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## Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for August 23rd, 2019

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

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

### Electric Scotland News

Enjoyed my trip to Toronto over the weekend and early part of this week. The weather was great and I got to visit the Aviator restaurant which is Alex & Verities new place where they also have a very nice 3 bedroom apartment upstairs which is to be given to Alex's mother. They have wee cards on the tables which are meant to be used as talking points for their clients to discuss and so help to break the ice if you are on a first date. Learn more about it at: <https://nowtoronto.com/food-and-drink/food/aviator-toronto/>

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You can view a video introduction to this newsletter at:

<https://youtu.be/CytelmPBLtQ>

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.

Sterling crisis? What crisis?

Even if sterling remains weak, a more competitive currency has significant economic benefits too

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/sterling-crisis-what-crisis/>

Sir Malcolm Rifkind on China, Trump and the 'real risk' to the UK

Our guest this week is a true heavyweight of the British political scene.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/free-exchange-sir-malcolm-rifkind-on-china-trump-and-the-real-risk-to-the-uk>

The Revival of European Identity Politics

It isn't just nationalism subnational groups are reasserting themselves, posing a challenge to the clumsy EU.

Read more at:

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/the-revival-of-european-identity-politics>

Will H Ogilvie

How a Borders boy became a leading bush poet

Red more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-49343836>

The primary school teacher taking fun lessons beyond the classroom

There's rarely a dull moment in Blair Minchin's classroom - where fun is a mandatory ingredient for his lesson plans.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-49331104>

New domestic abuse laws  
More than 400 crimes recorded

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-49374667>

Inveraray crowned piping world champions in Glasgow  
They saw off their nearest rivals, last year's winners, Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band from Northern Ireland.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-49388504>

Conservatives take 14 percent point lead over Labour - Kantar poll  
British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party has opened up a 14 percentage point lead over the opposition Labour Party as Johnson's tougher stance on Brexit wins back supporters

Read more at:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-eu-poll/conservatives-take-14-percent-point-lead-over-labour-kantar-poll-idUKKCN1VB0RU>

Europe's defence - high on ambition, low on capability  
France and Germany damage their own interests by eschewing US-UK defence initiatives

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/eu-defence-policy-high-on-ambition-low-on-capability>

What is the UK's Single Market?

What Brexit will mean for the UK's trading relationships with the EU and the rest of the world remains an open question. But there is one thing of which we can be certain: whatever happens, free trade within the United Kingdom will continue as before.

Read more at:

[https://www.these-islands.co.uk/publications/i336/what\\_is\\_the\\_uk\\_single\\_market.aspx](https://www.these-islands.co.uk/publications/i336/what_is_the_uk_single_market.aspx)

Many wanted him to fail, but Boris Johnson triumphed in Berlin  
Mr Johnson passed with flying colours. More than that he pulled off a diplomatic triumph. He was charming, good-humoured, and got on far better than expected with the veteran German Chancellor.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-7381219/PETER-OBORNE-wanted-fail-Boris-Johnson-triumphed-Berlin.html>

GERS 2019 and indyref2

The size of Scotland's inherited fiscal deficit, and how best to deal with it is likely to remain a highly relevant issue if the prospect of a second independence referendum rises.

Read more at:

<http://sceptical.scot/2019/08/gers-2019-and-indyref2/>

Pictish occupation of Aberdeenshire hill fort confirmed

Radiocarbon samples submitted by the university's Northern Picts project have now confirmed Pictish occupation in the 7th and 8th centuries AD.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-49434133>

## Electric Canadian

The Canadian Horticulturist  
Volume 45 (1922) can be read at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/agriculture/Horticulturist.htm>

This is the final issue I was able to find.

The Canadian Printer and Publisher

January 1919 can be read at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/magazines/canprinterpublish1919.pdf>

More copies are available on the Internet archive in our Magazines section.

