

PICTISH RING DISCOVERED AFTER MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS

A 'remarkable' Pictish ring with an intricate setting has been uncovered at a Moray fort previously thought to have been 'archaeologically vandalised' by the construction of a new town.

The kite-shaped ring with a garnet or red glass centre had lain undiscovered for more than a thousand years at the Burghead fort before it was uncovered by a volunteer in a dig led by the University of Aberdeen.

Although known as a Pictish site, its historical value was widely assumed to have been lost when the town of Burghead was constructed in the 1800s, covering over much of the fort and dismantling the stone that remained for building.

Among the families encouraged to relocate to the new town to support the fishing industry were the ancestors of John Ralph – a former engineer and graduate of the University of Aberdeen. When he retired, John signed up as a volunteer for the Burghead digs after seeing a social media post by the University's Professor of Archaeology, Gordon Noble.

Professor Noble has led excavation work, funded by Historical Environment Scotland, over the last three years which has shed new light on the importance of the site and enabled the development of 3-D reconstructions of how it might once have looked. John, who describes himself as an 'enthusiastic amateur' had many moments over the two-week excavation – his third dig at the site - where he thought he had discovered something, only to for the experts to tell him he had a knack for finding 'shiny pebbles'.



The Pictish ring photographed by National Museums Scotland

So when, on the last day of the final dig, he found something that looked interesting, he didn't hold out much hope. It was only when he showed it to a fellow volunteer and his eyes lit up that he realised he might 'have something'. Professor Noble says that what he was presented with was 'truly remarkable'. "John was digging and then came over and said, 'look what I've found'.

What he handed over was incredible," he added. "Even before the conservation work, we could see it was something really exciting as despite more than a thousand years in the ground we could see glints of the possible garnet setting.

There are very few Pictish rings which have ever been discovered and those we do know



about usually come from hoards which were placed in the ground deliberately for safekeeping in some way. We certainly weren't expecting to find something like this lying around the floor of what was once a house but that had

appeared of low significance so, in typical fashion, we had left work on it until the final day of the dig."

The ring is currently with the National Museum of Scotland's Post-excavation Service for analysis and John, who grew up in Burghead, is delighted to have added his own piece to the puzzle in understanding the region's Pictish past. "It is a real thrill to dig up an artefact in the knowledge that you are probably the first person to see it for 1,000-1,500 years," he said. "It becomes a real guessing game of who owned it, what did they use it for and how was it lost."

Professor Noble and his team will use the ring and other evidence uncovered on the dig to start to answer those questions.

Professor Noble added: "We will now look at the ring, evidence of buildings and other artefacts to consider whether the ring was crafted on the site and who such an important piece of jewellery might have been made for.

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**Nollaig Chridheil agus
Bliadhna Mhath Ùr**
(Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)

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**The 'BULLSEYE' editors
and the Executive, wish
you all a peaceful, and
exciting 2025!**

Authors Corner

By: A. K. Nairn

A new book has just been launched, starring featuring a fictional member of the clan: Dod Turnbull.

The Trail of Blood by A.K. Nairn is a murder mystery, set in the Scottish Borders in 1516. When a torso shows up right on the border between Scotland and England, it threatens to spark yet another war.

So a French diplomat Antoine de Lissieu is sent to investigate. But as an outsider, he is shunned by both sides of the divide, and increasingly leans on his young assistant – Dod – to be his local guide. As the bodies pile up, Antoine and Dod have to work together to catch the culprits and avert an almighty bloodbath.

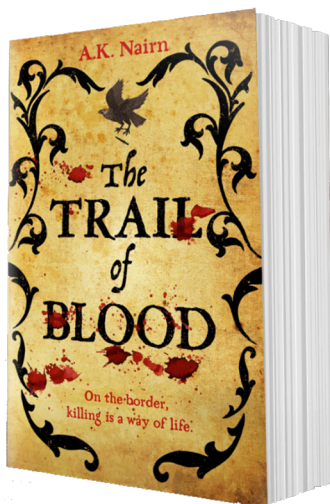
"I really enjoyed creating Dod's character," said Nairn, who grew up in the Borders, in Duns. "I chose the name Turnbull partly because I was so familiar with it as a youth, but also because it has a strength and determination to it.

Dod lost his father and two brothers at Flodden and so he has to face his own demons, while chasing the criminals. This adds to the tension and I feel like he has plenty more adventures and challenges still to come."

