

SPITAL TOWER AND THE BID TO SAVE BEDRULE KIRK



Spital Tower has a long-recorded history with the Turnbull name being cited as early as 1619 the lands of Spital, being first mentioned in the Jedburgh Abbey records in 1138.

The future of Bedrule Kirk?

The Church of Scotland is speeding up its plans to sell the Kirk in Bedrule, considered by many to be Turnbull ground zero. This decision, due mainly to financial upkeep and dwindling membership, is affecting many churches throughout Scotland.

History of the Area

In 1545, Henry VIII ordered the Earl of Hertford with his large English army to enter the Scottish borders and lay waste to all villages, towns, farms, towers and castles. They burnt or destroyed 12 Towers in Rulewater, one of which was almost certainly Spital Tower.

However, only 40-50 years later, the Abbotrule Map prepared by Timothy Pont in the 1580's-1590's, as part of the first detailed mapping of Scotland (shown above) portrayed Spital Tower, marked "Toure" as a substantial structure on the northern slope of "Ruberslaw", which suggests a full and fairly rapid recovery from the depredations.

It is recorded at this time that in 1551, a Gavin Turnbull was occupying the lands of Spital Tower.

By 1619, Thomas Turnbull (3rd and shared brother to 2nd Laird, James Turnbull) was confirmed as a tenant of Spital, witnessed by Robert Turnbull, brother to the Laird of Bedrule, Clan chief of the Turnbulls.

In 1643, the Touris of Rouleowde (*Tower of Rule Wood*) was valued at £104. Reference to a John Turnbull as a tenant was again made in 1811, with his son William G. Turnbull inheriting both farms in 1857; the Spital Mill and Spital Tower.

By 1912, a Thomas Greenshields Leadbetter had purchased and begun construction of a new mansion house. The following year, he purchased the farm of Spital Tower and in 1914, he began to rebuild Bedrule Church for his brother-in-law.

In 1975, May Leadbetter the wife of Thomas, passed away and left the entire estate to her nephew Alan Bailey and his family, who currently occupy and hold the title of Spital Tower.

In 2024, Spital Tower Estate achieved its Wildlife Estates Scotland Accreditation.



Spital Mansion built by Thomas Leadbetter. Photograph taken 4 or 5 years after completion of the outer shell around 1918 -1920.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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Looking for a way to further your education or deepen your connection to Scottish tradition?

The Turnbull Clan Association is excited to offer scholarships designed to support members and their families in their pursuit of continuing education or exploration of Scottish heritage.

Previous recipients have used the scholarship for a variety of enriching experiences, including funding college education, pursuing graduate degrees, and taking Scottish dance lessons.

Whether you're seeking to expand your knowledge or embark on a new learning adventure, this scholarship could be your boost.

Applications are open until 31st May.

The recipient will be announced at the annual AGM and featured in *The Bullseye*, the clan's newsletter.

Don't miss this opportunity to further your educational journey and celebrate the rich traditions of the Turnbull Clan!

Read about past recipients and find out how to apply.

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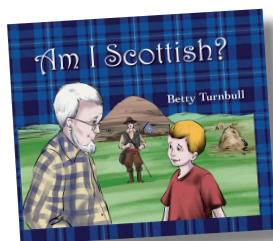
NEW BOOK RELEASE



Award-winning author Betty Turnbull is back with the latest installment in her beloved Papa and Billy series, *Am I Scottish?*.

The new book takes readers on a heart-warming journey of exploration and self-discovery that will resonate with both children and adults alike.

Am I Scottish? is more than just a tale of ancestry; it is a heart-felt celebration of the global, multicultural influences that shape who we are. Through Billy's eyes, readers are reminded that no matter where we come from, we are all part of a broader story, and it's the shared experiences, struggles, and triumphs of all cultures that bring us together.



The book is available through retailers and on Amazon. For a limited time, an autographed hardcopy may be purchased through . . . bedrulebooks.com.

