

New Zealand Turnbulls Go Wild

When Derek and Pat Turnbull purchased the 116 acres (47 hectares) known as Sherwood Forest in Southland, New Zealand, they decided to protect the area as a natural preserve. Sherwood Forest has been granted "open space" status by the New Zealand Government under a National Trust ruling which protects the bush. This provides protection in perpetuity for the bush to be kept in its natural wild state.

Sherwood Forest is managed in a way which offers long term security for the bush and its large population of native birds. Today, the area is considered to be one of the most significant natural elements in Southland, New Zealand.

How the Scots Changed the Modern World

The people of Scotland have been responsible for many of the modern world's inventions. Our lives world would certainly be different today if not for the Scots who have been in the forefront of discovery and inventions since before the Industrial Revolution. They have always valued education and pride themselves with a self-confidence and vision as well as conscientious work ethic. A country whose population has barely exceeded 5 million has been credited with 11% of all the Nobel prizes that have been awarded. But whatever the reason, it is clear that the Scots have shaped the modern world with their ingenuity.

Here are just some of the inventions and discoveries credited to the Scots; telephone, television, reflecting telescope, asphalt, iron plough, rubber pneumatic tire, RADAR, penicillin, process of refining oil, anesthetics, reaping machine, Kelvin scale, hypodermic needles, FAX machines, raincoats, hollow pipe drainage, polarization, cure for scurvy, iron bridges, breech loading rifle, logarithms and the decimal point, Bank of England, use of chloroform, first steam powered marine engine, kaleidoscope, vacuum thermos, carbon dioxide, percussion cap which later became the bullet, coal gas lighting, and the blackboard and colored caulk.

And let's not forget how the Turnbull Clan has added to these. In 1851, Thomas Turnbull invented the andormonon, a 3 wheeled vehicle. George Turnbull is responsible for the invention of the Turnbull multi-nut harvester. John Turnbull is responsible for the invention of a mounted set of spring loaded rollers for a washing machine in 1843. Still another John Turnbull invented and patented a belting fabric that was woven relatively stiff in the filling yarns, but flexible in the warp, making the seat belt what it is today. Perhaps the most famous of the Turnbull inventions is the variable pitch propeller, which has been said to be one of the most important invention in the history of aeronautics. But while the above have certainly changed the way we live today, where would we be without Jim Trimble's invention in 1965 of the Football Goalposts!

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The forest rests on the alluvial flood plain and is inhabited by ancient matai (*Prumnopitys taxifolius*) and kahikatea trees. These two types of forest trees are two of the most threatened in Southland. This area is one of the largest still existing on the Southland Plains. Of special interest is that because of the natural forest and the decision to protect the bush, several forms of plants listed as nationally threatened now survive and flourish here.



Entrance to the Turnbull Family Reserve

Severe frosts and snows from the winter of 1996 caused extensive damage to trees throughout Southland. Sherwood Forest was no exception. Over 200 trees were killed, permitting light to penetrate the forest floor, thus allowing the growth of weeds which threaten the natural regeneration of the native forest plants.

The Regional Biodiversity Co-ordination Group has agreed to assist the Turnbulls in a restoration project to bring the area back to its natural state. The initial goals are to reduce the impact of invasive weeds and animal pests.

Though this is a private reserve, The Turnbulls welcome small groups and with prior arrangement. Derek and Pat Turnbull were recognized for their work when they received the Community Achievers Award at the local Environment Awards. *(Watch for more about Derek and Pat Turnbull in future Bullseyes. For more information about the Turnbull Family Reserve log onto www.sherwoodforest.co.nz)*

From the President

by Wally Turnbull

TCA exists to preserve the heritage and to promote the fraternity of the extended Turnbull family.

Unlike heritage which deals with the past our fraternity focuses on the present interaction between members of the extended Turnbull family for social, friendship, networking, reference, promotion, exchange, and information purposes.



TCA is launching a new program called the Bullpen for those who want to have friendly exchange with members of the worldwide Turnbull family by serving as local resources. Bullpen exchanges and supports are meant to be at a level comfortable to each person. Members are asked to serve as either Hosts or Resources.

