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HALLOWE'EN AND THE ROLE OF WITCHES

The origins of Halloween date back 2,000 years to the ancient Celtic festivals of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts who lived mostly in the area that is now Ireland, Scotland, England and northern France, celebrated their new year on the 1st November.

This was the day that marked the end of summer and the harvest, the beginning of the dark, cold winter and was also often associated with human death. The Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of 31st October they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth, a blurring of the physical and spirit worlds, as Halloween's forebear.

The Celts marked Samhain at the midpoint between the Autumn Equinox and the Winter Solstice. Hearth fires in family homes were left to burn out while the harvest was being gathered. When the harvest work was complete, celebrants joined with Druid priests to light massive bonfires and pray.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore their costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires.

Halloween (first named All-Hallows Eve) today is one of the most popular holidays for both kids and adults and continues to be celebrated each year on the 31st October. Historically ancient celebrations have changed over time with the advent of international variations.

From pagan fertility rituals to hallucinogenic herbs, the story of witches and brooms is also an enthralling summary. The evil green-

Halloween festivities or an event to share?



How about submitting a photo of your celebration or an event that you'd like to share with the 1,800+ Turnbull Clan readers. Please let us know. We'd love to share.

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skinned witch flying on her magic broomstick may well be linked to Halloween, however, its early beginnings is mentioned in the bible.

It's not clear exactly when the broom itself was first invented, but the act of sweeping goes back to ancient times when women were using bunches of thin sticks, reeds and other natural fibres to sweep aside dust or ash from a fire or hearth. These were known as 'besoms', the name later changed to 'brooms' and associated with women.

Despite this, the first witch to confess to riding a broom or besom, was, Guillaume Edelin a Priest from Saint-Germain-en-Laye, near Paris in 1453. He was tried, confessed and eventually jailed for witch-craft after he publicly criticised the church's warnings about witches and by the time of Edelin's "confession," the idea of witches riding around on broomsticks was already well established.

Suggestions that the association between witches and brooms may have roots in a pagan fertility ritual, where rural farmers would leap and dance astride poles, pitchforks or brooms in the light of the full moon to encourage the growth of their crops. This "broomstick dance," it seems, became confused with common accounts of evil witches flying through the night on their way to orgies and other illicit pagan meetings.

Broomsticks were also thought to be the perfect vehicles for the special ointments and salves that witches brewed up to give themselves the ability to fly.

At the beginning in the 17th century, records of witches using broomsticks to fly up and out of chimneys became more commonplace.

Stories of scary flying witches continued and over time, they were adapted into the traditional games of Halloween, with the added scary spiders, flying bats, human skulls, black cats and carved candle-lit pumpkins . . . the time to embrace all things spooky!

Turnbull Clan Association

Authors Corner

Bryn Turnbull

Bryn Turnbull is a renowned writer of historical fiction with her fourth and latest release, 'The Berlin Apartment'. This sweeping love story follows a young couple whose lives are irrevocably changed when they're separated overnight by the construction of the Berlin Wall.



Berlin, 1961: When Uli Neumann proposes to Lise Bauer, she has every reason to accept. He offers her love, respect and a life beyond the strict bounds of the East German society in which she was raised — which she longs to leave more than anything.

But only two short days after their engagement, Lise and Uli are torn violently apart when barbed wire is rolled across Berlin, splitting the city into two hostile halves: capitalist West Berlin, an island of western influence isolated far beyond the iron curtain, and the socialist East,

a country determined to control its citizens by any means necessary.

Soon, Uli and his friends in West Berlin hatch a plan to get Lise and her unborn child out of East Germany, but as distance and suspicion bleed into their lives and as weeks turn to months, how long can true love survive in the divided city?



Rated: 4.6 ★★★★

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Flowers of the Forest Remembering William (Bill) 6. Trimble

William (Bill) Trimble was an active member of the Turnbull Clan Association since the 1990s.

Together, with wife Pat, they began hosting the Seattle Highland Games in Enumclaw, Washington.

They continue this role for twenty years. They also made it a point to attend as many AGM gatherings as was



possible. Bill served faithfully for many years as the Turnbull Clan Association treasurer and Clan Member of the Year in 2005.

Husband, father, grandfather, Bill also proudly served his country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Air Force.

Bill will be greatly missed by his family and his extended Turnbull/Trimble family.

Sharing and Caring

With the passing of Bill (William) Trimble the families appreciate your thoughts and prayers.



