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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for June 26th, 2020

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

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

Electric Scotland News

We had a number of problems with our sites this past week. For a time our sites couldn't even be reached which was down to an IP issue on our server. When emailing our support folk they fixed the issue within 15 minutes. We also had a problem with our Community which wouldn't let me post a message when a link was in the message. This issue also caused display errors with other messages already on the service. This took a wee while to fix but eventually managed to fix this again with thanks to our support folk which was to do with a coding error in the PHP program due to an upgrade to the latest release.

This also meant it took until Monday to get our newsletter up in our Community but now up and working as expected.

Covid 19 continues to plague our planet with the US seeing spikes in various states since leaving lockdown. The US in particular is an issue with Brazil, India, Russia all adding lots of new cases. I've been particularly struck with all the protests this past week and wonder how many of these protestors have died as a result of ignoring the distance recommendations.

The single fact that there is no standards in the testing and reporting of cases means a lot of these figures are suspect. Some countries are not reporting deaths from care homes while others are testing way too few people meaning we don't actually know how extensive the problem really is. In fact this is the single most worrying part of the virus in that politics is taking the lead and not fact based results.

Summary of COVID-19 Cases & Testing in Chatham-Kent

There has only been one death reported in my local area and for an update see...

<https://ckphu.com/current-situation-in-chatham-kent/>

They are updating the figures Mon-Fri after 2.30 pm. A podcast of what this report shows can be viewed at:

<https://ckphu.com/2020/06/new-current-situation-reporting/>

It would be of interest to learn how this report compares with reports from your own local area.

Crystal's Vardo - Full Performance

Friends, Families and Travellers (FFT) is making the theatre production of Crystal's Vardo available online during the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (GRTHM) of June 2020.

Crystal's Vardo is a theatre production which uses dance, drama humour and music to share the rich culture and diverse histories of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

The video will be available on YouTube from 1st – 30th June 2020 and FFT will be hosting Watch Parties on our Facebook page, at 7pm Thursday 4th June and 5pm Sunday 28th June.

<https://youtu.be/BeQmBgKLCXU>

Video about our Clans and Families section of Electric Scotland

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5548-Video-about-our-Clans-and-Families-section-of-Electric-Scotland>

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 world news stories that can affect Scotland and all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. 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.

Digital dig puts archaeology online

Dr Jeff Sanders, project manager at the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland's Dig It! project, said it was a new chapter in challenging times.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-53092608>

Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor

Canada renews calls for China to release charged pair

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-53113179>

Edinburgh cafe launches Irn-Bru pie and yes - it's orange

The popular eatery in Leith has created a secret recipe that Scots will love.

Read more at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/edinburgh-cafe-launches-irn-bru-22219990>

Gypsy history celebration aims to undo centuries of mistrust

A celebration of the heritage and culture of Scottish gypsies and travellers aims to tackle prejudice and undo centuries of mistrust about the community.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/gypsy-history-celebration-aims-undo-centuries-mistrust-2888707>

Holyrood's Alex Salmond inquiry to begin

A Holyrood committee investigating the Scottish government's handling of complaints against Alex Salmond is to hold its first public meeting since the former first minister's trial. What will MSPs be looking in to and what might the fallout be?

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-53090858>

Vitamin D: The latest developments as evidence mounts of its potential in the fight against coronavirus

Multiple studies are now pointing to deficiency as a major risk factor for developing complications from Covid 19.

As it happens my Doctor prescribed me Vitamin D on a daily basis so look like I struck lucky with that.

Read more at:

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/lifestyle/food-drink/1291402/should-you-take-vitamin-d-during-the-pandemic-and-what-are-the-best-food-sources-your-questions-answered/>

Births in Scotland at lowest level since 1855

The number of babies born was down for the 11th year in a row and there were more deaths than births for the fifth year running.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-53150553>

Scottish, Trinidadian and British not proud but grateful

Using the evidence of my life to date I have reached the conclusion that I am glad and grateful to be British for the reasons I will

explain.

