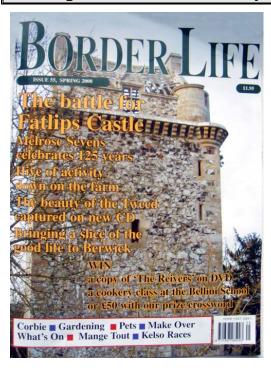
# **Turnbull Fortresses Make Headlines**

### Fatlips Castle Cover Story of Border Life



When it comes to the Turnbulls and the Borders, one subject keeps finding a way to dominate the scene. From its history with the Turnbull Clan to present ever question "how do you get there?" or when you do get there its incredible view to its state of disrepair, **Fatlips** Castle eventually comes to the surface as the topic of conversation whenever two of more of the Turnbull Clan come together.

Today Fatlips is breathing new life thanks to the work and determination of one young woman who refuses to see her beloved landmark fall apart in front of her. Gemma Barnard is working hard to save this Castle.



This month, her hard work and efforts have been recognized by Border Life, a publication by Tweedale Press.

The article begins "Norman Vincent Peale, the father of optimism, once said, if you have zest and enthusiasm you attract zest and enthusiasm and this is certainly true when you meet Gemma Bernard..." Gemma's ties to Fatlips are not tied to Turnbull heritage, but to her childhood. Gemma grew up in Bedrule's backyard. Waking up every day with the view of Fatlips and hiking up to it whenever she could has made this landmark something special to her.

Winning recognition in the Borders is a first step to her ultimate goal, the restoration of Fatlips. If you would like to learn more about the history of Fatlips and the efforts being made to save this castle, visit Gemma's website <a href="https://www.rulewater.com">www.rulewater.com</a>. If you share Gemma's zest and enthusiasm, you can become a "Friends of Fatlips" member. There is even a link to a YouTube video of the Castle.

(Gemma met the members of the 2007 AGM trip at Fatlips. At that time, President Wally Turnbull officially made her an honorary member of TCA.)

#### **Fulton Tower - Ties to Mary Queen of Scots?**

Recently the BBC's broadcast *History Mysteries* aired a program entitled "The Tower, The Queen and The Outlaws." The tower is that of Fulton Tower, well known in Turnbull history. The remains of the tower are part of the farming land of Adele and John Richardson of Bedrule.

As hosts of the show said "John and Adele Richardson were fascinated by the local legend that Mary Queen of Scots rode through their land and stopped at the now-ruined Pele tower, situated their farm. Is legend true and what (continued on page 5)



Remains of Fulton Tower today

#### From the President

by Wally Turnbull

I am thrilled, on several levels, that Gemma is campaigning to save and restore Fatlips Castle. It is unusual and exciting to see someone so young care so deeply about our common heritage. This greatly encourages me for the future.



That Gemma grew up so close to Fatlips and values the building and what it represents is exciting. Too often we tend to discount those things with which we are most familiar. I would like to think that this passion for the familiar confirms its true value in a way that will be contagious. Thirdly, I would personally like to see Fatlips restored, or at the very least, preserved and protected from the elements and vandalism.

While the Borders are famous for their Reivers, I point out that Fatlips served not to attack but to defend our people's lives and livelihood. Our heritage is exciting and contains many noble attributes as well. Fatlips represents, in a succinct and very visible way, all of these. As a Turnbull I have a special appreciation for Fatlips because it was a Turnbull stronghold during the tumultuous times that shaped the history of the Borders.

On a day that began like any other, William Rule saved Scotland's beloved King Robert Bruce from death and changed history by wrestling a charging bull to the ground in the Caledon woods on the borderlands of Scotland and England. As a reward for his feat, William was given lands in Bedrule and dubbed Sir TURN-E-BULL.

If the bull had prevailed and killed Robert Bruce, there may not have been the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, the Declaration or Arbroath in 1320, the treaty of Northampton in 1328, or the world as we know it today.

As the home of William's family and early descendents Fatlips holds a special place in the hearts of Turnbulls everywhere.

