

## ANNUAL 33RD CENTRAL VIRGINIA CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

By Bill and Claudia Trimble

*The 2017 Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games started out on a beautiful, warm Fall (Autumn) weekend on the 28th October. This year Bill and Claudia Trimble again hosted the Turnbull Clan Tent, with the assistance of John and Nichole Trimble.*

We were located near the middle of Clan row and in front of the athletic field. An access area to the field was next to us, so a number of spectators visited us as well. Robert and Shelley Holder (his mother is a Turnbull) visited. Robert knew our clan was going to be represented at the Games.

They were so excited to find their Scottish connection and eagerly participated in the Clan parade with us. As the day wore on, the heat and humidity took a toll on some of the attendees. Due to our location, several people stopped in to ask if they could just sit and rest.



**Bill and Claudia Trimble and the Turnbull Association Tent**



**Claudia and Bill Trimble, Shelley Holder  
Robert Holder, John and Nichole Trimble**



**John Trimble with the athlete Robert Monroe**

We offered a warm welcome and a cold drink to refresh them. Many others stopped in, being attracted to the new maps and banners we displayed.

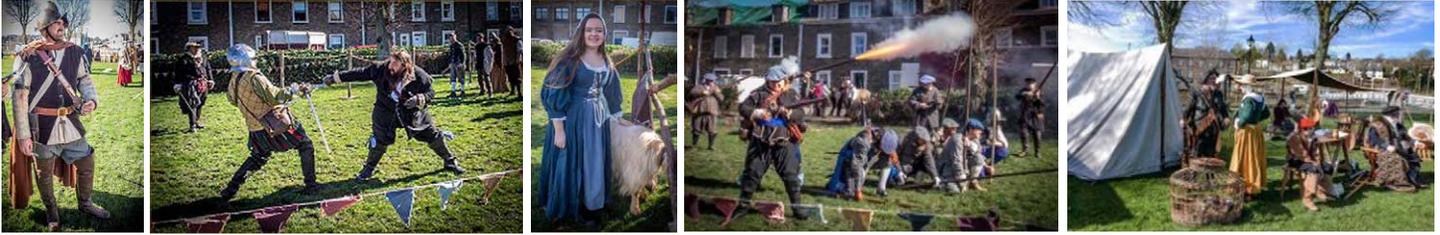
Sunday's weather was a 180 degree turn from Saturday. It turned cold and windy and poured rain after noon. We took down our flags and banners to keep them safe, but returned to the tent following the Kirkin' o' the Tartan and Flowers of the Forest service.

Those remembered at the Flowers of the Forest included Jean Marie Trimble, Ginger Gower, and Frances Betty Howland. We met athlete Robert Monroe from Front Royal, Virginia. He was made an honorary Turnbull, by Christine Nelson, while participating at the Games in New York. He proudly wore the Turnbull Arms patch on his kilt. Others stopped by to seek relief from the weather. This time it was from the rain.

This was the 11th year Claudia and I have hosted a Turnbull Clan Tent. Although it can be a lot of work, we have always found it a rewarding experience. If you have any desire to host your own Turnbull Clan tent at a Highland Games near you, please let us know. Our goal as Vice Presidents for Events is to help facilitate at least one new TCA tent host per year. Last year Jeff and Sue Trimble from Wisconsin managed to get one started.

This year, John and Nichole Trimble outfitted themselves in preparation for tent hosting. The TCA can provide you with the basic banners, books, posters, a flag and brochures you will need to get started. We would be quite happy to answer any questions you may have. If you are already hosting a clan tent, please share your experiences with the rest of us through the Bullseye Newsletter.

# THE 2018 HAWICK REIVERS FESTIVAL



Scenes from the 2017 Reivers Festival - Photographs by Rab Taylor & Flora Fairbairn - <http://www.hawickreivers.com>

***Every March in the heart of the Borderlands, the Hawick Reivers Festival welcomes visitors to re-live the mid-sixteenth century . . . “when loyalties were to kinship rather than a king and country and when Reiving was a means of survival.” (www.hawickreivers.com)***

Festival activities include a parade, a Reivers encampment, a hot-trod, and Reivers banquet. The 2018 Reivers Festival will include, for the first time, a Clan Village along side the re-encampment village. And Turnbull Clan will be there!

Calling all Turnbells to gather together in the Borders and celebrate family, history, and life as it was in the 1500s.

There's no better place than Hawick to begin your Turnbull adventure, home of the *Turning of the Bull* monument, commemorating the brave act of William Rule and dedicated to all that is good in Border Clan history. And while visiting the monument, be sure to stop in at the Hawick Heritage Hub with a wealth of information about the Borders, Clan history, and genealogy.

