

# Support Materials Available to Tent Hosts

Becoming a tent host has never been easier. One of the most difficult things for a host is always how to fill up the tent with interesting materials. In answer to this problem, TCA now has a Tent Host Resource section located in the Members Only area of the website, [www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com).

As a way to help promote games activities and to aid new and existing hosts, TCA has made several items available to tent hosts.



20" x 30" vinyl posters are available in several designs. Above left, a Celtic Cross in Minto is pictured. Right, is a copy of a label from one of TCA founder John Turnbull's products.

Banners have often been a difficult item for hosts. Not only was getting the banner made sometimes hard to do and expensive, designing one was even harder. TCA has supplied a banner making company with three different designs for 96" long vinyl banners. In addition large (30" long) posters are also available in vinyl.

In addition to the vinyl banners and posters there are numerous other images and files available for downloading. These include a Turnbull Clan Association brochure, membership application forms, Turnbull name history documents, and the TCA seal.

Attending a highland games festival is always fun and exciting. There are lots of activities to keep one busy. But attending a game and finding a Clan Tent with your name across the top, brings an added element of pleasure to the day. An enthusiastic host who shares your name and background makes the games even more interesting and personal.

As Kim Trimble expressed in the Oct. 2005 Bullseye article, the clan tent has gone beyond being a family gathering place to being an



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Three versions of a 96" vinyl banner available to hosts.

"event where we come to express our Scottish Heritage, make new friends and meet folks who don't know the fulfillment that comes with the knowledge of who you are and where you came from."

One of the goals of TCA is to expand number of games that include a TCA Tent. (continued on page 6)

## THE STONE OF DESTINY

by Kim Trimble

The unassuming piece of rock, also known as The Stone of Scone, is shrouded in myth and mystery. Weighing 152kg or 335 pounds and measuring 26 inches long, 16 inches wide, 11 inches high, it is a basic slab of red sandstone that legend says was Jacob's pillow in Biblical times. The story goes on; stating the stone was brought to Scotland by way of Egypt, Sicily, Spain and Ireland before arriving in Scotland somewhere around 850 AD. Supporting this idea is the history of the ancient Irish Kingdom of Dalriada which existed from around 400 AD until around 850 AD.



The Stone of Destiny, November 30, 1996

The Dalriadic Kings were enthroned at sacred ceremonies in which an enthroning stone that had been blessed by St. Patrick was used. St Patrick was supposed to have said that wherever the stone was (continued on page 5)

## From the President

by Wally Turnbull

### Be a Player not a Bystander

Generally, I don't care for television commercials but I do enjoy the one for the car company that says *in life you are either a driver or a passenger*.

So too with volunteer organizations like TCA. Those who participate, even occasionally or in some small way, not only contribute to the group effort, they also receive far greater pleasure from that group effort.

Once you have shared a story about your family in the Bullseye then you enjoy more the stories that others contribute. If you provide information about your family genealogy or about a notable person for the Turnbull Who's Who you will find greater pleasure in reading about the others listed. If you contribute an item to the virtual Museum then the entire museum will become more interesting and so on.

This is not to say that if you don't have something which you can or wish to contribute then you won't enjoy the clan activities. Of course you will. This just means that your feeling of ownership and your sense of pleasure increase if you will find a way to participate that is appropriate for you.

Besides the ways mentioned above, another great way to participate is to host a TCA clan tent or booth at your local Scottish games. You can also volunteer to help those who are hosting Turnbull tents. Not only will you feel more an active part of TCA but also of the games with which you are involved. As a tent host or volunteer, you will enjoy meeting the leaders of the other clans at their tents and the many visitors, Turnbull and others, to your tent.

If you would like to be a tent host or contribute in any of the ways mentioned contact me or any of the TCA officers.

To quote another favorite commercial – *Try it - you'll like it!*

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## Meet the Member

Derek and Pat Turnbull are a retired farming couple with a grown up family of six, including triplets, 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Pat is at heart a genealogist and recently published her first history recording of her mother's diaries. She has a very large garden, an interest that she inherited from her



father. Pat says that she would be lost without her computer, bought originally to record her genealogy, but now utilized for numerous other projects. She enjoys modern technology with digital cameras and websites being her newest challenges. Pat has been a member of various chapters of the Country Women's Institute in New Zealand, whose primary purpose is to provide an organization that will enable women to take an effective part in community life and its development. She has served in numerous positions over the past 50 years.

