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WALTER CONTINUES IN HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT FOR TCA



Walter Turnbull - TCA President

I am grateful for the honor to serve another term as TCA president. Though these last three years have been a learning experience for me, we as an organization, have completed much with the hard work and dedication of TCA leadership and awesome members.

Many of our gatherings have been cancelled over the past few years, yet we have continued to thrive through virtual meetings and getting together wherever and whenever we can. The last few months have seen a resurgence of organized Scottish heritage gatherings, and TCA members have been coming out strong to fellowship and carry on our mission to research, preserve, and promote our cultural heritage for the enjoyment and benefit of our members and of future generations.

The TCA whisky project is in full swing now. Our 'Single Malt' Turnbull whisky will come of age and be ready to drink in 2033 – be sure to reserve a bottle (or three) of this very limited promotion. All proceeds go to TCA for the betterment and promotion of our clan.

Our most exciting announcement from this last AGM was the establishment of the Turnbull Clan Association Scholarship. Details are being finalized with plans to offer the first scholarship this year in 2022. Stay tuned in to the *Bullseye* for more information.

As natives of Florida, my wife Brittany and I plan to attend as many gatherings as possible in our region. We just attended Florida's largest Scottish heritage gathering, the Central Florida Highlands Games. Many thanks to Robert Turnbull for hosting us this year and representing the Turnbells for many years at these games. Brittany and I plan to attend several more gatherings this year including Mount Dora (Florida, USA) in February, Dunedin (Florida, USA) in April, and Stone Mountain (Georgia, USA) in October. We would be delighted to see you at one of these gatherings and please invite us to come join you at a gathering in your neck of the woods!

In this next term, I will work to expand awareness and participation in our clan, both virtually and in person. Our goal is to get more TCA members to host tents, participate in projects (*such as our DNA project*), and engage both virtually and in person.

Bliadhna Mhath Ur!

A Guid New Year!



The new year is upon us! TCA has a very popular following as it continues to keep its clan members informed.

Yet it can only exist with your support.

As Newsletter editor, my role is to inform the members and all those interested, with current and historical events, as well as achievements of many Turnbells throughout the world. This includes stories that don't make the newspapers.

It goes without saying that the members interests and input with news, history, stories and places visited, has been well worth sharing. This year, I invite you to take the opportunity to make a personal contribution. Your input could well be of more value and interest to others than you may think.

So, what do you have to share . . . ? ED.

Contact the editor at the following;

editor@turnbullclan.com

These past few years I've never been prouder to be a Turnbull as I've met more and more of my extended family from all over the World. It has been a delight to get to know you better as we bond through our pride for our heritage. To quote the Avett Brothers "Always remember there was nothing worth sharing like the love that let us share our name".

Audaci favet fortuna

Walter Turnbull

TCA 2021 BALLOT RESULTS

The following results of the voting for the Turnbull Clan office bearers for 2022-2023 are as follows . . .

President: Walter Turnbull

Vice President: Jeff Trimble

Treasurer: Sandy Turnbull

Secretary: Brittany Turnbull

VP Communication: Betty Turnbull

VP of Events: Katherine Turnbull

VP International News and Editor: Kenneth Turnbull



Our congratulations go to all of the successful candidates

THE LOST TRUMBULL . . .

By Todd Gerlander, Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. A Turnbull Clan Association Member

National observance of WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA took place on Saturday the 18th December, 2021.

The Colour Guard (The Connecticut Line) of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia, placed a wreath at the tomb of Connecticut's Revolutionary War "Rebel Governor," Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. (1710-1785), who served as Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Connecticut militia, and State naval forces during the American Revolution (1775-1783).

The event was held at the Trumbull Cemetery in Lebanon, Connecticut, USA. The ceremony also recognized the Revolutionary War service of three of his sons also buried there.

These included Joseph Trumbull (1737-1778) Connecticut Commissary General, and first Commissary General of the Continental Army; Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. (1740-1809) Paymaster General of the Northern Continental Army, and Military Secretary to General George Washington; David Trumbull (1751-1822) Assistant State Commissary, and his father's right-hand man at the War Office.

