

## HAWICK REIVERS FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

*The term 'reivers' refers to the rogues on horseback, who ravaged, thieved and plundered the Anglo-Scottish border from the late 13th century to the end of the 16th century. In many ways, it was a reaction from the frequent wars between England and Scotland and the uncertainty of their very livelihood.*

*Today the Hawick Reivers celebrations now recognise the descendants of the great riding clans, who, in their time, were known more for their family loyalty rather than their allegiance to the Scottish or English thrones. The clans, including the Turnbulls, viewed the border as a line; nothing more. Scot reivers pillaged Scots or English and the English reivers robbed English or Scottish folk. They did what they had to do, to survive.*

*Fiona Turnbull describes the weekend . . .*

Basically, representing the Turnbull clan were Albert and Rita Turnbull, Robert and Caroline Turnbull, Bill and Paulette Turnbull and myself to celebrate the Reivers festivities.



So we were few in number, but rich in conviviality. This was the first year that the Reivers Festival invited clans to participate. The clans were assigned two to a tent and it was suggested at first that we share with the Kerr's. Ancient rivalries must have scared them off and we ended with the genial Scott clan.

On Friday, Robert and his wife went to Fatlips and posted lots of pictures on FaceBook from there. Bill, Paulette and I went to Bedrule to



*Bill Turnbull, Fiona Turnbull with Robert Turnbull at the Turnbull Tent during the Festival. Photo: Robert Turnbull*

visit the church where we actually ran into Robert. Friday evening we had a lovely dinner in Hawick and prepared for an early start the next day.

Saturday, we set up our table and spent time talking with several visitors who were Turnbulls or knew others. There is some interest in joining the DNA project. So, hopefully we can get some local participants. The festival was greatly expanded from previous ones that I have visited.

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### THE TURNBULLS OF BARNHILLS



*An intriguing historic account has been compiled of the diverse past around the formidable Minto Crags and the role of Turnbulls Fatlips Castle. This fascinating story appears from pages 5 to 7.*



### Turnbull Clan Association *A SPECIAL INVITATION*

The Turnbull Clan Association has received a special invitation to participate in the New Smyrna Beach, Florida, 250th celebration of its founding by Dr. Andrew Turnbull!

**COME JOIN US!** Located near Daytona Beach, St. Augustine, Orlando, and Cape Canaveral. It's the perfect summer vacation spot. Visit the New Smyrna Museum - rich with Turnbull history. Meet direct descendants of Andrew Turnbull. See the remaining colony ruins. Join us at our hotel on the beach and at our annual banquet.

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[editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com)  
if you plan to join us! Help us  
make this a memorable AGM!





# FROM THE PRESIDENT



*A small number of people have been the face of TCA to our members for a long time. This has not been because those few have wanted it that way but because they have been the ones willing to serve our members. We acknowledge and publicly thank those who have used their time and talents to serve our clan family. We also want to encourage others to step up and help.*

*We thank our founders and those who helped grow TCA into an association serving our clan family around the world. We thank Betty for making the Bullseye one of the best clan newsletters year after year since 2003. The combination of news, features, and history in every issue has made each one of us feel a part of our great international family. We now thank Kenneth for stepping up and accepting the responsibility for the Bullseye. This is not a small task, but it is one of the most valuable. We thank Betty, and we thank Kenneth, but we need you.*

*I want to challenge you to do as Kenneth has done and provide a new face with responsibility for an area of support to our clan family. As everyone who has volunteered service knows, you do truly gain more than you give. The best volunteers are those who enjoy using their talents to do something they enjoy and who are persistent and faithful in their responsibility. Some needs, like the newsletter and the website, are ongoing, others, such as hosting a tent are occasional but all are important, and all are needed.*

*We will be electing new officers at the end of this year. Can you serve in that capacity? We need tent hosts. We need an associate webmaster. We need experienced help with genealogy record keeping. We need newsletter writers and columnists. We need regional coordinators to host informal clan gatherings.*

*We need you!*

*Wally Turnbull  
TCA President*

## BULLSEYE

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# HAWICK REIVERS FESTIVAL



**Rita & Albert Turnbull with Fiona and Robert Turnbull**

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There were more vendors and lots more for the kids to do, including some plays that kids put on. The reivers encampment was greatly enhanced and they put on events such as horsemanship and archery and really interacted with the visitors.

