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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 9th, 2022

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

Electric Scotland News

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Senior royals had gathered at her Scottish estate after concerns grew about her health earlier on Thursday.

The Queen came to the throne in 1952 and witnessed enormous social change.

King Charles said: "We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished sovereign and a much-loved mother.

"I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world."

He will lead the country in mourning as the new King and head of state for 14 Commonwealth realms. Camilla, his wife, becomes Queen Consort.

During the coming period, he said he and his family would be "comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which the Queen was so widely held".

In a statement, Buckingham Palace said: "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon.

"The King and the Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

All the Queen's children travelled to Balmoral, near Aberdeen, after doctors placed the Queen under medical supervision.

Her grandson and now heir to the throne, Prince William, is also there, with his brother, Prince Harry, on his way.

Prime Minister Liz Truss, who was appointed by the Queen on Tuesday, said the monarch was the rock on which modern Britain was built, who had "provided us with the stability and strength that we needed".

Speaking about the new King, she said: "We offer him our loyalty and devotion, just as his mother devoted so much, to so many, for so long.

"And with the passing of the second Elizabethan age, we usher in a new era in the magnificent history of our great country, exactly as Her Majesty would have wished, by saying the words 'God save the King'."

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-61585886>

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.

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Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-61585886>

Queen Elizabeth II dies aged 96: She had an unwavering place in the hearts of her people She was the longest-ruling British monarch, outpacing her great-great grandmother Queen Victoria

Read more at:

<https://nationalpost.com/news/world/obituary-queen-elizabeth-dies>

World's most advanced attack submarine joins British fleet

HMS Anson is £1.3bn of both naval stealth and striking power say the Royal Navy able to gather vital intelligence, protect other Royal Navy vessels from threats above and below the waves and destroy enemy military infrastructure with pinpoint accuracy.

Read more at:

<https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/worlds-most-advanced-attack-submarine-joins-british-fleet>

An independent office of education statistics should be created, it has been proposed. The proposal was made in response to the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development's (OECD)'s June 2021 report which warned that there is a lack of robust data for assessing school performance in Scotland.

Read more at:

<https://news.stv.tv/scotland/call-for-education-statistics-body-to-cut-through-spin-on-performance>

Liz Truss beats Sunak by 21,000 votes - New PM makes energy bills vow for hard-hit Britons
LIZ Truss has been unveiled as the new Conservative Party leader after beating Rishi Sunak in a run-off with a majority of more than 20,000.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1664036/Liz-Truss-Tory-leadership-winner-Rishi-Sunak-Boris-Johnson-update>

New cabinet: Who is in Liz Truss's top team?

Prime Minister Liz Truss has appointed her new cabinet, hours after taking over at 10 Downing Street.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-62796077>

Media

By Hamsh Mackay in the Scottish Review

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net//HamishMackay627a.html>

Nicola Sturgeon announces controversial not proven verdict will finally be scrapped
The First Minister has announced a landmark reform of the Scottish legal system, which will end centuries of jurors being able to choose between three verdicts at criminal trials.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/not-proven-verdict-scrapped-scotland-27921380>

Your home could soon power itself with windows made of transparent solar panels
RENEWABLE energy could be revolutionised by the widespread application of transparent solar panels in place of conventional windows.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/science/1665799/energy-how-transparent-solar-panel-windows-power-buildings-future>

Parole board saw high risk of violence in Myles Sanderson, but approved his release anyway
It is the Board's opinion that ... your release will contribute to the protection of society by facilitating your reintegration into society as a law-abiding citizen'

Read more at:

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/parole-board-saw-high-risk-of-violence-in-myles-sanderson-but-approved-his-release-anyway>

Queen under medical supervision at Balmoral

The Queen is under medical supervision at Balmoral after doctors became concerned for her health, Buckingham Palace has said. All the Queen's children are gathering at, or are travelling to, her Scottish estate near Aberdeen.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-62836057>

Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band - 2022 World Champions
Winning Medley and Band Practice clips

Two medleys and two MSR's over two days of competition and Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band from Lisburn in Northern Ireland emerges as the overall winner. Congratulations to Pipe Major Richard Parkes MBE and his band on their achievement.