The Trail of Blood is on sale now, all over the world. This link should take you to the Amazon marketplace in your country:

<https://geni.us/trailofblood>

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Flowers of the Forest

Remembering Robert Turnbull Möller

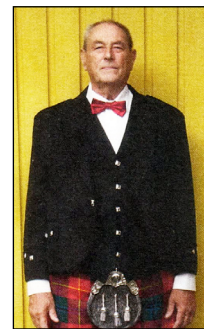
1936 - 8th November, 2024. Aged 88

Robert Turnbull Möller was born in Sweden in 1936 and his mother came from Australia with the name Olga Turnbull. Our father Robert, passed away on the 8th November.

He appreciated the Turnbull Clan Association and was a lifetime member of TCA and very proud of his heritage.

Robert joined a TCA tour in Scotland in 2014 for the unveiling of the cairn with his wife, Ingrid.

Robert lived in Munsö, Sweden and was reunited with his cousin Robert Turnbull of Australia, having not seen each other since they were 7 years old during the 2014 tour..



The two Robert Turnbulls

Sharing and Caring

With the passing of Robert Turnbull Möller the families appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

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.

All clan tent hosts are members who have volunteered their time, funds, and love of history and Scottish traditions to represent Turnbull Clan Association at various events - mostly in the United States, though there are hundreds of Scottish festivals and highland games around the world each year, and we would love grow our presence and see more of our members actively participating!

Tents are often a reflection of their host and vary in their displays - each one exhibiting a variety of Turnbull-related items: books, photographs, banners, tartan, and other memorabilia that has been collected by the host. Many events even have awards for best clan tent which usually reflects upon both the displays and hospitality of the hosts.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can become involved with TCA at an event near you, please send us a private message or email our Vice President of Events, Katherine, at kattturnbull01@gmail.com



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



FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Dia duit my many extended family and friends of our Turnbull Clan Association!

It has been a lovely six years getting to know many of you better and spending time together, both virtually and in person.

Serving as TCA President for these past years, it has been an honor. I continue to especially be impressed and inspired by those who volunteer their time in support of our organization . . . Kenneth, for spearheading the 'Bullseye' newspaper, Katherine, for organizing tents & events, Betty, for championing the scholarship initiative and many more goings on by many other TCA members.

My wife, Brittany, and I are excited to continue doing our part helping to support initiatives and hosting at least one tent every year. Thank you all for the continued support. Wishing you all a very Happy Holidays and that the events of this coming year exceed all your expectations.

Sláinte, Walter

HOW WILL YOU BE CELEBRATING HOGMANAY?



So, what New Year's Eve stories or images would you be willing to share with us at the coming end of year's festivities? If so, please contact the editor at: editor@turnbullclan.com

Turnbull Clan Members

Have you renewed your membership?

Your membership in the Turnbull Clan is a free birthright, but we do need your financial support for the clan organisation and its activities on behalf of our members. Please consider becoming a supporting member with your voluntary dues of \$24 annually from the date of your first contribution.

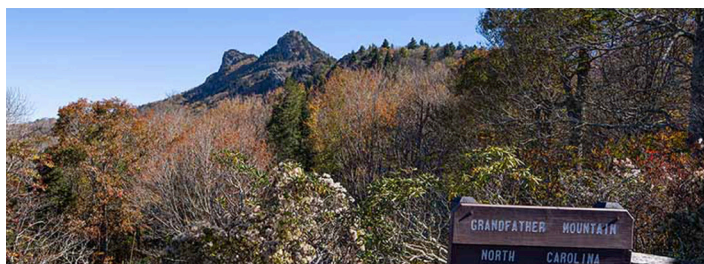
Additional contributions to provide our clan tents at Highland Games are also needed and very welcome. Contributions are tax-deductible and are used only to support clan activities.

Moreover, becoming a member will also give you 12 month access to voting and the planned TCA activities throughout 2025.

Support your clan at: www.turnbullclan.com website.



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN APPEAL



Stephen Quillin, President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games North Carolina, USA has sent out an appeal to the Scottish Clans and public who attend the annual Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain. Hurricane Helene (or Tropical Storm Helene by the time it arrived in Avery County) devastated the North Carolina High Country, both from disastrous flooding and high winds. Our beloved Avery County was hit especially hard, as noted in media reports.

