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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for September 11, 2026

Electric Scotland News

I'm managing to get around a bit without my walker... tottering would best describe it :-)

I've been told it could take through November before I'm mostly back to normal.

I am having problems publishing my sites..

It's due to Windows 11 not being totally compatible with my FrontPage web publishing program. I have looked at what other programs I could use but so far I have been unable to find any other software I could use as the site is so large.

An example of a typical issue is that I now have to ftp over any pdf or graphic files. I can no longer just point to a file to link to it and have to instead type in the name which means I do need to double check the link is working. Then when I save a page it can take up to 5 minutes to complete the save. If I have to cancel the process it can then take up to an hour before I can work on the site as it just says... site busy.

I've also had to keep my old computer running to be able to do some web tasks and that can mean using a usb device to copy files between computers.

As I'm now 75 it is perhaps time I took things a bit easier, after all I have been running the site for almost 30 years now.

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers and other media

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 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.

Here is what caught my eye this week...

A Canadian town's famous warm welcome doesn't extend to US ambassador on 9/11 anniversary

On 9/11, the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, welcomed thousands of stranded Americans whose flights were redirected after the attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon. Twenty-five years later, residents of that very same Atlantic coast community are less enthusiastic about hosting the US ambassador to Canada for commemoration ceremonies on Friday.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/sMHfe#selection-833.0-845.181>

Anthropic researcher believes more than 10% chance AI 'could kill all humans'

A top safety researcher at Anthropic has warned that AI is advancing so quickly he believes there is a greater than 10% chance it "could kill all humans" within the next decade.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/yg5xe#selection-833.0-833.177>

Conrad Black: Mark Carney puts it all on the line

If he's proven wrong, his position will become untenable, but if he's right, this will be an opportunity for Canada

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/ISJaK>

Don't join the Army

Reopening Troubles cases threaten the bond of trust between Britain and the soldiers who risk their lives on its behalf

Read more at:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/dont-join-the-army/>

Scotland's judges issue warning over SNP's early prisoner release plan

The rarely-outspoken Senators of the College of Justice have criticised a key part of the Scottish government's plan to reduce the prison population

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/bhuAK>

Prospect of election defeat forces Donald Trump to show his horrifying true intentions – Henry McLeish

Donald Trump has been engaging in political 'pointillism' that obscures his true objective to destroy American democracy. However, the big picture is increasingly clear

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/FDwWv>

William Tyndale, the forgotten architect of modern Britain who died for his beliefs – Stephen Kerr

William Tyndale gave ordinary people greater access to knowledge and showed how words can transform societies.

Read more at:

<https://archive.is/GS5Xu#selection-541.0-541.109>

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Sketches of the past and present condition of the Indians of Canada

By George M. Dawson. D.S. (1877) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/SketchesoftheIndiansofCanada.pdf>

Summer in the Wilderness

Embracing a Canoe Voyage up the Mississippi and around Lake Superior by Charles Lanman (1847) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/summerinwilderneOl.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 6th of September 2026 Storytime

By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

https://youtu.be/SUYEslmGq_0?si=sq0l-cHJ7_QGnT1V

Black Watch of Canada

Philadelphia Scrap Book (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/bwScrapbook.pdf>

The Beaver Magazine

Added No. 1 Outfit 273 June 1942 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/thebeaverjune1942.pdf>

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Devolution within Scotland

Wider, Deeper, Further, Faster, Devolution within Scotland by Professor Jim Gallagher September 2026 (pdf)

You can read this report at:

<https://electricScotland.com/independence/sip/Wider-Deeper-Further-Faster-Devolution-within-Scotland.pdf>

With the Scottish Regiments at the Front

By E. Charles Vivian (1914) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/withscottishreg.pdf>

Railways

Added a video about the history of Edinburgh Waverly Station

You can watch this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/industrial/industry5.htm>

Life of Gen. Ben Harrison

By Lew Wallace also Life of Hon. Levi P. Morton by George Alfred Townsend (1888) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/america/lifeofgenbenharr.pdf>

Clan Henderson Newsletter

Got in two copies of their newsletter - Winter 2014-2015 and Fall 2015.

You can read these at:

https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/henderson/201501_AnCanach_v27.pdf

and

https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/henderson/201509AnCanach_v27.pdf

A Short History of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

By Colonel H. C. Wylly, C.B. (late Editor, "Royal United Service Institution Journal") With Foreword by Major-General Sir Phillip R. Robertson, K.C.B., C.M.G. (1924) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/CameroniansScottishRifles.pdf>

"We Don't Stop Playing Because We Grow Old" ~ Albert Einstein

The Cyber Era was supposed to release all of us from the daily grind of work with the promise of increased leisure all round. To learn there are increasing numbers of Scottish pensioners working well into their eighties when they should instead be enjoying the fruits of decades of work is worrying. An article by Bill Magee.

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/magee/article0056.htm>

Caledonian Battles against the Fifers 212 – 230 AD

By and © Adrian C Grant (pdf)

You can read this article at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/fife/Caledonian_Battles_against_the_Fifers_21.pdf

The Legends of the Black Watch

With a history of the famous regiment (pdf). Added this to the foot of our page of the Legends of the Black Watch.

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/bwatch/ledgends.htm>

Story

I'm a great fan of Sci-Fi & Fantasy and have over a thousand books on this subject. I recently discovered some audio books on YouTube covering this topic and this is one I've just completed and got a good chuckle from it so thought I'd share it with you.

Alien Girl Stole Food from Same Human Every Day—For Her Sick Mother. He Always Knew

A full-length sci-fi found-family romance audiobook: a deli owner with a past he keeps behind the counter, a little girl who invoices her own crimes, a beautiful mother fighting an illness no one on the station can afford to treat, a marshal with an ultimatum, three bounty hunters who picked the wrong shop — and a marriage proposal hidden inside a sandwich at exactly 1:47 PM. He let her keep stealing. By the end you'll know why the whole station let it happen too.

You can listen to this at:

https://youtu.be/_Q5STpqJNjg?si=vKj-2S6CWsuH9VN8END

END.

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

Alastair