That evening there was a torchlight procession through town to Wilton Lodge Park, where we were treated to another reiver drama dealing with young love and viking visitors, loosely based on a Thompson clan legend.

This was followed by a lovely fireworks display and then an evening banquet with some local entertainment.

Sunday meant Robert and his wife had to leave to get home and Albert's wife wasn't up for a trip to Bedrule, so Bill, Paulette and I drove out to Minto, where we visited the kirkyard. Then we took a jaunt up to Melrose to visit the abbey and Robert the Bruce's heart. We stopped in Jedburgh on the way back for lunch, as I had to head home. There were other events that day at the Heritage Hub and you can read all about them in the program. [www.hawickreivers.com/](http://www.hawickreivers.com/)

*As for next year, I did speak with one of the organisers and she said we could have a prominent role if we want. There could be speakers at the Heritage Hub that could emphasise Turnbells and special tours could be arranged. There is funding from the government for clan events and tying in to a bigger festival would be more fun for those attending.*

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## New release on Family Heritage

**Albert Turnbull has announced that an up-coming new book he has written "The Turnbull Pedigree" will be on sale from Amazon from 6th April. Cost estimated around £5.99 p English.**

# 2018 TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BANQUET

**WHERE:** New Smyrna Beach, Florida

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 16, 2018

**WHY:** In cooperation with the New Smyrna Historical Society, Turnbull Clan Association (TCA) will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of New Smyrna. New Smyrna Beach occupies a notable place in history as the second oldest city in Florida, site of the largest single attempt at British colonization in the new world, first settled by in 1768 by Dr. Andrew Turnbull, a Scottish physician.

**WHAT:** The historical society and museum are sponsoring an all day event to be held in New Smyrna's Old Fort Park which holds some of the only physical remains of the colony. Turnbull Clan has been invited to be a part of the festivities. TCA Vice-Presidents and award-winning tent hosts, Bill and Claudia Trimble, in conjunction with local area tent host Bob Turnbull, will have a Turnbull tent with lots of Turnbull information and memorabilia. This will be our gathering place, our home away from home, while we explore the many other exhibits and activities going on.

For more visit: <https://nsbis250.com/>

## TURNBULLS STORM THE BEACH!

We have reserved a block of 10 - One bedroom suites at the Best Western New Smyrna Beach Hotel and Suites for the special price of \$148 per night. (If less than 10 rooms are used, the cost will be \$158.00 per night.)

The suites include two beds, sleeper sofa, a kitchenette and an ocean view balcony.

The rooms will be held at this rate until May 15. Please confirm your reservation by calling the hotel. When calling to reserve your room, ask for one of the Turnbull Clan Association rooms. Call before May 15 to reserve your room. 386-426-0020, Best Western New Smyrna Beach Hotel and Suites 1401 S. Atlantic Ave., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169



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SoNapa Grill  
3406 South Atlantic Ave.  
New Smyrna Beach, FL

## AGM and BANQUET

We have reserved the loft at SoNapa Grill for our annual banquet and meeting place to take place Saturday, June 16 at 6:00 pm. You won't want to miss the good food, good camaraderie, and opportunity to catch up on what's been happening and what's to come.

Restaurant website: <http://www.sonapa.com>

**Let's make this the most attended AGM ever! Include New Smyrna in your Florida vacation plans. Located close to Daytona Beach, Orlando, St. Augustine, Cape Canaveral and more! June 16, 2018**

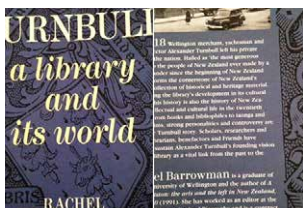


## Australia - Luxury home sale



A luxuriously appointed master-built home recently sold offering dramatic views from every room. Features included floor-to-ceiling glass windows to showcase the home's position only 50 metres above the ocean. Sea Ranch, situated along Victoria's Great Ocean Road, offered 180-degree beach views from Wye Point to Kennett River and beyond. It has been featured in numerous magazines including the latest edition of the coffee table book 'Coastal Homes of the World'. The home was designed and built by Darryl Turnbull, who has been designing high-end architectural residences in the Melbourne and Macedon Ranges for 25 years.

