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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for February 10th, 2023

## Electric Scotland News

I find I am not watching TV these days and instead mostly watch content on YouTube. I have added a page for my YouTube viewing and quite regularly add and remove links to the channels I watch. Some channels post very regularly like most days of the week but others only post once a week or even longer. Like today I added one new link and also removed a link so if you want to check this out you can view the page at:

<https://electricscotland.com/lifestyle/youtube.htm>

I would add that I don't always watch all the output like I feature a woman in Scotland who posts several times a week but I usually only watch the Sunday broadcast as that is when she shows us what the family ate for dinner from Monday through to Sunday. On the Saturday she normally shows her weekly shopping haul and I sometime watch that.

This week I added...

Ben and Emily

<https://www.youtube.com/@BenandEmily>

Hello! We're Ben (aka Benny) and Emily! We live on our 56 foot narrow boat as full time continuous cruisers with our cat Alan. Follow us along to see our adventures, ups, downs, mishaps and lots of boating about!

I don't usually mention this but if you want me to update you on any changes I make to the page then let me know and I can add this to the newsletter whenever I make a change to the page.

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

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.

Entrepreneur enters Dragons' Den playing the bagpipes

Robbie MacIsaac's product withdraws moisture from a piper's breath so it does not damage the instrument.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-64509669>

Canadian teen wins \$48m lotto jackpot on first try

When Juliette Lamour won a lotto jackpot on her first try, the sensible teen immediately turned to a financial adviser, or Dad, as she calls him.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-64519968>

J.K. Rowling deserves our thanks for cracking the woke consensus

Ms. Rowling is the phenomenally successful author of the Harry Potter books as well as a number of other series and titles, who has herself been attacked for what she considers to be unjustified dilution of traditional distinctions between males and females.

Read more at:

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/the-woke-consensus-is-cracking-on-gender-and-the-environment>

Poll shows slump in support for SNP and Scottish independence  
Support for the Nationalists has also fallen back at Holyrood and Westminster

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/poll-shows-slump-support-snp-29136720>

Scots Government task force created to tackle hunger hasn't even defined malnutrition in one year

The working group has been warned they'll face huge budget pressures for anything they want to do.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/scottish-government-group-set-up-29134813>

Unemployment in Scotland four times higher than official figures as thousands not looking for work

More than 350,000 people in Scotland are neither in work nor looking for a job due to circumstances outside of their control.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/unemployment-scotland-four-times-higher-29089244>

Homelessness in Scotland at highest since records began  
Last year, there were 28,944 open homelessness cases recorded

Read more at:

<https://news.stv.tv/scotland/homelessness-in-scotland-at-highest-since-records-began-statistics-published-by-government-show>

United States country profile

The USA is the world's foremost economic and military power, with global interests and an unmatched global reach.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-16761057>

United States media guide

The US has the most highly-developed mass media in the world. Its dramas, comedies, soap operas, animations, music videos and films have a global audience and are part of the staple fare of broadcasters worldwide.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-16757497>

Mary Queen of Scots: Secret letters written during imprisonment decoded

The documents, which were believed to have been lost, were found in the National Library of France in Paris.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-64568222>

Resurgent singer Belinda Carlisle reveals how she got her mojo back

Looking out from the stage, the crowd was so sparse that Belinda Carlisle was able to count those who had turned up.

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/belinda-carlisle-interview>

Scottish benefits system delayed again as DWP agrees to handle some payments until 2026  
The Scottish Government was handed powers over a range of benefits but the creation of a new devolved system has been hit by repeated delays.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/scottish-benefits-system-delayed-again-29152624>

Tricky decisions as Scotland's councils face budget shortfalls  
Scotland's councils are facing a £700m funding gap as they prepare to set their budgets for the coming year.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-64573317>

Rehab cuts plan slammed as Scotland has worst drugs deaths rate in Europe  
Services for children living with addicts could be axed in Glasgow as local health services grapple with budget cuts

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/health-bosses-consider-rehab-cuts-29167876>

## Electric Canadian

The Newfoundland Outsider

A YouTube video on Fixing Up The Old Remote Cabin which I've added to the foot of our Newfoundland page.

You can view this at:

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

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 5th day of February 2023 - Peace, Part II  
By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can view this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26306-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the-5th-day-of-february-2023-peace-part-ii>

Rev William Wye Smith  
Minister, poet and writer

You can read about him at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/william-wye-smith.htm>

Fruit Farming in Ontario, Canada

Prepared by direction of the Hon. James S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, 1911 (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/agriculture/fruitfarminginon00onta.pdf>

Fruit Farming

In the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia by the Land & Agricultural Co. of Canada (1912) (pdf)

You can read this at:

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

Diversified Farming is Safe Farming  
By J. G. Haney (1929) (pdf)

You can read this at:

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

EVERYTHING You Need To Know About Government Pensions  
CPP, OAS, GIS | Retirement In Canada

I added a YouTube video on this to the foot of our Lifestyle Articles page at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/articles/>

## Electric Scotland

Beth's Video Talks  
February 8th, 2023 - Delicious Scottish Fare No. 2 of 2

You can view this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree  
Got in the March 2023 edition

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

Scotland 4K - Scenic Relaxation Film With Celtic Music  
Added this YouTube video to the foot of our Travel page.

You can watch this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/travel/index.htm>

The Scottish Adventurers  
Or, The Way to Rise, An historical tale by Hector MacNeill (1812) (pdf)

Given when this book was written I have to say I really enjoyed it and I think it is very relevant to the people of today. It shows how parents can be very important in how they bring up their children and also provides thoughts on education. Well worth a read in my opinion.

