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BE TOTALLYTURNBULL

Nearly 700 years ago, William Rule saved King Robert the Bruce by turning a wild bull. William was knighted Sir Turnbull for his bravery, and a legend was born. This year, Turnbolls once again made history with the unveiling of the life-size monument of *The Turning of the Bull* in Hawick, Scotland.

The Turnbull Clan Association on both sides of the Atlantic have paired together to commemorate first, the original act by William Rule and secondly, the dedication of Angela Hunter's *Turning of the Bull*. Thanks to TCA, you can be a part of the legend. You can be Totally Turnbull!

A Totally Turnbull thank you to Martinshouse, Hawick, In May this year a new Turnbull design was launched by the TCA Scotland branch.

In addition to the posters, banners, DVD and CD, Turnbull Clan continues fund raising for the *Turning of the Bull* monument with the introduction of a branded clothing range available at the online shops at www.turnbullclanscotland.com and www.totallyturnbull.com.



Two Shops - One Cause

Totally Turnbull clothing and the Turnbull 2009 DVD are available through www.turnbullclanscotland.com. Sales go toward the funding of the monument and future Turnbull Clan projects. Items ordered from totallyturnbull.com are shipped from the UK.

It hit just the right note in promoting the International Gathering in Scotland on the 18th July which was so successful for everyone involved. Totally Turnbull banners, posters, the Scocha CD, the new Turnbull DVD and T-shirts have been in great demand so its only right to thank Martinshouse for their creative work in developing the design and promotional materials. What is more gratifying is that this skill is available from within our own ranks. Martinshouse Design & Marketing is owned and run by TCA Scotland members, George and Dale Turnbull.

Turnbolls worldwide can now show off their proud heritage with apparel, gifts and household goods available from two online locations, www.totallyturnbull.com and www.turnbullclanscotland.com.



Apparel and gifts for Turnbolls are now available at www.totallyturnbull.com. All sales go toward the funding of the "Turning of the Bull Monument." Items ordered from totallyturnbull.com are shipped from the USA.

Get on line and wear Totally Turnbull with pride! Both sites ship worldwide with www.turnbullclanscotland.com shipping from the UK and www.totallyturnbull.com shipping from the US. (continued on page 4)

Members Honored With Lifetime Membership

Brian Turnbull and Mark Turnbull are awarded life-time memberships for their many years of devoted service to TCA.

Brian has served as Vice President and webmaster. In addition, many hours are spent updating the Turnbull genealogy base, the largest Turnbull database available online.

Mark has TCA fever running through his veins and never passes up an opportunity to serve the Clan. He hosts the New Hampshire games and promotes things Turnbull whenever the opportunity arises.

TCA extends a giant thanks to you both!

From the President

This is indeed a great time to be “TotallyTurnbull” and the best is yet to come as I proudly pass our leadership to the next generation.

As clans go we are not large and as clan associations go we are not many but we are unusually strong and we are growing. Our heritage is blessed with the heroic origin of our name but beyond that there is something special about the Rules, Turnbells, Trimbles, and others of our clan. We don't claim to be better than other people but we do recognize what is important and we are exceptionally dedicated to our objectives.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you as President for six years. We set some daunting but important objectives and, with your help, we achieved them. We were granted arms by the Lord Lyon, held two great AGM gatherings in Scotland, erected a magnificent *Turning of the Bull* monument, reunited all Turnbells into a strong international clan society, developed practical bylaws, produced one the best clan newsletters, brought the Barony of Bedrule back to the Turnbells, expanded an attractive and useful web site, and made Turnbull products and gifts available to all.

Yes, together, we have accomplished a lot in six years but the most important thing we have done is to continue to develop the extended family bonds we call “kinship.”

The future holds new projects and objectives but none more important than our community of kinship. Society, culture, and technologies bring us new ways of communicating and experiencing community. These include Facebook and Twitter with others to follow. We must embrace these changes for they are the ways and language of those who walk in our footsteps as they make their own paths.