The latest free issue of the Explore the South of Scotland Magazine is produced in association with South of Scotland Destination Alliance - is now available at the link below.... Copy & paste the link to view the stories. As always it comes with a simple request - please pass it on . . .

https://issuu.com/exploresouthscotland/docs/explore_south_of_scotland_magazine - issue 9?fr=sNjA3Nzc2NTQ0MTk



We congratulate the winner who found the 'Little Bull'. Bragging rights go Bernardo Turnbull from México City, México. Can you find the other hidden 'Bullseye Bull' in this issue?



It's time to vote - the 2025 nominees



This is an election year for TCA. The candidates and offices are below. Any TCA member in good standing is permitted to vote. Good standing includes lifetime members and those members who have paid dues for 2024. If you would like to vote, but have not paid dues, please visit **www.turnbullclan.com**. Login and upgrade your membership to TCA Contributing Member. If you don't have a login, you may register and become a contributing member at that time. Voting will only be done by e-mail.

VOTING has commenced . . .

You may send an e-mail to **communications@turnbullclan.com** with your vote. State the name and office of the person you are voting for. Voting ends 30th November. Officers will be announced in the December 2024 Bullseye.



President: Jeff Trimble is a Quality and Technical Director, providing casings for the meat deli industry. He's married to his wife Sue for 32 years, a daughter and a son. He's a tent host for the Milwaukee Games, Wisconsin games and will host the Chicago Scots games in 2024. He enjoys genealogy, fishing, hunting and wildlife conservation. In addition to fulfilling the role duties of president, he would like more Turnbulls involved in the Association and in Highland Games and clan events world wide.

Vice President: Walter Turnbull is seeking a position as Vice President. He is a civil engineer residing in Brandon, Florida with his wife Brittany. He is a veteran, having served in the US Navy. Walter's hobbies and interests include boating, cooking, college football and travelling. Serving two terms as TCA president has reinforced Walter's passion about his Scottish and Turnbull heritage and is hoping to continue sharing his passion with others as Vice President. One of his greatest pleasures has been to meet Turnbull "cousins" from all over. His desire is to promote a greater community of Turnbulls through local, regional, and worldwide events.





Treasurer: Sandy Turnbull currently holds this position and is seeking re-election. Sandy resides in Auburn, Alabama USA and has been supportive and active in Turnbull Clan activities for many years. As treasurer, in addition to the day to day accounting, he oversees the filing of necessary legal documents to maintain TCA's 501-c-3 status. He says, "My Turnbull heritage and extended worldwide family are very much an important part of my life. I consider serving TCA in this capacity and honour and pleasure."

Secretary: Jill Trimble is a family woman and an experienced Elementary Teacher. She grew up in a small town in Indiana, and is currently living in Huntsville, Alabama. Jill and her husband Darian Trimble, have been married for 26 years and have three sons, Houston, Wyatt and Luke. The boys keep them very busy with all their sporting interests, including football, tennis and hockey. They also love to travel together. The family began visiting the Scottish games in 2005 where they also started a search for their Scottish heritage. They began hosting with TCA in 2022 at Stone Mountain in Georgia and plan to host more TCA tents in the Tennessee and Alabama area. They enjoy meeting new Turnbulls at these festivals and learning about their heritage.





VP Communication: Betty Turnbull currently holds this position and is seeking re-election. Betty has been involved in TCA for close to 20 years. In 2005, she became editor of the Turnbull Clan newsletter, *The Bullseye*, and held that position for fourteen years until Kenneth Turnbull took over. She remains a contributing editor. Betty also organised the first TCA official trip to Scotland in 2007. Since that time, she has organised several additional trips. Betty is author of Scotlish themed children's books that emphasize the importance of heritage and family values, including *The Man Who Saved the King*, the story of 'How Turnbulls got their Name'. When she is not writing, Betty enjoys gardening, travelling, and being Gramma. Betty resides in Durham, North Carolina, USA, with her husband, Wally.

VP of Events: Katherine Turnbull is a security specialist involved in government defense contracting and a professional horse racing photographer. She is a co-administrator of the Turnbull-Trimble DNA project and has a keen interest in researching her Scottish heritage and genealogy. She began hosting clan tents for TCA in 2021, and hosted the TCA Scotland tour in 2023. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, collecting books, creating art, and spending time with her animals. A lifelong equestrian with ties to both sport and racing industries, she resides on her farm - Rulewater, near Martinsburg, West Virginia, USA, where she raises thoroughbred horses, Australian cattle dogs, and Nigerian dwarf goats.