The first proceeds will be donated to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games relief fund for the repairs after Hurricane Helene.

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Sample image of the once original (blended) Turnbull whisky.



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .

REPORTING AND PRESENTING THE 'BULLSEYE' 13 YEARS ON

There are more people today of Scottish heritage origins living outside the boundaries of Scotland, many who still have a strong sense of their own Scottish heritage and who remain curious to learn more. Hence, this is a justifiable reason for publishing the TCA 'Bullseye'.

As a former Newspaper printer, I enjoy composing each edition of the Newsletter. As the TCA editor, my job is to inform members and those interested, with current events and achievements of many Turnbolls throughout the world. As well, my ever reliable and invaluable co-editor Betty Turnbull is my back-up, who also looks after the publishing.

My aim is to continue with interesting content, so to keep the interest for the readers, my invitation is for contributions from TCA members and community who feel they could donate their own short story to the Newsletter. The content should be generally of a positive nature and if possible, accompanied with a picture or two to give the readers a better insight. As a guide for content length, it may help to check previously published stories from earlier editions.

But the Bullseye is not restricted to just this. Readers may have some exciting travel history or experiences of places around the world related to the Turnbull name to share. So, here is your chance to make a personal contribution to the newsletter. Your story could well be of more value to others than you may think. You never know.

E-mail your contribution, headed 'Bullseye News' to editor@turnbullclan.com

Did you know . . .

The Eildon Hills Sir Walter Scott admired (Scott's View) are the ancient remains of a chain of volcanic activity that stretched across the Borders 300 million years ago - long before the age of the dinosaurs. The hills you can see never reached the surface as true volcanoes. Instead, as great molten blobs, they were forced into the rock deep underground forming rock much harder than the older rocks above. Today, many of the walls around Borders fields are made of this hard rock . . . called whinstone.



Share your travel adventure celebrations . .



How about submitting a photo of your Scottish adventures to share with the Turnbull Clan readers throughout the world.

Just send the photo or photos together with your information or stories of your experiences to the

editor@turnbullclan.com



We congratulate the winner who found the 'Little Bull'. Bragging rights go to Rick Turnbull in Ottawa, Canada. Can you find the other hidden 'Bullseye Bull' in this issue?

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .



As we reflect on the continued success and growth of the Turnbull Clan Association, it's important to acknowledge the rich history that began back in 1977. While I wasn't involved in the early years (*being only six at the time!*) I have had the privilege of being a part of this incredible association and have witnessed firsthand the dedication and strength of our board of directors.

We are pleased to welcome Jill Trimble to the Secretary position this year. We're always looking for additional support, as a fully-staffed board makes everyone's efforts easier and more effective.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank Walter Turnbull for his dedicated service as President over the past two terms. He now serves as our Executive VP, offering invaluable guidance as I step into the role of President. Walter's leadership has been instrumental, and his continued support has made a world of difference.

Katherine Turnbull continues to excel as our Vice President of Events. Her contributions are countless, and she goes above and beyond her role, handling projects like our DNA initiative with Fiona Turnbull. The DNA project, in particular, is a fascinating endeavor that continues to engage and inspire me.

Speaking of events, the Scottish games remain a highlight of our year. They offer the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow Turnbells and rekindle friendships, as well as form new ones. We are thrilled to have the upcoming AGM at Stone Mountain, where Darin and Jill Trimble will be hosting our Clan tent.

Looking ahead, I would love to see more Turnbull members hosting Clan tents at various games. If you're interested in learning more or have any questions, please reach out to Katherine, who can provide all the materials and guidance you need.

Another important facet of the association is our popular bi-monthly newsletter, and Kenneth Turnbull deserves a great deal of credit for keeping it informative and engaging. The Clan's ongoing projects—such as the Whisky Project—are also close to my heart. I look forward to the Treasurers report from Sandy Turnbull which includes updates on the whisky sales and now . . . the addition of Turnbull Wine! Betty Turnbull, along with Wally, continue to be a driving force behind this, and the speed at which the wine project took off, is a testament to the enthusiasm and commitment within our community.