Fortunately, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) came through lightly, when compared with many in the county. That is not to say we came through unscathed. There is certainly work to be done to allow us to hold our 69th annual Games 10th -13th July, 2025, but I want to allay any concerns on the part of the public about our ability to hold our event. We will go on!

Having said that, we do need help to recover and so does our community. In summary, our impacts are assessed as follows: We have some trees down. There are \$10,000 worth of repairs and replacement to the campground electrical system. We have \$5000 to \$10,000 of road repair at Gate 2 and the entry to the Chieftain parking area. Most importantly, Old Yonahlossee Road was left impassable for nearly the entire length. This Road is the path by which our shuttle buses access MacRae Meadows. The Road is privately owned, but we desperately need to contribute financially to the restoration of the road to ensure the restoration is done before next July. The greatest and most expensive damage to the road is from severe washouts. In many places it is a third of its former width.

In the aggregate of COVID and the tragic death associated with a bear, the necessary removal of 90 trees and the failure of the electrical system this year, they represent over \$400,000 in out-of-pocket expense for GMHG.

We are now in the position of asking for donations to help with these extraordinary expenses associated with Helene. We hope that our subscribing Clan societies, Scottish societies, and supporting individuals will donate to GMHG as generously as you can.

No donation is too small; any amount will help. We pledge to keep the donations separate from our operations funding, and we will donate any money remaining from the campaign to the Avery County Chamber of Commerce "Build Back Avery" fund.

The Avery Chamber of Commerce account will be targeted 100% to Avery County recovery. GMHG is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit and your donations will be tax deductible.

Please click on this link for donations:

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/grandfather-mountain-highland-gamesinc/gmhg-helene-recovery>



The Heritage Hub - December edition

An interesting story relevant to the Turnbull clan in the current free edition of 'Explore the South of Scotland'. It deals with the Heritage Hub based in Hawick. Well worth a read.

https://issuu.com/exploresouthscotland/docs/explore_south_of_scotland_magazine_-_issue_10?fr=sMmJIZDc2NTQ0MTk

Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide

News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor



Scotland – Emergency training pays off
An emergency gas engineer who was called to a suspected gas leak, the last thing he expected was to be saving a customer's life. Sean Turnbull, from Grange (east of Perth) used his initiative to provide first-aid to a customer who had collapsed

in front of him. After a routine safety check, Turnbull began explaining things to him when the customer had a seizure in front of him. "I checked his airways and quickly realised that he'd swallowed his tongue. I cleared his airways, got him into the recovery position and then called for an ambulance." As a result of his actions, paramedics said Sean's actions had undoubtedly saved the man's life. He was honoured with a 'Cadent Congratulates' award for his bravery.

UK - Awareness has saved my life

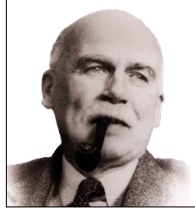


Andy Probert aged 54 of Watford (25km north-east of London) decided

to get checked for prostate disease and as a result of the BBC Breakfast host Bill Turnbull raising awareness of his own condition is credited with saving his life. Turnbull, 66, died at his home in Suffolk in August 2022 after being diagnosed with prostate cancer four years earlier. Despite having no symptoms, the father-of-two made a routine appointment with his GP in September 2022 and was diagnosed with stage four prostate cancer. So, he elected to have his prostate surgically removed in March 2023 and has since gone on to fully recover from the cancer. "I have an 18-month-old grandson and a granddaughter on the way. Without Bill raising awareness, I might never have seen anything."

Canada - Korean War veteran remembers

Jim Turnbull, now 90, was only 17 years old when he joined the Royal Canadian Navy in search of adventure, excitement and to get the girls. It was 1951 at the time and he was living in Calgary working at the CPR Ogden site and had gained experience with steam boilers when he saw a notice from the Navy saying they were looking for people with steam experience. Jim signed up right away but had to get his father's signature because he was underage. He sailed on two world trips. Now, when Jim gets together with his fellow veterans, they don't talk about the war, he said. "We talk about the good memories," he said with a smile.



Canada - Historic Rothesay home has now been demolished

A well known house in Canada with historical significance in Rothesay, has since been torn down. Turnbull House was home to Wallace Rupert Turnbull, a member of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. Turnbull, who did much of his research in a converted barn in Rothesay,



constructed Canada's first wind tunnel in 1902 to test his work, including his patented variable-pitch propeller. A variable-pitch propeller is a type of propeller (airscrew) with blades that can be rotated around their long axis to change the blade pitch. Despite his historical significance, his former home was demolished in mid November with seemingly little fight or fanfare.