Yes, we will have new ways and new objectives but Jesus was right when he told us the most important is to *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.*

Thank you, clan family, I shall always cherish you each and every one.



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Meet the Family

by Dominic Turnbull

Carol Turnbull was born in the UK, but spent much of her childhood traveling between the south coast of England and Stockholm, where her father's family originated. With the Swedish community viewed with great suspicion during the war, she and her family were forced to relocate inland. German submarines were exploring the coastline for potential invasion sites, and it was feared suspect nationalities would assist. So she watched the fierce air battles of 1941, and later the city's bombing, from the hills of Haselmere outside London. Quite a change of lifestyle, since as a child, her world had been the sandy beaches of Worthing, next to Brighton.



Now a flamboyant ‘city girl,’ Carol soon moved to Stockholm, where she spent several years of polo and parties - before setting off behind the Iron Curtain to work for the Swedish Embassy in Warsaw, Poland. During brief trips back to London, she met Anthony Turnbull, a dashing young man fresh from the army with a ball-room technique and grace that soon won her heart. They married in 1967 in the Roman city of Bath, and

Carol Turnbull's life returned to the green suburbs of London where she raised her family - and began to explore a potential of her own, sharing her husband's love of everything artistic. While Anthony painted and exhibited his artwork, Carol developed her style of pewter ‘repoussé’ - an artistic technique that had virtually disappeared from Europe. Their creative talents complimented one another. All the while the immediate Turnbells moved around the world: her sister-in-law Julie Turnbull settling on the Caribbean paradise of Dominica where she lives today as a leading pharmacologist; their daughter Joanna spending several years living in Japan; and their son Dominic jumping between lives in Istanbul, Washington, Cali (Colombia), Budapest, Amsterdam and now Brussels. (continued on page 7)



BIKING THE BORDERS TURNBULL STYLE

by Allen Turnbull, Williamsburg, VA

The guidebook, *Scotland the Best* by Peter Irvine (2007), ranks The Borders as the #1 place to bike in Scotland. After an eight day bicycle tour through this unspoiled region with its ancient abbeys, castles, gently flowing rivers, and picturesque villages, I definitely agree. When I first heard of Homecoming Scotland 2009 and the dedication of the *Turning of the Bull* monument, I knew I was going – by bicycle! Five friends, some with Scottish ancestry, joined my wife Mary and me for this active adventure. We started in Peebles with our final destination Berwick-upon-Tweed on the North Sea - 185 biking miles away. Of course the main attraction was the “Totally Turnbull” events in Hawick the weekend of July 18-19.

Our first day was a sunny 20-mile warm-up ride along

the River Tweed to Traquair, the oldest inhabited house in Scotland. Even though a cold, steady rain prevented biking on our second day, we enjoyed our lunch, complete with sticky toffee pudding, in front of a warm fire at Tibbie Shields Inn. That evening at Burts Hotel, when I asked proprietor Nick Henderson if he could recommend a good after-dinner whisky, he brought us a bottle of Turnbull’s Celebrated Blend! After a wee dram and a stroll in the rain around Melrose, I fell asleep anticipating the exciting events planned for the next day in Hawick.

We awoke Saturday to sunshine and were on our bikes early as it was exactly 20.7 miles from Burts Hotel in Melrose to the Heritage Center in Hawick. Our first planned stop was at Lilliesleaf Kirk, which contained many Turnbull headstones. At Standhill Cheesery near Minto, owners Jim and Annie Shanks offered us energy food and drink, plus samples of their award-winning cheeses. They gave us a history lesson on the Turnbull’s of Standhill. Thomas Turnbull was a Covenanter in the 17th century. Once back on our bikes we pedaled as fast as we could to get to Hawick in time for the ceremony, but the “gently rolling” countryside intervened. We missed the march up High Street, but did arrive in time to catch the main event, which was duly recorded by everyone’s digital camera. After a hearty lunch at Turnbells,



we pedaled off to Billerwell Farm B&B, owned by Turnbells in previous centuries. We returned to Hawick by car that evening for The International Gathering of the Turnbull Clan. I couldn’t believe I was in the midst of so many Turnbells! I toasted the memory of my father, Allen Turnbull, Sr., who had early in my childhood brought alive the story of the courageous William of Rule turning the charging bull to save the king.

