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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for May 1st, 2026

Electric Scotland News

My Canadian Experience

Completed the April report which you can view at:

https://electriccanadian.com/canada_add32.htm

Topics covered this week include...

How Alberta Bitumen Could Bypass Pipelines Entirely, PM Carney announces new measures to create a sovereign wealth fund, Prime Minister Carney announces the Canada Strong Fund, Accelerating a Mining Superpower: Galvanizing the Mining and Critical Minerals Sector for a More Sovereign and Prosperous Canada, King Charles in the USA including his talk to the Congress, Spring economic update 2026, Canada Just Became the First Non-European Nation to Join Europe's Most Powerful Summit, Prime Minister Carney speaks with Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia His Royal Highness Mohammed bin Salman, Prime Minister Carney announces Team Canada Strong - a nationwide plan to recruit up to 100,000 skilled trades workers, Alberta Premier Danielle Smith speaks about energy and foreign policy in London, U.K., Hanwha submarine bid has full support of automotive industry: Volpe, and more.

Balmaha in Scotland has got to be one of the most beautiful and scenic villages in Scotland. Sitting on the Bonnie Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond, it fills the visitor with awe and delight. Come and join me as I attempt to cross over to Inchcailloch Island, and see how my day progressed. Sit back with a cup of tea and prepare to have your breath taken away by the ultimate in beautiful Scottish scenery.

You can view this at:

https://youtu.be/uVsTOtayZQA?si=bRn3moumD_oFXn-7

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers and other media

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 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.

Here is what caught my eye this week...

North Coast 500 restaurant metres from the beach serves 'Scotland's best seafood'

Crofter's Kitchen is located above Scourie Beach on the main NC500 route, found on the left side of the path going down to the long sandy beach. The restaurant offers free parking, with space to enjoy the views out over the water as you eat, while the outdoor croft is also dog-friendly.

Read more at:

<https://www.crofterskitchen.com/>

A quiet election for a tired Scottish parliament

Scottish party manifestos pledge extra spending without addressing huge challenges facing the next Scottish government – likely to be SNP again despite 20 years of underachievement in power. John McLaren sets out four lessons to learn from the state we are in.

Read more at:

<https://sceptical.scot/2026/04/a-quiet-election-for-a-tired-scottish-parliament/>

Jeffrey Sachs: Americans Have No Idea What's About to Hit Them | The Rise of Asia

In this exclusive video, we explore Sachs' groundbreaking work in economic policy, his bold views on global inequality, and his significant contributions to addressing pressing issues like climate change, poverty, and international diplomacy. - 374,893 views Premiered Apr 24, 2026

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/ptdnFs-Srwl?si=0FQG2j5x1BiAjg9o>

Canada's Carney has enjoyed a long political honeymoon. Now comes the test

Mark Carney arrived on Canada's political scene last year as an Ivy League and Oxford educated economist and a former central banker for two countries.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c70d249rd0go>

With presidents, cowboys and A-listers - King Charles in US over the years

King Charles III has been making official visits to the US throughout his adult life, but his first trip since being crowned monarch may be his most interesting yet.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cyv1d3zn816o>

Kennedy thanks King Charles III for speech to Congress, urges him to protect Diego Garcia

145K views - April 29

Watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/eQaSZyohaPg?si=It2jYajr-NQqE2IX>

The sub-Arctic town pitching itself as Canada's gateway to Europe

The Port of Churchill sits idle for most of the year, blanketed by snow and frozen by the bitter cold climate of Canada's sub-Arctic. It's only operational in the summer for four months, sometimes five.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cyv1zdey7pmo>

Electric Canadian

Notes on the Indian Tribes of the Yukon District and Adjacent Northern Portion of British Columbia

By George M. Dawson D.S., F.G.S. (1887) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/IndiantribesYukon.pdf>

Monograph of Historic Sites in the Province of New Brunswick

(Contributions to the History of New Brunswick, No.4) By William F. Gamono, M.A., Ph. D. (Presented by Sir John Bourinot, and read May 25, 1899)

You can read this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/nb/historic-sites-in-the-province-of-New-Brunswick.pdf>

Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs

Added the 1915 report in pdf format.