You can read this at:

[https://electricscotland.com/history/other/The\\_Scottish\\_Adventurers.pdf](https://electricscotland.com/history/other/The_Scottish_Adventurers.pdf)

Hector MacNeill  
Added additional information about him (below the horizontal line around half way down the page) and also added 2 volumes of his Poetical Works and a link to his book about the Scottish Adventurers mentioned above. I might add that I only found this due to me researching the MacNeill's of Gigha & Colonsay.

You can read about him at:

[https://electricscotland.com/history/other/macneil\\_hector.htm](https://electricscotland.com/history/other/macneil_hector.htm)

MacNeill of Gigha & Colonsay

Was advised that this is now a separate clan from MacNeil of Barra which means I've now added them to our clan menu.

You can find the page at:

<https://electricscotland.com/webclans/m/macneill.html>

Scottish Jews

Article by Alastair McIntyre

I took an article in Good Words as a basis for this new page I've created which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/world/Jews.htm>

William Holmes McGuffey

College professor and president who is best known for writing the McGuffey Readers, the first widely used series of elementary school-level textbooks. More than 120 million copies of McGuffey Readers were sold between 1836 and 1960, placing its sales in a category with the Bible and Webster's Dictionary.

You can read about him and examine his readers at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/america/william-holmes-mcguffey.htm>

Rosyth

By John A. Rupert-Jones, Lieut, R.D., R.N.R., Editor (1917) (pdf)

An interesting wee book about the area which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/gazetteer/rosythjohnaruperrupe.pdf>

Register of Interments in the Greyfriars Burying-Ground

Edinburgh 1658 - 1700 Edited by Henry Paton, M.A., Searcher of Records (1902) (pdf)

You can examine this record at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/edinburgh/registerinterme00socigoog.pdf>

## Story

Artists of the Nineteenth century and their works

Containing two thousand and fifty biographical sketches by Clara (Erskine) Clement and Laurence Hutton in two volumes (1879)

I found this book on Google Books and found many Scottish artists mentioned with the one below being just one entry. You can download the whole book at:

[https://books.google.ca/books?id=-5o9AQAAMAAJ&source=gbs\\_similarbooks](https://books.google.ca/books?id=-5o9AQAAMAAJ&source=gbs_similarbooks)

Roberts, David, R. A. (Brit.) Born in Edinburgh (1796-1864). He served an apprenticeship of seven years in his native city, as house-painter and decorator, and was engaged for some time as a scene-painter, with a company of strolling players. He received no regular instruction in art. He painted scenes for the theaters of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and for Drury Lane Theater in London in 1822. He exhibited pictures in Scotland, and in several provincial cities of England, sending his first work to the Royal Academy, in 1826, "A View of Rouen Cathedral." In 1838 he was elected an Associate of the Royal Academy, and Academician in 1841. He traveled extensively on the Continent and in the East, painting out of England some of his best-known works, "Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives," "The Church of the Holy Nativity, Bethlehem," "The Gateway of the Great Temple, Baalbec," etc. Later, he studied in Italy, and in his own country, exhibiting at the Royal Academy, in 1860, "Venice, the Piazza of St. Mark's," "A Street in Antwerp," "The Interior of the Cathedral of Pisa," and "The Coliseum, Rome, — Evening"; in 1861 he sent "Ruins of the Temple of the Sun at Baalbec" and "A Fete-Day at St. Peter's"; in 1862, "A Chapel of

the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Bruges,” and a series of views on the river Thames, from Chelsea to Greenwich, which were continued the following year, and upon which he was at work at the time of his sudden death in 1864. His “Chancel of the Church of St. Paul, Antwerp” (1848) and “The Interior of Burgos Cathedral, North Transept” (1835, belonging to the Vernon Collection) are in the National Gallery, London. His “Crypt, Roslin Castle,” “The Gate of Cairo” (1843), and “Old Buildings on the Darro, Granada” are in the Cruikshank Collection. Many of his works have been engraved, and £ 16,000 was raised by the exhibition and sale of some of his sketches and paintings in 1865. He was an Honorary Member of the Royal Scottish Academy, and of several continental institutions of a similar kind.

“From his early occupation as scene-painter, Roberts borrowed broad effects which saved him alike from trifling minuteness and servile imitation....His work was uniformly scenic, made up of buildings and street scenes, and, although he knew how to vary and animate these by the introduction of numerous characteristic figures, they were apt to partake of the groupings of stage processions.....But he loved the buildings which he was content to paint, loved every vaulted arch and wreathed pillar, down to the individual stones of the pavement, and rendered them all with rare fidelity and grace.” — Mrs. Tytler’s *Modern Painters and Paintings*.

”Among the members of the Academy we have at present only one professedly architectural draughtsman of note, David Roberts, whose reputation is probably further extended on the Continent than that of any other of our artists except Landseer. .... The fidelity of intention and honesty of system of Roberts have been, however, always meritorious; his drawing of architecture is dependent on no unintelligible lines, or blots, or substituted types; the main lines of the real design are always there, and its hollowness and undercutting given with exquisite feeling. His sense of solidity of form is very peculiar, leading him to dwell with great delight on the roundings of edges and angles ; his execution is dexterous and delicate, singularly so, in oil; and his sense of chiaroscuro refined.” — Ruskin’s *Modern Painters*.

You can read more about him and see some of his paintings at:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Roberts\\_\(painter\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Roberts_(painter))

Another book you may wish to read is...

*Modern painters and their paintings. For the use of schools and learners in art*  
by Tytler, Sarah,

It can be read on the Internet Archive at:  
<https://archive.org/details/modernpaintersa01tytlgoog/page/n27/mode/2up>

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

Alastair