Bullpen Resources are members who are willing to provide information and recommendations to others about local activities and services. Resources may also be willing to share their knowledge about varied topics such as photography, genealogical research, recipes, quilt making, fishing, or almost anything of mutual interest.

Bullpen Hosts are members who are able to offer personal local contact to Turnbolls who are traveling. Hosts are not required to have guests stay in their homes though they may choose to do so. Hosts are willing to meet, when possible, with Turnbolls who are visiting from out of town for fraternal interaction and advice about the local area. Some hosts may offer vacation or study exchange opportunities. Others may provide business networking contacts.

Information about Bullpen Hosts and Resources will be available from the TCA administration and through a private Bullpen area of the TCA website not available to the public.

Sign up today for the Bullpen by returning the enclosed form. This is a great opportunity to meet extended family members from around the world and to develop new friendships.

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Meet the Members:

This month's member is one of TCA newest members, David Turnbole. Born July 7, 1945, Dave spent the first 18 years of his life in Ellisburg, a tiny community in upstate New York. Before receiving a degree from UCLA, Dave joined the Coast Guard and served for 5 years which included serving on the Coast Guard Cutter Dallas. While in the Coast Guard, Dave met and fell in love with his best friend's sister, Stephanie.

Dave and Stephanie were married in 1967 and had two daughters, Samantha and Katherine. Samantha is married to Matthew Meier and teaches sciences for the Boston, MA school district. Katherine attends Syracuse University and is also a member of TCA. An interesting side note is that Samantha also served in the Coast Guard and her duty station was the same Cutter Dallas.

Stephanie died of cancer in 1988. Dave remarried 15 years ago to Kathleen, a Methodist minister and they now live in Sherrill, New York. Dave is retired but maintains a graphic arts design business and works primarily with race teams, their cars and race resumes.



Dave enjoys showing off his '03 PT Cruiser Turbo and his '74 Cadillac Eldorado convertible.

Dave has been doing research into the family genealogy. He says that his father changed the spelling of the family name from Turnbull to Turnbole.

Dave enjoyed a trip to England and Scotland in 2003. He would love to return someday and spend more time visiting the Borders and other regions.



The North Sea, taken from the train to Thurso, Scotland

For more of Dave's photos from his trip log onto www.turnbullclan.com and select pictures. Go to Members Photo Galleries.



TURNBULL TRAILS

FULTON TOWER

Lying between Hawick and Jedburgh, Fulton Tower is what remains of a 16th century tower house.

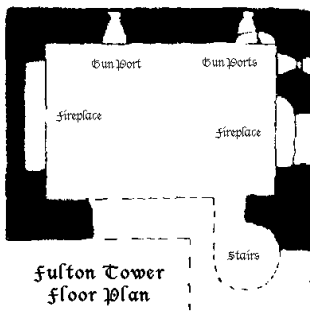
Historical significance to Turnbills: The tower home belonged to Margaret Home of Cowdensknowes prior to her marriage to William Turnbull of Bedrule, at which time it came into the possession of the Turnbills from Lord Home, Margaret's father.

Interesting Facts: Located about a mile and half due south of Bedrule, "Fulton Glen" is referred to in a poem by Walter Laidlaw as a place that was pleasant to go when truant from school. However, the name Fulton is probably derived from "foul toun" presumably named so because the area had a noxious odor coming from the ground before the land had proper drainage.



Fulton Tower as it is today

It is believed that the original Fulton Tower may have been constructed of timber. But in 1535 it was ruled that all substantial landholders should within the next two years erect a fort or tower of "stone and lyme on a scale in accordance with their means."



It is thought that Fulton Tower was rebuilt during this time period. Left is the original floor plan of the tower. The tower was one of the many things destroyed by the Earl of Hertford during his Borders raids in the mid 16th century.

Rev. Alexander Craig of the parish of Bedrule writes in 1837 that the last occupant of Fulton Tower was a strong Turnbull who was at deadly feud with the Kers. While holding his infant child on his lap and oblivious to danger he was attacked by the Kers. He died in an effort to take his sword and defend himself.