His fourth son, Colonel John Trumbull, the Artist of the American Revolution, is buried elsewhere. We flew the thirteen star flag, referred to as the "Trumbull flag," in his honor.



Members of the Connecticut Line, Living History/Color Guard Unit of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia, place a wreath at the Trumbull Family Tomb, Trumbull Cemetery, Lebanon, Connecticut.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA GAMES, USA



TCA was well represented at the Central Florida Games held in mid-January. A great time was had by all who attended. We experienced the traditional highland athletics, dance, art, music, culture, food and a Gaelic spirit. There was even discounted haggis. TCA also had a Turnbull Athlete, however we unfortunately didn't see him in action due to tent schedule and the challenging weather.

ARTIST QUALITY OFFER

TURNING OF THE BULL

TABLE TOP REPLICA

The Turnbull Clan Association is excited to offer a table top replica of the Turning of the Bull monument in exchange for a donation to TCA. These replica's are of artist quality bronze placed on a stained wooden mount.

- Donations will be used for future monument upkeep and the numerous TCA projects promoting Turnbulls worldwide.

- Donations of US \$1650 or more will receive a 6"x 9"x 6" cast bronze artist replica.

- Donations of US \$2475 or more will receive a 9"x 11"x 9" cast bronze artist replica.



For more information about these unique replicas, contact: communications@turnbullclan.com



Congratulations to Bill Trimble, who has earned the bragging rights as the first to find the little bull.

• Can you find the other hidden 'Bullseye Bull' in this issue?

ARTISTIC MEDIAEVAL IMAGING

Andrew Spratt, an enterprising Mediaeval re-enactor, 'Man at Arms' reconstruction castle artist with his own historical opinions, has recreated many high quality images in GIF format (*animated*) of what these two ruins could well have looked like in their heyday.



Above: The artist's castle reconstruction from above.

View of the present day site.

More on Twitter: #HistoryRebuilt

Bedrule Castle, near Hawick (Scotland). Site in the 13th century by the Comyn family. This is Spratt's reconstruction suggestion with simple palisade prior to the building of courtyard wall.



Jedburgh Abbey, Borders (Scotland) showing suggested image with the roof added. Church (an Augustian House) established by King David I of Scots (1124-1153)

AN AUSSIE 2022 WELCOME



Australians relate well to welcoming in the New Year by inventing their own variations, as can be seen with this continued farm gate version in South-East Queensland, near Beaudesert. Ed.

THE FESTIVAL RETURNS

By Fiona Turnbull

I have received word that the Reivers Festival is back on as a "live" event this year and I will be giving my third Turnbull Talk. If you want an excuse to visit Hawick, put the weekend of 26th March on your calendar. I have been assured that my talk will be filmed and broadcast. Keep checking the official page for more information at the following:

<https://www.hawickreivers.com>



Step back in time to the mid sixteenth century when the Borderlands were an area of constant feuding and uncertainties, when loyalties were to kinship rather than king and country and when "Reiving" was a means of survival where they would seek security through group strength and cunning. They would attempt to improve their livelihoods at their nominal enemies' expense; enemies who were frequently also just trying to survive.

Fiercely loyal and independent, hard-working and prepared to fight for what they believed in, these men and women of the 1500's did much to shape the character of the modern day Borderers.

Hawick Reivers Festival aims to help visitors and townsfolk alike Experience, explore and endeavour to explain day to day life in this violent and turbulent period of our history.

Through music, drama and re-enactments, come along and experience what life was really like for the men and women in the Border Marches.



Walter Scott of Harden, known as 'Auld Wat' was a notorious Reiver who led raids across the border and against his fellow countrymen. An infamous freebooter who was declared a rebel and outlaw.

