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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for April 21st, 2023

Electric Scotland News

Soaring Staples

Price Increases in the last year in the UK

Porridge Oats 35.5%

Skimmed Milk 33.6%

Cheddar Cheese 28.3%

Sliced White Bread 21.9%

Source: Which?

I got in a paper copy of Beth's Newfangled Family Tree and have scanned it into pdf format for which see below in the Electric Scotland section of this newsletter.

Top news items in Scotland were really all to do with the SNP and their financial woes however protests in the Parliament were also prominent along with the Scottish win at the Grand National Horse Race.

I hope Canada will take note of the news story from the UK.. "UK Government introduces new measures to tackle nuisance phone calls" which is featured in our News section.

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.

Germany's nuclear catastrophe

This weekend Germany will shutter its last remaining nuclear power plants. That it has followed through with such a brazenly anti-scientific policy is a disaster: not just for Germans themselves, but for wider European energy security and for the future of the planet.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/the-pure-fohly-of-germanys-nuclear-phase-out/>

Kate Forbes lays out urgent plan to fix party as SNP fears members are quitting in droves
Kate Forbes called on new SNP leader Humza Yousaf to urgently improve transparency in the party.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1757590/Kate-Forbes-SNP-nicola-sturgeon-peter-murrell>

Britain's world-leading next-generation Tempest fighter jets programme gets £650m boost
The Defence Secretary said the Tempest would protect the UK's skies "for decades to come".

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1758452/uk-fighter-jets-tempest-japan-italy>

UK Government introduces new measures to tackle nuisance phone calls
Tougher penalties for nuisance calls to boost UK economy by over £4billion.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1758674/new-crackdown-penalties-nuisance-phone-calls-economy-boost>

Grand National 2023: Triumph, tears and protest at Aintree as Corach Rambler wins
Tears, triumph, tragedy, protest - it was a day of drama even by the Grand National's unique standards.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/horse-racing/65289493>

Archaeologists discover remains of Roman fortlet near Clydebank

The remains of a Roman fortlet have been discovered in West Dunbartonshire. New technology has enabled the archaeology team at Historic Environment Scotland (HES) to uncover the structure after attempts to find it failed in the 1970s and 1980s.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-65309762>

Union Chain Bridge linking Scotland and England reopens

A historic bridge linking Scotland and England over the River Tweed has reopened after a £10.5m overhaul. The complex project saw most of the 200-year-old Union Chain Bridge removed and restored, then put back in place.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-65274771>

Why the Jacobite rebellion failed

Cognitive biases in seven strategic decisions that led to Culloden

Read more at:

<https://thinkscotland.org/2023/04/why-the-jacobite-rebellion-failed/>

A rabble burns

Spare a thought for Humza Yousaf, who has inherited a divided party, possibly on the brink of bankruptcy, whose former ex-chief executive and serving treasurer have both been arrested. The real victims, though, are the Scottish people, who are the First Minister's second priority after putting out the SNP bin fire.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/can-humza-yousaf-put-out-the-snp-bin-fire>

Humza Yousaf's business reboot

Beyond his party's finance crisis, the new first minister wants to reset relations with groups that have become increasingly disconnected from St Andrew's House.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-65320810>

Elon Musk's big rocket explodes on test flight
Elon Musk's SpaceX company's mammoth new rocket, Starship, has exploded on its maiden flight.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-65334810>

Britain strikes new trade deal with US state as minister heads to Washington to sign pact
Britain has struck a new trade deal with a US state. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Oklahoma is the fourth such state-level pact.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1759666/uk-trade-deal-us-oklahoma-nigel-huddleston>

Brexit export success story in Japan proves Remainers wrong with new £380m trade explosion

James Cleverly celebrated a blossoming UK-Japan relationship at the G7 summit as new figures show trade is booming between the countries.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1759045/james-cleverly-japan-brexit-g7-update>

Electric Canadian

1914 Rural Survey County of Huron, Ontario

By Co-operative Organisations of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches (pdf)

You can study this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/rural-huron.pdf>

Glengarry School Days

A story of early days in Glengarry by Ralph Connor (1903) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/glengarryschool0000unse.pdf>

Duncan Polite

The Watchman of Glenora by Mary Esther Miller MacGregor (1905) presents a Highlander and a Lowlander as two old friends keeping an eye on the life of the village of Glenora. (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/duncanpolitewatc00macg.pdf>

Children's Gardening

Published by the Department of Education, in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture for the free use of the pupils in schools where instruction is given in Elementary Agriculture and Horticulture.