New Zealand - Library recognised

Alexander Turnbull Library's two important historic collections have gained inscriptions on the UNESCO Memory of the World register for Aotearoa. It was established in 2010 to allow for significant pieces of Aotearoa's documentary heritage be preserved and protected. Curator Manuscripts at the Alexander Turnbull Library of New Zealand, Sean McMahon, says the inscription is "... a great honour" and would not have been successful without support of The Frank Sargeson Trust in Auckland, and expert advice on Sargeson's life' from Dr Sarah Shieff. Sargeson.



*Illustrated above: Quarter-plate glass negative
Credit: W. J. Harding, Whanganui*

Australia – Another Cup for her in Harness Racing



Bathurst jockey Amanda Turnbull claimed her third Kriden Farm Canola Cup Trotting in the sulky in early October, when she produced a copybook harness racing drive. Summed up by former chairman of Harness Racing New South Wales and race sponsor Rod Smith, declaring Amanda as being "just the best" when making his post-race Cup presentation and it is doubtful anyone who witnessed her performance would disagree. However, in what has become her trademark as the best 800-metre circuit driver in the game, When asked where this victory sat, Turnbull was quick to label it as right up there with the other two. "This horse has been special to me," she said.

UK - Volunteer honoured for his many years of service

As a devoted volunteer Ed Turnbull has been honoured for his nearly three decades of service and a key figure in the Tynedale Talking Newspaper (TTN), he is celebrated for his 30 years of dedication to the charity. The TTN, a volunteer-run service, provides free weekly recordings of the Hexham Courant's main news items, along with articles from The Northumbrian magazine or TTN's own interest magazine, mainly for the visually impaired. Mr. Turnbull, who was the first point of contact for listeners as Registrar, was recognised for his digital, technical, and problem-solving skills.



USA - Board of Education promotion

David Turnbull fills a vacancy left by Dave Hill, who stepped down in July after 10 years of service on the State Board. He commented, "I firmly believe Idaho's future depends on providing our children with the best possible education, and today's pace of technological change requires us to look at every aspect of our educational system. We cannot be satisfied with the status quo. As we embrace innovation, we must also respect and celebrate our heritage. Education should empower students not only with knowledge and skills but also with a sense of civic responsibility."



TURNBULL CLAN ASSOCIATION ELECTION RESULTS

According to the TCA by-laws, elections for officers are held every three years. The President may serve up to two consecutive terms, after which they must step down for at least one election cycle. Starting in January 2025, the new officers of the Turnbull Clan Association (TCA) are below.

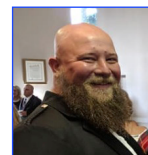
We are pleased to welcome Jeff Trimble, who has contributed to TCA in many roles, including Tent Host and Executive Vice President as the new TCA President. Walter Turnbull, President Emeritus, will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as Executive Vice President. We are also excited to welcome Jill Trimble to the Executive team as Secretary.

We look forward to another successful year, and we encourage your continued input and volunteerism—both are essential to our collective success.



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 the Chicago Scots games. He enjoys genealogy, fishing, hunting and wildlife conservation. In addition to fulfilling the role duties of president, he would like more Turnbolls involved in the Association and in Highland Games and clan events world wide.

Vice President: Walter Turnbull 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 he looking forward to continuing to share 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 Turnbolls through local, regional, and worldwide events.



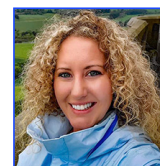
Treasurer: Sandy Turnbull is returning as Treasurer. Sandy resides in Auburn, Alabama USA and has been supportive and active in Turnbull Clan activities for many years. As treasurer, in addition to the day to day accounting, he oversees the filing of necessary legal documents to maintain TCA's 501-c-3 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 honor 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 Turnbolls at these festivals and learning about their heritage.



VP Communication: Betty Turnbull is returning in this position. 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 organized the first TCA official trip to Scotland in 2007. Since that time, she has organized several additional trips. Betty is author of Scottish themed children's books that emphasize the importance of heritage and family values, including *The Man Who Saved the King*, the story of 'How Turnbolls 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 *The Bullseye* newsletter. 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 centered on Clan Turnbull sites around the borders.