VP International News and Editor: Kenneth Turnbull resides in south-east Queensland, Australia with his wife Patricia. As a former printer and now a semi-retired school Teacher, he currently holds the position as editor for the bi-monthly 'Bullseye' newsletter and is seeking re-election. Kenneth is also the co-author with Norman Turnbull for the 'Borders Tales and Trails' publication. The book relates to the history of Borders battles and key historic Scottish figures. It also describes places of interest to visit, with an emphasis centred on Clan Turnbull sites around the borders.

ARE YOU AN OBSERVER OR A PARTICIPATING MEMBER?

by Wally Turnbull - Honorary Clan Chief

If we are all members of the Turnbull Clan by birth why then do we need a clan association? What does membership in the Turnbull Clan Association (TCA) provide that simply being a member of the clan does not? Both of these are valid questions, the answers to which are why TCA was created in the first place. This association exits to let people know what it means to be a Turnbull and to grow their family of friends.

You may have encountered another Turnbull, perhaps at a Scottish Games, and observed their joy in discovering that they are not alone but have an entire clan family to embrace them. When you witness that, you know the importance of learning about our clan and rich heritage.

It is not uncommon on such occasions for the newcomer to know something about the Clan history, perhaps that there was a king and a bull somewhere back in time. But to now discover that this indeed was a historical event and to learn details, including the date, circumstances, and participants' names, creates pride and a deep sense of belonging.

Being a member of the clan by birth, but not knowing so is good but not enough. Learning that you are part of an extended family structure that exists to serve you and be served by you is of untold value. This cannot occur unless the clan has representation and gatherings of members to make this happen. To paraphrase a great Bible verse, "How can they know unless someone tells them."





The Turnbull Cairn and Time Capsule instalation Bedrule Kirk Yard, 2014

One can attend a church for years without joining as a member. In that case, it is simply the church that they attend, not the church to which they belong. Belonging means being a part of and contributing, not simply observing.

If the TCA is to fulfill its mission and serve as many of those in our clan as possible, it must have structure, be visible, and be active. For that to happen we need you to be a member, not just an observer. We need your participation and quite frankly, we do need your financial contributions. TCA is



Unveiling of The Turning of the Bull Monument Hawick, Scotland, 2009

a member-supported organization. It receives no grants or financial subsidies of any kind.

Through past contributions of members, TCA has become established as a licensed charitable organization, been granted official arms by the Court of Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, erected a memorial cairn and time capsule in the Bedrule Kirkyard, held clan gatherings all over the world including memorable events in Scotland.

TCA has also provided scholarships to clan related students, stored a barrel of Turnbull Clan whisky in the cellars at the Borders Distillery . . to be opened and distributed in 2033, and placed a world famous monument of the *Turning of the Bull* at the Heritage Centre in Hawick, Scotland.

Each of these things required member participation and funding. Your active membership and support will enable others to discover your proud heritage and provide immense pleasure to you, your clan family, and generations to come.

What does the future hold for our clan? Well, that depends on you.

- 1. Become a contributing member for \$24 a year
- 2. Donate to the Tent Hosting Fund
- 3. Contribute to the Turnbull Clan Scholarship
- 4. Become active in TCA events
- 5. Host a Turnbull Clan tent at a games near you

https://www.turnbullclan.com/index.php/clan/contributions

For more information: communications@turnbullclan.com

DAE YE KEN?

(do you know)

There are five Turnbull tartans: Modern Dress, Modern Hunting, Ancient, Old Hunting, and old Dress. The "old" clan tartans are no longer commonly available.









TCA has an official Turnbull Coat of Arms granted by the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh.

The Turnbull Flag has flown over the Hawick Town Hall, Fatlips Castle, and the Turnbull Bedrule Castle site.

The world-famous Turning of the Bull monument at the Heritage Center in Hawick, Scotland, unveiled in 2009, was commissioned by TCA and funded by its members.

A Turnbull Cairn with a time capsule was placed in the Bedrule Kirk Yard in 2014. (Cairn images shown on Page 4)

There are about three origins of the Turnbull name: Turn the Bull Will-o-Rule (Tam Knox), I Saved the King (Iain Scott, Scotia), I Turned the Bull (Alan Bryden, Scotia)



Border Tales and Trails is a practical and fascinating account of the Scottish Borders' history and sites, highlighting those most important to the Turnbull Clan. This is the definite guidebook for every clan member's trip to Scotland.