The horn shown above is 'Wat o' Harden's horn'. An exhibit in the National Museum of Scotland. *He took a bugle frae his side, With names carved o'er and o'er, Full many a chief of meikle pride, That Border bugle bore. (The Reiver's Wedding)*

THE CAMPAIGNING PAYS OFF

A new Scottish National Park is on the horizon. Years of campaigning have finally paid off – the Scottish government has confirmed that the country will have at least one new National Park by 2026.

The Scottish Government has now pledged to protect more land and to create more National Parks. So along with six other sites, the Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park is gathering pace.

Two landscape charities and the Scottish Campaign for National Parks (SCNP) said there was “clear local community demand” for new national parks with community support for new ones to be created in the Scottish Borders and Galloway. A briefing sent to MSPs said two parts of southern Scotland had already shown they were behind their bids.

The creation of at least one more in this parliamentary session is part of a power-sharing agreement between the SNP and Scottish Green Party.

A favourite stopover . . ‘Scott’s View’ in the Scottish Borders.



One of the many impressive views overlooking the valley Tweed in the Borders area, where it is hoped the ‘Borders’ area will be declared as a National Park in the not too distant future.

Photo: Kenneth Turnbull

John Mayhew, who has played a major part for the Scottish Campaign for National Parks, is in no doubt about the value of adding to the two existing parks; the Cairngorms and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs.

“They bring real focus,” he says, “as well as additional resources to help support the area’s natural and cultural heritage.”

The readers of the latest edition of **The Scots Magazine** and online followers were asked to cast a preliminary vote for their favourite of the seven nominations– and the results are in!

This of course, is not an official vote, but it will be interesting.

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| 1. Ben Nevis/Glen Coe/black Mount 35.7% | |
| 2. Glen Affric 21% | 3. Argyll 24.4% |
| 4. Wester Ross 15% | 5. Harris 15.4% |
| 6. Borders 38.2% | 7. Galloway 59.3% |

The Scottish government is committed to creating at least one more National Park by 2026, but more may well be designated.

The campaign continues . . .



CAMPAIGN FOR A
SCOTTISH
BORDERS
NATIONAL PARK

BEDRULE HERITAGE PROJECT 2021- 2022

UPDATE ON THE BEDRULE CASTLE SITE

The Excavation and investigation on the remains began on Thursday 11th to Saturday 20th November 2021



The flat stone shown here, may be the remains of a stone pillar of a spiral staircase with the stairs curving around the outside.

Reluctantly, the 2022 weekend workshops (shown below) had to be rescheduled. This has come about through the affects of the Covid-19 virus rules. AG.

The following two sessions previously listed have now been deferred for this phase of the project to Saturday 2nd April at William Laidlaw Hall in Bonchester/Hobkirk.

1. Saturday 15th January What do we do with all the information we gathered? Learn how to approach interpretation, and help tell the story of Bedrule.

2. Sunday 27th February 2022 - Finally, 'Telling the Story' by summarising the information results further and learning how to engage with the public with new interpretive materials, and site tours.

We will also be doing a talk for the Hawick Reivers' Festival at the end of March, which is planned to film and put on their website after the Festival.

Funded by the Scottish Borders Council Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund 2021-22', Archaeology Scotland's Adopt-a-Monument and Historic Environment Scotland.



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG FINDINGS AT BEDRULE CASTLE SITE

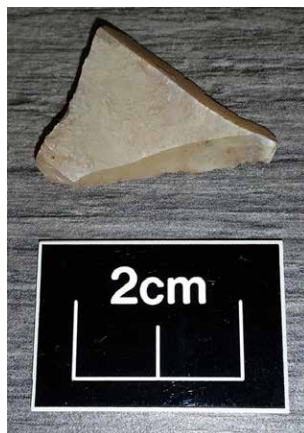


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There was lots of interest in the exploratory excavation at Bedrule Castle. More than 120 students from seven schools participated. The weather was kind to us too. From the results of our Bedrule Castle dig in the Scottish Borders, here are some of the volunteer teams and finds.