## New Zealand – Coat of Arms with Records collection



Published in 1995 by the Auckland University Press, the book gives an interesting history of a the librarys collection that now forms part of New Zealand's Alexander Turnbull National Library. The coat of arms on the front cover shows three bulls heads, each with a sword wedged up through each head and appearing out the top of the skull. The back cover shows Turnbull House, which he also left to the nation and now sits to the side of Parliament in Wellington.

## USA- Baseballer has his prospects for the 2018 season

Spencer Turnbull has only compiled a little over 300 innings in the last four years, due to injuries. However, these setbacks have hardly dimmed his prospects for 2018. Even though the shoulder injuries have sapped his throwing velocity somewhat, his fastball is still his bread and butter. Turnbull currently sits in the lower-to-mid 90s throwing 92-94 miles per hour during most starts. America's Baseballer, Josh Norris, came away very impressed when he saw Turnbull pitch last August and called him "more of a pitcher," which is the kind of comment one hopes to see about any raw, hard-throwing prospect



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

## Canada –Triumphant return with an Olympic medal



With her silver medal dangling around her neck, Canadian Olympian Blayne Turnbull, greeted the hockey fans at the Pictou County Wellness Centre. "It's something I'm really proud of, and I'm proud to be from Stellarton and Pictou County." Turnbull arrived back home after a long trip from South Korea, where she and her Team Canada mates lost a heartbreaking gold-medal game against the rival U.S. on Feb. 22. "We were just happy to be able to welcome her home, and give her a chance to say hello to the community," said PCWC general manager Dave Hood, noting the line-up of autograph-seekers at the PCWC lobby included a healthy number of female minor hockey players. "It was nice to see the young female players, who know what she's accomplished and will be looking up to her for years to come." Turnbull, 24, said she took a lot of good memories away from the Winter Olympics experience.

## Australia - Empire Theatre call



Margaret Turnbull has left big shoes to fill when she walked out of the Empire Theatre for the final time as events manager. She has been in her role for 20 years, since the theatre reopened in June 1997. "I have always been very involved in the Community Theatre with Toowoomba Choral Society," she said. "I was very excited when it reopened and refurbished back at that time and I can remember saying to a lot of my friends and colleagues at the time . . . when that opens I want to work there. I applied for a casual position at that time and was lucky enough to be chosen.

## UK - Great British Bake Off

Bill Turnbull is a British journalist and presenter who is best known for presenting Songs of Praise. The show was organ-



ised to raise money for Channel 4's Stand Up To Cancer. The celebrity version of the show aired in March which followed the same format but on a smaller scale. However, the inaugural episode of the Great Celebrity Bake Off saw Bill Turnbull make an announcement that he is suffering from an incurable prostate cancer, which has now spread further throughout his body.

## Australia – A Financial player



Alex Turnbull is creating a reputation in the eastern countries, namely Hong Kong and Singapore as a rare personality. He is around 36 and as a young investment manager, he is outspoken on topics he believes in, even if he upsets powerful interests. Turnbull is a case study for how the children of the rich and powerful often struggle to find professional success, despite having all the advantages of a privileged upbringing. The Singapore fund he established in 2015, manages several tens of millions in monetary value, sources said.

## USA - Cuban food in Durham

Most often, new restaurants aim to be either modern or authentic, but Copa aims at historic, cooking a nearly lost Cuban cuisine more



heavily influenced by Europe than Latin America. Husband and wife owners Roberto Copa Matos and Elizabeth Turnbull closed their Old Havana Sandwich Shop in February after seven years serving Cuban lunches and brunches. The sandwiches of Old Havana will survive at Copa, but Copa and Turnbull have livened up the vibe and added a dinner menu and cocktails.