HISTORIC SCOTLAND ...*Continued from Page 1***AN EXCITING DISCOVERY**

We have some other evidence of metalworking and the number of buildings we have uncovered is quite striking. This further indicator of the high-status production of metalwork adds to the growing evidence that Burghead was a really significant seat of power in the Pictish period.” Susan O’Connor, Head of Grants at Historic Environment Scotland, said: “Given Scotland’s remarkably rich history, it shouldn’t be surprising that we are still uncovering important pieces of Scotland’s past, even where we least expect it.

*John Ralph with the ring*

We are proud to have funded and supported the excavation work conducted by the University of Aberdeen, and are delighted that volunteer John Ralph played such a pivotal role in bringing it to light - literally! Whilst the materials used themselves are not particularly valuable in today’s monetary sense, this find is hugely significant for what it tells us about Pictish lives and society.

We’re excited to find out more once our colleagues in the National Museum have finished their investigations.”

*A reconstruction of Burghead (Alice Watterson)***TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED**

The Turnbull Clan recognises our Canadian and American Military members who have served, both past and present. The following are mentioned through the family of TCA’s Katherine Turnbull, our Events organiser.


- Beverly Jean Turnbull-Smith -US Army (US) - my aunt
- Thomas Robert Turnbull, Sr. US Navy (Korea) - my uncle.
- Maj. Duane Edward Turnbull - US Air Force (Korea, Germany, Azores, Panama, US) - my father

Additional family members who served:

- James Lawrence Turnbull - US Marines (Japan) - my uncle
- James Turnbull - US Air Force (Persian Gulf)
- Kevin Smith - US Air Force (US)
- Dennie Smith - US Air Force (US) • Frank Sprentz - US Army (disabled in action, North Africa, WWII)
- Johnny Sprentz - US Army (Germany)
- Joseph Sprentz - US Army Air Force (MIA, Austria, WWII)

American, Military veterans who served:


- Billy Dwayne Turnbull - US Air Force (Korea)
- Major. Tamara Turnbull - US Air Force (US, Afghanistan)
- Thomas Turnbull - US Navy
- Derek Baker CD - My Grandfather was Albert Ernest Nelson Turnbull who had emigrated to Canada around 1905.
- Colonel Pamela Turnbull - US Air Force



A SALUTE TO BRAVERY

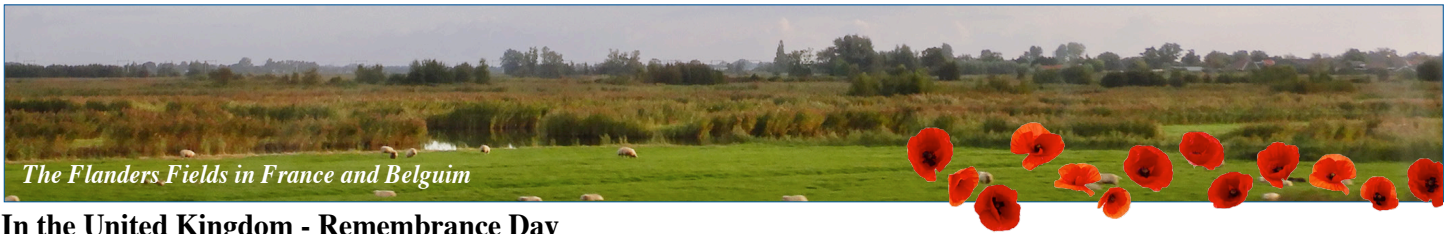
Turnbull Clan Association would like to recognise our military members, both past and present, from around the world.

If you or a relative have been a member of any military branch, please submit a name, rank, branch, years and country served and a photograph to Turnbull Clan Association's Facebook, Instagram or email at editor@turnbullclan.com



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN – ON 11TH NOVEMBER

Every year, nations around the globe fall silent for one minute at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who have served their country during the wars. This practice stems from King George V's declaration on 6 November 1919 that people throughout the western world should suspend their normal activities so that in "perfect stillness" the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated to remember the fallen in reverent silence of the Glorious Dead.



In the United Kingdom - Remembrance Day

The British honour veterans primarily on Remembrance Day (also known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Sunday) which takes place on 11th November each year. This day marks the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918. The British government and people use this occasion to honour military veterans, particularly those who served in both World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

The poppy symbolises the flowers that grew in the fields of Flanders, Belgium, where many soldiers lost their lives during World War I. The tradition of wearing poppies began after the publication of the famous poem In Flanders Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.