Close up view of Fulton Tower

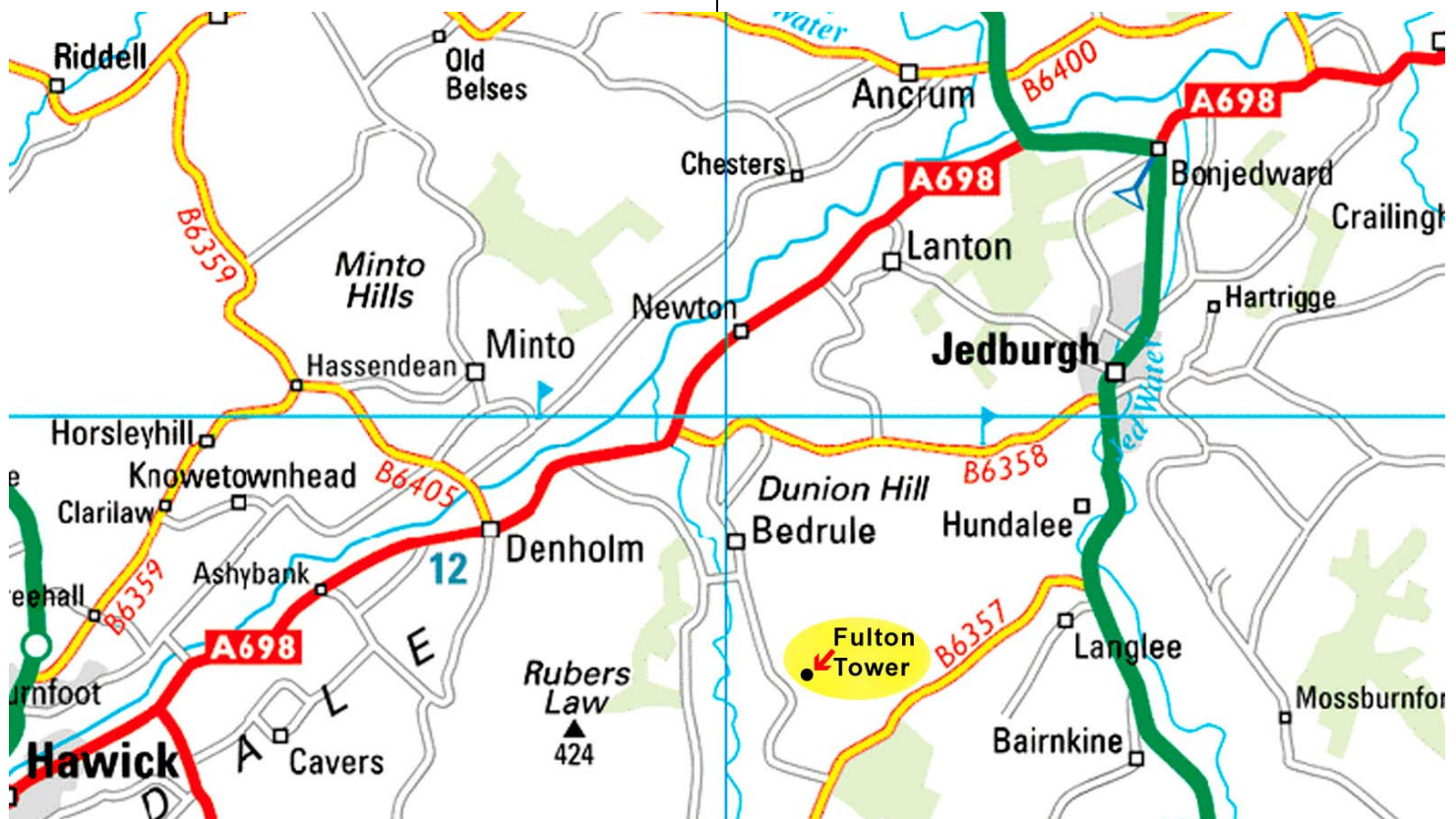
Sights to see: While the remains of Fulton Tower are anything but majestic, it is a stop that should not be missed. Apart from the history and connection to the Turnbull Clan, the surrounding fields, meadows and views are worth the visit. The environment around the Tower is one of natural beauty. To the west can be seen Ruberslaw, the 1400 ft. mountain that is a landmark view in much of the Borders. The somewhat rugged hills surrounding the Tower are dotted with sheep and various natural plants of the area.



