

Tartan Day is a Recognition of Scottish Independence

by Kenneth Turnbull - Editor

Tartan Day is an international celebration of Scottish heritage, held on the 6th April, highlighting everything great about Scotland and its people. Originally, Tartan Day marked the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath on this day in 1320 at Arbroath Abbey. Today, this special day is held annually in early April.

In brief, the importance and the role of this now famous Declaration, shaped and established the Scottish national identity as an independent kingdom. As well, it has also had an international influence and sowed the seeds for modern democracy as we know it today.

Although the Declaration of Independence letter was written in Latin, it is perhaps best known for the following passage . . .

"... for, as long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours that we are fighting, but for freedom for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself."



The letter 'Declaration of Arbroath', written in Latin

Tartan Day continues today in Scotland as a festival, held over a week in early April. In Australasia, Tartan Day is held on 1st of July, the anniversary of the repeal of the 1747 Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of tartan. Three million Australians are either Scottish or of Scottish descent. New Zealand also has many Scots expatriates. International Tartan Day in Australia and New Zealand is celebrated on a local basis in most states on the 1st July.

Tartan Day in Canada originated with a proposal from the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia and has since been proclaimed by all the provincial legislatures. Around 4.7 million claim Scottish descent.

Internationally, and in particular, it is believed that the ideas about independence, kingship and the rights of the people formed the basis of the American Declaration of Independence - many of the signatories of which were Scottish or had Scottish ancestors. It may also be one of the reasons why there are such strong links between the USA and Scotland.

However, one of the other reasons, is the vast numbers of Scots who emigrated to the Americas and their descendants' are proud to remember their Scottish heritage – and to be recognised as Scots Americans. It is estimated there are around 6 million of them. Such was their influence and their contributions to life in America,



Two colourful tartan kilts

that led to the US Senate recognising Tartan Day and declaring it as a public holiday on 6th April in the United States.



3rd century tartan

a treasure trove of silver coins, buried close to the Roman Antonine Wall near Falkirk. The two colours of the sample were identified as the undyed brown and white of the native Soay Sheep.

The Scottish Tartans, as a system of popular Heraldry, only developed fully after Culloden had crushed the Clan System itself from active politics. Like the flow of Jacobite songs, the Tartan provided an outlet for national sentiment. A list of about 500 tartans are currently registered with the Lord Lyon King of Arms, the official register of Tartans.



Traditional and modern dance celebrations held in Edinburgh, 2014



Flowers of the Forest

Remembering...

Lois Anne Turnbull

BILLERICA -- Lois Anne Turnbull, age 80, died Sunday, January 4, 2015, in Wingate, at Belvidere in Lowell.

She was born in Waltham, April 13, 1934, the daughter of the late Dean and Amelia (Watson) Turnbull.

She worked as an Executive Secretary for Raytheon Corporation in Waltham.



A resident of Billerica for most of her life, she enjoyed singing in the First Congregational Church Choir, where she was a secretary and an active member. She was also a member of the Turnbull Clan Association and the Rainbow Girls.

She is survived by her two sisters, Helen Divoll and her husband, John, of Royalston, MA and Alice Foy, of Montville, Maine, her two brothers, Lee Turnbull, of Merrimack, NH and Donald Turnbull and his wife, Sandra, of Thorndyke, Maine. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Edith Mary Turnbull and Dean T. Turnbull.

Memorial contributions may be made in Lois's name to the First Congregational Church Memorial Fund. Interment, Fox Hill Cemetery.



Lois Turnbull, on right with brother Lee and sister Edith was a long time supporter of the New Hampshire Highland Games.

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Virginia Trimble

Virginia (Ginny) Trimble On January 13, 2015, Mom left us to be with Dad. Now, after 15 years alone, she has her partner back as well as many old friends in that ever growing club Heavenly Squares. She can also get back to her second passion out on the golf course. Mom left us peacefully in her sleep after a day surrounded by her family.



