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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for July 10, 2026

Electric Scotland News

Wars

Seems the war is back on between the USA and Iran which is concerning for the price of Gas and Fertilizer.

Also I note Ukraine seems to be doing a number on Russia's oil supplies with shortages being reported across all of Russia.

It seems to me that political leaders don't really care about their people... they just want things to go their way. Like the number of other wars around the world that are rarely featured in our national press.

Am slowly recovering from my surgery. Still painful but managing to get up and down the stairs in my home.

In this week's My Canadian Experience entry I added our Prime Minister's work with the Philippines and Saudi Arabia. You can read what I've added this week along with the videos at: https://www.electriccanadian.com/canada_add35.htm

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...

In pictures: Royal Week brings King and Queen to Scotland

The King and Queen have led members of the Royal Family in the annual Royal Week in Scotland.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c77ym72xg78o>

University ditches 150-year-old 'John Knox cap' graduation tradition

The University of Edinburgh has ditched its 150-year-old graduation cap tradition - linked to a founding father of the Protestant Reformation.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8d2lzm8904o>

Tehran launches more strikes after explosions reported in southern Iran

Overnight, the US said it hit 90 targets in Iran - while Tehran says it targeted American bases in Qatar, Kuwait and

Bahrain.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/live/c17y1vnn2qxt>

Bonnie Tyler, the gravel-voiced star who eclipsed everyone's heart

Bonnie Tyler is known to millions as the gravel-voiced singer behind '80s hit Total Eclipse of the Heart.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cg5pd9z2487o>

Ukraine Just Wiped Out 10 Russian Ships OVERNIGHT

Ukraine has delivered one of its most dramatic drone operations yet, reportedly destroying 10 Russian shadow fleet tankers along with additional support vessels near Crimea. In this video, we break down the strike, the tactics behind the attack, its impact on Russia's logistics and oil network, and why the Kerch Bridge remains central to Ukraine's strategy. Watch as we analyze the battlefield implications, the evidence, and what this operation could mean for the future of the war.

Watch this at:

https://youtu.be/CN6NaaeB8f0?si=41_QtiSnjl8wpYlQ

Meta Just Chose Canada Over America's AI Chaos \$13 Billion Deal

Meta just chose Alberta over every American state — and the reason exposes a crisis Silicon Valley can't hide anymore. Meta announced a \$13 billion AI data centre in Sturgeon County, Alberta — its first ever in Canada. While US data centres drain aquifers and spark blackouts, Meta's Alberta facility will use less water than a golf course. This isn't a construction story. It's a signal to every tech giant on Earth.

Watch this report at:

<https://youtu.be/Krtu1FUSEQI?si=Anw1c5Bl4cy4Fead>

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The Kelsey Papers

With an Introduction by Arthur G. Doughty, Keeper of Public Records & Chester Martin, Head of the Department of History, University of Manitoba (1929) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/kelseypapers0000kels.pdf>

The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents

Travels and Explorations of the French Jesuit Missionaries among the Indians of Canada and the Northern and North Western States of the United States 1610-1791 With Numerous Historical, Geographical and Ethnological Notes, etc., and an Analytical Index. Under the editorial direction of Reuben Gold Thwaites, Secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; editor of "The Wisconsin Historical Collections," Wither's "Chronicles of Border Warfare" author of "The Colonies, 1492-1750;" "Historic Waterways;" "The Story of Wisconsin;" etc. (1895) (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/Religion/jesuitrelationsa00thwaiala.pdf>

YUKON: The Most Isolated Land in North America

Found a new Travel Video Documentary

You can watch this at:

https://youtu.be/GaBtsPA7NPK?si=r3S1lUiFoj8OLJ_P

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - Summer Sunshine & Rest

July 5, 2026 by the Rev. Nola Crewe

Happy Summer . . .

I hope you are enjoying days off, or have plans for them when they arrive.

All the vacation days earned over the past year, the planned for trips to distant places or staycationing at home.

Have you made plans or did you use your vacation to escape the winter and headed south in January?

My ideas on the need and God's graceful blessings on the virtue of rest as well as work.

<https://youtu.be/L2mkeDFIhs8>

May your vacation be blessed with rest and renewal.