Across the road from Fulton tower pastures rise to majestic Ruberslaw

Getting there: No public transportation is available to Fulton Tower. The nearest train station is Berwick-Upon-Tweed, 34 miles to the NE. Edinburgh airport is 45 miles NW. London is 290 miles south.

From Bedrule, travel south towards the B6537. Fulton Tower will be on the left side of the road about a mile and a half from the town.



Places to stay: The closest towns with lodging are in Denholm, Hawick and Jedburgh.

In Denholm:

The Auld Cross Keys Inn
The Green
Denholm, Roxburghshire TD9 8NU
(0)1450 870305

In Hawick:

Mansfield House Hotel, Weensland Road TD9 8LB
Tel: 01450 373988 & 360400 (Tell Ian, the proprietor, that you are a Turnbull Clan member for royal treatment.)
Wiltonburn Farm, Hawick Borders TD9 7LL
Tel: 0845 644 8315
Elm House Hotel, 14 North Bridge Street TD9 9BD
Tel: 01450 372866

In Jedburgh:

The Glenbank House Hotel, Castlegate TD8 6BD
Tel: 01835 862258
Meadhon House 48 Castlegate TD86BB
Tel: 01835 862504
The Jedforest Hotel, Camptown, TD8 6PJ
Tel: 01835 840222 (a bit more elegant accommodations)

Places to eat: A place those in the know enjoy is The Horse and Hound in Bonchester Bridge at the crossroad of the A6088 and the B6357.

Other nearby restaurants and pubs include:
Simply Scottish, 6 High Street, Jedburgh
The Pheasant Inn, High Street, Jedburgh
Auld Cross Keys Inn, Main Street, Denholm
The Jedburgh Hotel and Restaurant, for finer dining

Nearby Historical Sights: Jedburgh Abbey, Jedburgh Castle Jail and Museum, Mary Queen of Scots house, Melrose Abbey, Kelso Abbey, Fatlips Castle, Hermitage Castle

Nearby Attractions: Bedrule, Bedrule Parish, Hawick Tower Museum, Ruberslaw, Jedburgh Woolen Mill, Minto Parish Church, Minto Golf Club, Ancrum Village Green and Market Cross, Ancrum Old Parish Church, Leyden Monument in Denholm, Jedforest Deer and Farm Park, Drumlanrig Castle and the Queensberry Estate

Related websites: www.bedruleparish.byinternet.co.uk,
www.genuki.org.uk/big/scr/ROX/Bedrule,
www.discovertheborders.co.uk, www.meadhon.com,
www.mansfield-house.com, www.jedforesthotel.com,
www.wiltonburnfarm.co.uk, www.elmhouse-hawick.fsnet.co.uk,
www.glenbankhotel.co.uk,
www.frontiernet.net/~elisa96/hirth/tower4.htm
<http://www.picturesofengland.com/Scotland/Borders/towns>

April 6 is Tartan Day

The Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence was signed on April 6, 1320. In the US, over 20 million people claim Scottish descent. And so in 1998 the United States joined Canada and Scotland in celebrating a National Tartan Day.

“Whereas these numerous individuals, clans, societies... do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed: Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Senate designates April 6 of each year as “National Tartan Day.”

To find a Tartan Day Celebration in your area visit <http://www.rampantscotland.com/features/tartanday.htm>

A Special Flower.....

Dear Cousins and Friends,

I decided to plan ahead and prepare some information when I got my last call and will be happy to rest.

This is to let you know that I went “out the Back Door” on March 12, 2005. I had a great ride and lived every minute of it.

I leave my faith and love to all!

Miss Turnbull
M's Dell
Adele
Myreda A. Jeffras

Myreda Adele Turnbull Jeffras leaves her family and friends with the above letter. Adele was a founding member of TCA. From Severna Park, MD and formally from Eastport, MD, Adele was known for her years of support of the activities at Eastport United Methodist Church, especially the annual peach festival where her pickled beets were in great demand and she served as chairman of the event.



