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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for August 4th, 2017

To see what we've added to the Electric Scotland site view our What's New page at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/whatsnew.htm>

To see what we've added to the Electric Canadian site view our What's New page at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/whatsnew.htm>

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/>

Electric Scotland News

I lost my Wi-Fi access this week as my Wi-Fi router gave up the ghost. I have now got a replacement but can't get it to work and my Internet Provider is unable to help so am getting an IT company to come out and he'll arrive around 5pm today. He's also going to try and sort out all my cabling as it's a real mess. My problem is that I have a static IP address for security and that means they are unable to provide Wi-Fi so I have to get my own router to allow this access. I can't really understand why they don't provide this essential business service.

I'm also having a conference call with Word Press tomorrow to explore the possibility of them creating a new mobile friendly web site for me. They tell me they can take the site onto their own servers, make the changes and then just upload the new site back to me.

All sounds good but need to figure out how long this will take and what it will cost. I'll let you know how I get on.

Also given the problems the SNP are having with our Education system I included an article from the BBC in our Canadian section on "How Canada became an education superpower". Might be worth studying.

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 as all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. I might also add that in newspapers such as the Guardian, Scotsman, Courier, etc. 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.

Last big parade for famous Gordon Highlanders regiment

Hundreds of veterans of the historic Gordon Highlanders regiment are to take part in what is thought likely to be their last major parade.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-40751687>

The East Neuk is worth a look

Underrated Fife enclave leaves visitors truly refreshed

Read more at:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/the-east-neuk-worth-a-look/>

Should you want to learn more about the area and see lots of pictures see my page at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/eastneuk.htm>

There is plenty of good Brexit news, we're just ignoring it

It is difficult to believe something is good or going well when everyone around you tells you it's not; when you are confronted with an unmitigated diet of negative stories whenever you turn on the TV or open a newspaper.

Read more at:

<https://inews.co.uk/opinion/comment/brexit-media-coverage-ignores-good-news-theres-lots/>

Forgotten Scottish admiral who saved Britain at Dunkirk

The family of the brilliant Scottish naval officer behind the Dunkirk evacuation yesterday recalled an extraordinary life that has been overlooked by the makers of the movie based on the epic retreat of 1940.

Read more at:

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/forgotten-scottish-admiral-who-saved-britain-at-dunkirk-1-4517300>

Scottish scientists eye cure for common cold

Scientists at Edinburgh Napier University have discovered possible new treatments based on antimicrobial peptides that occur naturally in humans and animals, and increase the body's natural response to infection.

Read more at:

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scottish-scientists-eye-cure-for-common-cold-after-new-discovery-1-4520307>

High road, low road

The reality behind Neal Ascherson's vision of Scotland by Gerry Hassan

Read more at:

<http://www.scottishreview.net/GerryHassan301b.html>

The Common Agricultural Policy

Is emblematic of all that is wrong with the EU

Read more at:

<http://brexitcentral.com/common-agricultural-policy-emblematic-wrong-eu/>

The potential of AI-powered humans

Scientists working in tandem with artificial intelligence (AI) could slash the time it takes to develop new drugs - and, crucially, the cost - say tech companies.

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40708043>

Scotland is a space hub for Europe

Scotland's growing reputation as a hub for micro-satellite manufacturing has been boosted

Read more at:

<http://www.scotsman.com/future-scotland/tech/scotland-is-a-space-hub-for-europe-1-4521088>

Mystery of 2,500-year-old hillfort by Ben Nevis

Archaeologists are to return to an ancient Iron Age hillfort in the shadows of Ben Nevis in a further attempt to unravel the great mystery surrounding the construction

Read more at:

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/mystery-of-2-500-year-old-hillfort-by-ben-nevis-to-be-probed-1-4520808>

The Good News on Brexit they're Not Telling You

On July 24, trade talks began between Britain and America.

Read more at:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/31/opinion/brexit-european-union-good-news.html>

Electric Canadian

Across an Ocean and Time
The World as Seen by Harry Nash by John C. Nash (2014)

Read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/harrynash.pdf>

The Canadian Air Force Experience
About Selecting Aircraft Life Extension as the most economical solution.

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/canadanairforce.pdf>

Letters on Emigration to Canada
Addressed to the Very Rev. Principle Baird by James Inches, second edition, (1836) (pdf)

You can read this at: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/pioneering/bairdletters.pdf>

Conrad Black
I've always had a lot of time for Conrad Black and so as he writes from Canada on a number of issues of interest from around the world I'm intending to include links to his writings for you to view.

