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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 23rd, 2022

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

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

### Electric Scotland News

Well we've just seen the end of the Elizabethan era and I must say that it went out with a bang. Amazing crowds from across the world came to pay their respects. I think we all learned more about the Queen as various people for the first time divulged private conversations they'd had with her. I hope that the political class learn something about service from her example.

So we're now in the era of King Charles III and if you spend some time on YouTube you'll find out a lot about his work at his Highgrove home and the work he has done around the UK to promote better living conditions, better environment, better architecture and lots more. Time will tell how well he does but I would say that the signs look promising.

Likewise the new Prime Minister, Lizz Truss, looks to be getting of to a great start and we'll see some of this on Friday when the mini budget is revealed.

So I would say a positive start to the new Era.

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Here in Canada inflation is heading down and is now at 7.0% for August and with a new Conservative leader things look promising for the years ahead.

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.

Inflation cools more than expected in Canada

Canada's headline inflation rate cooled for the second month in a row in August, running at an annualized pace of 7.0 per cent, lower than economist expectations of 7.3 per cent and down from July's reading of 7.6 per cent.

Read more at:

<https://financialpost.com/news/economy/inflation-eases-more-than-expected-in-canada>

A welcome return to Scotland

A major sales and leasing opportunity for the ground-breaking Munro all-electric 4x4 off-roader could see upwards of 3,000 vehicles built and shipped Stateside over the next three years. This marks a welcome return of automotive manufacturing to Scotland.

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net/NorrieHunter629a.html>

Media

By Hamish Mackey in the Scottish Review

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net/HamishMackay629a.html>

At the sharp end of care

History of Nursing in Scotland and America. by Chris Holme. A visit to Scotland is often enjoyable. Sometimes it can be life-changing. In September 1924, an American nurse, Mary Breckinridge, arrived at the Edinburgh headquarters of Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland (QNIS). She was given a list of names of nurses and off she went to see how the Highlands and Islands Medical Service (HIMS) might prove a model for a nurse midwife service she was planning in the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net/ChrisHolme629a.html>

Water, water, everywhere

An excellent article on the Environment by Anthony Seaton.

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net/AnthonySeaton629a.html>

Off-gridders take energy needs into their own hands

In a world where energy supplies can seem increasingly at risk, one couple living in the mountains of British Columbia, Canada, have taken matters into their own hands.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-62351448>

One's word is one's bond

By Sandy Gunn

Read more at:

<https://www.scottishreview.net/Cafe629A.html>

Such sweet sorrow as Kilmacolm cafe to close after almost a century

It's 3.45pm on a sunny Friday and the queue is out the door at the Cross Cafe.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/kilmacolm-cafe-closes/>

The robots are here. And they are making you fries.

Meet Flippy, Sippy and Chippy, the newest technology stepping in to address a protracted labor crunch in food service.

Read more at:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2022/09/20/robots-automating-restaurant-industry/>

Mourning our late Queen reminds us of what once was

HER LATE MAJESTY the Queen, even in death, astonishes us.

Read more at:

<https://thinkscotland.org/2022/09/mourning-our-late-queen-reminds-us-of-what-once-was/>

The NHS is an ongoing disaster. Radical change is needed

As things stand, the NHS is seen as a relative disaster. Free goods have unlimited demand. The NHS thus swallows up increases in funding without showing any material gain for patients. Waiting lists only seem to ever get longer. Our system also makes us a ready target for overseas individuals making their way to the UK for free treatment. Waiting times in A & E units have been unnecessarily excessive. GPs, who used to be readily accessible by their patients, now require those same patients to wait for a telephone call for up to a day.

Read more at:

<https://conservativehome.com/2022/09/22/howard-flight-the-nhs-is-an-ongoing-disaster-radical-change-is-needed>

Liz Truss has shaken-up sleepy Downing St with her foot to the floor start

The pressures were probably felt at their most intense by two contrasting figures. One was the new King, who had suddenly had to take on vast new responsibilities amid his personal grief. The other was Liz Truss, who had become Prime Minister less than two days before the late sovereign's passing. Indeed, her appointment was the last major public duty carried out by Elizabeth II.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/comment/columnists/leo-mckinstry/1672574/liz-truss-tax-cuts-mini-budget-fracking-price-cap-energy>

## Electric Canadian

Ontario Agricultural College

Bulletin 128. Eggs, and other topics on fruits and vegetables, etc. (pdf)

You can read these bulletins at

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/agriculture/bulletin26ontaeggs.pdf>

Cool and Calculating

Written by Mark Reid

An article on the Hudson Bay Company in the September 1935 issue of The Beaver the magazine's editors published a two-part photo essay that detailed the process of grading and then storing furs (along with other perishable items) for future sale.

You can read this at:

[http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/cool\\_calculating.htm](http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/cool_calculating.htm)

Report on the Indians of Upper Canada

by Aborigines Protection Society (Great Britain) (1839) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/reportonindianso00aboriala.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 18th day of September 2022 - Sharing with others

By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can view this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26249-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-18th-day-of-september-2022-sharing-with-others>

The Macs meet the 'Micmacs': Scottish Gaelic

First Encounter Narratives from Nova Scotia by Michael Newton (pdf)

You can read this report at:

[http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/The\\_Macs\\_meet\\_the\\_Micmacs\\_Scottish\\_Gaeli.pdf](http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/The_Macs_meet_the_Micmacs_Scottish_Gaeli.pdf)

## Electric Scotland

Beth's Video Talks

September 21st, 2022 - Excommunication and Scottish Games Advertising 101

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

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

Hi, everyone. Here is your Section B of BNFT for October.

We send Great Britain and the Commonwealth great sympathy for the loss of their beloved Queen Elizabeth II. She has been a role model for so many, including me, for her grace and elegance, and sense of duty.