Derek Turnbull was born at Waikaka in 1926. He is a third generation New Zealander. His grandparents farmed at Waikaka, where his father also worked. Derek attended Southland Boys High School then attained a Diploma of Agriculture with honors at Massey University. His youth included touring Australia on a motorbike, working on an experimental farm in England and touring Europe and the USA by push bike, cycling from one side of the States to the other before going back home to work at J. G Wards as a stock clerk, and then taking up farming himself.

Derek has a successful hobby of athletics; he says it has never been more than a hobby as he enjoys it and it's his way of relaxation. Since he joined the Veteran Athletic Movement in 1974 he has held numerous world records in distances including 800m, 1500m, 1 mile, 5000m, 10000m and best times for Cross Country and Marathon. Last year he still held 14 World Age Group Records. He is known as "The Fastest Old Man in the World." He enjoys cycling and running/walking in the hills and exploring new trails. A book is currently being written about his exploits.

In addition to enjoying many hours on the farm and working in the Turnbull Family Reserve (see April, 2005 Bullseye), Derek and Pat both serve in various volunteer community organizations including several involving conservation. For more information about Derek's athletic records and times and their natural preserve visit [www.sherwoodforest.co.nz](http://www.sherwoodforest.co.nz).





## Denholm

**Historical significance to Turnbills:** Turnbills originally owned the majority of land in and around Denholm. In the late 1700's to the early 1800's John Turnbull still owned much of Denholm.



*The Cross Keys Inn on the main street around the Village Green.*

**Interesting Facts:** Denholm (pronounced Denum) was originally an agricultural community, until the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century when the stocking industry was introduced. By 1837 most of the inhabitants were stocking makers, including Robert and John Turnbull. Machines for making the stockings were set up in the cottages at the windows. Many cottages around the Green were rebuilt at this time in order to take advantage of the best light.

Denholm is the birthplace of Scottish Poet John Leyden, author of *Scenes of Infancy*, from which comes the famous lines depicting the turning of the Bull;

*"Spurned with black hoof in bursting rage the ground,  
And fiercely toss'd his moony horns round  
On Scotia's lord he rushed with lighting speed,  
Bent hi his strong neck, to toss the startled steed;  
His arms robust the hardy hunter flung  
Around his bending horns, and upward wrung,  
With writhing force his neck retorted round,  
And rolled the panting monster to the ground,  
Crushed, with enormous strength, his bony skull;  
And courtiers hailed the man who turned the bull."*

John Leyden's home where he was born in 1775 still stands and can be seen to one side of the Green. It is typical of the types of cottages built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



*John Leyden's home still stands near the Village Green.*

**Sights to see:** The Village itself centers around the Green, which in past days was used by the butchers for grazing of animals. In the middle of the Green today stands Leyden's Monument, erected in 1861, in memory of John Leyden.

Around 1826 a chain suspension footbridge was erected between Denholm Mill and where the later built Teviot Bridge stands. The stone towers which supported the bridge can still be seen.