Virginia Trimble was born on November 24, 1919 to William and Ethel Wainwright in Tacoma. She graduated from Stadium High School in 1939 and married her sweetheart, Kenn Trimble, on February 27, 1942. They had four children; sons Bill (Pat), Kim (Sue), Tom (Marie) and daughter Kathy (Frank) Chase. She had 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kenn and her three siblings Elizabeth Lindstrom, Charles and William Wainwright.

Ginny and Kenn were very involved in the square dance world--too many jobs to list. But one of their proudest achievements was being General Chairmen for the 1969 National Square Dance Convention in Seattle.

She will be missed by so many and would want you all to be happy and healthy. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your area Alzheimer's Association in her name. (<http://alz.org>)

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 8th at 2:30 pm, Wesley Terrace, 816 S. 216th St., Des Moines, Washington.



Ginny Trimble, far right, with family and friends at the Seattle, WA Highland Games in 2005. The Trimble's have long hosted the Turnbull Tent at these games.

Invented by a Scotsman . . .

Believe it or not, our everyday lives changed for the better through the foresight of Scottish entrepreneurs, geniuses and eccentric inventors with their ability to think outside the square, either through necessity or just through sheer foresight and imagination. These inventions included areas in medicine, electronics, law enforcement, transport, communications, sports, economics, education and research. There are other areas too. So, without these inventions, the world and our lives today would be very different indeed.

The humble Television Set

Today, we take the television services with its colour and remote electronic controls for granted, yet this invention has a fascinating history. A Scotsman, the son of a Kirk minister, John Logie Baird, and in his latter years, invented a prototype of the first television receiver in 1924. It was a crude construction, but it worked. Yet, this was an ancient idea of animation which has its origins as far back as Plato. Demonstrated by him to the public for the first time in 1926, this invention was perhaps the most life-changing in our lives. The world with its news, sports, politics, major events and achievements have been brought into our living rooms through the wonders of his invention. It was a dream that became reality.



The Thermal Sock

This sock was invented in 1914 out of necessity. John Logie Baird, the inventor and entrepreneur, had poor blood circulation and suffered with constantly cold feet. More as an under sock, it was designed to keep the feet cool in summer and warm in winter. The way it worked was through the use of a mineral called Borax, with its anti-bacterial and water absorbing properties. This kept the feet warm, dry and clean. The successful invention was marketed and adopted by the British Armed Forces in the First World War.

More Scottish inventors next edition . . .



Bruce Modern



Douglas Modern



Turnbull Modern

Above: TCA founder and designer of plaids, combined the best of the Bruce and Douglas Tartans, both clans playing an important role in Turnbull Clan history to create the Turnbull Modern Dress Tartan, officially recognized by the office of the Lord Lyon.

Tartan Day Challenge - Monday, April 6, 2015

Calling all Turnbells to wear their colors with pride. Let's wear our colors on April 6 and let everyone know we're proud of our heritage and proud to be a Turnbull.

You don't have to do something special. Wear it to work, out to lunch or dinner, or running errands, or playing golf.

Send us a photo of you with your tartan and tell us how you displayed it on Tartan Day. We'll share it in the next Bullseye. Let's see how many of us with participate!

(Need Tartan? www.totallyturnbull.com use code TARTANDAY at checkout for 10% DISCOUNT)

Send your photo to editor@turnbullclan.com

Origin of the Turnbull Tartan

The year was 1977 and the man was John F. Turnbull of Hawick, Scotland. John founded Turnbull Clan Association to reestablish a link with Turnbells worldwide and their rich heritage. Working endlessly with his wife Myra as his personal assistant, the two wrote letters and addressed envelopes by hand, mailing to any Turnbull worldwide that they could find. They would sit in their living room and plan Turnbull events with fellow members and write to members. Then Myra would address envelope after envelope. Myra tells how she gave up her golf afternoon to work with John and promote the Clan.

John found that there was no official tartan for the clan Turnbull. Having studied design at University with an apprenticeship in the design of plaids, he decided to do something about that. John chose the main features of the Bruce and Douglas tartans to incorporate into the Turnbull tartan, both clans having an important part in the history of the Turnbells. Because of John's efforts, there are now Turnbull tartans widely recognized and officially registered with the Lord Lyon, King of Arms.

