

SPECIAL EDITION: TURNBULL GATHERING 2014

Over 40 members of the Turnbull Clan Association and their guests came together from 3 Continents and 8 Countries to gather in the Borders from July 19 - July 21 to celebrate their heritage and dedicate the Bedrule Castle Cairn.

The Cairn was the brainchild of Turnbull Clan High Schenachie, Norman Turnbull, who passed away before its completion. Norman's dream was to leave something for generations to come that would be a reminder of the beginnings of the Turnbull Clan. The Cairn, located in the Bedrule Kirkyard, commemorates the importance Bedrule Castle had in the history of Scotland and remembers the Turnbull Reivers.

Other events of the weekend included a hike up to the newly restored Fatlips Castle, once a Turnbull stronghold. The AGM (annual general meeting) of the Clan took place in the Hawick Town Hall with



Turnbulls and friends gathered at the Horse Monument, lower High Street and marched together to the Turning of the Bull monument at the Hawick Heritage Centre. Countries represented were Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Canada, the United States, England, Spain and Scotland.

sixty in attendance. The evenings activities included the presentation of awards, the piping in of the Haggis, music by Buskers Bonnet, a time for remembering the Flowers of the Forest, and a traditional Scottish meal catered by Turnbulls Restaurant. It was also a time for some to reunite and others to meet for the first time.

Clan President, Wally Turnbull, gave one request in his opening of the evening. He asked that each one present meet at least two new people during the evening.

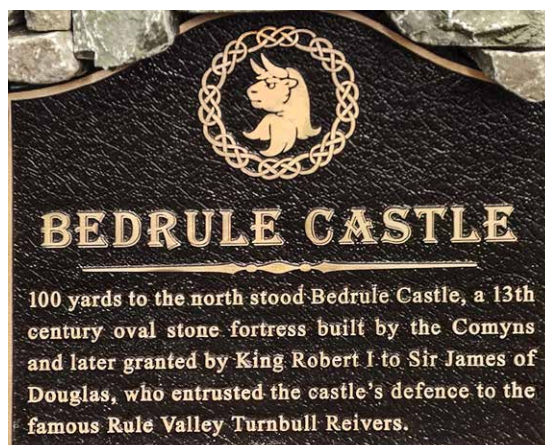
Tam Knox and John Cunningham of Buskers Bonnet entertained us with traditional Scottish folk music, which included a song written especially for the Turnbulls. (Visit www.turnbullclan.com for a recording of Turn the Bull Will O' Rule.)

Two awards were presented during the evening. The first award, the *John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented posthumously to Norman L. Turnbull and was received on his behalf by his widow, Terri Booth Turnbull. The annual *Clan Member of the Year* award was given to Gemma Barnard for her continued contributions to the Turnbull Clan.

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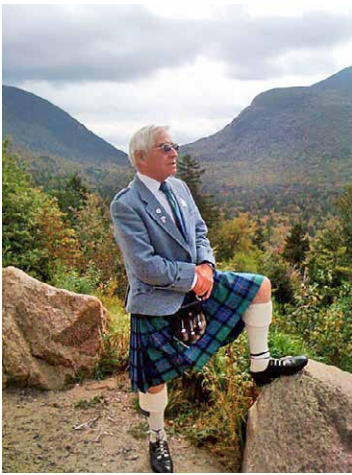


Gemma Barnard stands next to the completed Bedrule Castle Cairn. The capstone, donated by Gemma, is a stone that was originally part of Fatlips Castle.



John F. Fisher Lifetime Achievement Award

Clan Member of the Year 2014



The John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award is not an annual award. This award, dedicated to the founder of Turnbull Clan Association, is given very rarely for recognition of outstanding service and dedication to the Turnbull Clan Association and its members. This year the honor was given to Norman L. Turnbull, who among other things, dedicated his last

years to recording the history of the Turnbull Clan. Norman's widow, Terri Booth Turnbull, received the award posthumously.