White House Shakeup
<http://www.conradblack.com/1314/white-house-shakeup>

Dunkirk, the Khadr Affair, and the outgoing Governor General
<http://www.conradblack.com/1313/dunkirk-the-khadr-affair-and-the-outgoing>

How Canada became an education superpower
Canada has climbed into the top tier of international rankings.

Read more at:
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40708421?>

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The Baird Family Centennial
Found this wee book which I've added to our Baird page at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/nation/baird.htm>

Chronicles of the Picts
Chronicles of the Scots and Other Early Memorials of Scottish History edited by William F. Skene, LL.D. (1867). Added a link to this book to the foot of the page at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/highlanders/index.htm>

Admiral Bertram Home Ramsay
In overall charge of the Dunkirk evacuation and the Normandy Landings

Read an account of him at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/ramsay.htm>

Allan Ramsay
A biography by Smeaton, William Henry Oliphant (1896) (pdf)

Found this biography and added it to our page about him at:
http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/ramsay_allan.htm

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree
Got in section 1 of the August 2017 edition which you can read at:
<http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft/index.htm>

A History of Watauga County, North Carolina
With Sketches of Prominent Families by John Preston Arthur (1915)

Lots of mentions of Scots and Scots-Irish which you can read at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/america/nc/HistoryofWataug.pdf>

James Baird Weaver
By Fred Emory Hayes.

There is much inspiration in the career of General James B. Weaver, because in his day, when the world of politics "was changing and searching out a new orbit", he was a pioneer and a prophet.

You can read about him at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/america/jamesbairdweaver.pdf>

No mere literary man

The neglected work of John Galt by Andrew Hook, August 2017 in the Scottish Review. Added this review to our John Galt page at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/johngalt.htm>

Annals of Scotland

By Sir David Dalrymple of Hailes (1819)

I found this volume which tells the story of Robert the Bruce and I placed a link to this book at the foot of our Domestic Annals page but you can read at at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/domestic/annalsofscotland02.pdf>

The Story

Admiral Bertram Home Ramsay

Born in 1883, Adm. Bertram Home Ramsay spent nearly his entire life in the service of the Royal Navy. During, Ramsay's 29 year career in the navy he commanded a monitor, destroyer, three cruisers and a battleship, and during Normandy, the largest amphibious assault force ever collected. In 1915, Ramsay had a stroke of good luck; he turned down the opportunity to be a Flag Lieutenant in the cruiser Defiance, which was later sunk at the battle of Jutland.

He was promoted to Rear Admiral in May 1935 and Ramsay retired for the first time in 1938, but returned to the service of his country at the beginning of WWII.

One of Ramsay's first duties in the war was Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of British Expeditionary Force, along with some French soldiers, from the shores of Dunkirk.

Ramsay's forces, bolstered by a number of civilian vessels, managed to save a majority of Allied forces from the German encirclement and most likely prevented a premature end to the war.

Following Dunkirk, Ramsay went on the offensive. In November 1942, he led the allied fleet in support of Operation Torch, the invasion of Africa. The next year, Ramsay, landed the Montgomery's British 8th Army in Sicily and continued to provide naval bombardment throughout the successful Sicilian campaign.

Ramsay's experience in commanding invasion fleets made him Eisenhower's natural choice to lead the naval forces in Operation Overlord. Despite Ramsay's concerns that the large waves on the channel would degrade the accuracy of his fleet's gunfire, the invasion was launched on June 6th, 1944. His minesweepers began the invasion by scouring the channel for mines and clearing ten channels to Normandy for the invasion fleet.

After the channel was cleared of mines, Ramsay's fleet began landing men and equipment ashore while pounding suspected German strong points with gunfire. The 702 vessel strong naval bombardment fleet ranged in size from battleship all the way down to landing craft that were specially fitted with rockets. Ramsay's planning and experience made history's largest amphibious invasion possible. In 1945, Ramsay's life was cut short when he was killed in a plane crash.

See also: <http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/d-days-forgotten-man>

See also a video of Dunkirk veterans join a service of commemoration for Admiral Ramsay, who sent a flotilla of little ships to evacuate 350,000 soldiers from the beaches of northern France at:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/ramsay.htm>

And that's it for this week and I hope you all have a great weekend.