Our own Fiona Turnbull will be organizing the event for the Turnbells. Fiona, herself a genealogist, is always willing to share information and point one in the right direction to discovering their history. Other Turnbells will be helping out, and rumors are that there may be representation not only from the Borders, but also Germany and as far away as Australia.

Here's your chance. To dress in medieval garment or don your Turnbull tartan, to see the life your ancestors lived, to feel a little piece of your history come alive.

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To join in the excitement of the 2018 Festival, we suggest you start making plans early to attend the Hawick Reivers Festival, March 23-25, 2018 and be part of making history in the first ever Clan Village. For more information or to volunteer to help, please email [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com).

## NEW MALT WHISKY DISTILLERIES FOR THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

*The £10m distillery for Hawick is almost complete with an accompanying Visitors Centre to open early next year.*

A former disused Turnbull & Scott engineering factory, located in Commercial Road, and nearing completion for the Three Stills Company, is now set to become the first malt Whisky distillery in the Borders for 180 years. It is projected that 1.8 million litres of spirit will flow from the doors per year, so the locals will certainly not be going thirsty.

The first whisky to be produced by the Three Stills Company, will be known as Clan Fraser, a blended spirit, which is named after the 12th century Scottish clan.

A second distillery is due to be built on the site of the old Jedforest Hotel, situated along the banks of the Jedwater River, and located 5 miles south of Jedburgh.

## Something Turnbull for all ages ...



***Kids tams & ties available on . . . totallyturnbull.com***

## Sharing and Caring

*The team of 'Bullseye' wish you all a Merry Christmas  
 With a celebration of its true meaning.*

# NEW SMYRNA USA FOR OUR ANNUAL AGM IN 2018

*The Turnbull Clan Association will hold its 2018 annual gathering in New Smyrna, Florida USA, over the weekend of the 15th -17th June. There will be a large Scottish Highlander tent, filled with Turnbull history and access to genealogy records.*

On Saturday 16th June 2018, the main event for the anniversary celebration will begin. There will be displays set up in the Old Fort Park area that houses the foundation ruins that still remain. The entire park will be sectioned off in areas representing the time periods of 1700's, 1800's & 1900's.

Other groups will be in attendance over the weekend, including the following:

**Minorcan Cultural Society of St. Augustine**

**Greek National Shrine**

**Daughters of the American Revolution**

Along with the information and presentation that will take place in the park, there will be a narrated bus tour that will depart from the park on the Saturday and complete an historic tour of sites and areas in the community. There will be multiple trips over the course of the day, which will include a visit to the area where the old stone wharf was located along the river, the sugar mill ruins and the remnant areas of the Turnbull Canal system, along with other local historic sites.

A general outline of what will be contained in the time period areas:

## **1700's**

The Turnbull Settlement

Indigo Production at the Settlement

The Turnbull Canal System

Archeological display area

There is a man from St. Augustine who will be joining this time period to show how the settlers created their cast nets for fishing and a proposed area for children and adults to try their luck at a casting. Also in this area, there will be a man who will do several living history presentations dressed up as Dr. Andrew Turnbull.



*Dr. Andrew Turnbull*

## **1800's**

The Civil War of the US

Information on our 1st and now 2nd existing Lighthouse at the Ponce De Leon Inlet

New Smyrna's history as a hunting and fishing destination during the 1800's

Seminole Indian Living History presentations

Mosquito's and how the 1st settlers tried to cope with them

## **1900's**

Florida East Coast Railroad

Development of the Canaveral National Seashore preserve

Veterans area commemorating World War 2 & Viet Nam

Living History of the Coe Family and the development of Glencoe, an area now part of New Smyrna Beach near I-95.

The history of Surfing in New Smyrna



*Some of the exhibits from the local New Smyrna Museum of History*

We hope to have a record turnout at this event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. In addition to the weekend events in New Smyrna Beach, historic St. Augustine, Daytona Beach and Speedway, and Orlando are just short drives away. Plan your family vacation and join us in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, 15-17 June! **Anyone interested in attending please e-mail the editor@turnbullclan.com, so we can plan hotel rooms, dinner together, etc.**

# THE HISTORICAL TRADITIONS OF HALLOWEEN

Compiled by Kenneth Turnbull

**So it all started in Scotland! Well, almost right. The ancient origins and traditions of Halloween evolved collectively from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and northern France.**

It is largely believed that these traditions could well go back to the pagan roots of Celtic festivals over 2000 years ago, which were three-day harvest celebrations and recognised as the most important of four annual festivals of the Celts. But, records also indicate these origins could even go back to the Mound of Hostages (*a Neolithic passage tomb in Ireland*) around 3350 years ago . . . well before the Celts.