# THE TURNBULLS OF BARNHILLS- A PAST HISTORY

*In the nearby lands of Hawick, there sits a 16th century Pele tower on the crest of Minto Crags, located in Roxburghshire, which has a notorious yet diverse historical past.*

Fatlips Castle is a local treasure and a significant part of the Turnbull history. The land itself is the remnants of an ancient volcano, last active when the Borders region of Scotland was south of the equator – it oversees the lands of its original masters, the notorious Turnbulls of Barnhills.

Whatever the origin of the name, being unusual, it adds an aura of mystery and importance to it. There is another Fatlips Castle near Symington in South Lanarkshire, and a couple of others elsewhere, marked on old maps.

The occupation of Minto Crags predates the construction of Fatlips. Although evidence has been obscured by later quarrying activity, an older fort exists to the north, likely dating to the Bronze Age. A large undated ditch also lies beneath the Crags at Craigend Bank. One line of thought is that these were put to use during the subsequent Roman occupation of the area.



*At the crest of Minto Crags, with evidence of early activity*

In 1375 Walter Turnbull received a charter for the barony of “Mintow” from David II, son of Robert the Bruce. Later that century, Walter’s son John built the first tower on Minto Crags. It was surrounded by a barmkin - an enclosure into which cattle could be driven. The occupants used bonfires to signal nearby Bedrule Castle, across the Teviot to the south, of impending danger (*it too was owned by the family*).

John granted his lands to Sir William Stewart in 1390 and is said to have travelled to France to fight the English. His successor disputed the validity of the transfer on the ground of John being a leper. An inquisition was held at Rulemouth in 1458 and the lands of Minto were divided, the Turnbulls getting two-thirds and the Stewarts one-third.

The Turnbulls also held land in the Ettrick valley and by



*Fatlips Castle in 1898*

*Photo: Jed Murray*

the 15th century controlled much of the Rule valley and the Borthwick valley. Closest to Hawick, there were Turnbull lairds at Whitope, Hornshole, Penchrise, Harden and Has-sendeanbank.

There is a natural platform on the steep face of Minto Crags called “Barnhill’s Bed”, reputed to have been the refuge of a notorious Turnbull outlaw during the time of the Reivers. The Turnbulls also had a farm in the vicinity of the Crags at Barnhills. This was razed to the ground in 1500 by Peter Turnbull and others.

In 1513, following the Battle of Flodden, Lord Dacre led an English army through the Rule valley for further assaults on the Borders. George Turnbull quickly rallied a defensive force of 700 Turnbulls, Kerrs, Douglasses and Scotts, and defeated the invaders at the Battle of Sclaterford.

The only historical record is a (*one-sided*) letter from Lord Dacre, penned in November 1513: “...so to the Sclater Ford on the water of Bowset; was pursued by the Scots, assisted by Dand Kerr of Fernehirst, the Laird of Bondgedworth, and the sheriff of Teviotdale; the Laird of Walghope and Mark Trumbill [Turnbull] are hurt”.

The site of the battle was a ford over the “water of Bowset” which is likely the Fodderlee Burn in Abbotrule. A large cairn marked the spot until the early 1800s; in 1903 a memorial plaque was erected by Hawick Archaeological Society on the bridge over the burn.

Deep in the woods beneath the Crags lies the remains of Barnhills Castle, another important defensive stronghold of the Turnbulls, built sometime during the 16th century. The “Barne Helles” was burnt by the Earl of Hertford, Edward Seymour’s men in 1545 and during the height of the Rough

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*A section of the Fatlips ceiling, 1971 Photo: John Rogerson*

Wooing, but the damage cannot have been extensive as “Barnehyll” was one of the houses appointed to watch the fords of Tweed in 1548-49. Fatlips Castle was completely destroyed and very little of it remained. Among the other places to be burned were ‘Mantoncrake’ (i.e. Minto Craggs) and ‘East Barnehill’ and ‘Weast Barnehill’.