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#### **TCA Family Portraits**

Born in Chichester, West Sussex, England in April 1989, Nicholas John Turnbull is the eldest of two sons of Aidan and Gillian Turnbull. (His father, Aidan, is a Siege Commander with the Medieval Siege Society and fights in full 15th Century armour every year at the Battle of Tewkesbury re-enactment alongside his five Turnbull cousins).

The offspring of two University graduates, Nicholas Turnbull (19) has been something of a computer & technical genius from the age of four onwards and - indeed proved to the Sussex County educational psychologists that he was able to read competently from the age of three. His father used to bring old 'dead' computers back from his work at a publishers and at just six years old Nicholas would patiently take them apart, tinker with them and then get them working again. (He still has at least eight obsolete - but working - computers dotted around his bedroom at home in Chichester. "It's just like JURASSIC PARK in there," complains his dad.)

Dad, Aiden, confesses, "I couldn't get my computer printer to work once when Nicholas was just seven years old. So I simply drove to his school and lied - I told them he had a 'dental appointment'. He was very happy to come home and take a screwdriver to it and had it fixed and working within half an hour. Of course I let him stay home for the rest of the afternoon as a treat. I'm not a monster!"

Never very happy with kids his own age and bored by the elementary schooling he was subjected to, at 10 Nicholas was taken out of state school and 'home-educated' and 'hothoused' educationally-speaking by his parents until - by the age of 17 - he had amassed enough educational qualifications to be accepted by the prestigious University of Sussex at Brighton. "They didn't even ask for an interview - they took him straight away," recalls his dad.

He is currently considered one of the brightest students in college, on a Bachelor of Science Course in Computing with Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the University of Sussex. This is one of the most technically-challenging and difficult programs the faculty has to offer.

Now in his second year at college, Nicholas has his own flat (paid for by his dad) in the Grand Parade in the centre of the famous seaside town of Brighton. Outside of his college coursework he specializes in freelance computing, editing, website and design work and has published many articles, newsletters and items of computer software programming.

"If anyone has any computer programming, design work or technical problems which need sorting out then they should email me. The more difficult it is, the greater the challenge for me. Plus - I'm always looking for paid work!" says Nicholas. (nicholas.turnbull@gmail.com)

See page three for a story on how Nicolas went around the world in 80 minutes!

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# Just In – Monument Update in Photos



Above, sculptor Angela Hunter continues work on the larger than life sized Turning of the Bull monument to be dedicated in Hawick in 2009. Below, William Rule begins to take shape with his heroic act of saving the life of King Robert the Bruce.



Artist and designer Angela Hunter tells us that all is on track with the Turning the Bull Monument. She pleased with the work so far, but says there is still plenty to do!

Funds are still needed to finish this historic project. If you would like donate and be a part of changing history, your tax deductible contribution

may be sent to the TCA treasurer, William Trimble at 2125 Bluejay Lane, West Richland, WA 99353-9122. Donations may also be made online at <a href="www.turnbullclan.com">www.turnbullclan.com</a>. A \$500 donation receives an official Turnbull Clan Coat of Arms flag flown by Baron Wally Turnbull above the remains of Bedrule Castle (limited supply, offer available only while supply lasts). A \$5000 donation receives a bronze limited edition (numbered and signed) replica of the monument. For more information contact Wally Turnbull, <a href="mailto:president@turnbullclan.com">president@turnbullclan.com</a>.

# Chichester Boy Goes Round the World in 80 Minutes

Helping people has always been the aim of Nicholas Turnbull, 19, of Ormonde Avenue, Chichester, England, but even he has been astonished by the popularity of a flowchart he designed to prevent people being affected by nuisance viruses and hacker attacks. A BSc undergraduate at the



Nicolas Turnbull, 19, West Sussex

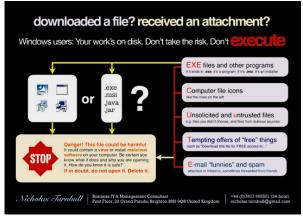
University of Sussex, he dreamed up the idea just two weeks ago.