“Turnbull Trails” was our Sunday theme so we began by biking to the special reunion service at Bedrule Church. The service, the singing, and the peace and serenity of the churchyard all combined to make this a most memorable occasion. After the hospitality and warm reception in the Bedrule Community Center, we were off by bike to Jedburgh, Monteviot House Gardens, Ancrum, Fatlips, and Denholm. The weather was perfect and it was a magical day as we glided down quiet country lanes ablaze

with rosebay willow herb, foxglove, and fuchsia. Gemma Barnard, who is spearheading the campaign for the restoration of Fatlips, had agreed to meet us and lead us on a hike to the castle. But alas, the day jammed-packed with “must sees” found us arriving late with no time for the climb. Gemma did recount the history and answer questions as we looked up at Fatlips from the road below. From Fatlips we quickly biked the nine miles back to Billerwell Farm. That evening we celebrated a perfect “Totally Turnbull” weekend with dinner, darts, and billiards at the Horse and Hounds Pub in Bonchester Bridge. (continued on page 5)



Borders bike team left to right: Craig, Laura, Allen, Pearl, Richard, Mary and Mary Lou (front)



Time for a photo op before lunch at Turnbull’s Deli and a ride to Billerwell Farm.

WILLIAM MONUMENTALLY POPULAR

by Elliott Turnbull, Hawick

As I walk to my place of work each day, I have the privilege of walking past *The Turning of the Bull* monument at least twice a day. It surprises me (but also pleases me) that I never seem to walk by when someone or some group isn't admiring William and his raging bull. One of the best surprises is seeing the number of primary school children who come to observe and learn from the monument.



Burnfoot Community School class visits "The Turning of the Bull" monument, Hawick, Scotland.

Recently the Hilary Flower's class from the Burnfoot Community School, Hawick, completed a project entitled, "Will O'Rule and the Fantastic Monument."

With each start of a new term, a new and different topic is welcomed. This term the children enjoyed a visit to the monument and a chance to learn more about William and how he "Saved the King." While visiting the monument, they read the excerpt from John Leyden's famous poem "Scenes of Infancy" about "the man who turn'd the bull" printed around the base of the monument. They also tried their hands at drawing the monument.



Children enjoy drawing the monument as part of a school project.



After studying the Turnbull Crest, the children designed their own family crests.

After returning to the classroom, the children were inspired with the "Totally Turnbull" banner featuring the Turnbull crest. They each drew their own family crest. The class all agreed that this topic was great fun and that they learned a bit of history at the same time.

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(continued from page 1) The sites compliment each other in what they have to offer. Be sure to check them both out and order early for Christmas arrival. Both will work with your needs for special events and displays. From posters, banners to clothing and household goods, your Turnbull needs are covered.

And the best part is that you can be TotallyTurnbull and support the monument at the same time!

La Breith Sona! Happy Birthday!



Lesley Gatt, Allison O'Connor-Fenton, Henry Parham, Kenneth Turnbull, David Hunt, Brian A. Trimble, Stephen Babcock, Jonathan Trumbull Huntington II, Thérèse Chauvaux Turnbull, Dorothy Trimble, John Turnbull, Anthony Turnbull, Ned Dairiki, Vivian Turnbull, James R. Trimble, Nicholas Gant, Chaye Oliver, Mary C. Turnbull, David S. Turnbull, Jean Turnbull, Dana Hume Turnbull-Hoyer, Elizabeth G. Cohen,

Anne P. Turnbull, Frankie James, Muriel White, Timothy Nelson, Walter S. Turnbull Jr., Suzanne Alder and Arlene Trombley.

Wishing you and your family
a blessed holiday season!