The word 'Halloween' is thought to be a Western Christian connotation of an ancient Gaelic festival, Samhain (*pronounced as sow-in*). It is the shortened version of All Hallows Evening, also known as All Saints Eve, a holy or hallowed eve, before All Hallows Day.

Records also indicate that in 731 A.D., Pope Gregory III celebrated the opening of an oratory (*a chapel*) culminating with a feast and establishing the celebration as 'Allhallowtide' or All Hallows, which we now know as Halloween.



'Halloween' painted by Daniel Maclise in 1833, shows people feasting, playing divination and 'dooking' games in Ireland.

Over time and toward the end of the 12th Century, this became a holy day, with the ringing of church bells for the poor souls in purgatory. Village criers dressed in black as bell ringers and walk the streets, calling for those departed to be remembered. On the third day, customary at the time, was the cooking and sharing of soul cakes (*souling*) as an appeasement to the departed souls. Over time, this eventually evolved as a party game we know as Trick or Treat.

All Hallows festivals were originally held from the eve of 1st November, after the annual harvest had been completed, with much rejoicing at the end of the summer season . . . the lighter half of the year. It also signaled the start of the new or darker half of the year. It is generally thought that the Celtic ancestors on this eve, originally celebrated their pagan roots with a feast, rejoicing with the mixing of those departed with the living. It was a time where the evil spirits were warded off and family ancestors were invited home. As well, this was a way to frolic around with the concept of death.

They believed ghosts and apparitions on All Hallows Eve would appear, with their presence mingling amongst living families. Each of the villages would celebrate the eve by



lighting large bonfires to honour their dead and to keep evil spirits at bay. In earlier times, some pre-Christians also visited cemeteries and placed candles and flowers on the graves of their loved ones.

Games, decorations and various activities also played an important part. There was a divination ritual practice, where one's future could be told, but these rituals were not common, because of the 'serious' connotations linked to them. However, one very popular and joyful game, was apple bobbing (or dooking). Apples were set floating in a tub of water and the participants with hands behind their back, had to retrieve an apple either by their mouth or by using a fork held in their mouth. The telling of ghost stories was also central to these celebrations. Jack o' lanterns (*hollowed out pumpkins or turnips*) also featured as decorations.

A Scottish aunt of mine, once removed as a child, lived in Airth Parish in the early 1900's (*a river port on the Firth of Forth*) explained how they celebrated their Halloween night, "We all used to dress up and go to each others house. The main dish included mashed potatoes with thimbles and buttons inside. There were five to six objects for each person, so it was good fun to find what you had in your serving. We then finished up with toffee apples." Cakes and puddings were often used to hide items in them as well, where portions were cut and served at random.

Over time, the ancient traditions of Celtic speaking countries have evolved into many variations now observed as Halloween. Today celebrations continue worldwide, influenced by the ancient haunted practices and the Scottish tradition of disguising themselves in supernatural costumes, known as 'guising', including dressing as witches, skeletons, or just a scary face. There are many introduced variations of Halloween throughout the Western world and the Americas, although some of these traditions vary significantly between geographical areas.



Halloween for Riley Turnbull

**USA - New Executive Director**



The South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z) has announced that Effie Turnbull Sanders

was selected as their Executive Director. A passionate and dedicated advocate for economic, environmental, and social change, Turnbull Sanders brings more than two decades of experience to advancing the rights of underserved Los Angeles Communities to SLATE-Z as the broad-based partnership undertakes its next phase of work to revitalize South L.A. by moving residents to give them an economic opportunity.

**Ireland – Injury uncertainty**

Even though Munster Hurling champions, Cork may have lost out to Galway in the final, Brian Turnbull scored 1-7



in the September show-piece, followed hot on the heels of a 13-point semi-final haul in the victory over Dublin. The Cork corner-forward, as he had been all summer, was near untouchable, but a week after the Galway game, he sustained the dreaded knee injury while he was football training with the club. He is now recovering after an operation.

**Australia – One of the best heritage pubs in Queensland**



For more than 150 years, matched in time only by the local newspaper, the Criterion Hotel has stood the test of Rockhampton’s challenges; throughout flood, fire, famine and depression. It has housed Queen Elizabeth II, The King Wally Lewis and Russel Crowe - as well as a friendly ghost for the random tap on the shoulder - and been the headquarters for the US Army in WW2, but it’s a pub through and through. Sitting on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River, its foundations run deep into the heart of the city. It is Rockhampton to the core. Originally known as ‘The Bush Inn’ - now coined with the more modernised name ‘The Cri’ - the heritage-listed building on Fitzroy and Quay streets, has sat by as the city changed around it. Owned by the Turnbull family since 1991, it is their task to keep The Cri’s heritage look up to date. An easier task said than done.