"I was tired of people asking me to help them when viruses appeared on their computer so I dreamed up this simple flowchart which anyone can follow. I've distributed it for free so that nobody has to pay to deal with this often-expensive nuisance," explained Nicholas, an undergraduate in Computing with Artificial Intelligence at the University of Sussex at Falmer, Brighton.

He reports: "Its popularity was such that - according to evidence - it was flashed between correspondents around all the continents of the world (including a base on Antarctica) in just over an hour and 19 minutes. It even apparently reached someone in the Pentagon in Washington, USA."

Nicholas's initial plan was to put together a graphical chart for spotting files that could be malicious for non-technical Windows users. He had no idea how vastly popular it would become nor that it would spread exponentially as it passed from user-to-user.

"I wanted to apply my cognitive science theories on information in some sort of experiment. The poster uses the minimum of verbal explanation instead using schematic arrows and colour to show what parts refer to which. I think this sort of format could prove useful for communicating technical information without assuming prior understanding of technical terms," he explains.



"I personally think this chart might be a more effective security tool than antivirus and anti spyware software combined."

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## Turnbull Name Being Returned to Historic Peterborough Building

From the *Peterborough Examiner* (Canada) by James Neeley "The historic former Zellers building downtown is getting a facelift to create space for community medical teams and infant care. The building, renamed the Turnbull Medical Building, will house the Peterborough Community Family Health Team and the newly formed Maternity and Infant Care Centre...

Built in 1888 and expanded in 1913, the downtown fixture at the corner of George and Simcoe streets housed Turnbull's Department Store and then the T. Eaton Co. before Zellers moved in in 1935. Zellers operated the store until it closed its downtown doors in 2005."



Now: The newly renovated Turnbull Medical Building is scheduled to open its doors June, 2008.



Then: The four story department store was a centerpiece of Peterborough downtown.

The building being talked about is being renamed in part to remember those who lost their lives in what locally became known as "The Turnbull Disaster." The store was the Turnbull Company department store. Its owner was John C. Turnbull. John is the great-grandfather to TCA president, Wally Turnbull. On the day of the grand opening of the store, August 28, 1913, the building collapsed. Six people died. John rebuilt the store and it continued to operate until the late 1920s when Zellers took over.

Wally's grandfather, John R. Turnbull, recalled in his memos, "Our father was born down near Rice Lake, 20 miles South of Peterborough. Father stayed at home and gave to his parents every dollar he earned till he was twenty-one. For that I believe he was unusually blessed of God. Certainly he was more successful in business than any of them and outshone them spiritually, too."

"And so our father went to nearby Port Hope with his parents' blessing where he worked as a clerk in a grocery store. Then he invaded the county seat Peterborough. In a few years he owned his own store on the strategic corner of George (the main street) and Simcoe. All of us boys worked in father's store. I went on Saturdays for 10 cents a day and my pay increased to the magnificent sum of 50 cents..."

"The very large market was only a block away. The folks from around father's birthplace brought their dressed fowl, eggs, butter, etc. to market and after selling their products came to father's store. To induce trade he bought excellent tea in Toronto, blended it himself with other good tea and sold it for 25 cents a pound. The clerks took their sales money to the cashier's office in the center of the store to get their receipts and charge. Later the metal containers shooting along overhead wires were installed."

"Father knew how to get a crowd. I laugh yet when I think of the Saturday he filled the big front windows with lovely calico cloth and sold it at 5 cents a yard (his cost). The store filled jam-packed tight with charming ladies intent on getting that cloth. The clerks couldn't get through to the cashier. I was the emergency squad. I would take the money and sales slips from the clerk and then duck down right under the elbows of the surrounding ladies and finally emerge at the cashier's desk! In an hour all the bales of cloth were sold and then father reaped a harvest from those who lingered to buy other wares."

The new facility in the Turnbull Medical Building will bring physicians together with health professionals in a central location for their patients... increasing communication within the family health team and other health agencies such as the hospital.