*Leyden Monument on the Village Green*



*Tower remaining from the original chain suspension footbridge.*

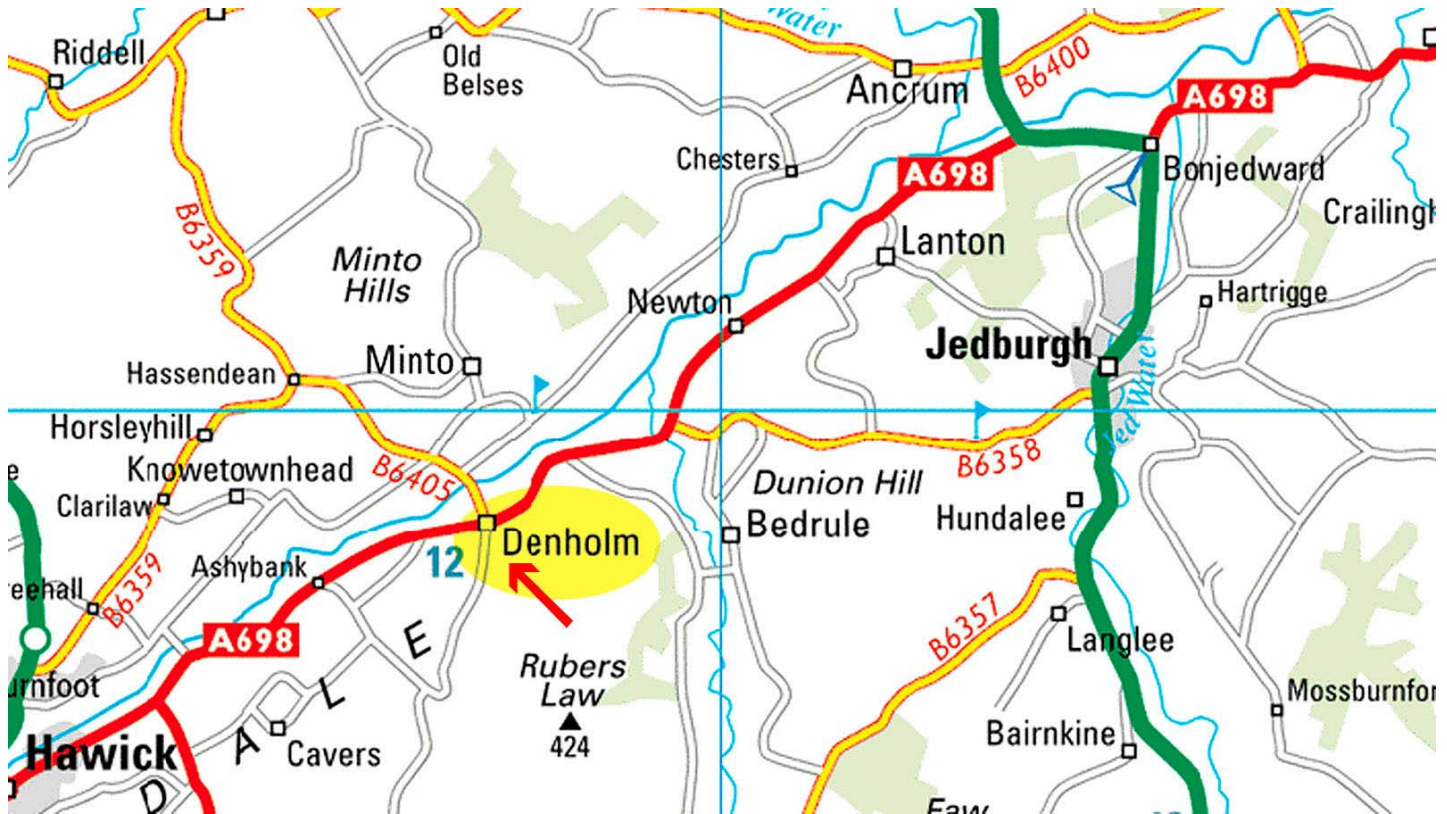
Today Denholm is the home of several annual festivals, including music festivals, flower festivals and the Jimmie Guthrie Memorial Run for Vintage Cars and Motorcycles.

For more information about the village of Denholm, visit <http://www.denholmvillage.co.uk/>



**Getting there:** Denholm is 52 miles south of Edinburgh, 16 miles from the Scotland/England border at Carter Bar. Hawick is the nearest large town, 5 miles to the west and Jedburgh lies 6 miles to the east. The train station in Berwick Upon Tweed is 39 miles to the Northeast. London is 344 miles to the south.

Approaching *from the north*, take the A68 toward Jedburgh. Shortly before Jedburgh, turn west (right) onto the A698. *From the south (Newcastle)* take the A1 north to A68 North. Approaching Jedburgh, turn west (left) onto the B6358. Follow this road until it joins the A698. Turn left, or west, and continue on until Denholm.



### Places to stay:

#### In Denholm:

Auld Cross Keys Inn, The Green, Tel: 01450 870305

Cavers Garden Farm, Tel: 01450 376622,  
reservations@caversgardenfarm.co.uk

#### In Jedburgh:

Spread Eagle Hotel, 20 High St., Tel: 01835862870

Glen Bank House Hotel, Castlegate, Tel: 01835 862258

Jedforest Hotel, near Jedburgh, Tel: 01835 840222

The Spinney, a 4\* B&B Langlee, by Jedburgh  
Tel: 01835 863525

#### In Hawick:

Mansfield House Hotel, Weensland Road, Tel: 01450 373988

The Coppice Borthwickbrae, Tel: 01450 880332

Ellistrin Bed & Breakfast, 6 Fenwick Park, Tel: 01450 374216

Elm House Hotel, 17 North Bridge Street, Tel: 01450 372866  
Wiltonburn Farm, 0845 644 8315

