soaring in Britain's shops. Really, though, this is a classic case of too much money chasing too few goods and services. And that means central banks need a dose of good, old-fashioned monetarism.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/its-the-money-supply-stupid>

Ukraine's President Zelensky to BBC: Blood money being paid for Russian oil
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has accused European countries that continue to buy Russian oil of earning their money in other people's blood.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-61107725>

Covid levels starting to fall in UK, says ONS

The number of people in the UK infected with coronavirus is falling, says the Office for National Statistics (ONS). About 4.4 million people had the virus in their body in the week up to 9 April, down from nearly 4.9 million the week before.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-61106918>

Scotland leads the way in UK space sector jobs

Scotland has seen a boost in space jobs and now accounts for a fifth of the UK space workforce, according to a report. A survey of firms by the UK Space Agency showed employment in the sector north of the border grew by nearly 9.6% in 2020, to 8,440.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-61081756>

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Queen's University Courchene Lecture

Through the Eyes of the North: Our Collective Responsibility by the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada (April 2022)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/Collective-Responsibility.htm>

On the Indians and Eskimos of the Ungara District, Labrador

By Lucien M. Turner, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. (1887) (pdf)

You can read this article at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/Ungara-District,-Labrador.pdf>

Notes and Observations on the Kwakwaka'wakw People

Of the Northern Part of Vancouver Island and Adjacent Coasts, made during the Summer of 1885; with a Vocabulary of about seven hundred words. By George M. Dawson.

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/Kwakwaka'wakw.pdf>

The Analytical Study of Canadian History

Article by John Lesperance (1887) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/articles/johlesperance.pdf>

Thomas John Thomson, painter

Article by Joan Murray

You can read about him at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/thomasJohnThomson.htm>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 10th day of April 2022 - Palm Sunday
By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26191-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-10th-day-of-april-2022-palm-sunday>

Sunday Sabbath Observance in Canada
By Rick

You can read this article at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/articles/sabathobservance.htm>

First Siege and Capture of Louisbourg, 1745
By Sir Adams Archibald, K.C.M.G. (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/louisbourg.pdf>

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Beth's Video Talks
April 8th 2022 - Advertising 101 part 1

You can watch this at: <https://electricscotland.com/bnft/videos.htm>

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree
Got in section 2 of the May 2022 edition which you can read at:
<https://electricscotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

The King's Customs
An account of maritime revenue & contraband traffic in England, Scotland, and Ireland, from the earliest times to the year 1800 by Henry Atton & Henry Hurst Holland with a Preface by F. S. Parry, C.B. (1908) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/books/kingscustoms00hollgoog.pdf>

The Aberdeen Clippers
An article from the "Aberdeen Journal" Notes and Queries May 23, 1913 (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeen-clippers.pdf>

The Scottish Paraphrases
Being the translations and paraphrases in verse of several passages of sacred scriptures collected and prepared by a committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in order to be sung in Churches. An Account of their History, Authors, and Sources; together with the Minutes of the General Assembly and Extracts from Presbytery Records relative thereto; Reprints of the Editions of 1745, 1751, and 1781; Information regarding Hymns contemporary with the Paraphrases; and some Account of the Scripture Songs of 1706. By Douglas J. MacLagan (1889)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/ScottishParaphrases.htm>

Reports of the Manuscripts

Of the Earl of Eglinton, Sir J. Stirling Maxwell, Bart., C. S. H. Drummond Moray, Esq., C.E. Weston Underwood, Esq., and G. Wingfield Digby, Esq. (1885) (pdf)

You can read these at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/reportsonmanuscr00grea.pdf>

Biographia Presbyteriana

By Patrick Walker in two volumes

You can read these at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/biographia.htm>

Greek Secrets Revealed

Hidden Scottish History Uncovered. Greek inscriptions in Scotland, with a translation into English and some explanation of the background, Book 1, Edinburgh by Ian McHaffie (2022) (pdf) This an update on the 2020 edition.

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/Greek%20Secrets%20Revealed%20-%20Edinburgh%202022.pdf>

Description of the Western Isles of Scotland

By M Martin (1703) (pdf)

Old book and thus the letter s is written as the letter f but you quickly get used to it and well worth a read and you can get to this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/westernislandsofscotland.pdf>

The Exploits of Wise Willie

And Witty Eppie, the Ale-Wife of Buckhaven (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/wisewillie.pdf>

Story

Claims of Ireland

by Sharron Gunn

I agree with some of the interpretations in the article "Claims of Ireland" and disagree with others.

Anyone who speaks Scottish Gaelic and has some knowledge of Irish Gaelic will recognize the similarity of the languages. The dialects of Donegal are quite comprehensible to the people of Islay and Colonsay for instance. A Lewis person would have a great deal of difficulty understanding a person from Kerry. Still after a few months of acquaintance they will be able to communicate in Gaelic.

The folklore and mythology of Gaelic Scotland and Ireland is shared. Until the early 20th century the most popular stories in Gaelic were about Fionn MacCumhail. In Ireland 100 different story motifs about Fionn have been collected and from Scotland 400 motifs about Fionn have been collected. The repertoire of Scots and Irish Gaelic storytellers is startlingly similar: stories of Fionn, Gràinne, Cuchallain, Deirdre, the Speckled Bull, the Battle of the Birds etc. Belief in the supernatural much the same: the Banshee, Banbha (Banff), the ways of making prophecies and of cursing and

blessing.

The "Book of Kells" was most likely written in Iona. The "Chronicles of Iona" are embedded in the "Annals of Ulster". The "Book of Durrow" was likely written in the Kingdom of Northumbria. Today no one doubts that the "Book of Deer" was written by Scottish Gaels in the monastery of Deer. (Deer at that time was Gaelic-speaking.) Bergin's "Irish Bardic Poetry" contains poems by Scottish poets to Irish patrons and poems by Irish poets to Scottish patrons. "Duanaire Finn", a 17th century manuscript collection of Fionn stories (published by the Irish Texts Society), was commissioned by a MacDonald of the Isles. Rather than say the manuscripts which survive as "belonging to Scotland or Ireland", it would be more accurate to say that they were written by Gaels wherever they were living. Irish scholars make copious use of Scottish sources and their titles would be more accurate if the word "Gaelic" were used instead of "Celtic" or "Irish".

The literary dialect of Gaelic, used by poets and historians, was taught in formal schools mostly in Ireland and was in use until the early 18th century. The last poet to use the literary dialect was a Scottish Highlander called Dòmhnall MacMhuirich who died about 1740. He was descended from a poetic dynasty who made a living from poetry and history for more than 20 generations. Scholars cannot discern the origin of a poet who used this dialect which was common to all of Gaelic Scotland and Ireland.

Most historians agree that a considerable migration took place in the 5th-6th centuries AD; however, there have been migrations between Ireland and Scotland (and the other bits of Britain) for millenia. The society of Gaelic Ireland and Scotland, whose basic unit was the clan (Gaelic: fine) is similar as is the Gaelic terminology to describe it. The laws were shared, although differentiated by contact with feudal law, introduced by French and English-speaking peoples.

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Weekend is almost here and hope it's a good one for you.

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