As we look forward to another busy year, I'm excited about the projects, events, and Scottish games on the horizon. We are also planning for another Clan trip to Scotland in 2026.

I'm excited to share that we'll be hosting the Turnbull Clan tent for the first time at the Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering on 16th -17th August, 2025, in Hamilton, Montana USA. We'll also be attending the Milwaukee Highland Games and the Wisconsin Highland Games, and I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Here's to another successful year, continued progress, and a future filled with connection and camaraderie.

Jeffrey Scott Trimble, President



Have you ever considered hosting a Turnbull Clan Tent at a Scottish Highland Games or Celtic Festival?

Turnbull Clan Association will be represented at the following Scottish Festivals & Games in 2025

5th April - Dunedin Highland Games & Festival, Dunedin, Florida

12th-13th April - Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, North Carolina

3rd May - Rocket City Scottish Festival, Sharon Johnston Park, New Market, Alabama

17th -18th May - Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival, Townsend Visitor Center, East. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend, Delaware

10th-13th July - Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina. TCA clan gathering and AGM.

30th-31st Sept - Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, Virginia

5th-7th Sept. - Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado

6th - 7th September Middle Tennessee Highland Games, Tennessee

17th-19th Oct. - Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, Georgia

We can only grow with our presence at these events through our members volunteering to host tents! The festival season is about to begin and TCA would love to help get more people involved in hosting . . . and sharing our rich heritage!

With a little guidance and your own creative ingenuity, you will soon have a place known for your hospitality, knowledge of our heritage and decorating skills!

There is no better place to meet people searching for their roots, as well as family and friends!

If you need more information or know of any other upcoming 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!

*The Games become more alive and meaningful when you find your clan represented with its own tent. Are you thinking you'd might like to host a tent at a games near you but wondering how to get started? **GOOD NEWS! TCA will send you a starter kit that includes everything you need to get going.***

*If you are interested in learning more about how you can become involved with TCA at an event near you, please send us an email to our Vice President of Events, Katherine, at **katturnbull01@gmail.com***



Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide

News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor



New Zealand – Wines director steps down

Mark Turnbull's career started as a Chartered Accountant. Foley Family Wines New Zealand merged with The New Zealand Wine Company and became Foley Wines, which Turnbull has led as CEO and a director since September 2012.

After a successful career, he stepped down as director in February and will stand down as the CEO at the end of April. "The wine industry is far more complicated than it seems, foremost you are a farmer which creates challenges in itself," said Turnbull, adding "We have a small but hugely talented team, many have been with me for the journey from the start and something I will always be proud of." Foley Wines is "well placed for the future" with a slow growth of 35 per cent in export sales.

UK – \$3 million supercar display



Liam Turnbull A UK-based YouTuber has revealed his \$3m supercar collection for the first time on YouTube including Lamborghini, Ferrari, McLaren, and Aston Martin models. He might be passionate about the technical details, but some of the cars hold sentimental value. The aspiring billionaire even owns his childhood dream car. Now Turnbull wants to impart his vehicular wisdom to his followers. The Ferrari 488 Pista is visually stunning and possibly the fastest in the fleet, and a strong financial asset. "This masterpiece is probably a very good asset to own. The collection is right up there with anything you'll ever see.

UK - Easter Egg hunt and miniature railway rides



ren Turnbull and the horticulture team, she said: "We're looking forward to welcoming families to help the Easter bunny find his missing eggs. Visitors will work their way around the egg hunt and use the letters they find on the eggs to spell a special word to claim their prize."