BIKING THE BORDERS... *(continued from page 3)*

Each day brought new opportunities to learn about Scottish history and culture while leisurely biking on farm roads where the most traffic we would encounter would be a farmer on his tractor heading to the fields - and to meet more Turnbulls. Leaving Jedburgh Abbey, I struck up a conversation with two mountain bikers returning from a morning ride. When I introduced myself, one smiled and said "Hi relative, I'm Andy Turnbull and this is my son, Piers Turnbull." I replied that my grandfather was Allen Anderson (Andy) Turnbull! Bicycling adventures are all about serendipity.

On our final day, we coasted downhill into Berwick-upon-Tweed after biking along the cliffs overlooking the North Sea. It was a perfect ending to a perfect week of exploring The Borders by bi-



Allen takes a break from riding to pose with Andy (right) and Piers (left) Turnbull



cycle, connecting to my ancestral past, and meeting fascinating Turnbulls from far and wide. Thanks to the Turnbull Clan Scotland and Turnbull Clan USA for helping make this biking journey one of our most memorable trips.

Note: Allen will gladly make available the itinerary, maps, and cue sheets for the *Bike the Borders* tour. Email him at aturnbull@verizon.net

Left, Allen rides the "gently rolling" hills on his way to Hawick and the unveiling of The Turning of the Bull monument.

Below the cyclists cross the Holy Island Causeway, only accessible at low tide.



TURNBULL TIDBITS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Just in from Mount Gambier, South Australia...



An update from Dawn Day reports, "Max & I have been having a great time lately. We travelled to Perth to stay with our son & daughter-in-law. They took us to Geraldton, a four hour drive north of Perth, to visit our first great grand child, a boy whose name is Dash Maxwell Bolton. Attached is a photo of 'himself' with me doing the honours of holding him. Isn't he gorgeous?"

From Nebraska, USA...



First grader, Vivian Turnbull, uses her Scottish background to rescue a turkey from the Thanksgiving Day table. Vivian has enjoyed bagpipers at several Highland games and this year travelled with her family to Scotland for the "Turning of the Bull" unveiling.

One of TCA's younger members, Vivian Turnbull, was given a homework assignment to disguise a turkey to save him from a Thanksgiving dinner and to write about it. Each child had to come up with something unique to their family. Vivian made a Scottish bagpiper turkey and then wrote (from the perspective of the turkey) "I am not a turkey. I am a Scottish bagpiper who will march in a parade on Thanksgiving Day. If you eat me I will not be able to march in the parade."

From the editor: My favorite issues of the Bullseye are those with updates from you, the readers. Family announcements are always welcome. Let us hear from you: if you have a new family member, been to or going to a family reunion, have a special birthday, looking for that ancestor that just can't be found, or if you simply have a fun story you think Turnbull cousins will enjoy. Email editor@turnbullclan.com.

This from British Columbia, Canada...



Above: Lesley Gatt with granddaughters Makaila and newborn Lily Ann.

Lesley Gatt sends this news: "Our new granddaughter, Lily Ann Gatt, was born on October 25th to our son Michael and his wife Faith in Abbotsford, BC Canada. A new sister for Makaila and a precious new granddaughter for husband Laurie and me. My mother, Christina Jenkins Adam Turnbull would have been her great grandmother if she had lived."



Lily Ann Gatt born October 25, 2009

From the Philippines to New Zealand and back...

Recently, Hunter Turnbull from the Philippines wrote asking if anyone could help him locate his father's family, specifically, Mr. Brian Philip Turnbull of New Zealand. His message was forwarded to Bullpen member Pat Turnbull, not only a Turnbull living in New Zealand, but a genealogist as well.

Pat immediately responded that she did indeed know this Brian Turnbull; that he was a cousin to her husband and she was in possession of his family tree. Pat and Hunter are now in contact with each other. This is a great example of use of the Bullpen! The Bullpen exists so that Turnbolls from all over can exchange information and provide help to one another.