Read more at:

http://www.thinkscotland.org/thinkpolitics/articles.html?read_full=14207

Canada's forgotten universal basic income experiment

Amid wide unemployment during Covid-19, basic income schemes have gained fresh relevance. A successful Canadian scheme that's over four decades old could provide a road map for others.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20200624-canadas-forgotten-universal-basic-income-experiment>

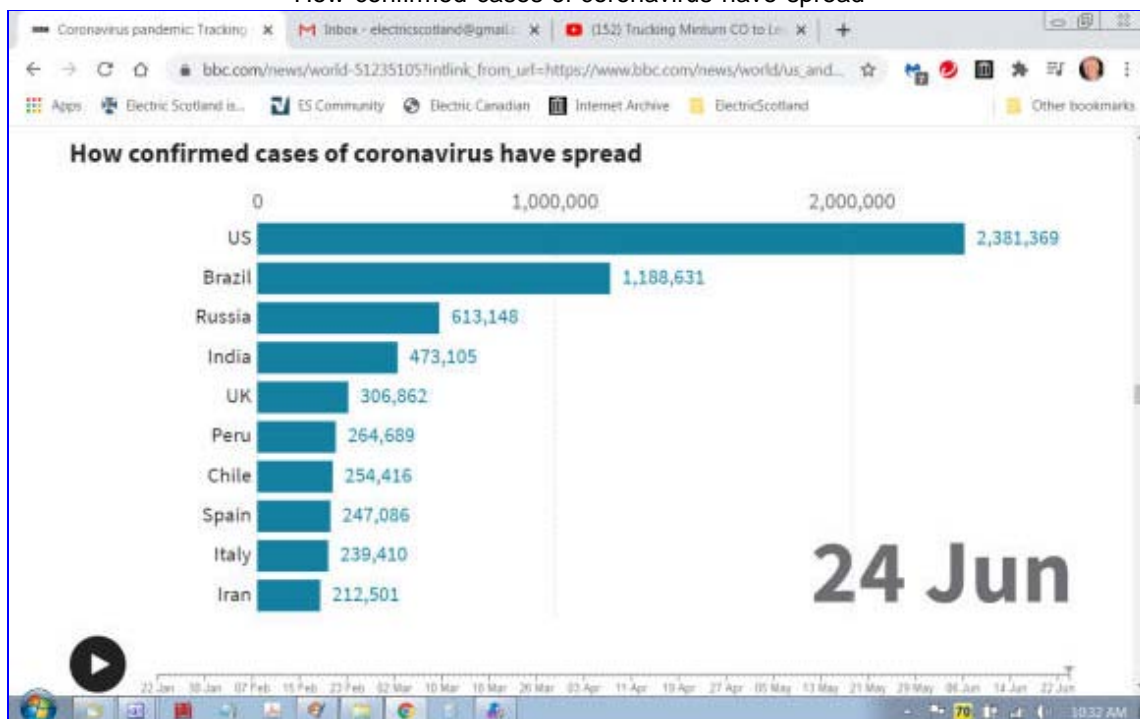
US threatens tariffs on EU beer, gin and olives

The US has threatened new trade tariffs on beer, chocolate and olives from the European Union, as part of a long-running row over subsidies to planemaker Airbus.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-53176002>

How confirmed cases of coronavirus have spread



Electric Canadian

Taylor, William

A significant Minister whom you can read about at:

https://www.electriccanadian.com/Religion/Taylor_william.htm

A Woman of Valour

The Biography of Marie-Louise Bochart Labelle by Claire Trépanier (2010) (pdf)

You can read about her at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/makers/valour.htm>

A Concise History of Canada

By Margaret Conrad (2012) (pdf)

A one book read which you can get to at:

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

The Great North West

A magnificent Tale of Adventure by David Goodwin which you can read at:
<https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/AtaleofBritishgriinCanada.pdf>

Hungarians in Canada

Learn about them at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/hungary.htm>

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The Clan Buchanan Society International Newsletter for July 2020

You can get to this at: <https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/buchanan/index.htm>

Edinburgh Military Tattoo - A salute to Australia 2005 - 1080p HD

You can watch this 1 hour long video at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5549-Edinburgh-Military-Tattoo-A-salute-to-Australia-2005-1080p-HD>

Recruiting

By an Army Chaplain

An old text which examines the way the army recruited in the 1800's which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/recruiting.htm>

Druids

Added a 2 hour video about the Druids to our page about them.