This video presents one of the band's competition medleys as well as some clips of the band in rehearsal in Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow earlier in the week. The rehearsal clips include several of the band's drum corps practicing under the direction of Drum Sergeant Keith Orr as well as the pipe corps tuning up. There is also a complete recording of this competition medley in rehearsal.

This competition marked the thirteenth time that Pipe Major Richard Parkes has led a pipe band to an overall Grade One championship - which beats the previous record of twelve wins by legendary Pipe-Major Ian MacLellan.

You can watch them on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4dqkGinyns>

Electric Canadian

The New Garden of Canada

By Pack-Horse and Canoe through Undeveloped New British Columbia By F. A. Talbot (1912) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/bc/The-New-Garden-Of-Canada.pdf>

Lumbering and Wood-Working Industries in the United States and Canada

Together with notes on British Practice and Suggestions for India by Frederick Alexander Leete (1919) (pdf)

You can read this report at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/lumber/lumberingwoodwor01leetuoft.pdf>

The Barren Ground of Northern Canada

Searching for the Musk-Ox By Warburton Pike (1917) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/The-Barren-Ground-Of-Northern-Canada.pdf>

Darkwoods - Canada's Hidden Nature Reserve

Added this video to our History of BC page. It's the third video going down the page.

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/bc/index.htm>

Thoughts on a Sunday morning - the 4th day of September 2022 - Disaster & Tragedy

By the Rev Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26245-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-4th-day-of-september-2022-disaster-tragedy>

The International Review of Scottish Studies

Volume 46: 2021 (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/Scotland/432-104-PB.pdf>

Surveying Scottish Studies in Canada

By Elizabeth L. Ewan and Heather Parker (pdf)

You can read this article at:

http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/Scotland/Surveying_Scottish_Studies_In_Canada.pdf

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Beth's Video Talks

September 7th, 2022 -

Black Sheep

You can view this talk at: <https://electricscotland.com/bnft>

The World Pipe Band Championships 2022 All Grade 1 Medleys

You can watch this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lifestyle/worldpipebank2022.htm>

My own life and times, 1741-1814

By Thomas Somerville (1861)

THOMAS SOMERVILLE, D.D., Minister of Jedburgh, the author of the following Memoirs, was, as he himself informs us, born on the 26th of February (old style) 1741. He died on the 16th of May 1830, in the ninetieth year of his age. He had thus lived through the whole of the long and eventful reign of George the Third, having indeed nearly reached manhood at the date of its commencement, and survived its close more than ten years. It was an age not only of great events and great men, but one also characterized—especially in Scotland—by social changes hardly less memorable. Its nearness to our own times has added to the interest, for many reasons, felt by us in whatever relates to the epoch in question. Nor has that interest been lessened, but on the contrary greatly increased,—indeed it has been mainly created,— by the copious illustration which the history, and, above all, the personal and domestic history of the whole period has already received.

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/lifestyle/thomas-somerville.htm>

Sir James Murray

Found a more complete biography of this creator of the Oxford English Dictionary and have added it to our page about him at:

https://electricScotland.com/history/men/james_murray.htm

Scotland's Native Woodlands

Added this video from YouTube a quarter way down our Agriculture page.

You can watch this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/agriculture/index.htm>

Heaven our Home

By William Branks (1861)

Glasgow Herald.

“The author of the volume before us endeavours to describe what heaven is, as shown by the light of reason and Scripture; and we promise the reader many charming pictures of heavenly bliss, founded upon undeniable authority, and described with the pen of a dramatist, which cannot fail to elevate the soul as well as to delight the imagination. We unhesitatingly give our opinion, that this volume is one of the most delightful productions of a religious character which has appeared for some time; and we would desire to see it pass into extensive circulation.

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/bible/heavenourhome.htm>

Electric Scotland Community

You can watch loads of videos of artists and groups within our community and taking out a free membership you can add information on your own favourite artists. I noticed that this link no longer worked so have now corrected it. Even got the Beatles roof top concert on there. Of course some of the videos will likely no longer work but if use the title you will likely find them if you do a search on YouTube.