Ireland - Memorable evening hosted by Derry Chess Club

The City of Derry Chess Club in Northern Ireland hosted a memorable evening in mid February filled with warmth and camaraderie as members and distinguished guests, including the Mayor of Derry, Lilian Seenoi-Barr, gathered to honour Allan Turnbull's significant contributions on his final official club night. Allan, a steadfast member of the club since 1975, is stepping back from his active roles, however he will continue to enrich the club's youth programs by leading weekly Tuesday sessions. As a dedicated member, he has extended to making chess accessible to all, including children with learning difficulties and the visually impaired.



Scotland - Rare Dutch etching fetches £225,000 at auction



ed a wide range of art, ceramics and furniture which he had on display at his homes at Marchmont House in the Borders and in London. The Three Trees, an etching from 1643, is widely considered to be one of the artist's finest landscapes. Gavin Strang, managing director of Lyon & Turnbull said it was "honoured" to play a part in developing Mr Burge's legacy.

Canada - New playgrounds planned to be more accessible for all



A new motion introduced by Regina Councillor Sarah Turnbull, will enhance the playground and infrastructure accessibility policy. Turnbull, who has been advocating for better accessibility for Regina's playgrounds for years, spoke about the importance of this motion. Despite the number of people with disabilities in the province, Turnbull said Regina only has six parks accessible for all abilities. Thinking about her daughter Blake, who is paraplegic, she mentioned how disabled people can be left out of activities and how people are taught to do so. All of city council spoke highly of this motion. The motion eventually passed 10-0. Turnbull said, "I do believe in celebrating the wins and this is a win for our community."

Canada – The 'glue' for volunteers



Carol Turnbull, executive director of Saanich Volunteer Services Society, has over a decade of experience as an executive

director in Victoria's non-profit sector. She works with a team of five, who Turnbull describes as "women who will drop everything to support our clients and volunteers if there is a critical situation." Together, these women support Saanich residents on Victoria Island in independent living, coordinating volunteers to provide one-to-one services, friendship calls and visits. "She is the glue for our team," they said. Turnbull has a natural knack for caring for others.

Canada - Treasure hunter on lookout



As a young man living in Ontario Sooke resident Bryan Turnbull of Vancouver Island, the Sooke resident discovered that the Island's beaches were a treasure trove of interesting, collectible stuff. Since his early years in Ontario, he had a raging desire discovering hidden treasures, if one only looks in the right places. "In Ontario, we didn't have beaches like we have here. When I moved here in 2007, I learned that there were all sorts of treasure to be found. History is right there, right under our feet."

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This exclusive offering includes two exceptional heritage wines: a medium-bodied yet complex red blend and a vibrant, food-friendly white blend.

Available exclusively to Turnbull Clan members, a case of 12 bottles can be yours for a \$250 donation. You can choose to receive all red, all white, or a split case of six red and six white bottles. This wine can be shipped anywhere within the lower 48 United States directly from the vintner in Sonoma Valley, ensuring the highest quality.

Besides its heritage value and the pleasure of drinking it yourself, this wine makes a perfect gift for anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, or any special occasion.

Cheers!



Discover your Turnbull heritage with genealogical research!

Are you a member of the Turnbull Clan or have Trimble, Trumble, or Turnbull roots? Dive deeper into your family history by joining the Turnbull-Trimble DNA and Genealogy Research Project!

Through Y-DNA, mtDNA, and autosomal testing, we aim to establish connections between family lines, uncover ancestral origins in Scotland, and break through long-standing genealogical brick walls.

The project, directed by Turnbull historian and genealogist, Fiona Turnbull, along with Katherine Turnbull and Alan Turnbull, is hosted on [Family Tree DNA](#), and includes members from around the world!

If you've taken a DNA test with another company, you may be able to upload your results to [Familytreedna.com](#) and become a member of the project!

By participating, you can:

- * Connect with others researching their Turnbull heritage
- * Discover family connections through DNA testing
- * Contribute to mapping out the Turnbull-Trimble family story

Join the journey today and help preserve our shared history for future generations!

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/trimble>

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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 Timescales 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 Timescales 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."