The turning point for the Turnbulls came in 1510 when James IV, despairing of the lawlessness of his Border subjects, held a mass hanging at the ‘Deed Haugh’ near Rulemouth, two miles from Denholm. The principal Turnbulls made their submission to the king, coming before him in linen sheets with withies about their necks, and “put themselves in the King’s will”. The family largely scattered thereafter, many of them choosing to emigrate overseas to the New World.

The lands of Minto (with its separate portions) remained in the Turnbull family until John Turnbull, the last laird, parted with them in 1673. During the thirty years that elapsed between the sale of Minto and its purchase by Sir Gilbert Elliot, there were no less than five intermediate proprietors: Walter Scott of Harwood, Walter Riddell, Thomas Rutherford, the Earl of Tarras - Walter Scott of Highchester, and Gideon Scott of Highchester.

Gideon, the eldest son of Lord Tarras, obtained a charter in February 1695 to create the barony of Minto, Craigend and Deanfoot. By a later charter in favour of Sir Gilbert and his son (dated April 30, 1706, and ratified in Parliament one year later), Headshaw, Langhope, Minto and Craigend were united to create the barony of Minto.

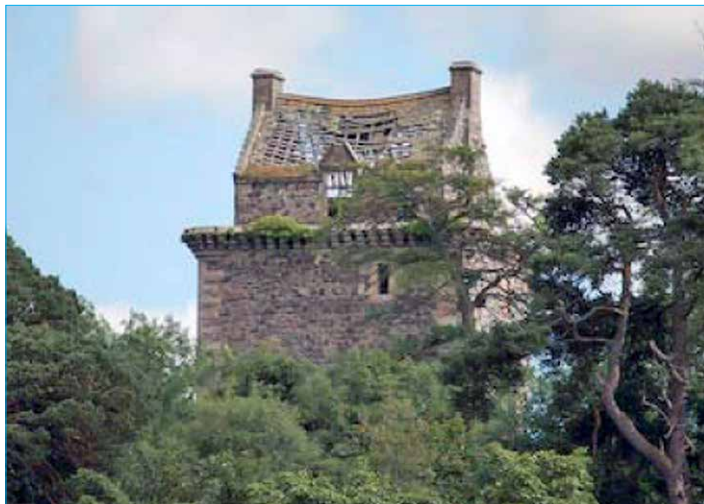
For the Elliots of Minto, however, the remains of Fatlips Castle became something of a folly on their estate. It took nearly one hundred and fifty years for the tower to be extensively restored. The interior was then converted by Sir Robert Lorimer in 1897-98 to become a shooting lodge, private gallery and museum. The Craggs featured new walks and

pathways for people to explore and have picnics, a popular Victorian past-time.

On a visit in 1933, the Royal Commission found an impressive collection of historic relics and weapons, including an early breech-loading gun (taken from Sebastopol by Colonel Sir Gilbert Elliot), a muzzle-loading cannon (forged at Amsterdam in 1637 and taken by Admiral Elliot from the French off the Isle of Man in February 1760), and a third



*Remains of one of the old cannons found inside Fatlips Castle*



*Fatlips Castle in disrepair before its restoration*

cannon that belonged to the mutineers of the HMS Bounty (recovered from deep water off Pitcairn Island by Captain Russell Elliot).

Fatlips Castle remained in use until being abandoned in the late 1960s. Its condition worsened, it lay exposed to the elements and was subject to regular vandalism. The door was cemented shut to prevent further trespassing and injuries.

The castle was designated a monument of national importance on December 12, 1969, and was granted further protection with a Category B listing by Historic Scotland on March 16, 1971. The exterior cannons and decorative interior panelling survived largely intact until the late 1970s.

A grassroots campaign took hold in the early 2000s with the aim of having Fatlips restored to its former glory. Locals such as Gemma Bernard Lubbock, who grew up within sight

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*Fatlips as it stands today on the crest of the Minto Crags*

of the castle, were instrumental in clearing debris and litter and drawing international attention to its plight. Gemma started the Burning Beacon Happy website to encourage donations, and placed little cardboard castles around Borders pubs to further highlight their cause.