You can watch these at:

<http://www.electricScotland.org/forum/lifestyle/music>

The Cromwellian Union

Papers relating to the negotiations for an incorporating union between England and Scotland 1651-1652 with an appendix of papers relating to the negotiations in 1670 edited, with introduction and notes by C. Sanford Terry, M.A., 1902 (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/independence/cromwellianunion00terr.pdf>

Official Guide to The Brochs of Mousa & Clickhimin

By John Hamilton, OBE, FSA, Reconstruction drawings by Alan Sorrell (pdf)

You can read this report at:

https://electricscotland.com/historic/BrochsMousaClickhiminGuide_Images1.pdf

Scottish Society of Indianapolis

Got in a copy of their August 2022 newsletter which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/indianapolis/index.htm>

Scottish Banner

Got in their September 2022 issue which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/scottishbanner/index.htm>

ScARF

Scottish Archaeological Research Framework. Added their August 2022 newsletter which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/scarf/index.htm>

Report of the Committee

For the Revision of English, Telugu, and Tamil school books in the Madras Presidency by Colonel MacDonald (1874) (pdf)

You can read this report at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/india/Revision-of-English.pdf>

The Uganda Protectorate

By Sir Harry Johnstone, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. in two volumes (1904)

An attempt to give some description of the physical geography, botany, zoology, anthropology, languages and history of the territories under British protection in East Central Africa, between the Congo Free State and the Rift Valley and between the first degree of south latitude and the fifth degree of north latitude

Volume 1 | Volume 2. Note that better quality pictures are available in a different scan on the Internet Archive - Volume 1 | Volume 2

Volume 1 on ES is at:

<https://electricscotland.com/independence/sip/The-Uganda-Protectorate-I.pdf>

Volume 2 on ES is at:

<https://electricscotland.com/independence/sip/The-Uganda-Protectorate-Vol-II.pdf>

Volume 1 on the Internet Archive is at:

<https://archive.org/details/ugandaprotectora01johnfo/page/7/mode/1up>

Volume 2 on the Internet Archive is at:

<https://archive.org/details/ugandaprotectora02john/mode/1up>

With Macdonald in Uganda

A narrative account of the Uganda mutiny and Macdonald expedition in the Uganda Protectorate and the territories

to the north by Herbert Henry Austin (1903) (pdf)

You can read this account at:

<https://electricScotland.com/independence/sip/withmacdonaldinu00aust.pdf>

The Spirit of Jacobite Loyalty

An essay towards a better understanding of "The Forty-Five" by W. G. Blaikie Murdoch (1907) (pdf)

You can read this essay at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/jacobites/The-Spirit-of-Jacobite-Loyalty.pdf>

The Old Scots Navy from 1689 to 1710

Did an update on this page due to all the videos no longer being available so have added new ones.

You can see this at:

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

About the Digital Archives & Research Hub

Welcome to The National Piping Centre's Digital Archives & Research Hub. This initiative seeks to make selected resources from The National Piping Centre's archives more accessible for piping students, scholars and enthusiasts.

In 2021 The National Piping Centre raised the necessary funds to employ the British Library's digitisation services to create high quality images of Piping Times, Piping and Dancing and International Piper archives – full collections of which are held at the BL. With a full collection of digital images – all of which contain important optical character recognition (OCR) metadata – TNPC, with development partner Mucky Puddle, started to create a fully searchable online library.

At an early stage it became apparent that the proposed platform provided an excellent opportunity to host a broader range of media, not simply the digitised magazines. Such a platform would provide the infrastructure necessary to accommodate a growing number of archives, containing various types of information that would be of great value as a research resource.

It is our ambition that 'The Archives' exists as a 'living' resource. Periodically we will add new areas to the archives and new resources to the various areas. If you would like to contribute anything to The Archives please contact us.