Overall, Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, along with the poppy-wearing tradition, form the core of how Britain honours its veterans. These ceremonies are a key part of national life, ensuring that the sacrifices of military personnel are never forgotten.

In United States of America - Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a declared holiday dedicated to honouring military veterans who have served in the country's armed forces. It is observed annually on 11th November, a date chosen for its historical significance. This day marks the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918, when fighting ceased on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Initially called Armistice Day, the holiday was first recognised in 1919 to commemorate the end of the war and to honour the veterans who served.

In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, Congress expanded the observance to include all U.S. military veterans, not just those who served in World War I. The holiday was then officially renamed Veterans Day. Unlike Memorial Day, which honours those who died in military service, Veterans Day honours all veterans, living or deceased, for their sacrifices and contributions to the nation.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday, observed with ceremonies, parades, and community events across the country. It provides an opportunity for Americans to express gratitude to military service members for their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to defending the nation's freedoms. The day also serves as a reminder of the importance of remembering and supporting those who have served in the U.S. military.

In Canada - Remembrance Day

In Canada, Remembrance Day is the official day set aside to honour and remember veterans and those who have died in military service. It is observed annually on 11th November, the same date as Veterans Day in the United States. This date marks the armistice signed in 1918, which ended World War I, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Remembrance Day was first observed in Canada in 1919 as Armistice Day, and in 1919, a national ceremony was held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. Over time, the holiday expanded to honour all veterans, including those who served in World War II, the Korean War, peacekeeping missions, and more recent conflicts.

While Remembrance Day is a statutory holiday in most provinces and territories, it is not a statutory holiday in all parts of Canada, with some regions observing it more ceremoniously than others. Schools, businesses, and institutions may close, especially for the national ceremonies. Additionally, Canadians wear poppies leading up to Remembrance Day, as a symbol of remembrance, inspired by the famous poem "In Flanders Fields," written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae during World War I.

In Australia - Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a time for Australians to unite in solemn respect and remembrance for all those who died or suffered. Remembrance Day was originally called 'Armistice Day', and 2 minutes of silence was observed for the first time at 11 am on 11 November 1919. After World War II, the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom's proposal to rename Armistice Day to 'Remembrance Day'. On this day, we remember the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts. In 1918, Australia made a promise never to forget the service and sacrifice of all those Australians who enlisted. The Flanders poppy was one of the first plants to grow on the blood-soaked battlefields of France and Belgium. In the nineteenth century English poetry, poppies often symbolised sleep or oblivion. After WWI silk poppies were sold on Armistice Day with proceeds going to a charity for French children and to the Returned Soldiers League (RSL). Lest we forget.

In New Zealand - Armistice Day

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month was the moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front in 1918, following the signing of an armistice. However, Armistice Day was converted to Remembrance Day after World War II. New Zealand changed the name to Remembrance Day to be more inclusive and honour all those who had fallen in service of New Zealand. Remembrance Day is held on 11th November to commemorate the Armistice. As a result, New Zealand's national day of remembrance is Anzac Day, 25 April. Australia also celebrates this day for the ANZACs.

The Turnbull Clan would like to recognise our Military members, both past and present from around the world

STONEHENGE REVEALS LINKS TO SCOTTISH ORIGINS

The Scottish Banner September 2024 - by permission Sean Cairney



The latest announcement by Curtin University researchers in Australia, has revealed the findings point to the existence of unexpectedly advanced transport methods and societal organisation at the time of the stone's arrival at its current location in southern England around 5,000 years ago.

Although it is not clear how or when the Altar Stone arrived at Stonehenge, it is thought to have been placed within the circular stones at the site during the second construction phase at approximately dating between 2620 – 2480 BC.

The iconic six-tonne Altar Stone at the heart of the ancient site, was believed to have come from Wales, where the majority of Stonehenge's world-renowned 'bluestones' came. Their location was in the Preseli Hills area in west Wales and are believed to have been the first stones erected at the Wiltshire site.



The Stonehenge altar stone lies flush with the ground (shown at bottom right) almost hidden under two fallen sarsen stones. - Photo:Mike Pitts

Curtin researchers studied the age and chemistry of mineral grains within fragments of the Altar Stone, which is a 50cm thick sandstone block measuring 5 x 1 metres, that sits at the centre of Stonehenge's iconic stone circle in Wiltshire.

