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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for November 27th, 2020

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

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

Electric Scotland News

Covid 19

Did a Video about this topic which you can get to at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5608-Covid-19>

Essentially I am making the point that the spread of this virus is due to people not taking personal responsibility. Will be interesting to see whether a spike will occur in the USA due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

That said there is great news on the vaccine front and in particular from the Oxford trials which unlike the other two is well priced and can be kept in a normal fridge.

Brexit talks continue to dominate the news headlines but hopefully not for much longer, Lots of criticism of Biden on his anti Brexit stance from within the U.K.

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.

There was a lot of news this week so have tried to restrict the amount of news I've included here but you can read it all in our ScotNews feed in the link at the top of this newsletter.

The Scotsman Sessions

Video performances recorded by Scottish artists during lockdown and introduced by Scotsman critics. Below you can find links to the first 100 sessions

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/whats-on/arts-and-entertainment/scotsman-sessions-links-numbers-1-100-2880957>

The flying car is here - and it could change the world

Flying cars may seem futuristic - but from commercial jetpacks to personal air taxis, they are already here. Here's how they could transform the way we commute, work and live.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20201111-the-flying-car-is-here-vtols-jetpacks-and-air-taxis>

Free Exchange: lockdown vs Liberty with Jonathan Sumption

Few have opposed the Government's handling of the pandemic with as much eloquence and authority as Lord Sumption. The former supreme court judge, medieval historian and Reith lecturer doesn't just dispute the scientific evidence, he questions the legal and constitutional justification for these restrictions on our liberty.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/free-exchange-lockdown-vs-liberty-with-jonathan-sumption>

Canada's largest city moves back into lockdown

Toronto is moving back into lockdown after grim projections show Canada is on the brink of being overwhelmed by Covid-19.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-55024674>

Canada trade deal secured! Johnson and Trudeau seal agreement on video call TODAY

BORIS Johnson has been handed another massive boost in the shape of a bumper trade deal with Canada, bolstering Britain's post-Brexit credentials still further with similar agreements concluded recently with countries including Japan and Kenya.

Read more at:

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1362891/canada-trade-deal-boris-johnson-justin-trudeau-video-call-post-brexit-news-free-trade-deal>

Why Trump increased support among non-whites

Despite his election defeat, President Donald Trump can boast a success that has intrigued pollsters - he was more popular with ethnic minority voters than in 2016.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-54972389>

The futuristic cargo ship made of wood

The shipping industry's climate impact is large and growing, but a team in Costa Rica is making way for a clean shipping revolution with a cargo ship made of wood.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20201117-clean-shipping-the-carbon-negative-cargo-boats-made-of-wood>

Oxford vaccine results are in: here's how to ensure it's used

While governments can't force people to vaccinate their children, they can penalise those who don't.

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/oxford-vaccine-results-are-in-heres-how-to-ensure-its-used>

Millions travel for Thanksgiving despite warnings

Millions of Americans are already travelling home to celebrate Thanksgiving, despite warnings from health officials amid a significant wave of coronavirus cases and deaths.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-55057878>

Flash Animations Live Forever at the Internet Archive

Great news for everyone concerned about the Flash end of life planned for end of 2020: The Internet Archive is now emulating Flash animations, games and toys in our software collection

Read more at:

<https://blog.archive.org/2020/11/19/flash-animations-live-forever-at-the-internet-archive/>

Brexit: new UK Fisheries Act takes back control!

After a ten-month journey through parliament, the Fisheries Bill has now been granted Royal Assent and is now the Fisheries Act 2020. Control regained!

Note: I didn't see any mention of this in the mainstream media and only on YouTube which is a touch puzzling.

Read more at:

<https://youtu.be/bTZbDSS2AeU>

Scottish Government loses another Holyrood vote on Salmond legal advice

The Scottish Government has lost a second vote in Holyrood demanding the release of the legal advice in the Alex Salmond case.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/scottish-government-loses-another-holyrood-vote-salmond-legal-advice-3047876>

Scotland's Covid restrictions - where are the Holyrood rebels?

LAST WEEK I wrote a piece decrying the lack of any contrary voices in Scotland regarding Nicola Sturgeon's Covid strategy, including her love of lockdown restrictions and her dodgy use of data.

Read more at:

https://www.thinkscotland.org/todays-thinking/articles.html?read_full=14348

Electric Canadian

New Caledonia (1977)

Fort St-James is a small town In northern British Columbia. A community of Carrier Indians are living nearby grappling with drugs and alcohol. Placed this video towards the foot of the page at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/index.htm>

Algonquin Indian Tales

Collected by Egerton R. Young (1903) (pdf)

You can read these at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/AlgonquinIndiantales.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday morning - 22nd November 2020

By the Rev Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5607-Thoughts-on-a-Sunday-Morning-22nd-November-2020>

Indian Legends of Vancouver Island

By Alfred Carmichael (1922) (pdf)

You can read these at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/IndianlegendsofVancouverIsland1.pdf>

Children of the Arctic

By The Snow Baby and her Mother (1903) (pdf)

This can be read at:

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

Electric Scotland

Musings of a Tank Commander

Part 21 which includes getting ready for the war ahead while being in Saudi Arabia.

