

HAWICK GOES BACK IN TIME

From 27th to 29th March 2009, Hawick steps back in time to the 16th century and through drama, song, poetry and reenactments invites visitors and towns-people alike to experience life in this turbulent, often violent, but very colourful period in our history. A full programme of activities is planned many of which are free to the public and include demonstrations of falconry, archery and horsemanship, a look at craftsmen of the times and dramatic re-enactments. There are also concerts, guided walks, historical lectures and many other activities.



Enactment scene from the 2008 Hawick Reiver's Festival. Photos by Alistair Learmonth

By the 16th century, hundreds of years of conflict between Scotland and England had turned the borderland between the two countries into a place familiar with turmoil and warfare, where livelihoods were hard won and easily lost.

The people who dwelt amongst these vales and hills – the Douglas's, Elliot's, the Scotts, Kerrs, Turnbulls, Armstrongs and other 'riding families' – had learned to give allegiance only to those they could depend upon: their own kinsmen, and had turned to cattle thieving and plunder – against their English neighbours and each other – to gain wealth and power. It was a time of raid and reprisal, blackmail and bloodfeud, which bred resourceful and ruthless men, men who became known as the Border Reiver.

Activities included a Scocha Concert in the Town Hall. Scocha member Alan Brydon has Turnbull ancestry and member Ian Scott's grandfather is the author of the Turnbull history "*I Saved the King*."

The weekend continued with a Reivers Procession along High Street led by the Hawick Mosstroopers and Fifes and Drums Band. A 16th century Market and Encampment



helped visitors to step back in time through crafts displays, musicians, and reenactment groups. There were even reenactments of trials and judgements.

The festivities continue into early April, when Alan Brydon and Ian Landles perform in their musical "A Reiver's Moon," a drama about a very turbulent time in the Borders. The drama includes a bit of humor, a love story and of course a recount of the difficult times.

Thanks to www.hawickreivers.com for information for this article.

From the Borders... Fatlips Castle Update

Important News About Fatlips Castle

News from Gemma Barnard of the Save Fatlips Campaign reports that Fatlips Castle has this week had a Sealed Door installed in the entrance. Please do not attempt to enter the castle. The Roof has been inspected by a Structural Engineer and it has been deemed too unsafe for entry to the tower.

Images of inside the Tower can be viewed using the Gallery at www.rulewater.com, and there is a Video on Youtube of a tour of the Crag. People are still welcome by the land owner to visit the tower and enjoy the wonderful views and architecture from the outside. This is for your safety - the roof is coming down, it's a matter of when, and no one should be inside it when that happens - imagine the consequences!

Remember, if visiting the Borders, you may still visit the castle. Gemma is heading a campaign to save Fatlips and is also an honorary Turnbull. To learn more about how you can help save Fatlips visit www.rulewater.com.

From the President

by Wally Turnbull

Proverbs use a few words to replace a lot of talk. They allow a reproach to be presented impersonally as the wisdom of the ages. Best of all, they are fun and provide a good way to remember advice.

I have collected proverbs most of my life and published the book *Hidden Meanings* of proverbs.

These are some of my favorite Scottish proverbs:

Be happy while living, you're a long time dead.

Never marry for money. You can borrow it cheaper.

Marriage halves your rights and doubles your duties.

Choose your wife with her nightcap on.

A day to come is longer than a year gone.

Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing him.

Friends are lost by calling often and calling seldom.

A full purse never lacks friends.

What may be done at any time will be done at no time.

A light purse makes a heavy heart.

From saving comes having.

Danger and delight grow on one stalk.

Little wit o' the head gives the feet much to do.

Spirits sink, spirits soar, words swim.

A misty morning may become a clear day.

The cure may be worse than the disease.

Better to be alone than in bad company.

He's the slave of all slaves who serve's none but self.

Enough is as good as a feast.

Fools look to tomorrow; wise men use today.