You can watch this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/druidndx.htm>

Social Life in Former Days

Chiefly in the Province of Moray, illustrated by letter and family papers by E. Dunbar Dunbar (Late) Captain 21st Fusiliers (1865) in two volumes

Really good information which you can read at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/social/social_life.htm

Thoughts for a Sunday Morning - June 21st, 2020

Nola's weekly video can be watched at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5547-Thoughts-on-A-Sunday-morning-21st-June-2020>

Clan Henderson Newsletter for Spring 1999

You can get to this at: <https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/henderson/index.htm>

Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for 19th June 2020 added to our Community

Due to problems took longer than usual to post this one up but now available at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5545-Newsletter-for-19th-June-2020>

Story

The Land o' the Thistle and the Brose

A Scottish Song. We print a song which appeared lately in an Edinburgh newspaper. We also give extracts from a letter which accompanied it over the initials 'W. G. R.' The writer is well qualified to speak on such matters. In the same paper a letter appeared, signed 'A. Cairns, junr.,' in which it was stated that 'Mr. Arthur Cairns, 110 Victoria Road, Dundee,' was the author of the song. W. G. R. received the following information from Provost Peattie of Crail (a hale and hearty octogenarian), which disproves this assertion. Speaking of the version of the song as supplied to the newspaper by W. G. R.. Mr. Peattie states it is the first time he ever saw it in print, and proceeds, 'Mr. Cairns could never be the author when he was born in 1840. I had it 18 years before that time.' W. G. R.'s introductory remarks are as follows: 'It is sung with great gusto and effect by my worthy friend Provost Peattie of Crail. I have never heard any one else sing it, and I believe "The Land o' the Thistle and the Brose" has never been in print. The tune is majestic, and the chorus stirring; but I cannot give you its name. To hear and see the Provost sing it is a treat never to be forgotten, and luckily his kindly neighbour, Mrs. Lilley, has rescued the air by noting it down. A copy of her music is before me now. The Provost informed me that he took down the words, and learned the tune, from the singing of an old soldier called Tom Cameron, in Perth, about the year 1822, but he does not know the name of the tune, and never saw the words in print. Probably it was Cameron's own composition. Provost Peattie is satisfied that the word "malapaloons," occurring in the third verse, is exactly as Tom Cameron sang it, but he has never met any one who could translate it. I have made a hunt after it at the Advocates' Library without success, and can only conjecture that it must be Arabic, and picked up by old Cameron when in Egypt with his regiment early in the century.

“Malalampoons” hardly meets it, and the only other word at all like it is “malapairs” — i.e. mischances or misfortunes. I ought to add that the verse about Tel-el-Kebir is the Provost’s own composition. Many years may he be spared to sing his songs to the delight of his friends.’

THE LAND O’ THE THISTLE AND THE BROSE

May the sons o’ the mountain ever be free,
And slavery and tyranny oppose, man;
And lang may we boast o’ oor ain liberty,
That sprang frae the sons o’ the brose, man.

Chorus:

Then hey for the plaidie and ho for the meal,
Hey for the bonnets and ho for the steel,
Hey for the whisky, the hearts that are leal,
The land o’ the Thistle and the Brose, man:

The Southern chieftains they are aye for the beef,
When oor country they try to oppose, man;
But the only gude thing gies oor callants relief
Is their favourite bumper o’ brose, man.

Chorus

In Egypt they played me sic malapalpoons,
And gae me sic terrible blows, man;
But now I can hear by the sound o’ their drums,
The wretches are hungry for brose, man.

Chorus

At grand Waterloo, where Napoleon the Great
Nae langer oor clans could oppose, man,
He cried out ‘My heroes, come let us retreat,
‘Don’t ye see they’re the sons o’ the brose,’ man.

Chorus

At Tel-el-Kebir, where Arabi flew
At the sight o’ oor Highland Brigade, man,
They followed him up to his hold in Cairo,
And led him captive to Wolseley the Great, man.

Chorus

Lang, lang may we live, ever happy to sing
The dangers oor lads could oppose, man,
And aye let oor toast be the favourite thing—
‘Oor sons an’ a bumper o’ brose,’ man.

Chorus

And that’s it for this week and hope you all have a great weekend and mind and keep your distance, wash your hands and stay safe.

Alastair