There are many books by and about Turnbulls. Two notable ones include the children's book The Man Who Saved the King (Betty Turnbull), tells the story of how Turnbulls got their name. Dr. Andrew Turnbull and the New Smyrna





Bishop William Turnbull, - Glasgow University founder

Colony of Florida (Carita Doggett) recounts the attempt by Dr Andrew Turnbull and 1,400 Mediterranean pioneers to establish an agricultural colony in 18th-century Florida.

TCA Bullseye newsletters dating back to 1979, found on the TCA website, are filled with TCA and general interest news about Turnbulls worldwide, including the several items mentioned in this article . . . and many others.

JOTALLY

Turnbulls are a proud and spirited clan with a rich history in the Borders of Scotland. TotallyTurnbull is here to help you share your passion for your Scottish heritage and Turnbull ancestry. Proceeds from sales help support projects for Turnbull Clan Association, including monument maintenance and the tent hosting fund.

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Turnbull Whisky Project Cask update

The Whisky Project: Cask was fillled on the 25th March, 2021, This previously filled Muscat wine cask is set to mature 12 years on or about 25th March, 2033 and produce around an estimated 250 bottles.. TCA is giving a bottle for the first 100 \$75 donations. After these donations, a bottle will be given for each \$100 donation. Later you will have the pleasure of drinking your own limited edition "uisge beatha." (whisky)



Reserve yours now at:

https://www.turnbullclan.com/index.php/happenings/tca-whisky



A great day at the 2023 Stone Mountain Highland games for the Turnbull's The Turnbull Clan Association was represented in USA on the 18th - 20th October at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia.

Come and join us at the Highland Games with TCA in 2025. We can only grow with our presence at these events through our members volunteering to host tents! The festival season for 2025 will begin and TCA would love to help get more people involved in hosting . . . and sharing our rich heritage!

If you need more information or know of any other up-coming Highland Games where TCA can tent host, please contact Katherine Turnbull at the following: katturnbull01@gmail.com - TCA VP for Events.



TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR NEW TENT HOSTS!

One of the most common questions asked of us is "Why isn't there a Turnbull Clan tent at an event near me?" Well, the answer is simply that we do not have a member who has volunteered to host in your area or at a particular event.

If you are interested in becoming a tent host at an event near you, please send an email yo our Vice President of Events, Katherine, at katturnbull01@gmail.com.



TCA provides new Tent Host packages to get you started.

News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

UK - Halloween event for children About 50 km. south from Middlesbrough on the north-eastern coast, Cedarbarn Farm Shop and Café in Pickering will be hosting a Halloween event for under 10s, comprising pumpkin picking and carving, a ride on the ghost train, plus a spooky walk. Cedarbarn's assistant general manager Lauren Turnbull, who said: "We can't wait to welcome people to our spook-tacular Halloween event and have started making plans to decorate the Dutch barn with seasonal treats.

Australia - Motorcross champion



Young budding 14-year-old Motocross superstar. Turnbull placed second at the

Queensland MX Championships in early July. She was also placed fourth on her larger bike and raced her heart out to claim 5th placing at the Australian MX Championships in Perth in September. "I like motocross because it's fun, it just clears my head a bit, the feeling you get when you're riding is just amazing."

USA - New Surgeon appointed



Through high demand, Beaufort Memorial Surgical Specialists in South Carolina

added another general surgeon to their practice. Taylor Turnbull, M.D., arrived at Beaufort after completing her residency in general surgery at Prisma Health Upstate in Greenville, South Carolina. She is skilled in robotic and laparoscopic surgical techniques and brings experience in the treatment of a broad range of acute and chronic diseases

Scotland - Abernethy Pearl sold for a world record at auction



The largest Scottish freshwater pearl found in living memory was auctioned by Lyon and Turnbull and sold for a world record £93,951. The pearl at a weight of 43.6 grains, was discovered in the River Tay by William (Bill) Abernethy, who was credited as Scot-

land's last dedicated pearl fisherman. He found it in 1967, before the pearl fishing ban was introduced in Scotland in 1998. Named after its finder, Wil-

liam Abernethy and affectionately known as Little Willie, it could have been growing in its mussel for more than 80 years before Mr Abernethy found it. Among the only Scottish pearls larger than the Abernethy Pearl is the Kellie Pearl, which dates to the 1540s and is set into the Crown of Scotland.