2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Brian Turnbull says that the 2014 Financial Report for Turnbull Clan Association is now ready for viewing at: <http://turnbullclan.com/tca/index.php/tca-financial-reports.html>

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Bitty Bulls



What do blind children, soldiers, birds, and Scotland have to do with each other? Read on to discover some interesting facts about our sweet celebration of Valentine's Day. XOXO ~ Bitty

Who was St. Valentine?

There are many different stories surrounding the origin of Valentine's Day.

Valentine is most commonly believed to be a third century Roman saint who was martyred for his faith and was commemorated on February 14th by the Roman Catholic Church. Some legends say that a priest was killed for refusing to recant (take back) his belief in Christianity by Emperor Claudius in the year 280. Other legends say that a priest named Valentine was imprisoned for helping and marrying Christian couples during a time when Christians were being persecuted under the reign of Claudius II. Claudius took a liking to him, but when Valentine tried to convert him to Christianity, he was beheaded. Another legend tells of Valentine, defying Claudius's order, secretly marrying couples so the men wouldn't have to go to war as soldiers. Yet another variation tells of Valentine being imprisoned for refusing to sacrifice to pagan gods. While in prison he preached to the jailor and healed the jailor's daughter of blindness. Before his execution he left her a note that was signed "Your Valentine." Some stories describe Valentine as a physician who was especially kind to children. During the Middle Ages the story of Valentine secretly marrying couples became associated with the medieval belief that birds paired couples in the middle of February. Perhaps that is where the expression "a couple of lovebirds" came from.

During the month of February ancient Romans would hold the festival Lupercalia in honor of Lupercus, a Roman god of fertility and farming, and also for Juno Februata, goddess of love, women, and marriage. Young men and women would draw names and pair up as a couple to play games and perform rituals during the celebration. Later, after Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, church officials did away with the pagan festival and renamed February 14th as St. Valentine's Day in honor of the martyr.

Today there are several different locations around the world that claim to have relics of St. Valentine such as Ireland, Prague, France, Vienna, Malta, and Scotland. In 1868 Franciscan friars at St. Francis Church in Glasgow, Scotland were asked to look after some religious relics, owned by a French family, which included some bones from St. Valentine. Ireland claims to have some of his bones in a casket at Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin. While there is some confusion on exactly who Valentine was or where his remains are, we are left with some interesting possibilities and a fun holiday to celebrate loving others.



Book Nook~

Saint Valentine by Robert Sabuda (32 pages, ages 4-7)

Beautiful paper mosaics illustrate the story of a kind physician who healed a blind girl. Before his execution he sent her a secret message. Readers will enjoy this telling of the origin of one of our most popular holidays.

Cupid and Psyche by Charlotte Craft (48 pages, ages 4-8)

A lively and suspenseful retelling of the classic Greek myth. Breathtakingly beautiful illustrations will delight readers of all ages.

Hearts, Cupids, and Red Roses: The Story of the Valentine Symbols by Edna Barth (96 pages, ages 8-12)

Pen and ink illustrations complement this interesting read about the origin of the holiday. This informative book also includes facts about Valentine candy, cupids, hearts, flowers, and so much more!



Love Struck!

Greek mythology tells of Cupid, a winged boy that was son of Venus, the goddess of love. He was said to shoot people with either a gold tipped arrow to make them fall in love with the first person they saw or with a lead arrow to make them run away from that person.

In a 15th century poem collection, *The Kingis Quair*, King James I of Scotland (1394-1437) wrote a little poem describing Cupid with a third arrow of silver:

"gold, for a gentle smiting that is easily cured; the more compelling silver; and steel, for a love-wound that never heals."