You can read this report at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/history/first/indianaffairs.htm>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - the 26th day of April 2026 - Gardening

By The Rev. Nola Crewe

You can watch this at:

https://youtu.be/TayUGLiWGXE?si=5R6UWx3Ec8Xk3_e9

The Beaver Magazine

Added No. 1 Outfit 269 June 1938 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/thebeaverjune1938.pdf>

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MacDuffee/MacDubhsith

Got in their Spring 2026 newsletter where they announce a change in their official name.

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/macduffee/index.htm>

Glencoe and the Indians

A real-life family saga which spans two continents, several centuries and more than thirty generations to link Scotland's clans with the native peoples of the American West by James Hunter (1996) and can be borrowed from the Internet Archive.

You can borrow this book at:

<https://archive.org/details/glencoeindiansre0000hunt>

Glencoe and the Indians

A Review by Michael Newton, Dept, of Celtic, Edinburgh University (pdf)

You can read this review at:

https://electricscotland.com/familytree/magazine/augsep2002/Review_of_Hunter_Glencoe_and_the_Indians.pdf

Lives of the Baillies

By James William Baillie of Culterallers (1872) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/nation/LivesoftheBaillie.pdf>

Diary of Alexander Jaffray

Provost of Aberdeen, one of the Scottish Commissioners to King Charles II., and a member of Cromwell's parliament to which are added particulars of his subsequent life given in connexion with memoirs of the rise, progress, and persecutions, of the people called Quakers in the North of Scotland among whom he became one of the earliest members by John Barclay (second edition) (1824) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/bible/Diary-of-Alexander-Jaffray.pdf>

Cravie or Craven

Found a book about these names so have created a page for them.

You can read the book at:

<https://electricscotland.com/webclans/atoc/cravie.htm>

BBC Highlights keen interest in Scots Society of Antiquaries Heritage Hub Global Fundraiser

It took a mere matter of digital seconds for British Broadcasting Corporation to give a "thumbs up" to the one-of global fundraising campaign by Scotland's oldest learned heritage body followed by several other communications outlets and supported by numerous other organisations. An article from Bill Magee.

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/magee/article0049.htm>

The Life and Times of Robert Gib

Lord of Carrubber, Familiar Servitor and Master of the Stables to King James V. of Scotland by George Duncan Gibb, Bart., of Falkland and of Carrubber, M.A. M.D. LL. in two volumes (1874)

You can read about him at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/nation/gib.htm>

Story

A roaring reception for King's address



Americans will never match Great Britain's talent for pomp and ceremony. But on Tuesday, they gave it their best try. The day began with a Fife and Drum ceremony on the White House lawn, followed by a fighter jet flyover - the kind of pageantry Trump always enjoys. It ended with a formal state dinner

In between the festivities, King Charles delivered an address to a packed joint session of Congress, perhaps the most iconic location for a set piece speech in America. Given the current tensions between the US and UK over the Iran war, the King must have been pleased with the enthusiastic reception he received. The audience laughed at his jokes,

cheered his celebration of Anglo-US history and gave him a standing ovation.

While the approbation was bipartisan, nestled in the King's speech were some pointed political messages. He wholeheartedly endorsed the continued necessity of the Nato alliance and warned of threats against the environment, at one point lamenting the "disastrously melting ice-caps of the Arctic".

At times, the King gave the kind of message that might be welcomed at one of the anti-Trump "No Kings" rallies that have taken place across the USA recently. After he noted that executive power "subject to checks and balances" was an American political principle grounded in British legal tradition and enshrined in the Magna Carta, Democrats led the cheers.

At the end of his speech, when he said "America's words carry weight and meaning" and added that "the actions of this great nation matter even more", they murmured their approval.

If there were concerns that Trump would take the King's remarks personally, he set them to rest that night when he called the speech "fantastic".

"He got the Democrats to stand," he quipped. "I've never been able to do that."

The takeaway: The King's speech was a rescue mission of sorts for an Anglo-American alliance on the rocks. His task is a delicate one, but the early returns for the King's efforts have been encouraging.

You can watch this at:

<https://youtu.be/yWt5STzCHAg?si=OKpldwgKkcjkFV7U>

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

Alastair