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

**Scotland - Elements 3 – hand crafted jewelry festival**



In an 18th century church in Edinburgh’s Broughton Place, the annual hand crafted Gold, Silver and Jewelry Festival took place at the Lyon & Turnbull auction rooms. Hundreds of handcrafted pieces by some of the finest contemporary designers and makers were on display. This beautiful necklace (shown above) made by Jenny Deans, was one such example of the high-class designers. Elements 3 gave visitors a chance to see some of Scotland’s best hand crafted gold, silver and jewelry and to meet the makers. It also brought some of the best work from other parts of the world to Scotland.

**Canada – Inducted into the Business Hall of Fame**



This year’s Estevan Business Excellence (EBEX) Awards have proven to be a memorable event for Ed Turnbull. Turnbull Excavating was named the Business of the Year in 2013 and this year, they have been inducted into the Estevan Chamber of Commerce’s Business Hall of Fame. “This is really overwhelming,” Turnbull said in his acceptance speech. “I never considered myself as a hall of farmer. In my eyes, I’m just an everyday guy trying to make a living. Turnbull Excavating was started by Ed Turnbull in 1986. He had a Bobcat, truck and trailer at the time. Over the years, Turnbull Excavating has grown to over 30 employees and more than 100 vehicles in its fleet.

**Canada – Doctor helps homeless**



One of Ottawa’s top medical professionals is about to walk away from his high-profile job to devote more time to helping the homeless. Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull is the chief-of-staff at the Ottawa Hospital. In December he will be giving up his position to spend more time with Ottawa Inner City Health, a non-profit organization that provides health care to Ottawa’s homeless population.

**Canada - Local broadcaster dies**

Champion Curler, Ray ‘Moosie’ Turnbull, a member of the World Curling Hall of Fame and Manitoba’s



1965 Brier championship team, has died at the age of 78. Born in Huntsville, Ontario, he rose to prominence as a curler in Manitoba and served as the lead for Terry Braunstein’s squad that captured the ‘65 Canadian championship and finished runner-up to the United States at the world men’s championship in Perth, Scotland, later that year.

Turnbull became a successful analyst after retiring from his career and was part of TSN’s curling broadcast team from 1985-2010. He covered several national and international events, including the Tim Horton’s Brier, Scotties Tournament of Hearts, countless world championships and the curling competition at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

**UK - Sports Personality of Year**



Iron man Matt Turnbull has become Hartlepool’s Sports Personality of the Year. Ultra-fit 39-year-old triathlete took the top prize at the revived Hartlepool Sports Council Awards ceremony at Seaton Carew. Turnbull, an actor-turned-athlete, follows in the footsteps of some of the town’s greatest sporting names in taking this accolade. As a teacher and married dad of two, he said: “I’ve just had a quick look at the names engraved on the trophy and I’m absolutely awe-struck. I’ve had accolades in my sport over the last few years, racing for GB, national, European and world level. “But it’s a wonderful feeling to be recognised by my own town.

# Bitty Bulls



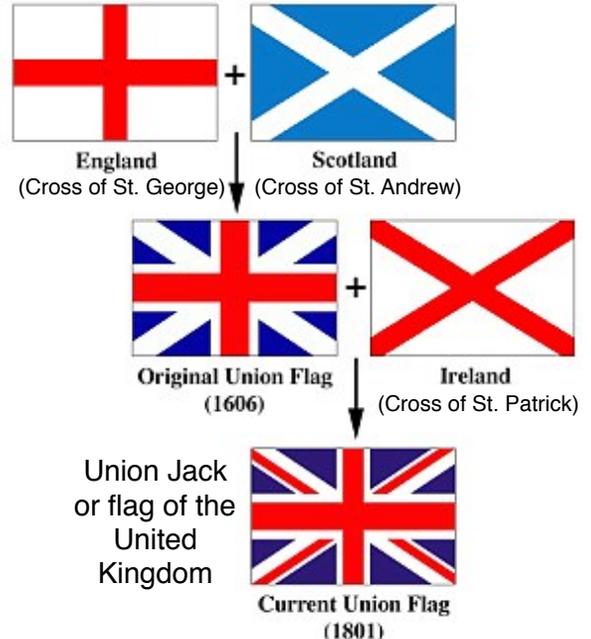
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## St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland



In the New Testament of the Bible, Andrew, a disciple or follower of Jesus Christ, is described as a fisherman and the brother of Simon Peter. In the book of John (6:8) Andrew is the one that told Jesus about a little boy who was willing to share his small lunch of two fish and five little loaves of bread. Jesus then took the lunch, thanked God for it, and multiplied the lunch to feed a crowd of more than five thousand people. After the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus into Heaven, Andrew and the other disciples traveled and preached. In later years, Andrew was martyred (killed for his beliefs) by crucifixion. Other sources say that he was crucified on a cross shaped like an X.