Norman Turnbull, born June 30, 1942 in Edinburgh, Scotland, grew up on a farm, loving the outdoors. As a young adult Norman served his country well in the Royal Air Force. When his career was ended after 12 years due to damage to his eardrums, Norman successfully ran a garage for several years. Yearning for the outdoor life he loved, he sold that business and became a shepherd, where he said, "For once in my life, I felt at peace." After retirement, Norman was introduced to the Turnbull Clan Association and was made the Clan's Schenachie or record keeper. He took his position very seriously and documented much of the Borders' and Turnbull history. It was during this time that Norman met his beloved Terri. Terri and Norman were married in 2012 by Clan President Wally Turnbull in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina, USA.

Norman's dedication to the Turnbull Clan, including his "birthing" of the Turnbull Bedrule Castle Cairn, his documenting the Turnbull Trails and recording of early history will never be forgotten. It has earned him a place as a John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement recipient. The first recipient of the award was Myra Turnbull, who worked tirelessly with her husband founding the Turnbull Clan Association.



Norman presents his beloved wife, Terri, to the Clans at the Grandfather Mountain Games, NC

The Clan Member of the Year Award for 2014 was presented to Gemma (honorary Turnbull) Barnard. Gemma grew up in the Borders and spent much of her youth climbing up to Fatlips Castle. When she saw the Castle that she loved so much begin to fall into disrepair, she started a campaign to restore the castle. This awareness of the state of the castle

did indeed after many years result in the restoration of Fatlips Castle. Gemma was also working closely with Norman Turnbull with his dream of building the Bedrule Castle Cairn. After Norman's death, she took on the project. Without her dedicated service from working with authorities, to gathering stone, finding a mason to build the Cairn and overseeing the project, the Turnbull Bedrule Castle Cairn would have died with Norman's dreams. The Turnbull Clan is indebted to Gemma not only for what she has done for the Clan but for all she has accomplished in keeping the buildings and history of the Borders alive.

Gemma currently resides in Bonchester Bridge. Her dream job is to find funding to restore towerhouses, castles and old buildings in the Borders.



Congratulations to Gemma Barnard, Turnbull Clan Member of the Year 2014!



Gemma atop Fatlips with Jane Turnbull, Therese Turnbull, Janet and Stuart Helms, tells them about Fatlips Castle's colorful history.

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Highlights of the 2014 Turnbull Clan meeting in Hawick



Saturday morning began with a hike to Fatlips Castle, originally built 16th C. and a stronghold of the Turnbull Clan for many years. Jill Turnbull, Australia, peeks out with a "Who goes there?" Even Anoushka thinks the view is great, with Ellen Turnbull, Joy and Gerry Coyne, and Jane and Douglas Turnbull.

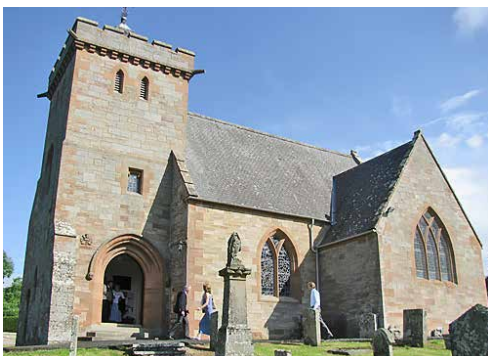


On Saturday afternoon, the Turnbulls' showed their presence, as members met around Hawick, while Betty Turnbull, at the Towerhouse, was signing her Scotland series children books. The Riders animated clock and their newly installed monument honouring the young callant who captured the enemy's flag. Members also met The Turning of the Bull monument sculptor, Angela Hunter & Clan President Wally Turnbull while Betty Turnbull and Terri Booth Turnbull looked on.



The evening hosted a banquet for the Turnbull members. The Rev. Douglas Nicol of Bedrule Kirk opened with a greeting and blessing. Ross Turnbull Irvine, proprietor of Turnbulls catered the event with a delicious Scottish meal. The menu of Haggis was piped into the room and The 'Ode to the Haggis' read by Kenneth Turnbull. (Banquet table left to right, Myra Turnbull, Wally Turnbull, Betty Turnbull, Kenneth Turnbull) Buskers Bonnet (Tam Knox and John Cunningham) entertained us with traditional Scottish folk music, including a song written especially for Turnbulls.