Paul Darby, president and CEO of the Peterborough Region Health Centre, said this will improve the electronic link in the health care system. Communication between hospitals and family doctors is critical for complete care, he said, noting the quicker information is shared, the more informed physicians are and the better decisions they can make for patients.

#### 2008 AGM - Grandfather Mountain Games, NC July 10-13

Plan now on attending the Annual General Meeting near Blowing Rock, North Carolina at Grandfather Mountain. Situated in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are among the best and most complete.

The games begin the evening of July 10 and continue throughout the weekend. TCA has reserved a block of rooms at the Days Inn, Blowing Rock, NC. To reserve your room, and receive the special rate of \$89 per night, call 828-295-4422 and mention Turnbull Clan gathering.



Beautiful Chetola Resort

The AGM will be on the grounds of the beautiful Chetola Resort, Saturday night at 6:00 followed by a buffet dinner. This is a mountain resort area dotted with small towns. Shopping is great with many local

artists displayed and lots of crafts and homemade treats. If you are flying the best airfares are into Charlotte, NC (2 hrs. away). Ashville, NC (2 hrs.) or Greensboro NC (2 ½ hrs.), You will want to rent a car and drive to Blowing Rock from the airport. Stayed tuned for more information!

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There is no end to the surprises a detective comes upon at every turn. While looking for information on another matter, this detective has discovered several authors in the Turnbull family. And furthermore, also interesting is the variety of topics they've written about. Here is a sampling of books and Turnbull authors. You may be intrigued and want to read one or more.



Among the many books by Turnbull authors are; *The Village of Illusions*, by Helen Turnbull; Cass Turnbull's *Guide to Pruning: What, When and Where*; Ingram

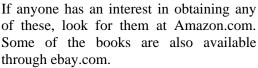


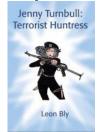
Book Group's *Fine French Wines* by James Turnbull is one of several books by James Turnbull. Included in other books he authored are *Burgundy*, *The 90 Greatest Wines* and *Bordeaux*, *The 90 Greatest Wines*; *Buildings in the Landscape* by William Turnbull, Jr., *The Spanish Civil War*, 1936-39 by Patrick Turnbull; and the bestseller *Almost French* by Australian journalist Sarah Turnbull.



There are some books which carry our name, for example: Hetty Turnbull and the Orphan Train, or Jenny Turnbull: Terrorist Huntress; Sophie Pitt-Turnbull Discovers America, or Turnbull's Obstetrics. And there are books about Turnbulls, for example: William Turnbull, Jr., Buildings in the Landscape; The Sculpture of William

Turnbull; In the Arms of Africa - The Life of Colin Turnbull. There is even one book in Spanish. The title translated into English is The Turnbull Family.





If you know of other Turnbull authors or Turnbulls who are subjects of books, this detective would love to know about them.

Until the next "how interesting,"
A. Turnbull Clan Detective
Contributions to this column are welcomed at detective@turnbullclan.com



# Remembering Frank Timoney

Frank Timoney has been a friend to TCA since its conception. In the early days, he often



helped then editor John Turnbull with stories for the Bullseye. Competing piper for over fifty years he served as pipe major to several bands. During his playing career, he became interested in the history of the bagpipe and its effect on the social and military history of Scotland and Ireland. In addition to many published articles about piping, Frank recently designed a website about the history of bagpipes. The website address is <a href="www.bagpipehistory.info">www.bagpipehistory.info</a>. Frank was 69 years old. Sympathies are extended from the TCA family to Frank's family and friends.

#### Fulton Tower ...

(continued from page 1) did the Pele Tower actually look like?" Their task was to attempt to separate myth from reality and recreate the landscape of 16<sup>th</sup> Century Scottish borderland.

The end results did find documentation and proof that indeed Mary Queen of Scots traveled from her home in Jedburgh past Fulton Tower on her way to Hermitage Castle. She was going to Hermitage Castle to visit her lover, the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Bothwell who was critically wounded by "Wee Jock" Elliott who had left the Earl for dead. This voyage took place the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1566. During this time, Fulton Tower did belong to the Turnbulls. While proof was not found that Mary actually stopped at the Tower, the narrators of the show pointed out that since the Turnbulls were supporters of hers, it is quite likely that she may have stopped over.