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/tank/part21.htm>

The Intelligence of Scottish Children

A National Survey of an Age-Group (1933) (pdf)

I found this very interesting and they show the test that was given to them which you might like to try yourself. You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/education/The%20Intelligence%20Of%20Scottish%20Children1.pdf>

Manifesto's of Scotland's Political Parties in 2019

I thought you might find these of interest and you can read them at:

<https://electricscotland.com/independence/manifestos.htm>

Sketch of the History of Israel and Judah

By J. Wellhausen, third edition (1891) (pdf)

I found this is my personal archive and thought it was time to add it to the site which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/sketchhistoryisrael.pdf>

Scots Missions to the Indians

From the Christian Monthly History publication (1744) (pdf)

Given the date of this publication it's one of those where the letter f is used instead of the letter s so a touch challenging to read but worth the effort and you can get to this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/scotsmissiontotheindians1.pdf>

Scotland's Responsibility in the Mission Field

And how to meet it by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, Edinburgh (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/scotlandsresponse.pdf>

The removal of the Cherokee Indians from Georgia

by Wilson Lumpkin in two volumes (1907) (pdf)

Added this to our section on Scots and the American Indians and can be read at...

Volume 1 <https://electricscotland.com/history/removaloftheCherokeeIndiansfromGeorgia01.pdf>

Volume 2 <https://electricscotland.com/history/removaloftheCherokeeIndiansfromGeorgia02.pdf>

The Osage Treaty of 1865

An address by Hon. T.F. Morrison of Chanute, Kansas (1925) (pdf)

Added this to our section on Scots and the American Indians which you can read at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/america/donna/Osagetreatyof1865.pdf>

MacPherson Warrior Poet

Is an illustrated edition of the Poems of Ossian, by Scottish artist Eileen Budd. This new book will bring the old stories to life with full colour illustrations, hand-drawn maps and new introductions and commentaries. We want Ossian: Warrior Poet to rekindle these tales of ancient Scotland for a general audience who might be unfamiliar with the texts.

Read more about this book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/other/OssianWarriorPoetflyer.pdf>

A critical dissertation on the poems of Ossian

By Hugh Blair (1800) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/other/poemsofossian1.pdf>

Story

The Scottish National War Memorial

The Memorial commemorates nearly 150,000 Scottish casualties in the 1914-18 War and over 50,000 in the 1939-45 War and campaigns since 1945.

The architect Sir Robert Lorimer and 200 Scottish craftsmen transformed a barrack block into a Hall of Honour, a place of record where the names of the dead are on permanent display. Every branch of the armed services and their civilian auxiliaries is represented.

On entering the Hall of Honour the memorials of 8 Scottish Regiments will be seen on the opposite north wall, with 4 further Regiments in the south-west and south-east bays to left and right. At the left (west) end is the Flying Services memorial, and at the right (east) end that of the Royal Navy. In the south-west bay are memorials to the Merchant Navy, women's and nursing services, the Indian Army and Chaplains; in the south-east bay, memorials to the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Yeomanry, Commonwealth and other forces. Above runs a frieze of the names of principal land battles of 1914-18. The stained glass by Douglas Strachan depicts, on the south wall, the four seasons with scenes of the nation at war; other windows are dedicated to women's services (south-west bay), Flying Services (west), Royal Navy (east) and engineering and armaments (south-east). The

floor is of granite from Ailsa Craig, an island off the west coast of Scotland.

North of the Hall of Honour through wrought-iron gates is a stone-vaulted inner shrine or apse, a place of quiet pilgrimage and thanksgiving. A green marble stone of remembrance rests on the highest point of the volcanic rock on which Edinburgh Castle is built. On top of the stone is a wrought-steel casket guarded by four bronze angels, the gift of King George V and Queen Mary, containing the scrolls with the names of the 1914-18 dead deposited on the opening day in 1927. Over the casket hangs the oak figure of St Michael, captain of the heavenly host. Round the walls is a processional bronze frieze of over 100 living portrait figures by Morris and Alice Meredith Williams, depicting every kind of uniform and equipment used in 1914-18. The stained glass here, also by Strachan, is richer and more spiritual in theme.

On leaving the inner shrine, note the figure of Reveille over the entrance door by C. d'O. Pilkington Jackson, who also designed all the lettering in the memorial, many of the badges, shields and trophies, and the medallion to The Earl Haig at the east end of the Hall of Honour.

Amendments and omissions to the Rolls may be notified, and places of burial ascertained, on cards available from the warders on duty.

The Memorial is administered by an independent charitable trust. Donations towards the upkeep of its contents will be gratefully received in the boxes provided.

A fuller illustrated guidebook and other literature, colour transparencies and postcards are available from the Castle Shop on the way out of the Castle.

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You can visit the Scottish War Memorial web site at: <https://www.snm.org/>

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. Don't be stupid or selfish and instead be considerate of others and wear a mask if going shopping or into a crowded place and consider whether you should indeed go into a crowded space in the first place.

Alastair