Heart Shaped VALENTINES DAY animals



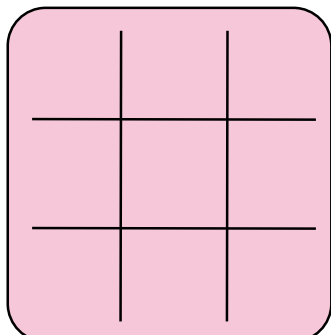
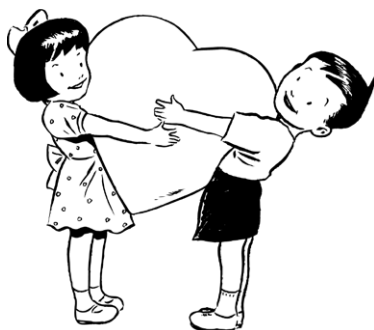
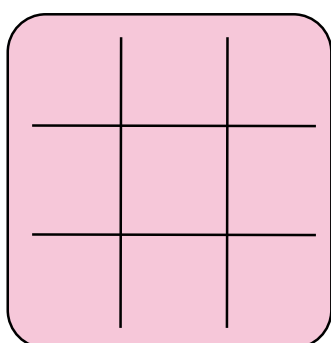
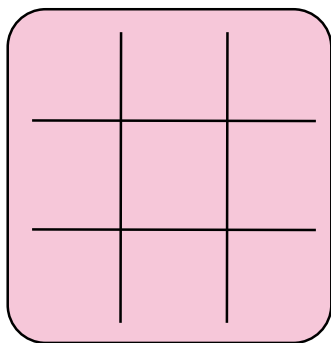
Surprise your family and friends by making these cute animal valentines. Simply cut out hearts of any size and color and glue together to make the creature of your choice.

For an added bit of fun you can write some clever messages on the back such as:

Owl be your valentine!
Hey there, love bug!
Will you be my sweetheart?
I am doggone crazy for you!
You are a catch, valentine!
I am hooked on you!
I am wild about you!
I go bananas for you!

What other creatures can you create? If you would like to share your creations, send a photo and your name to bittybulls@turnbulclan.com and they will be included in the next issue.

X and O Tic-Tac-Toe



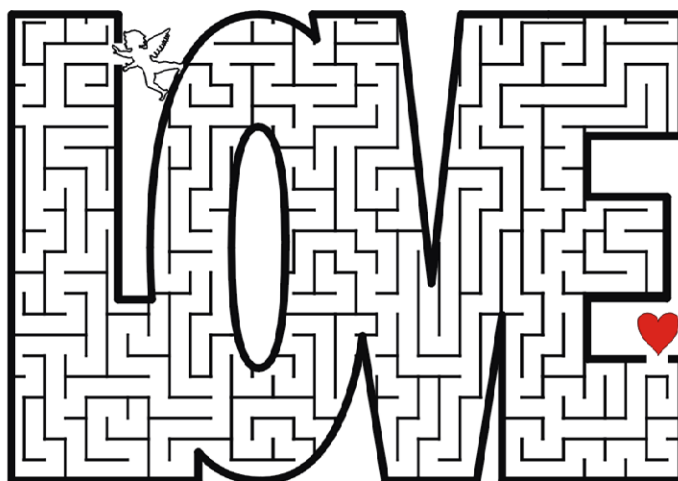
What did one lightbulb say to the other?

I love you a whole watt!

What do you call a very small valentine?

A valentiny!

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Canada – Hospital of the Future



A new “super hospital” which will replace the aging Civic may, in some

ways, represent the future of health care in the nation’s capital. It will be smaller, safer and more efficient. It will be dedicated to serving only the sickest patients with the most complex health needs. It will also represent the shift taking place in some parts of Canadian medicine toward decentralization and away from a focus on what Dr. Jeff Turnbull calls the “bricks and mortar” focus in health care. Turnbull, the hospital’s chief of staff, talked about what the new hospital — still 10 years away — might look like, and in the process offered a glimpse of their vision of future health-care delivery.

Australia - A perfect start to a new year



Little Eliza Turnbull was the first 2015 baby to be born in Roma, Queensland. Pretty Eliza Turnbull doesn’t know it yet, but she was the best late Christmas gift her mum Kymberley Scotney could have ever hoped for. Born on Saturday evening at 6.02pm, the three and a half kilo bundle of joy was the first baby born in Roma for 2015. Originally due on Christmas Day, Eliza decided she would string things out a little and wait until the new year to meet everyone. “I’ve been so excited to meet her,” Ms Scotney said. For midwife Kay Priebbenow, little Eliza is just one of the many “miracles” she has helped deliver over the last 19 months in Roma.