The next task was to determine what the original Tower looked like. After studying other Pele Towers of the times and going over the grounds around the present day Fulton ruins an educated guess was used to determine that the original tower actually had a small extension to it.

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### **Scotland Reports:**

TCA's committee in Scotland recently met and the following members were chosen to represent the committee.

George P. Turnbull - Treasurer and Legal Advisor Norman Turnbull – Fundraising Brian Turnbull – Membership and Fundraising Ross Turnbull Irvine – Public Relations and History Gordon Turnbull – Genealogy Dale Turnbull and George Turnbull - Administration

The committee reports that a Scottish Song and Dance night has been planned as a fundraiser in April. The Morning Coffee fundraiser in February was a great success (See Bullseye, March 2008). Brian Turnbull has organized a sky dive fundraising event for June of this year.

They are actively working on plans for the "Coming Home" events sponsored by the Scottish government for 2009 as well as helping to organize the Turning of the Bull monument dedication and unveiling.

The committee was recently awarded a £2500 grant towards the development of promotional materials for use in community and local school education about Turnbull history and worldwide links.

#### Happy Birthday

Eva Trumble Monette. Douglas Turnbull, Michael Torrey, Robert M. Turnbull. Betty Faye Caruthers, Terry Trimble, Lawrence Gatt. Richard O'Conor-Fenton, John Divoll, Lois Turnbull, Judith Wood, Christine Nelson, John A. Turnbull. Clifford Trumbull Wood, Ray Rule, Eric Turnbull, and David J. Turnbull





# Find the @ and win a box of Bulls-Eyes caramels! Tell me

#### And the Winner is... Janis Dairiki Congratulations!

Don't despair. If you didn't win last time you have a chance each issue in 2008 to again. Look for the embedded @ in one of the paragraph where the Bullseye articles and be the first to tell me where it is.

Email me at editor@turnbullclan.com. I will send you your prize and announce the winner in the next issue. (Janis reports that the Bulls-Eye candies are very good! Don't miss your chance to win your own box of these all time favorites.

### Turnbulls in the News

#### **Computers to Improve Fiji Island Schools**



School children of Mamanuca Primary School on Yanuya Island look forward to the media centre courtesy of Tokoriki Island resort director Andre Turnbull.

The students of Mamanuca Primary School in Yanuva will be able to enjoy computer classes once their media centre is completed. School head teacher Sekope Vulaono said the media centre was the initiative of Tokoriki Island Resort's director Andre Turnbull. "The resort is building this media centre and it is taking care of all the costs," he said. Mr. Vulaono said the media centre would be a way forward for his 118 students. With most rural students struggling to cope with the vast changing world, Mr Vulaono said they were grateful to Mr. Turnbull for his vision in seeing that students of Mamanuca did not miss out on using modern technology. "We thank Mr. Turnbull for his foresight and we assure him we will put this media centre to good use," he said.

#### Madeleine Turnbull - Sets Sights on Flying

A little over a year ago, Turnbull Madeleine had never flown in a plane. Now she has a recreational pilot license and aims to fly superjumbos. Ms Turnbull is part of a surge in female



applicants for Griffith University's bachelor of aviation course attributed to the combination of new funding and Qantas's move to boost its cadetship program.

Female applicants had previously averaged about 7% to 8% of Griffith's aviation program, higher than the industry average where about 2% of pilots are women. This year, 25% of the enrolment is female.

Ms Turnbull, who hails from a farm near Narrandera in rural NSW, said she was hooked on flying after her first trip on a Regional Express plane to Sydney and back.

"It was just so awesome ... so cool," the 18-year-old said. "For my birthday, my mum booked me an introductory flight with a local flying instructor. It just went from there. I'd never been in a plane before. I'd always thought flying was cool but I never thought of being a pilot." Her recreational license and navigation qualification allow her to fly anywhere across country in uncontrolled airspace. She would like to ultimately fly the Airbus A380.