On November 18, 2011, it was announced that a £220,000 restoration of the building would take place, with funding from Historic Scotland, the Council's Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, Minto estate, and numerous individual contributions in a package orchestrated by the Tweed Forum. John Munro, building contractor, and his team of skilled workmen braved some of the worst weather the Borders could throw at them, including blizzards, gale-force winds and thunder storms, to make the castle wind and water-tight once more.

Its remote location made this quite challenging - there was no vehicular access. The first job for the team was to restore the old cart track. The next task was to recover as much of the masonry as possible. Over the years, stonework was pushed from the top of the building, had come to rest a long way from the castle, and was subsequently buried in mud. Whilst searching for the stone, contractors found the old iron yett (*gate*). Local merchants provided the lion's share of materials that were needed to fill the gaps.

The result is an unbeatable proposition – a castle to yourself for the day! The key to the door is available from Thos. B. Olivers Garage in Denholm for a £10 deposit - £5 of which is returnable and £5 which goes towards the upkeep of Fatlips.

*Credit: Historic Environment Scotland; The Border Elliots and the Family of Minto, George F. S. Elliot (1897); A Hawick Word Book (2017 ed.), Professor Douglas Scott; John Rogerson; Gemma Lubbock. Research reprinted by permission.*

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*Horseback reivers in the parade. Photo: Robert Turnbull*



*Young reivers join in the celebrations. Photo: Bill Turnbull*

Bill and Robert Turnbull have submitted these photographs to show some of the participants during the parade. The procession is related to the tradition of the Hornshole Raid, which was a skirmish fought in 1514 between youths from Hawick and an English raiding party.

### WHAT AND WHERE IS THIS?



*It is said to be of 12th century and nearby lands of Bedrule. If you know the answer, send it to [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com) or you can read the full story in the next Bullseye edition.*

# CHANGING THE WORLD – THROUGH SCOTS INVENTIONS

Compiled by Kenneth Turnbull

*Scottish entrepreneurs, geniuses and eccentric inventors with their ability to think outside the square, have helped to change our everyday lives throughout the world . . . for the better.*

## Computing origins

We are in the era of portable computers all around us, not only in our working lives, but at home, in social activities, even finding our way around through the use of electronic maps.



The beginnings of the computer began back in the 1600's, by a wealthy Scottish nobleman from Edinburgh, John Napier. He was a mathematician, astronomer, and physicist.

His computing skills evolved around a set of calculating tables he had devised and named as Logarithms, together with a box set of ten ivory sticks with various numeric tables engraved along the sides.

These were known as Napier's Rods and used simultaneously, they would allow complex calculations to be done in a fraction of time. His 'Rods' are still regarded today as the world's first portable calculator. He also wrote a book 'A Description of the Miracle of Logarithms', explaining the theorems of his work. His book of 57 pages, was published and translated into several different languages. The Napier University in Edinburgh has been named after him and his 'miracle' inventions.

## The Tarmac roadway

The earliest roadways were perhaps started by the Romans, where they used stones as a pavement. However, the original idea of the roads as we know them today, came from Scottish born, John McAdam, an engineer, from the coastal town of Ayr, south west of Glasgow.



With the death of his father, the fourteen year old travelled to New York and worked with his businessman uncle for a time and became wealthy. John married and returned to Ayrshire in Scotland, where he bought an estate and was appointed a trustee of the Ayrshire turnpikes in 1783, involving road surveying and construction.

In 1802, he moved south to Bristol and in 1816, he was appointed surveyor of the Bristol Turnpike Trust. He was not happy with the way roads were being made, so he came up with the idea of remaking them by raising the surface and using crushed stone and gravel in a systematic manner. A camber was added, to allow water to run off easily.

When the motor car era started, he added an oil-based tar top to the surface, to prevent the rising dust. He soon became known as 'Tarmacadam', which eventually became 'tarmac'. His name soon became world famous with most main roads throughout the world today, 'macadamised'; a simple but very effective and successful invention.

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