UK - Theatre performer at Ye Olde Rose and Crown

As a member of The Stephen Sondheim Society, I can’t think of a much better way to spend a dreary Sunday afternoon when invited to hear ‘Mark Turnbull perform at Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre, London. A cabaret of Sondheim songs, by a veteran of the West End, and staged at one of London’s most exciting fringe venues, accompanied by an accomplished MD with a string of hit shows to his name. There’s no doubting Turnbull has the voice and personality to carry off a solo cabaret slot. Turnbull has a piratical air, with a swagger to match. He has an idiosyncratic sound, packed with power, which gives him a commanding stage presence and makes a compelling performance. He certainly didn’t need a microphone in this intimate venue.



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

USA - Monster motor sport Jam in Turnbull Mississippi



The Turnbull Mississippi Monster Jam is a live motor sport event which has grown in popularity to become one of the most popular live auto tours in the World. Each year in the late Fall, the Turnbull Mississippi Monster Jam tour departs and takes in stops in North America and Europe to the delight of fans of all ages and for very different reasons. One of the major reasons the Turnbull Mississippi Monster Jam tour is so successful, is the fact fans and audience members have the chance to meet the drivers and personally look around the machines as they are being prepared for each event in the pit lane area. The tour of events takes in cities throughout Europe and North America, with drivers competing in the sport from around the World.

UK - Engineering boss honour



A north-east engineering company boss has been recognised with an industry honour. Geoff Turnbull, chairman of GT Group, has been presented with the individual lifelong contribution to innovation accolade, by technology organisation RTC North. Since forming the GT Group in 1985, Mr Turnbull has focused on technology-led innovation to make the firm a major player in environmental engineering. The company specialises in engine emission systems for global heavy-duty vehicle makers. Speaking about his award, Mr Turnbull said: “I’m really proud to receive this honour.

UK - Pre-school national award

Two organisations that are providing early years education to disabled children in south-east Northumberland, have been honoured with a top award. The two pre-school settings – Princess Louise Pre-School Nursery in Ogle Drive, Blyth, and Tippy Toes Childcare in Plessey Road, Blyth – are the first in the country to receive the stamp of approval from the National Portage Association. The Portage is a home visiting educational service for pre-school children with special educational needs and disabilities and their families.



Germany – Hockey celebration

Travis Turnbull of Duesseldorf celebrates with team mates after scoring his teams first goal during the DEL Winter Game between Duesseldorfer EG and Koelner Haie at Esprit Arena on 10th January in Duesseldorf, Germany.



USA - Early Childhood Institute

The Mother-Daughter Team Will Also Lead a Special Opening Day Panel on the Well-Being of Siblings of Children with Disabilities. The



2015 National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute will feature a formidable and multi-talented mother-daughter team renowned for their service and advocacy. The special education field has long hailed Ann Turnbull as a leading researcher on family support, family quality of life, family-professional partnerships, and other topics.



Happy New Year from the Turnbull Clan Tennessee Family Reunion, December 31, 2014. Thanks to Sara Gray for sharing the photo and their best wishes with their extended Turnbull family.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE AND WHAT DO YOU DO? We Asked, You Answered...

Many Thanks to Lisa Turnbull for asking this question on the Turnbull Facebook Group and to everyone for their awesome responses from all over this world we live in! Not a member of the Facebook Group of over 1400 Turnbolls?