Sunday Highlights around the Borders at Bedrule



The Bedrule Kirk on a sunny Sunday morning. The front stained glass windows. The early and locally recorded Turnbull shield inside the Kirk. A view from of Ruberslaw from the front steps of the Kirk.



Piper Matt Seattle led the procession from the church to the Cairn playing bagpipes unique to the Borders. The youngest member of the group, Iain Turnbull (parents Keith and Therese Turnbull, USA), Dedication of the Memorial Cairn to the Bedrule Castle.



The Cairn plaque. Myra Turnbull, honoured guest. Personal memorabilia from the clan members placed into the time capsule. Walking to the Bedrule Castle mound site to honour and lay to rest Norman Turnbull.



Stone remains of Bedrule Castle. Scattering the ashes of Clan High Schnackie Norman Turnbull..

Piper Frank Turnbull played Flowers of the Forest as Norman's ashes were scattered on the mound. Fiona Turnbull. Janet and Stuart Helms of New Zealand enjoy the luncheon given by the ladies of Bedrule Kirk after the service and ceremonies.

Monday Highlights on the bus trip around the Borders

A bus trip was organised on the Monday for members. Firstly, to Bannockburn fields, then on to Stirling Castle for several hours. Lastly, we visited the nearby William Wallace Monument.



The historical record of the Battle of Bannockburn, indicating the two momentous battle days which changed the history of Scotland. The statue of Sir Robert the Bruce & Stirling Castle.



Cairn at the Bannockburn Memorial, tribute to Robert the Bruce with the Bannockburn lands where troops gathered before the battle. Stirling Castle and view of lands it protected.



One of several large tapestries hung in the palace rooms. The emblem of Royalty. The Queen Mary of Guise bedroom suite. Four members on the tour; Sharon Acosta (USA), Patricia Turnbull (Australia), Betty Turnbull (USA) & Robert Turnbull (Australia).



Stirling Bridge which William Wallace used to outwit his enemy & his Memorial Monument.

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The highlight of the weekend was the much awaited dedication and unveiling of the Bedrule Castle Cairn. President Wally Turnbull presided and spoke about the history and significance of the Castle to the Borders.

A time capsule was placed inside the capsule prior to the capstone being put in place. While the time capsule does not contain any items of monetary value, it does contain items of special interest to Turnbells including, squares of the three Turnbull tartans, Modern, Hunting and Ancient, thumb drives containing archives of The Bullseye, the Clan newsletter, and a copy of the Lord Lyon granted Arms. Members attending were encouraged to place a stone or small memorial from home. Some gave coins representing their home countries, others brought photographs.

After the dedication of the Cairn, members gathered at the Bedrule Castle Mound to say their final farewell to Norman Turnbull. Norman, once a shepherd in the area, was left to rest in his beloved Borders overlooking the very fields where he and his sheep once walked.

The day concluded with a lovely luncheon compliments of the ladies of the Bedrule Kirk. It provided not only good food, but a chance for everyone to mingle and get to know one another. A big thank you to all those from and around Bedrule who made us feel like family!

Portions of the weekend can be viewed at the Turnbull Clan channel on You-Tube. These include the Awards presentation, The Flowers of the Forest reading, Wally Turnbull in Bedrule Kirk, The Bedrule Castle Cairn dedication speech, and Norman Turnbull's Memorial Service. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLXn8DEDXy_bQhr25S-OyeQ



Left to right: Betty Turnbull, Myra Turnbull, Wally Turnbull, Gemma Barnard, Rev. Douglas Nicol



Among the honoured and special guests were Myra Turnbull, seen here placing a photo of TCA founder John F. Turnbull and a Graybeard Turnbull whisky bottle into the Cairn time capsule, honoured guest Terri Booth Turnbull, special guest Sculptor Angela Hunter and husband Brunton, honoured guest Gemma Barnard and James Lubbock, and special guest Kerry Turnbull.