**Nearby Attractions:** Robert Smail's Printing Museum, Taviot Water Garden, Jedburgh Woolen Mill, Jedforest Deer and Farm Park, The Capon Tree, Mertoun Gardens, Bowhill House & Country Park, Mellerstain House, Ruberslaw, Bedrule, Minto Golf Club, Minto Parish Church, Hawick Tower Museum, Drumlanrig Castle and Queensbury Estate, Hawick Museum and Scott Gallery, Ancrum Green

### Places to eat:

The Pheasant Lounge Bar, 61 High St, Jedburgh

Old Cross Keys Inn, Denholm

The Castlegate, 26 Castlegate, Jedburgh

Simply Scottish, 8 High Street, Jedburgh

The Chefs Grill, 31 High Street, Jedburgh

The Wayfarer, High Street, Jedburgh

Hazel Lodge Tearoom & Restaurant, 20 Horsemarket, Kelso

### Nearby Historical Sites:

Ferniehirst Castle, Melrose Abbey, Kelso Abbey, Dryburgh Abbey, Abbotsford House, Smailholm Tower, Kelso Hermitage Castle, Fulton Tower, Jedburgh Abbey, Mary Queen of Scots house, Jedburgh Castle and Jail with museum, Century Cannongate Bridge, Fatlips Castle

### Related websites:

<http://www.scot-borders.co.uk/>

<http://www.electricscotland.com>

<http://www.aboutscotland.com/>

<http://www.caversgardenfarm.co.uk>

<http://www.britainexpress.com/scotland/maps/borders.htm>

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/lennich/borders.htm>

<http://www.scotlanddirectory.co.uk/Borders/>

[http://www.totaltravel.co.uk/travel/Scotland/scottish-borders/hawick/directory/food\\_drink/restaurants/](http://www.totaltravel.co.uk/travel/Scotland/scottish-borders/hawick/directory/food_drink/restaurants/)

## UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS

### USA Games – Attend one in your area!

**\*\*Feb 11** Tallahassee Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Tallahassee FL

**Feb 12** Peace River Celtic Festival, Peace River, FL

**Feb 18** Moore's Creek Ceilidh, Wilmington, NC

Callanish Winter Fling, Barnstable, MA

**Feb 18-19** Scottish Ramble, Excelsior, MN

Greater Philadelphia Mid-Winter Scottish Festival, Philadelphia, PA

**Feb 24-26** Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Jacksonville FL

**\*\*Feb 25-26** Arizona Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering, Mesa, AZ

**\*\*** Look for a Turnbull tent!

### Canada, Australia and New Zealand Games– Attend one in your area!

**Feb 5** Berwick Highland Games, Berwick Victoria, AU

**Feb 11** Paeroa Highland Games, Paeroa, NZ

**Feb 17-19** Winnipeg Scottish Festival, Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Feb 19** Mt. Barker Caledonian Society Highland Games, Mt. Barker, near Adelaide, S. Australia

*(For a complete list of games visit [www.turnbullclan.com](http://www.turnbullclan.com))*

Please note that the Bullseye is always happy to report on any game attended or hosted by a Turnbull. You are invited to write a story about your games experience or if you prefer to send information about the game you attended for the Bullseye to write about. Photos are always appreciated. Photos, information and articles may be sent to [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com) or to Betty Turnbull, 5216 Tahoe Dr. Durham, NC 27713

## STONE *(continued from page 1)*

the Tribe of Erc would reign. This is how the title Stone of Destiny was set. Erc was the first King of the Antrim Dal Riata tribe, and Antrim is, of course, in Ireland. After many years and battles with the Picts, Britons and Saxons, Kenneth I, 36th King of Dalriada, moved his seat to Scotland. He moved it, in fact, to Scone, in Perthshire. There is another theory though, proffered by a different group of experts; Sir Compton MacKenzie believed the Stone to have been quarried on the West Coast of Scotland near Oban, and even though he gave little proof, he did attract folks that adhere to his theory. Either way, now the stone was in Scotland where it rested for several centuries.