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/children/childrensgardeni00onta.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 16th day of April 2023 - Compassion

By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/forum/communities/rev-nola-crewe/26332-thoughts-on-a-sunday-morning-the->

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The Church in Canada

Journal of Visitation to the Western Portion of his Diocese by the Lord Bishop of Toronto (John Strachan) in the Autumn of 1842 (third edition) (1846)

You can read this account at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/Religion/churchincanada.htm>

OHS Bulletin

The Newsletter of the Ontario Historical Society (December 2022) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/2022-12-December-2022-OHS-Bulletin-Issue-221.pdf>

Electric Scotland

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

Got in her April 2023 edition which you can read at:

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

Perth

Added a video to our Perth page showing salmon fishing on the River Tay and also an interesting historic video about Perth.

You can watch these at:

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

Added a short video of a trip on The Wanlockhead and Leadhills Railway, and a visit to the Map of Scotland created by a Polish citizen.

You can watch this at:

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

Fergus Morton

A Story of a Scottish Boy by J. R. MacDuff, D.D. (1869) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/kids/stories/fergusmorton00macdgoog.pdf>

Life of The Princess Margaret Queen of Scotland 1070-1093

By Samuel Cowan, J.P. (1911) (pdf)

You can read this book at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/princessmargaret.htm>

Leabhar Nan Cnoc

Comh-Chruinneachadh do Nithibh, Sean Agus Nuadh; Airson, Oilean Agus Leas Nan Gaidheal Le Tormoid MacLeod, D.D., New Edition (1898) (pdf) (Gaelic Text)

This book is in the Gaelic language but there is an English introduction which you can read at:

<https://electricScotland.com/gaelic/Laoidhean.htm>

Towards a New Social Theology
The Contribution of Norman MacLeod by Peter L.M. Hillis, M.A., Ph D. (pdf)

You can read this article at:
<https://electricscotland.com/history/macleod/normanmaceod.pdf>

MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.
Got in their Spring 2023 newsletter which you can read at:
<https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/macduffee/index.htm>

The Presbytery of Perth
Memoirs of the members, ministers of the several parishes within the bounds; from the Reformation to the present time; compiled from the records of Presbytery and other sources by the Rev. John Wilson, Clerk of Presbytery, and Minister of Forgandenny (1860) (pdf)

You can read this at:
<https://electricscotland.com/history/perth/presbyteryofpert00wils.pdf>

Parish Papers
By Norman MacLeod, D. D. (1862) (pdf)

You can read his book at:
<https://electricscotland.com/history/macleod/parishpapers00macliiala.pdf>

Humorous Episodes In the Life of a Provincial Publisher
Extending over Fifty Years by Samuel Cowan, J.P. (1900) (pdf)

You can read this wee book at:
<https://electricscotland.com/books/pdf/humorsepisodes00cowa.pdf>

Story

Liberal disaffection such as has not been seen in Scotland
Home Rule, Political Organisation and the Liberal Party in 1886 by Naomi LLoyd-Jones

The Liberal party dominated nineteenth century Scottish political life, but the Irish Home Rule crisis of 1886 inflicted damage from which it would never fully recover. This article draws on the author's study of the hundreds of constituency meetings at which the Irish question was discussed in the spring of 1886, the volume and intensity of which heightened and maintained the sense of crisis outside parliament, raised awareness of the policy locally and helped identify its supporters and opponents. These meetings are indicative of the imperative Scottish Liberals felt to discuss Home Rule and declare opinion thereon, and of the conflicting interpretations which emerged of what such opinion meant, what it was worth and who it represented. The crisis arrived at a time of intense Liberal disagreement over the purpose of party organisation and its relationship to 'Scottish opinion', and revealed both a remarkable degree of division within local party associations and a lively debating culture within the constituencies. Examining the relationship between Home Rule and party organisation prompts questions about the cohesion and coherence of 'Liberal Scotland' at both local and national levels. This article reveals the conditional character of party loyalty on Home Rule and the depth and breadth of the split in Scotland.

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