The Clan members who traveled to the Borders for the Turnbull Gathering weekend were: Gail Stratemeier - Massachusetts, USA; Lynn Trimble-Hill - Texas, USA; Robert and Anne Turnbull - Virginia, USA; Wilson and Ginger Trice - Virginia, USA; Denis, Jeanette and Kelly Carroll - New York, USA; Wally and Betty Turnbull, North Carolina, USA; Mike and Deborah Hining - North Carolina, USA; Sharon and Patrick Acosta - Florida, USA; Jim and Robin Trimble - Georgia, USA; Keith, Therese and Iain Turnbull - Missouri, USA; James and Chris Turnbull - Manitoba, Canada; Chris Turnbull - Canterbury, New Zealand; Stuart and Janet Helms - Taranaki, New Zealand; Robert and Jill Turnbull - New South Wales, Australia; Fiona Turnbull - London, England; Kenneth and Patricia Turnbull - Queensland, Australia; Robert and Ingrid Moller - Munso, Sweden; Douglas, Jane and Ellen Turnbull - Herefordshire England; Jerry and Joy Turnbull Coyne -Worcestershire, England; Terri Booth Turnbull - Tenerife, Spain; Linda Simpson - Tenerife, Spain

Memories... Our Trip to the Borders

by Jim Trimble - Marietta, Georgia, USA

We are Jim and Robin Trimble and reside in Marietta, Georgia where we have just completed the renovation of a 19th Century home. I (Jim) am a retired US Army officer and now work as a defense contractor. Robin is a designer and proprietor of several businesses in the greater Atlanta area. Together we have six sons and five grandchildren.

We made their first trip ever to Scotland, ancestral home of both our families, in mid-July. We were married in late June and planned our honeymoon to coincide with the 2014 Turnbull Clan Gathering and AGM in Hawick! At the Gathering, we had a wonderful time meeting 'cousins' from all over the world – Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Scotland and many places in the States.

During our time in the Borders, we spent our time sightseeing in Hawick; trekking up the mountain and standing in awe of recently renovated Fatlips Castle; and also visiting the old church in Bedrule, where it all began. We stayed in the Heatherie House Hotel, a wonderful small family run hotel in Selkirk for first part of our 11 days in Scotland then at the awesome Roxburghe Hotel nearby in Heiton for the last several days.



Above: Jim and Robin enjoy a moment of being royalty while visiting Stirling Castle during the Turnbull Borders Gathering, July, 2014, Below left: Robin on the way to Fatlips - "Almost there, Jim."



We are both keenly interested in our family ancestry so this trip was perfect in many regards – not only did I connect with many Turnbells on my father's side of the family, I also had the opportunity to visit southwestern Scotland and find direct links to my mother's family – the Dunlop Clan – in Beith, a small village south of Glasgow. Robin also did research and found much information concerning her family's Scottish origins and the Barr Clan!

In addition to connecting with family roots, we visited several medieval castles and historical sites ... Traquair House Castle, Edinburgh and Stirling Castles, and several significant battlefields linked to Scotland's numerous wars with those dastardly English! We visited many other tourist sites as well and toured the beautiful Highlands. I overcame the horror of driving on the "wrong" side of the road and learned to negotiate the endless number of roundabouts as we drove through much of the beautiful Scottish countryside!

The Scottish Borders is our favorite region of Scotland – the beautiful rolling hills, the quaint little towns, the stone walls dividing the fields and warm and laid back people were absolutely wonderful. Our favorite part of the Turnbull Gathering was, without doubt, the Banquet ... however, we're still considering whether or not we like Haggis!

Many, many thanks to Wally and Betty and all the others who planned and coordinated the 2014 Turnbull Gathering! We both look forward to visiting Scotland again soon and attending the next Turnbull Gathering and AGM.



Chris Turnbull and Lisa Mackay, Australia, Fiona Turnbull, England, and Anne Nicol, Scotland follow President Wally Turnbull's request to meet at least two new people at the AGM banquet.



Cousins Robert Turnbull, Australia, and Robert Turnbull Moller, Sweden, used the Turnbull gathering to reunite. The last time they saw each other was at age seven! "You haven't changed a bit!"



Many thanks to Ross Turnbull Irvine and the nice folks at *Turnbull's* for the lovely catering service. The food was great, the service superb, and the Turnbull whisky was enjoyed by many. Above left: Ross, with wife, Sharon and son, Alexander.

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