A spindle whorl (top left) with lines radiating from the centre, a piece of flint, a metal object (knife?) and a fragment of stone with tooling marks. We'd love to hear what you think! Professor Jane Bower, FRSE Have your say via the editor@turnbulleclan.com



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USA - Toys for Tots program



Toni Turnbull, is the Marketing Director, of Toys For Tots program as the #Community-Giving through the holiday season continues. "We are partnering with Sacramento's Marine Toys For Tots to collect toys for children less fortunate". Toys For Tots is the United States Marine Corps' premiere community action program; a national program with a local touch.

Wales - Rugby testing times

Cardiff Skipper Josh Turnbull, recognises that in competition Rugby, filling in the gaps where players are needed. He comments, "If you have quality competitions at a younger age group level, it will breed competition among the players and you are only going to make them better. But Turnbull says "If you've got money, you can go and spend it on the players you want."



Scotland - Peplow's arts sale



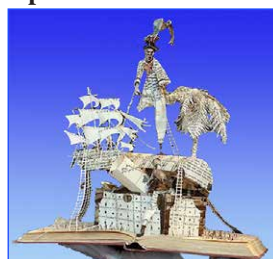
A total of five paintings by Samuel John Peplow a Scottish Colourist artist, were auctioned in December and sold for more than £1 million (\$1,327,176 USD or \$1,850,000 AUD) One of the works, a still life titled 'Roses and Fruit', went for £735,000 (\$976,000 USD or \$1,360,000 AUD), well above the estimated up to £500,000. The auction, held online in December by Lyon and Turnbull, celebrated the culmination of events marking 150 years since the artist was born.



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

Scotland - Enchanted old book sculptures

In 2011, an enchanting paper sculpture book was left on a table at the Scottish Public Library in Edinburgh. A note accompanying it read; "We know that a library is so much more than a building of books . . . a book is much more than pages full of words. This is for you in support of libraries, books, words, ideas". Over the year, ten book finds were made all over Edinburgh. Yet, her identity has remained a secret, even as her work toured Scotland, including international attention. In February, Lyon & Turnbull auctioned five of these sculptures on-line, each carrying an estimate of £1,000 - £1,500. Included: 'Tam O'Shanter' - Robert Burns; 'Whisky Galore' - Crompton Mackenzie; 'Peter Pan' - J.M. Barrie; 'Lanark' - Alistair Gray and 'Treasure Island' (above) by Robert L. Stevenson.



Scotland - Two old age pensioners have tied the knot



Two old age pensioners became newlyweds in December when they tied the knot near Christmas after going home together the first time they met. Richard Glass, 86 and Pamela Turnbull, 89, hit it off immediately after catching each other's eye in a railway car park. Great-grandad Richard made his move instantly on Pamela, who gave a false name at first, before she agreed to go for a spin in his car. The pair talked for hours, and Richard put his cards on the table right away when he dropped his new friend off at the station, telling her "I am so lucky to have met someone like you." Five years after their first date, they formalised their relationship. The couple say they believe in marriage and want to make the most of every moment.

Canada - Olympic-bound with berth on 'Feed the Dream'

Blayre Turnbull who competes for Canada, will accompany the Winter Olympics team's quest for a gold medal at the Winter Games in Beijing, China. She was a silver medalist winner for Canada at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. Her confirmation coincides with the relaunching by Sobeys Inc. of its 'Feed the Dream' Olympic campaign and its unveiling at the Pictou County Wellness Centre of Team Sobeys athletes that include her. Her father Ron Turnbull is standing in front of a picture of his daughter, Blayre Turnbull, beside the Sobeys Centre at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.



Scotland - Graduate in Hospitality

Resort Cameron House Hotel, a luxury resort, have announced their latest graduates. One of eight including Rachel Turnbull, Rooms Division Graduate Manager. The programme also provided management trainees with the opportunity to learn from an elite team of specialists and experts in luxury service. "My biggest highlight so far has been preparing for COP26 last November and the welcoming of world leaders."