Check out the Bullpen Virtual Community now. For Hunter Turnbull, it paid to ask a simple question. (Bullpen - <http://turnbullclan.ning.com/>)

Meet the Family *(continued from page 2)*



Carol and Anthony remained at home with their dogs - and of course not without occasional visits to far-flung destinations to keep up with the wandering tribe. Indeed their dogs actually took them further afield - to dog-shows all over the world as award-winning Tibetan Spaniels, and champions of the breed. In 2006, Carol and Anthony stepped away from their urban lives and laid down new roots beside Hadrian's Wall near the Scottish border. They bought an old cottage deep in the English countryside, at the heart of the beautiful postcard English village of Corbridge. Entering an outdoor lifestyle from another era, where nature and history blended, the Turnbills in their retirement began to integrate through art, music and a love of animals. Sadly Anthony, her husband of 41 years died in 2008, and Carol now devotes her energy to her grandchildren, and restoring the place of pewter as a traditional and beautiful English art-form.

With her Hungarian daughter-in-law Viktoria Turnbull designing jewellery, they find inspiration in the Northumbrian countryside and exhibit artwork locally. Much is also presented on www.corbridgeart.com. Carol is still traveling, teaching pewter repoussé and enjoying the most remarkable and unspoilt corner of England. She's always looking for new design ideas for pewter, and welcomes any suggestions, particularly bull-related imagery!

Left: Carol with her award winning Tibetan Spaniels. Below: scenes of the beautiful country side around Corbridge, England, home to Carol Turnbull.



Don't Forget to VOTE!

It is important to vote for the next team of officers. If you haven't already cast your vote, do it today. Any member of TCA in good standing may vote for the officers of Turnbull Clan Association. The officers will serve a three year term. Write-in candidates are accepted.

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You may also vote by emailing secretary@turnbullclan.com

“Turnbull 2009” - the DVD - Completed!

Announcing the release of the DVD “Turnbull 2009.” This DVD has been many months in the making during which time Norman Turnbull traveled the Turnbull trails throughout the Borders and beyond to produce this awe-inspiring and exciting video. “Turnbull 2009” takes the viewer on an historic journey that tells the story of the early days of the Turnbull Clan and follows through to the unveiling of the monument to William Rule of Bedrule, who saved the life of Robert the Bruce in 1315. With photography that is both stunning and breathtaking the story includes the origins of the name Turnbull, Turnbull history, and a feature dedicated to Bishop Turnbull, founder of Glasgow University. From the historic 1315 turning of the bull through the historic Edinburgh Gathering 2009, this DVD is a must to all with a tie to the Turnbull name or who are interested in Scottish Border history. The DVD is approximately 120 minutes long, available in both UK and USA formats, and can be ordered from www.turnbullclanscotland.com.



From “Tastefully Turnbull” aprons to “Tiny Turnbull” bibs, www.totallyturnbull.com offers the largest selection of personalized Turnbull items anywhere. Check back often as new items are continually being added.



Visit www.turnbullclanscotland.com to order the Turnbull DVD and other items such as caps, beanies and sweatshirts from their Totally Turnbull Shop.

In addition to the DVD, make sure to check out the other TotallyTurnbull items available from sweatshirts to caps.

Visit totallyturnbull.com for an array of Clan Turnbull gifts and household goods, including mugs, t-shirts, tartan, and more. Even the tiniest family members can be TotallyTurnbull with special “Tiny Turnbull” bib and onesies!

Turnbullclanscotland.com merchandise ships from the UK. TotallyTurnbull.com merchandise ships from the USA. Both sites ship internationally.

Support the Monument Fund and have fun doing it with personalized gifts, clothing and household items. And don't forget the “Turnbull 2009” DVD - a perfect gift to yourself or any family member.

Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year. Your 2010 TCA membership can be renewed online or by mail. Membership is only \$24.00 a year for the primary member and \$12.00 per year for spouses and students. Members keep up with Clan activities through the TCA newsletter, *The Bullseye*. Members also have voting privileges and opportunity to give input into Clan activities. Use the enclosed coupon to renew or renew online at www.turnbullclan.com

Don't let your membership lapse. This is a fun and historic time to be a Turnbull. Keep in touch with all the exciting things happening worldwide.

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