After serving 446 years as a tool for the enthroning of Scotland's monarchs the Stone of Destiny was unceremoniously carted off to England by Edward I in 1296, taken south and placed in Westminster Abbey. Edward believed, mistakenly, that possession of the Stone gave him sovereignty of Scotland. In 1328 the Scots won the Stone's return under the Treaty of Northampton but the Stone never moved from underneath the Coronation Throne in the Abbey as the English failed to keep their part of the bargain. So, for the next 654 years the stone resided beneath the Coronation Throne in Westminster Abbey. In 1950, however, four Scottish students took it upon themselves to return the stone home. Acting under the nationalist sentiment of the day they took the stone from beneath the throne, stashed it in their car and drove off. It was missing for four months before being discovered in the Arbroath Abbey in the town of Arbroath near Dundee on the east coast of Scotland. It was returned to Westminster Abbey where once again it rested under the throne on coronation. Oh really? Did the Stone of Scone truly reside in England? There are those who believe that by a brilliant act of deception the true stone was switched with the cess-pit cover from Scone Castle and handed over to Edward (which if true, means that a long succession of English and British monarchs have been crowned while atop a medieval toilet-seat lid!). This

is my favorite theory and adds to my personal belief the Scots have by far the greatest sense of humor. Then again some folks believe that a replica of the stone was made and sent back to England in 1950 and the real stone remains hidden in Scotland.

On Saint Andrew's day, November 30, 1996, after 700 years, the Stone of Destiny, (or the top of the cess-pit, or replica) was finally, formally returned to its rightful place in Edinburgh Castle, Scotland. 10,000 people stood along the Royal Mile watching the possession of the stone from Holyrood Palace to the Edinburgh Castle.



*History states that the Stone was taken from Scone by King Edward I of England in 1296 and remained under the Coronation Throne at Westminster Abbey in London for 700 years.*

The Scottish Secretary of State Michael Forsyth ceremoniously received it from Prince Andrew, Elizabeth II's second son, who was representing the Queen. Apparently she and the Crown Prince were busy that day. Even though the stone is home it still remains the property of the British Crown and will be returned, temporarily, to England when needed for the coronation of a new monarch.

Today the stone is behind armored glass surrounded by a sophisticated security system. Or, it may be out in the open hidden in plain sight at Scone Castle. You decide.

Is the Stone now returned to Scotland the real Stone? Was Edward I originally 'sold a dummy', and did the patriots of 1951 return only a copy of the Stone? We may never know, but one thing is sure, the authorities can't be certain either!!





## Dues Please

Pesky the Ogre says that Janet whispered in his ear and asked him to remind those of you who haven't yet paid your 2006 dues to please do so now.

(Only \$20.00 for primary member and \$10.00 for spouse or student)

Please send a check to:  
Janet Schwierking  
2020 Shuetting Rd.  
Poteet, TX 78065-4120

Or pay online at:  
[Http://www.turnbullclan.com/application/online\\_application.html](http://www.turnbullclan.com/application/online_application.html)

Feb 28th is the last date to pay before being removed from the Bullseye mailing list and membership log.



## Sharing and Caring

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of founding member Helen Price, who passed away shortly after her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mary Ellen Longley would appreciate your thoughts and prayers as she has been very ill.

## Happy Birthday to

John G. Turnbull, Denise Marie Turnbull, Scott Turnbull, Kenneth Yeatts Turnbull, Vella Turnbull, Carlton James, Dolores Forgette, Russell E. Trimble, and Claude Snow



## Tent Host Resources *(cont. from page 1)*

In order to do this more tent hosts are needed. Some tent hosts find that they enjoy going to a particular game each year either because it is near their homes or perhaps because it is a favorite game. Other hosts attend several games and set up a tent at each one.

If you have ever attended a game and thought, "wouldn't it be nice to see a Turnbull Tent among all these others," TCA is making it easier for you to do just that, set up a Turnbull Tent and represent TCA to others. A list of worldwide games for 2005 can be found on the website in upcoming events. Most games are annual events and the dates change only slightly from year to year. Many games have their own websites. Look for games in your area. ([http://www.turnbullclan.com/main/coming\\_events.htm](http://www.turnbullclan.com/main/coming_events.htm))

If you would like to consider being a Tent Host for a game or games in your area please contact Wally Turnbull via email [president@turnbullclan.com](mailto:president@turnbullclan.com) or by letter to 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713.

## Turnbull Trails Twister answer

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# Happy Valentine's Day