New Zealand - Behind the heroes



Volunteer firefighter Jono Turnbull is a member of the Clyde Volunteer Fire Brigade. As a firefighter out on a call it's essential to know someone in the brigade has got your back, but it's also handy knowing someone is supporting you back at the office. That's where Turnbull is one of the nearly 12,000 Kiwis who volunteer for Fire and Emergency New Zealand and are ready to respond in a crisis. He was thrilled to be accepted as a recruit with the Clyde Brigade. He commented, "It's a fantastic thing to be involved in."

UK - A bronze at Championships



A fencer from Saffron Walden (around 50 miles or 80 km. north of London) managed to win a bronze medal at the British Veterans Fencing Championships in December. Fiona Turnbull, who helped found the Saffron Swords club, claimed her prize at the British Veterans Fencing event in Manchester. The 60-year-old was part of a 31-strong field in the women's foil event, which is open to all fencers over the age of 40. She had an easy 10-2 win in the quarter-finals. However, she found the number one seed, who was 15 years her junior, too fast in her semi and had to settle for bronze and the ranking of highest placed over-60 fencer.

Wildlife of Scotland

SCOTLAND'S MOST RECOGNISABLE 'HORSE OF THE FOREST'

Western Capercaillie, also known as heather cock, are the most recognisable of game birds. In the United Kingdom these very sizeable European wood grouse can only be found around the hilly coniferous woodlands of northern Scotland.

This species is the largest member of the game bird family that have been sought after and hunted over generations to the point where there are only around 2000 left in the wild.

The word capercaillie, pronounced as **ka-puh-kay-lee** is a corruption of the Scottish capalcoille. The Gaelic name for this species, *capall-coille*, means 'Horse of the forest'.

Today all the capercaillie in Scotland originate from Swedish stock, as they became extinct in Scotland in 1785.

Then in 1837, capercaillie were successfully reintroduced by Lord Breadalbane at Taymouth Castle in the Highlands of Scotland and they rapidly recolonised the local pinewoods.

However, in recent years the population has halved and a variety of threats including habitat loss and fragmentation, birds flying into deer fencing and the chick mortality, due to wet and cool weather, face this species.

They are now protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, implemented in 1981, which in short, the act gives protection to native species, especially those at threat. In part, it aims to protect all European wild birds and the habitats of listed species including the capercaillie.



The much smaller female of the species CC BY-SA 2.0

The capercaillie (also known as the cock-of-the-woods) is the largest member of the game bird family and can only be found in the pinewoods of northern Scotland. They are occasionally also found in mature Oakwood Nature Reserves.

Male capercaillie are predominantly black and grey in colour and have reddish-brown wings with a white patch on the shoulder. The head, neck and breast are tinged with blue,



The male of the species showing off its plumage display CC BY 2.0

and the eye is highlighted by a ring of red skin. Males also have a "beard," most noticeable during courtship displays, and a long tail. Females have brown plumage with striations all over the body and a reddish-brown patch on the breast.

During breeding season, the male capercaillie a primarily-ground-dwelling forest grouse, is renowned for its flamboyant courtship display known as a "lek": with wings pointed down, tail flared and beard bristling, he emits a series of gurgles and wheezes interspersed with cork popping sounds.

They are known to become very aggressive if approached by humans during the breeding season.

Moreover, if there is more than one male nearby, fights can break out, sometimes causing serious injury and even death.

Females lay between 5 and 12 eggs in a nest on the ground and look after the chicks, without the male, during the summer. These family units then join larger groups of birds in the autumn.

Regrettably, a great many, mostly hens, are killed annually in the low-lying woods of Perthshire and Stirlingshire. However, their places are generally filled up the following spring by birds which come down from the rocky hills that may be nearby and from more inaccessible areas in these counties.

Perthshire, Stirlingshire, and Forfarshire seem to be the counties in Scotland most suited to the habits of this magnificent bird, with a few being found in Aberdeenshire.

Its closest relative is the black-billed capercaillie, *Tetrao parvirostris*, which breeds in the larch taiga forests of eastern Russia and parts of northern Mongolia and China.

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