Over a thousand years ago, legends say that a Scottish king, almost defeated in battle, looked into the blue sky and saw the cross of Andrew. After winning the battle, Saint Andrew and his cross (Saltire) became the symbol of Scotland. Other stories say that the bones of Andrew were carried to Scotland and a tiny piece of one is in St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Today, the flag of Scotland is blue like the sky with a white X to represent the cross of Andrew. St. Andrew's Day is celebrated with feasting on **November 30th**. Flags are flown from many buildings and many businesses are closed.



Help Santa read his Christmas wish list by unscrambling each toy.

- ybab llod
- tekaboarads
- oradi
- detdy aber
- clokbs
- zuzple
- gartiu
- holusedol

baby doll  
skateboard  
radio  
teddy bear  
blocks  
puzzle  
guitar  
dollhouse

### What does it mean?

During the holiday season many Scottish children “cry up the lum” or shout their wishes up the chimney for Santa to hear. In other places, children mail a letter to Santa or write a wish list and then burn it, sending the ashes up the chimney to Santa.





# Christmas Pomander Ball

Capture the wonderful smell of Christmas! These balls are easy to make and can be used as decorations in a bowl, ornaments on a tree, or a gift to give to someone special.

## Ingredients:

- orange or any type of citrus fruit
- whole cloves (can be purchased in bulk)
- sharp object for poking small holes into skin of fruit (pin, ice pick, straightened paper clip, etc)
- pen for drawing pattern onto fruit
- tray or mat for catching fruit juice

## Optional items:

- ribbon
- spices like cloves, cinnamon, and ginger
- plastic bag large enough to shake spices onto fruit



1. Dot a pattern or design onto the fruit with your pen.
2. Poke holes into each dot (about 1/4" into the skin of the orange).
3. Push a whole clove into each hole.
4. As fruit dries out the fragrance will be released. These balls can be enjoyed for a long time.



## Additional Steps:

1. Pour a couple of tablespoons of spices into a bag. Shake the orange around in the bag to cover the bare spots of the fruit with the spice. The ball will look brown all over. The added spice will intensify the fragrance.
2. If you want to wrap the orange in ribbon to hang on a tree or to have just as decoration, then leave a path around the orange with no cloves.

These two photos are taken from <http://www.instructables.com/id/Pomander-ball-Christmas-gift>



Make your own gift tags to tie to your pomander balls. You can copy these tags onto card stock, decorate, and cut out.


## SCOTTISH JEWS NOW HAVE THEIR OWN OFFICIAL TARTAN

*Compiled by Kenneth Turnbull*

***Records indicate that from the late seventeenth century, Jewish people were present within Scotland's population. However, they had no official tartan. Until now!***

As is well known, each Scottish clan has its own tartan, available both as a kilt or as a plaid; that is, a tartan worn over the shoulder. The multi coloured tartan patterns were brought about through the traditions of the Jacobite cause, where from around 1688 onwards, their most effective fighters with them, were the Scots.

As the numbers grew, more regiments were formed. It was then that every Scottish regiment was identified with a different coloured tartan.

The traditions of tartans have from earliest times, had a rough history, where at one stage, there was a 'Dress Act' passed in 1742, banning the wearing of any tartans. The Highland Regiments of the British army were the only exception. This ban was eventually repealed in 1782.

Today, there are reportedly around 7000 Jews in Scotland, but other than the two main cities, the Jewish population is spread rather thinly throughout the country.

With the blending of clan heritages, there are now many unique tartan creations. So much so, that the Jewish community has now designed and registered their very own clan tartan.

One tartan design was brought about in 2008 through a Scottish editor and a Dentist, but it wasn't until some time later, they decided to register it, and known as the 'Shalom Tartan'.



***Rabbi Mendel Jacobs wearing the new tartan as a plaid***

Around this time, Mendel Jacobs, an Orthodox rabbi from Glasgow, had also been thinking along the same lines, as he had noted the many new individual tartans appearing for diverse communities. He set to work and created and registered a new design, to be known as the 'Kosher Tartan' with the Tartan Authority. It was a design blending their Jewish and Scottish heritage and one that could be worn with pride. The central colours were blue and white, with lines of gold, red and silver. This is now deemed the official Jewish tartan

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