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Rector - St. Monica's Anglican Church

Grand Prior III Canada (2017-2020) - OSMTH

The Beaver Magazine

Added No. 4 Outfit 270 March 1940 (pdf)

You can read this issue at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/hudsonbay/thebeavermarch1940.pdf>

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Radar in Scotland 1938 – 46

By Ian Brown (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/scotreg/radarinScotland.pdf>

Roman Camps in Scotland

By Rebecca H Jones (pdf)

You can read this at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/highlands/RomanCampsinScotlandwithGazetteer.pdf>

Scottish Society of Louisville

Got in their June and July 2026 newsletters

You can read them at:

<https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/Louisville/index.htm>

The Miscellaneous Works of The Right Honourable Sir James MacKintosh

In three volumes (1845)

You can read these volumes at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/nation/mackintosh.htm>

Living in Scotland

A video on The Truth About Life in Europe's Most Beautiful Country

You can watch this at:

https://youtu.be/M1ZTdotudBo?si=Eelxdw2SLUWA_HhD

Rottenrow

Added a video about this area of Glasgow and also two books on the hospital where I was born to the foot of our Medical page.

You can read the two books and watch the video at the foot of the page at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/medical/index.htm>

Currie Kindred To Elect Chief

Got this in and added it to our Clan Currie page at:

<https://electricscotland.com/webclans/atoc/CurrieKindredToElectChief.pdf>

John Skinner & Son, Boatbuilders

Footdee, Aberdeen, 1834 to 1917. Another book in pdf format by Stan Bruce.

You can read this at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/JohnSkinnerboatbuilderfootdee.pdf>

You can also read his other books at:

<https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeenshipbuilding.htm>

Business Leaders bottom lines revealed in Scottish digital audit

A rebooted Scottish Digital Audit I compiled for Institute of Directors (Scotland) is crystal clear when it comes to the bottom line. An article by Bill Magee.

You can read this article at:

<https://electricscotland.com/magee/aricle0053.htm>

Story

The Shipbuilders of Aberdeen

On this page, I intend to publish my research into the Shipbuilders of Aberdeen. There is much available on the internet, but unfortunately, what's currently available online is scattered and doesn't readily give the full picture. Shipbuilding in Aberdeen is mentioned as early as 1475 when 3 armed ships were fitted out at Aberdeen for the service of the king, the cost being defrayed by the inhabitants of the town. In 1540, there are records regarding a further ship being built, and in 1587 six barques were built to pursue English pirates. However, it was the latter part of the 18th century before Aberdeen became Scotland's leading shipbuilding port. It was here that the world-famous Aberdeen Bow first adorned the 'Scottish Maid' a schooner in 1839. Over 3,000 ships were built in Aberdeen, from world famous yards such as Alexander Hall, Hall Russell, the Duthie's, the Stephen's, John Lewis, John Humphrey, Walter Hood, and many more smaller concerns.

Aberdeen shipbuilders in the mid-1800's played a significant role in the establishment of other shipyards in the UK and around the World. On the Clyde, Glasgow (**Stephen**), on the Tyne, Newcastle (**Leslie**, **Coutts**, and **Mitchell**), and on the Mersey, Liverpool (**Rennie**). And, Worldwide; St. Petersburg, Russia (**Mitchell**), Canada (**Rennie**), Nagasaki, Japan (**Hall Russell**). They also played their part in the development of foreign navies, Japan (**A. Hall**), Argentina, Chile, Italy and Russia (**Mitchell**). Many of the patrol craft built by Hall Russell in the 1970's and 1980's when decommissioned were bought by foreign navies.

Andrew Leslie, **Charles Mitchell**, and **John Coutts** were so respected on the Tyne that they were referred to as the 'Three Wise Men' from Aberdeen.

Aberdeen shipbuilder **Alexander Stephen** in 1850 opened a shipyard at Kelvinhaugh on the Clyde specifically to build iron ships. The Kelvinhaugh company (although later relocated to Linthouse) continued in business affectionately known as 'Stephens' and built 697 ships, and continued in business on the Clyde until 1968. (*Comedian and folk singer Billy Connolly served his apprenticeship as a welder at Stephens*).

Andrew Leslie was another Aberdeen shipbuilder who had success elsewhere. He relocated to the Tyne, and in 1853 established his own shipyard 'A. Leslie & Co.' on an 8-acre site at Hebburn Quay, Newcastle. **William Rennie** had a shipyard at Footdee, Aberdeen, c1825 to c1839. He also worked as a freelance Naval Architect and is known to have designed ships for shipyards in Aberdeen, Canada, Glasgow, and Liverpool.

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You can read his many books at:

<https://electricScotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeenshipbuilding.htm>

END.

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

Alastair