You can view the site at: <https://archives.thepipingcentre.co.uk/>

Story

Robert Stewart, Younger, Strathdon

I find the following notes among some papers which I have relating to Stewarts of Strathavon:—"With reference to the Stewarts. Bishop Forbes, in his Memoirs of the Rebellion of 1745, narrates that two of the young Stewarts of Drumin, Robert and Ludovic, who were in Prince Charlie's Army, set out from Fochabers on the evening of a day in Feb., 1746, with a company of Col. John Ray Stewart's Regt., a small party of Hussars commanded by Lieut. Simpson, and a few French light infantry, and surprised at Keith an advanced post of the Duke of Cumberland's army. The Duke's people defended the churchyard and church, but were all, after a strong resistance, killed, wounded, or taken prisoners, and the Stewarts with their prisoners got back to Fochabers. One of the Stewarts, I forget which, was seriously wounded. These Stewarts were sons either of Charles or Gordon Stewart (of) Drumin."

I may mention that where the name occurs in connection with the families of Drumin and Kilmachlie the spelling is invariably Stewart. But at the same time this may not be a point of great importance, as I find that my grandfather,

the Rev. Dr George Forbes, in his annotation on the Drumin family (Stewart, Earl of Buchan) in his Douglas Peerage, employs the form Stuart throughout.

“Drumin is situated in Strathavon, Banffshire. The ruins of the Castle, which had been a place of considerable magnitude and strength, stand at the confluence of the Livat and the Avon, about five miles south of Ballindalloch station on the Strathspey railway. The property was of large extent being a royal hunting forest. It formed part of the lordship of Badenoch which was bestowed by Robert II. of Scotland on his son Alexander Stewart by his first wife Elizabeth Muir, and who was created by him Earl of Buchan, and also Earl of Badenoch. He is better known in history as the Wolf of Badenoch from his ferocious disposition and his burning Elgin Cathedral and town in 1390 on account of a quarrel he had with the Bishop of Moray. Further he was excommunicated, but afterwards restored on doing penance and making restitution.”

[Note.—As a matter of fact Sir Alexander Stewart was a natural son of Alexander, tho' fourth son of King Robert II. He married Isobel Douglas, Countess of Mar, and fought at Harlaw (1411). W. L. F.]

The descendants of Sir Andrew Stewart, one of the sons of tho “Wolf,” occupied those properties Drumin and Kilmachlie (in Inveravun parish, Banffshire, below Drumin) until they were forfeited on account of their supporting the Stewart cause in 1715 and 1745, the last Stewart in occupation being, I think, Charley brother of Gordon Stewart, etc.

Charles and Gordon Stewart were the sons of John Stewart of Drum, and Elizabeth, daughter of George Forbes of Skellater. Forbes had married a daughter of Old Gordon of Glenbucket, and was out in the '45, but contrived to escape to France after Culloden without forfeiture of his estates.

Gordon Stewart, the second son, occupied the farm of Mains of Inverouric, and is said to have been beheaded in London after the '45. His daughter Katharine married the Rev. George Forbes of Leochel, and is an ancestress of the Forbeses of Newe and Inverernan.

It will thus be recognised that the designation “Robert Stewart, younger of Strathdon,” is incorrect. He may have been Younger of Strathavon (pronounced Stratha'an, and generally called Strathdown in documents of this date). Strathdown lies adjacent to Strathdon, but, unfortunately, Strathdown, when occurring in old documents, has frequently been mistaken for, and transcribed as, Strathdon. And I think that if General Stewart of Garth, when making his map of the clans (1825), had appreciated the fact that the lands of the Stewarts and the Gordons in Strathdown and Badenoch were separated from the Forbes lands on Donside by the line of hills, he would have shown Donside as the Forbes country, and Badenoch. Strathdown, and Glenlivet as Gordon and Stewart country. Keltie shows the Gordons in Strathdown and Glenlivet, and the Stewarts and the Forbeses on the upper waters of the Don. While speaking from memory, I think that General Monk's map of about 1654 shows Forbeses alone along the Don, and I suggest that this much earlier map is the most correct, since from early times the Forbeses had Charters of most of the lairdships on the Don from the source to the sea.

W. Lachlan Foubes.

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

Alastair