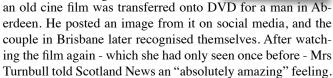


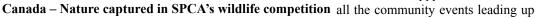
Video image by Graham Fraser

Scotland - Reunited with lost wedding film after 57 years

After 57 years, a long-lost footage of 'husband and wife' wedding in Scotland have been reunited with their wedding after it was found by chance. Aileen and Bill Turnbull got married in

Aberdeen in 1967 and later emigrated to Queensland, Australia, but without the film. The footage was found when







From the backyard to the wilds Penticton the Okanagan photographer captured some of the best nature photos in the BC SPCA's 16th annual Wildlife-

in-Focus competition that took first place in the Backyard queen has been a feature for the last Habitats category. Turnbull's photo captured a Northern flick- 67 years. er feeding its offspring as they poke their heads out of their Virgin Islands - Literary Renaissance home in a tree. "Wildlife photography is a passion of mine, as is studying the wildlife I photograph and learning about the challenges they face," said Turnbull. "Supporting organisations like the BC SPCA's Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centre. Convention our wildlife is very important to me and I am glad my photo Center in Washhelped to raise much needed funds."

Scotland – Rare painting goes on show in Glasgow

A rare painting of the Beatles was among the largely unseen work on show at a unique exhibition of two of Scotland's bestloved artists in Glasgow in mid July. The rare painting of The Beatles by John Byrne, which was done in 1969 and later used



as a cover image for The Beatles Ballads LP in 1981, was one of the highlights of the show. Lyon & Turnbull's head of contemporary art, Charlotte Riordan, who curated the exhibition, being able to talk about home and said: "It has been a pleasure and a privilege to mount this show share our stories in this space," he with the kind support of our collectors.

New Zealand - Festival Queen reflects

With this year's Blossom Festival in its sights, Myah Turnbull reflected on her experiences of the last year's Blossom Festival while growing up in Cen-



tral, entering as a princess, and then being crowned queen on the main stage. "It was an amazing experience . . . I was so happy to be involved in to the day and loved making connecof B.C., Bruce Turnbull from tions in the community such as the rest homes and the art shows." Myah said her advice to people thinking about entering as a princess was to "totally do it". The crowning of the

Books galore at the busy Walter E. Washington ington D.C., with many book lovers from



across the nation. Cadwell Turnbull, a native of St. Thomas and author of his new novel "The Lesson," the festival was not just an opportunity to promote his work, but a platform to represent the unique narratives emerging from the Virgin Islands. Turnbull's festival experience . . . "There's something special about

reflected.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE TCA SHOWING THE FLAG



















SCOTTISH INVENTIONS: DAVID STIRLING (SAS) 1915-1990

Researched and compiled by Kenneth Turnbull



Scottish entrepreneurs, geniuses and eccentric inventors and their ability to think outside the square, have helped to change our everyday lives throughout the world for the better. Here is another example of Scottish ingenuity with imaginative foresight that has ultimately influenced the developing

'Who Dares Wins' was the regimental war motto of the Special Air Services. Founded and created by a Scottish officer David Stirling, born in Keir, Stirlingshire and the son of a Brigadier General in the Scots Guards. Commissioned into the Scots Guards in 1937, David was a tall and athletic figure and trained to climb Mount Everest.

Then in 1941, he volunteered for a new force, the No.8 Guards Commando, anticipating greater excitement than in an ordinary Lt. Colonel David Stirling - 1942 regiment. This later became Z Force.



Desert Rats Lieutenant Colonel David Stirling officer commanding the SAS in the Middle East talking to Patrol Commander Lieutenant McDonald.

He remained convinced that due to the highly mechanised nature of war, a small team of highly trained soldiers with the advantage of surprise, the team would attack several targets from the desert in a single night. An audacious kind of guerrilla warfare was what Stirling had in mind.



The aim was to catch a larger and superior enemy unawares . . . a tradition carried down from the likes of King Robert the Bruce. His plan was to lead a well-equipped raiding party through the Sahara Desert, generally thought to be an impassable sea of sand. Once crossed, the raiders would be well behind the enemy lines with a great advantage for them to create chaos at both vunerable and valuable targets.

Stirling managed to persuade the top military to carry out his plan and was given the misleading team name of Special Air Service (SAS). His planned aim was simple with effective tactics using the cover of darkness and bluff through their language skillsm and getting in and out as quickly and quietly as possible. Through these tactics, hundreds of enemy aircraft were mined and destroyed, fuel dumps set alight and many bridges and roads were blown apart. Through these risky and brave acts, Stirling was speedily promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. At the end of the war, the SAS was disbanded, but it was soon realised that such a clever military invention was to be an ongoing benefit to the British Isles national security and so the SAS was reformed in 1947. It was one of two territorial regiments with Leitenant Colonal Stirling again at its heart.



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