Born May 17, 1918, in Anthonies Mill, Mo., she attended schools in Sullivan, Mo. During her career in education, she taught in one-room schools in Missouri. She was a kindergarten teacher at Germantown East Elementary School and principal at Pershing Hill Elementary School in Fort Meade. She was a member of Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Int'l., Soroptimist Club, College Women's Club, Christian Women, Eastport Senior Citizens, M. I. Hummel Club, as well as Maryland State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, Anne Arundel County Retired Teachers and Turnbull Clan Association.

Her motto was “Read, Sew and Go.” Among her interests were quilting, reading, traveling, cooking, playing cards and collecting pattern glass pitchers. She was also a collector of Hummel figurines, which she donated to The Hummel Museum, Inc. in New Braunfels, Texas.

We join TCA secretary, Janet Schwierking, in saying that “TCA has lost a founding member with a heart of gold.”

UPCOMING GAMES & FESTIVALS



Mark your calendar with the upcoming games and plan to attend one in your area.

April 2 Kern County Scottish Gathering and Games, Bakersfield, CA

April 2 Manchester Indoor Scottish Festival, Manchester, NH

April 2 Dunedin Military Tattoo, Dunedin, FL

April 2 Renoldsburg Tartan Day, Renoldsburg, OH

April 2 Tartan Day Parade, New York, NY

April 2 Washington State Tartan Day Celebration, Bonney Loch, WA

April 2-3 Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Games, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2-3 San Antonio Highland Games, Helotes, TX

April 3-5 Walker Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Hunstville, AL

April 5 Tartan Day, Fremont, CA

April 6 Tri-city Scottish Association Tartan Day, Fremont, CA

April 8-10 Colorado Tartan Day, Grand Junction, CO

April 9 Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, FL

April 9 Scottish Tartan Festival, Minden, LA

April 9 Oregon Scottish Heritage Festival, Albany, OR

April 15-16 Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC

April 16-17 Celtic Heritage Festival, Kilgore, TX

April 16-17 Las Vegas Celtic Society Highland Games, Las Vegas, NV

April 22-24 Arkansas Scottish Festival, Batesville, AR

April 22-24 Virginia International Tattoo, Norfolk, VA

April 23 Aiken Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Aiken, SC

April 23-24 Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival, Woodland, CA

April 24-25 Southern Nevada Highland Games and Celtic Gathering, Henderson, NV

April 30 Savannah Scottish Games and Highland Festival, Richmond Hill, GA

April 30 Celtic Festival and Highland Gathering of Southern Maryland, St. Leonard, MD

April 30-May 1 Cullodin Highland Games, Cullodin, GA

If you know of games in your area not listed, please let us know. Also, if you plan on hosting a Turnbull tent at any upcoming games this year, please let us know. You may email editor@turnbulclan.com or write to:

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Durham, NC 27713



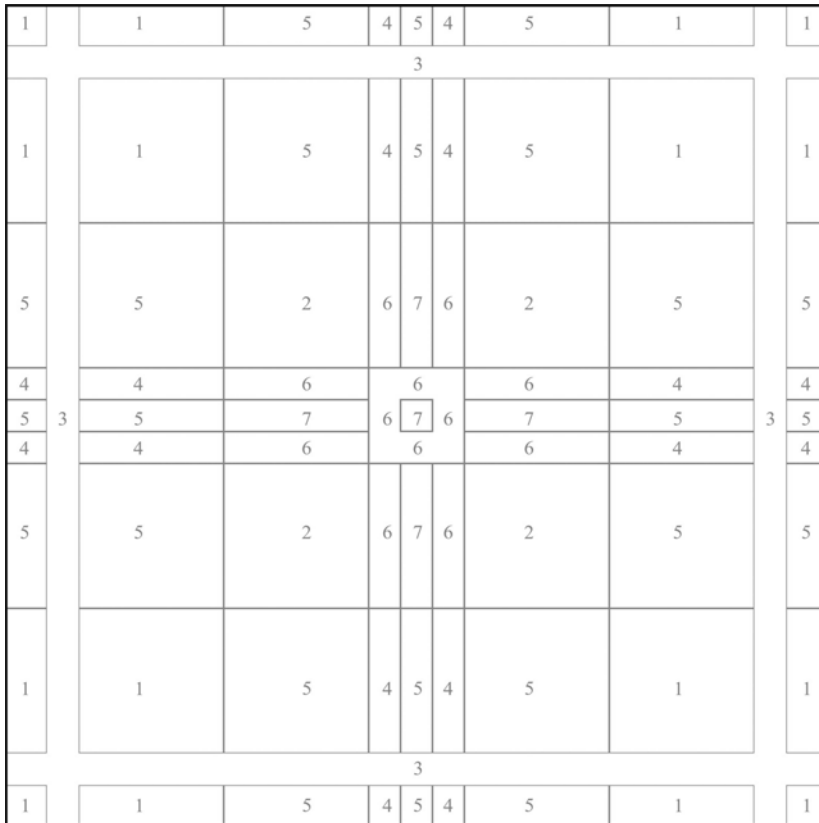
Happy Birthday

Hazelle Birch, Arlene Trimble
Phillips, Douglass J. Turnbull, Sandy
Turnbull, Randolph Morris
Turnbull, Robert M. Turnbull,

Robert Scott Turnbull, Lois Turnbull, Judith Turnbull
Kutzamanis, Ann Stirling Weller, Richard C. Trimble, Clifford
W. Wood, Ray Waldon Rule, Eric Walter Turnbull, John A.
Turnbull, Ronald Schwierking

Kidz Korner

In honor of Tartan Day, color the picture below and see what the Turnbull Dress Tartan looks like.



1. Red, 2. Green, 3. Yellow, 4. Purple, 5. Dark Red,
6. Blue, 7. Dark Green, 8. Navy Blue, 9. White

And The Answer Is ...

The castle in last month's photo is **Dunnottar Castle** located about two miles south of Stonehaven and 15 miles from Aberdeen on the east coast of Scotland.



That castle may have looked familiar to you even if you have not visited it as it was the stage for the 1990 film version of *Hamlet* starring Mel Gibson.

William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots and the Marquis of Montrose all stayed at Dunnottar Castle. The castle's most important role in Scottish history may have been when it was used by a small garrison to fend off Cromwell's army for eight months and thus protect the Scottish Crown Jewels.

Scots Modern World (continued from p. 1)

In summing up what the Scots have done for the world, perhaps this old story tells it best:

The average Englishman, in his home he calls his castle, puts on his national costume - A raincoat patented by Charles MacIntosh of Glasgow, Scotland.

He drives a car fitted with tires invented by John Boyd Dunlop of Drenghorn, Scotland.

At the office he receives his mail with adhesive stamps which, although they bear the queen of England's head, were invented by John Chambers of Dundee, Scotland.

During the day he uses the telephone, invented by Alexander Graham Bell of Edinburgh, Scotland.

At home in the evening he watches his daughter ride her bicycle, invented by Kilpatrick MacMillan, a Blacksmith from Dumfries, Scotland.

He watches the news on television which was invented by John Logie Baird of Helensburgh, Scotland and hears an item about the U.S. Navy founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkbean, Scotland.

He has now been reminded too much of Scotland and in desperation picks up the Bible, only to find that the first man mentioned in the good book is a Scot - King James VI - who authorized it's translation.

No where can an Englishman turn to escape the ingenuity of the Scots, he could take to drink but the Scots make the finest in the world, he could take a rifle and end it all but the breech-loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson of Pitfours, Scotland.

If he escaped death, he could find himself on an operating table, being injected with Penicillin, discovered by Alexander Flemming of Darvel, Scotland, and given an anesthetic, discovered by Sir James Young Simpson of Bathgate, Scotland.

Out of the anesthetic he would find no comfort in learning that he was as safe as the Bank Of England which was founded by William Patterson of Dumfries, Scotland.

Answers from last month's puzzle