Join now at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2214563717/>

Betsy Turnbull, Mathematician for NASA, Ohio, USA

Warren Turnbull, Electrician, Cape Town, South Africa

Bernard Turnbull, Construction General Manager, Quebec, Canada

Kenneth Turnbull, Retired Arts teacher, enjoying active lifestyle on Tamborine Mountain, Queensland, Australia

Caroline Turnbull, Learning Specialist & Curriculum Developer New Brunswick, Canada

Marina Bromba, Cable Maintenance for the local telephone company, retired for almost two years. I climbed up tel poles and down into manholes to fix customers phones, Chilliwack, British Columbia City, Canada

Lionel Turnbull, Electrician, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Keith Andrew Turnbull, I was an engineer in the defence industry-Brandon, Suffolk

Hélène Turnbull, Translator, Quebec City, Canada

Sean Trimble, Lawyer in Oregon, USA

Emily Turnbull, Makeup Artist in Norfolk, UK

Cam Ynn Hoj, Firefighter/medic, Ontario, Canada

Andrew Fielding, Gardener in Lincolnshire, UK

Tony Turnbull, Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver, Essex, U.K

Karan Turnbull, Part time supermarket merchandiser for Sainsburys in the UK. Also Criminology at Northumbria University, Volunteer at a drug and alcohol recovery centre, & I'm a mother.

Hannah Turnbull, Carer, from Swansea, Wales

Colin Turnbull, A train driver in Newcastle upon Tyne, England

Fiona Turnbull, Librarian, currently based in London but technically a resident of Edinburgh

Kevin Turnbull, Financial Advisor in Clacton on Sea Essex, UK

Joel Turnbull, Web developer in Ohio, USA.

Fred Turnbull, iOS engineer for Apple and C.E.O, Epicsoft, UK

Carlos Turnbull, Graphic Design teacher and 3D character animator at a university (UPAEP) in Puebla Mexico.

Andy Turnbull, Consultant, HK & China

Steev Turnbull, I work for acclaim driving school in the UK as the customer relations supervisor.

George Turnbull, Crew Manager, within the new Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. Based in Dundee & Coupar Angus, Scotland

Mel Turnbull, I'm in New South Wales, AUSTRALIA and I'm an aged care nurse in nursing home.

Hannah Jackman, Hairstylist, Rustington, West Sussex

Travis Turnbull, Professional Hockey Player in Germany now, from the U.S.

Melanie Turnbull, Receptionist and Coder for a surgical group. Manhattan, Kansas, USA

Kristen Delaney, I'm a high school History and English teacher, Casino, NSW Australia.

Leah Fletcher, Artist and retired nurse in Cleveland, Ohio USA

Julie Turnbull-Hope, I am a retired pharmacist in Nova Scotia Canada.

Betty Turnbull, Children's book author, North Carolina, USA

Richard Turnbull, Luecodepletion technician, Manchester England

Diane Turnbull-Vickroy, Nanny in Indianola, Iowa USA

Ben Trumbull, Network Analyst in Chicago, IL, USA

Peter Turnbull, Store manager, Digby, Nova Scotia Canada

Andrea Turnbull, Degree in administration, Argentina

George Maxey Turnbull, Teach at Danville Community College in Danville, Virginia USA

Christine Turnbull Batchelor, Community ambulance driver in Hertfordshire, England

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Thomas and Christy Meiers from Westminster, Colorado. They were married in a Scottish traditional Handfast ceremony. Franklin Turnbull Ripley, the groom's uncle, officiated the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Hawick, Scotland. The honeymoon included a trip up to Fatlips Castle and a photo op at the Turning of the Bull monument in Hawick. Tom ordered a Turnbull Hunting kilt while in Scotland and loves to show off the clan colors. They enjoyed their trip of a lifetime, imagining ancestors and times past. Christy says, "It seemed so right to be there. We even loved the weather!"



Tom and Christy met online and chatted for a couple of years before meeting in person. They both grew up in Colorado. Tom works at the Colorado Department of Labor processing unemployment claims. Christy is a production artist for a local direct mail coupon book company. They are proud of their Scottish heritage and help represent and march with the Turnbull Clan at the Estes Park, CO Highlands Festival.

Tom's great-grandfather was Franklin Turnbull from Boston, MA. They'd love to learn more about their Turnbull ancestry and find other relatives.

La Breith Sona!



Wishing a muckle celebration to all our Birthday members!



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