Forest Preservation in Canada (pdf)

You can read this report at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/forestpreservati.pdf>

A German Traveller in Upper Canada in 1837

Translation from the German by the Hon. William Renwick Riddell (pdf) and you can read this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/germantraveller.pdf>

Down the Yukon and up the MacKenzie 3,200 Miles by Foot and Paddle

By William Ogilvie (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/yukon/YukonanduptheMackenzie.pdf>

Recollections of a Police Magistrate

By Colonel George T. Denison (1920) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/recollectionsofpoliemag.pdf>

## Electric Scotland

Pioneers of Menard and Mason Counties

Made up of personal reminiscences of an early life in Menard county, which we gathered in a Salem life from 1830 to 1840, and a Petersburg life from 1840 to 1850; including personal reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln and Peter Cartright by T. G. Onstot (1902) (pdf)

You can view this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/america/pioneersofmenar.pdf>

Deeds of Heroism and Bravery

The Book of Heroes and Personal Daring, Introduction by Rupert Hughes, edited by Elwyn A. Barron (1920) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/america/deedsofheroism.pdf>

Will H. Ogilvie

Scottish-Australian narrative poet and horseman, jackaroo, and drover. I discovered him when reading the BBC article and so here is some additional information about him which you can read at:

[https://electricscotland.com/history/australia/will\\_ogilvie.htm](https://electricscotland.com/history/australia/will_ogilvie.htm)

The Life and Times of Prince Charles Stuart, Count of Albany

Commonly called the Young Pretender from the State Papers and other Sources by Alex. Charles Ewald, F.S.A. (1904) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electricscotland.com/history/charles/lifetimesofprincestuart.pdf>

Alexander Waugh

With selections from his Epistolary Correspondence, Pulpit Recollections, &c., by The Rev. James Hay, D.D., and the Late Rev. Henry Belfrage, D.D. (Third Edition) (1839)

You can read this at: [https://electricscotland.com/history/men/waugh\\_alexander.htm](https://electricscotland.com/history/men/waugh_alexander.htm)

The Popular Superstitions and Festive Amusements of the Highlanders of Scotland

By W. Grant Stewart (1823) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electricscotland.com/humour/popularsuperstitions.pdf>

Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh  
Volume 1, December 1832 to May 1844 (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/edinburgh/proceedingsofroyalsocietyedin01.pdf>

Home Preacher

Got up the service for week 2 which is by Dr. Vaughan. at:  
<https://electricScotland.com/bible/homepreacher/week02.htm>

The Fringes of Fife

New and Enlarged edition by John Geddis (1921) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://electricScotland.com/history/fife/>

## The Story

Celebration of Gaelic music and culture at north Skye fèis



In excess of 50 children took part in this year's Fèis Thròndairnis, the annual celebration of traditional Gàidhlig music and culture which took place in north Skye last week.

Attending this year were several younger children who were new to this Fèis, as well as children who have been participants for a few years; all were equally welcomed by the organisers and tutors.

Tuition was offered in Gàidhlig drama, Gàidhlig song, fiddle, accordion, keyboards/piano, clàrsach, guitar, chanter and piping, whistle, drumming, arts and crafts and shinty. Children from age 7 upwards took part.

Most of those taking part were from the north Skye schools but there were children visiting grandparents attending too. The main focus of the Fèis was to foster the area's rich Gàidhlig language and culture.

The traditional "tutors' cèilidh" was held on the Tuesday evening with the children showcasing their skills at the final concert on Friday afternoon.

Bun-sgoil Stafainn, Staffin Community Hall and Columba 1400 were the venues for the various Fèis activities.

This year's tutors were Eoghan MacDonald, Graham MacKenzie, Allan MacLeod, Ian Ruari Finlayson, Andrew MacPherson, Murdo Cameron, Sileas Sinclair, Lìidh Campbell and Katie MacKenzie.

Fèis Thròndairnis is well supported each year by an active local committee and by its parent body, Fèisean nan Gàidheal.

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

Alastair