Forbid a fool a thing and that he will do.

He that teaches himself has a fool for a master.



Sharing and Caring

We wish Robert Burns Turnbull, Hawick, a continued speedy recovery.

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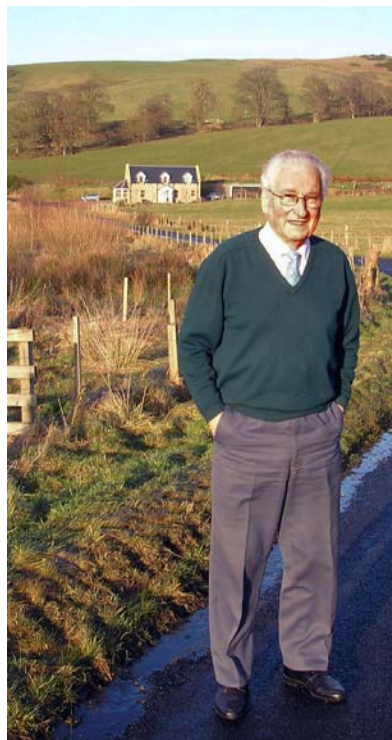
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Meet the Family

By Colin Turnbull



Robert Burns Turnbull in front of childhood home in Bedrule, Scotland.

My father, Robert Burns Turnbull, born and bred at Bedrule celebrated his 90th Birthday on January 25th, which coincided with the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns. We took him back to see all his old haunts at Bedrule where he worked till he was 18 years old as a game keeper on the Wells Estate before heading off to join the RAF.

My father loves to go back to the Fulton as it brings back so many memories. He also loves to see those fantastic views of Ruberslaw and the surrounding area, then to stop off at the Fox and Hounds at Bonchester for a relaxing drink on the way back.

It was a very emotional day for him. We returned to Hawick to celebrate with family and friends. At one of our recent committee meetings it was decided that TCA should offer him an honorary membership, which he was very proud to accept.



Robert poses on his 90th birthday in front of Fulton Tower, a piece of Turnbull history and his childhood playground.

Editor's note: Colin Turnbull is an active member of TCA and serves as TCA membership secretary in Scotland.

Caledonian Society of Arizona Highland Games



Cory Turnbull proudly displays his tattoo of the Turnbull Crest.

by William K. Trimble

The 45th annual Caledonian Society of Arizona Highland Games were held in Phoenix February 21-22, 2009. With temperatures in the mid 70's and clear blue skies, the game attendants enjoyed a variety of Scottish music, food, vendors, dancers, athletics and other events one would expect at highland games. Bill and Claudia Trimble hosted a new tent this year. Terry Trimble Zepeda and son Cory co-hosted the tent with us. Several new Turnbells, Trimbles visited the tent this year including Curtis Trimble, a competition piper. Many other people stopped by to enquire about the Turnbull Clan. Enthusiasm seems to be building for this summers Gathering in Scotland. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND TAKE ACTION



April 30 - Deposit due for July 19-26 Tour of the Borders and Turnbull history with Smeddum Ltd. - 450 £ includes transportation, lunches, guide. To ensure a place a deposit is due by April 30. For more information and details contact alastair@borders.demon.co.uk.

May 9 - Scottish Heritage Day at Rosedown will run from 10 am to 4 pm in St. Francisville, LA. Rosedown originally belonged to Daniel and Martha Turnbull.

July 17 - 23 - Bike the Borders with Allen Turnbull. For more information contact aturnbull@verizon.net or phone 757-229-4046.

July 18 - The Turning of the Bull unveiling in Hawick, Scotland.

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July 25-26 The Gathering in Edinburgh, Scotland. Will be the largest clan gathering ever! Don't miss the Turnbull tent.

Visit www.clangathering.org to keep up with news and updates about The Gathering.

Scotland Homecoming 2009 news can be found at www.homecomingscotland.com.