Lead author PhD student Anthony Clarke from the Time-scales of Mineral Systems Group within Curtin's School of Earth and Planetary Sciences, said analysis of the age and chemical composition of minerals within fragments of the Altar Stone matched it with rocks from northeast Scotland, while also clearly differentiating them from Welsh bedrock. However, the Altar Stone, of sandstone density, has traditionally been grouped with these other, smaller, igneous bluestones. But its origins have remained an open question for many years. . . until now.

"Our analysis found specific mineral grains in the Altar Stone are mostly between 1000 to 2000 million years old, while other minerals



are around 450 million years old," Mr Clarke said. "This provides a distinct chemical fingerprint suggesting the stone came from rocks in the Orcadian Basin, Scotland, at least 750 kilometres away from Stonehenge.



Curtin University PhD student Anthony Clarke and Professor Kirkland at the Stonehenge site.

Given its Scottish origins, the findings raise fascinating questions, considering the technological constraints of the Neolithic era, as to how such a massive stone was transported over vast distances around 2600 BC. This discovery also holds personal significance for me.

I grew up in the Mynydd Preseli, Wales, where some of Stonehenge's stones came from. I first visited Stonehenge when I was one year old and now at 25, I returned from Australia to help make this scientific discovery – you could say I've come full circle at the stone circle."

Study co-author Professor Chris Kirkland, also from the Time-scales of Mineral Systems Group at Curtin, said the findings had significant implications for understanding ancient communities, their connections, and their transportation methods.

"Our discovery of the Altar Stone's origins highlights a significant level of societal coordination during the Neolithic period and helps paint a fascinating picture of prehistoric Britain," Professor Kirkland said. "Transporting such massive cargo overland from Scotland to southern England would have been extremely challenging, indicating a likely marine shipping route along the coast of Britain.

This implies long-distance trade networks and a higher level of societal organisation than is widely understood to have existed during the Neolithic period in Britain."

SCOTTISH INVENTIONS: DR. RUPERT B. TURNBULL – SURGEON

Researched and compiled by Kenneth Turnbull



Doctor Rupert B. Turnbull, Junior

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 world.

Medical intervention has been at times, highly experimental. Many new ideas and methods continue to evolve and to this end, the surname of Turnbull has been mentioned at the forefront of medical science, in a particular, surgical innovation.

For many years it was suspected that cancers could be disseminated through the bloodstream by the trauma of surgical removal and as early as 1913, Ernest Tytzer an

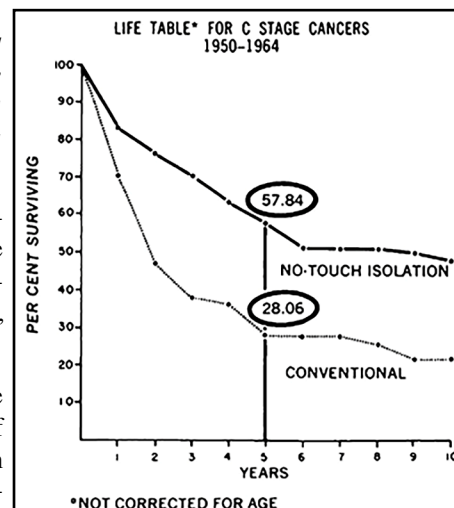
American physician and pathologist who was involved in cancer research, suggested that surgeons should consider cancers of the breast “explosive” and handle them accordingly.

In 1955, Dr Fisher together with Dr Turnbull noted suggested that cancer cells of resected segments of the colon were in fact, scattered by operative manipulation. The conventional method being performed where the cancer-bearing segment was mobilised as the first step, then the colon was divided at the elected sites of resection.

After World War II, Dr. Rupert Turnbull developed an interest in colonic and rectal surgery and adopted a technique of colon resection for cancer. In late 1953, he adopted a technique where the cancer bearing segment was not manipulated or handled in any manner until after the lymphovascular pedicles were divided and ligated, where the colon was divided at the elected sites for resection.

To emphasise the type of technique, the name ‘no-touch isolation’ was adopted. This method of resection has been applied to every cancer of the colon operated by him since that time. The success rate of his method is now shown on the ‘Life Table’ above.

Dr. Turnbull also became a world authority on ulcerative colitis and Crohn’s disease, contributing extensively to the medical literature and receiving many honours and distinctions throughout his career. He is remembered as a master surgeon and an innovative thinker.



Line graph with life expectancy comparisons

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