I have long admired her love of horses and Corgis. My Auntie Mildred lived to be 107, and I thought in my deepest heart that she would never die. When she did leave us, I was so very shocked and saddened and still, years later, have problems believing she is gone. It's, to me, about the same as Queen Elizabeth. I'm sure I'm not the only person who thought she would remain with us forever. The outpouring of grief for Queen Elizabeth around the world is beautiful to see.

This publication has some quite interesting articles and stories. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Please don't forget to send me your own Flowers of the Forest. There is no charge, ever, for publishing those. Send along what your Scottish Clan is doing and your queries as well. Be sure and keep me updated on your email address.

Please take care and be careful.

Aye,  
beth

You can read this issue at: <https://electricScotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

Life in Normandy

Sketches of French Fishing, Farming, Cooking, Natural History and Politics drawn from Nature in two volumes. The following pages were written for pastime in 1848, by a Highland gentleman resident in Normandy.

You can read these volumes at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/england/life-in-normandy.htm>

The Book of Table-Talk

By Charles MacFarlane in two volumes (1836)

You can read these volumes at:

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

A Noxious Pack

Historical, Literary and Folklore traditions of the Wolf (Canis Lupus) in the Scottish Highlands by Andrew E.M. Wiseman, University of Edinburgh (pdf)

You can read this account at:

[https://electricScotland.com/nature/A\\_Noxious\\_Pack\\_Historical\\_Literary\\_and.pdf](https://electricScotland.com/nature/A_Noxious_Pack_Historical_Literary_and.pdf)

## Secret Garden Distillery

From a derelict plot outside Edinburgh in 2012, a green oasis has been created that allows this company to harness nature and create magical gins from "seed to sip".

You can read about this company and get some herbal remedies at:

<https://electricScotland.com/business/secretgardendistillery.htm>

## Identities and Contacts

Scots and their Relations with Scandinavia, 1500 - 1700 by Thomas Brochard (pdf)

You can read this account at:

[https://electricScotland.com/history/sweden/Identities\\_and\\_Contacts\\_Scots\\_and\\_their.pdf](https://electricScotland.com/history/sweden/Identities_and_Contacts_Scots_and_their.pdf)

Added a YouTube video on the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

You can view a number of videos at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/leaves/kingcharles3.htm>

## The Little One of the Big Heart

Calum Iain Maclean (1915-1960) by Dr. Andrew Wiseman and Biography of Calum Iain Maclean from the Calum Maclean Project at Edinburgh University

You can read about him at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/men/Calum-Iain-Maclean.htm>

# Story

## Life in Normandy

Sketches of French Fishing, Farming, Cooking, Natural History and Politics drawn from Nature in two volumes.

The following pages were written for pastime in 1848, by a Highland gentleman resident in Normandy, at the suggestion of an honoured friend, who named the subjects of French Cookery, Fishing, Natural History, Farming, Gardening, and Politics. It was suggested that ingenious foreign devices and engines for ensnaring, growing, and gathering food, and for making it eatable, might be so described as to benefit the poor at home, whose single dish of potatoes might easily be varied at small cost. It was argued that a good cheap dinner at home would tempt a poor man from bad dear drink abroad, and that a poor Scotchman's wife might be taught to do that which poor wives do elsewhere. And, as even salmon when raw, are nasty, while well-cooked marrots, cuttle-fish, limpets, frogs, snails, and maggots are eaten and relished, so instruction might be seasoned and made agreeable with sketches from life in Normandy, such as it then was.

The suggestions were taken, the papers were written and sent, and they are now published, though both the author and his friend have passed away, because it was their wish, and in the hope that the object which they aimed at may be attained.

"There are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it," and many a barren Scotch strand might yield a good harvest, if men only knew how to reap it and use it.

In Hope and Cross, and their conversations about France and the French Revolution, it is easy to recognise the mind of the experienced, liberal, clear-sighted politician, who knew the meaning of political gratitude; who tolerated all forms of religious worship, though he steadfastly adhered to his own, at home and abroad; who could foresee that communism, disorder, and a French republic, would lead to well-defined rights of property, stricter order, and something like despotism; and who held that the rigid system of protection, which placed a custom-house at the gate of every petty town, levied dues on every basket of eggs, and even planted sentries over sea water, to guard

the salt monopoly, must give way to more liberal measures. The empire and the tariff of our day now prove the sagacity which predicted a change in the direction of monarchy and free trade.

Those who knew the writer need not be told his name. They will recognise the generosity whose chief luxury was to give pleasure to others, and the chivalry of the gentleman who was courteous to a bare-footed fisher-girl as to the highest in the land.

Those who knew provincial France some fourteen years ago, will recognise the country gentleman of old Norman and Breton type, who has so much in common with his Norse and British relations. They will know the warm, adventurous, hospitable, polite nature that still delights in love and war, danger and hardship; in riding, sailing, shooting, fishing, country life, good living, and good fellowship; and which in the olden time made vikings and gallant knights, hospitable chiefs, good soldiers and minstrels, of Norseman and Norman, Celt and Saxon.

They will also recognise some characteristics of other classes.

If there be a shade of caricature, it is evenly applied to friend and foreigner, and there is no gall in the ink. "The Marquis" cooked a dinner; —but it was for his friends, and, if he ate his full share, he earned it by wading for it like a man.

Men, and their manners and customs, are lightly sketched, but from nature, and on the spot:—the habits of animals are described from close observation by one who always delighted to watch them and catch them, without caring much for their long book-names or for learned theories.

The lithographs are copied from rough sketches made on the spot, and if the volumes do no more, they may at least serve to amuse the reader, and perhaps remind him of an old friend.

Edinburgh, December 1862.

You can read these volumes at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/england/life-in-normandy.htm>

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

Alastair