Don't forget to sign up to be part of The Bullpen at turnbullclan.ning.com.

To stay up to date on the Turnbull Clan worldwide go to www.turnbullclan.com.



Tent hosts Bill and Claudia Trimble with co-hosts Jack Trimble, daughter Terry Trimble Zepeda & grandson Cory.

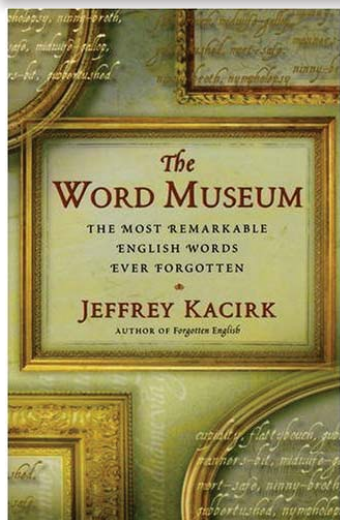
La Breith Sona! Happy Birthday!



Eva Trumble Monette, Nigel V. Turnbull, Douglas J. Turnbull, Michael F. Torrey, Gwen C. Trimble, Betty Bailey Caruthers, Terry Joe Trimble, John M. Divoli, Lawrence V. Gatt, Richard O'Connor-Fenton, Ann Stirling Weller, Judith Ann Wood, Bernardo Emilio Turnbull, John Turnbull, Christine Ann

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Recently the detective received a very interesting dictionary; it is called: *The Word Museum, The Most Remarkable English Words Ever Forgotten* by Jeffrey Kacirk. Perusing through it I came upon some BULL words which some of us may find intriguing. For example, did you know “bull-jumpings” means milk drawn from the cow after the calf has sucked? It is also called stroakings. [Grose, SPG]. Another

one is “bull’s noon” – Midnight; a bull frequently breaking forth at that hour in search of adventures, as though it were mid-day instead of mid-night. Suffolk, Norfolk [Hollway]. And last, “bull-speaking”: boasting language. [Nares]. Obviously someone thought we “Bulls” usually have a lot to boast about and coined a word to the effect!

Until the next “mmmm that’s something...”

A Clan Detective.

Contributions and ideas for this column are welcomed at detective@turnbullclan.com

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A Visit To New Smyrna Beach

by Marilyn Jennings

My husband and I are winter visitors to Florida which is a polite way to say we are “snowbirds.” I am a Turnbull Clan member and as such I have been aware of the New Smyrna Beach Turnbull history.

We drove to New Smyrna Beach and went to the historical museum on Sams Avenue. It is the former post office turned into a well done museum with a large portion set aside for the Turnbull story.

Dr. Andrew Turnbull came to the area from Scotland prior to the American Revolution with eight sail boats of indentured people. Dr. Turnbull apparently had no Scots with him, having chosen to recruit from the Mediterranean Sea area. The recruits were from Greece, Italy, Corsica, and Turkey. There were also 1100 from the island of Minorca. They started out the voyage with 1403 members of the project and had 1255 who survived the ocean voyage.

The purpose of the voyage was to help settle the new country for Spain who owned Florida at that time. It was later governed by Great Britain who divided it into north and south districts with a governor over each district. Dr. Turnbull soon became at odds with his governor and made two ocean crossings to plead with the English foreign department for a change in some of the governor’s rulings. While away from Florida, the project was managed by Turnbull’s son.

Dr. Turnbull died in 1786 or 1788 in Charleston, SC. He and his wife had 12 children. The volunteer at the Historical Museum said that the Turnbells in the area are all descendents of Dr. Turnbull.

The museum gift shop has two books for purchase which trace the history of Dr. Turnbull and his attempt to settle the east coast of Florida prior to the revolutionary war in the United States. The New Smyrna Museum can be contacted at www.nsbhistory.org.

Have you renewed your membership? Don't let this be your last Bullseye! Stay in touch. Renew today www.turnbullclan.com