BEDRULE KIRK FUTURE?

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Director of Spital Tower Property Alan Bailey, is also a member of the Scottish Land & Estates. As a key member of our push for a new 'National Park Campaign' in 2024, he is now pulling together the local community behind an urgent bid to buy Bedrule Church and has launched a 'Future of Bedrule Church' campaign.

The link is Alan's grandfather, who rebuilt the Kirk at the end of the 19th century and Alan's ancestors who are also buried there.

Alan Bailey worked with a committee to develop and adopt a constitution that would allow the community to buy Bedrule Kirk. They have received official confirmation that it conforms with the requirements and are awaiting approval by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Once the various requirements have been met, Alan will contact TCA on behalf of the community committee, so that we may join and support their efforts to save Bedrule Kirk.



Stained glass from Bedrule Church depicting the arms of Thomas Greenshields Leadbetter



Bedrule Kirk as it stands today. Inset: Kirk rebuild, 1914 - (on the tower face)



Interior of the Kirk as viewed from the altar

THE TRAGEDY OF SCOTLAND'S CHURCH (KIRK) SELL-OFF

Extracts from the weekly 'Spectator' Article 'October 2024

William Finlater writing for the Scottish news 'Holy Smoke' in the weekly 'Spectator' edition last October, made some revealing comments that some of the Church of Scotland's most precious architectural heritage is being flogged off quickly, cheaply and discreetly.

Most western denominations are being forced to close churches, but the fire sale of hundreds of Scottish churches is unprecedented in British history. In this episode of Holy Smoke, Damian talks to William about the Kirk's apparently panicky reaction to losing half its members since 2000, and asks new Spectator editor Michael Gove, once a Church of Scotland Sunday School teacher, why his former denomination is staring into the abyss.

'We are not a heritage society,' insisted the Rev David Cameron, the Convener of the Assembly Trustees of the Church of Scotland. Speaking to the BBC in January, Mr Cameron claimed the Church has a 'surplus of buildings and large property' and that there is a need 'to address our estate'.

A church or kirk is usually the most historically important building in any given town or village.

In other words, the Church of Scotland is selling off its churches. Not just one or two here or there, but a lot, and for cut-price rates. Of course, the Church insists that the move is 'painful but essential'... aping the language of a corporate multinational's HR department. Yet the sheer scale and decisiveness of the move belie the patronising smiles of the Church hierarchy.

Anywhere between 20 and 30 per cent of parish churches... around 400 are being put on the market. In deciding what to sell off, the Church has one eye on the bottom line. Since many of Scotland's oldest and most beautiful churches require the highest maintenance costs, that puts them at risk.

For the most part, news of a national sell-off has been met with a muted fatalism. Church of Scotland congregations, according to self-declared figures, are a shockingly low 60,000. It is true that other denominations are struggling too. In the 2022 census, Scotland was revealed as the UK's first majority secular country, with 51 per cent declaring 'no religion', but the dire figures have given the Church liberty to treat itself more like a business than the strong yet dormant heart of Scottish communities.

Unfortunately we cannot reverse the Church of Scotland's decision to sell Bedrule Kirk and while we do find that decision deeply regrettable, we must not find it deplorable. We don't have complete knowledge of the situation and must trust those who have made this difficult decision. Instead, we need to turn our attention to and support those seeking another solution, in this instance, a newly developed 'Future of Bedrule Church' campaign.

When the plans for a viable solution have been finalised, TCA will provide a means to receive and forward contributions to the "Future of Bedrule Kirk," committee in Bedrule, Scotland. Pray for this effort and be ready to contribute to it in the near future.

Stay tuned and follow events on Facebook!

FOR THE YOUNGER TURNBULLS . . .

Issue 2

Bitty Bulls



Hi kids! We need your help once more. Our little bull needs a name. Please send name suggestions to bittybulls@turnbullclan.com.

Please include your name, address, and age.

The author of the winning name will receive a plush bull! Can't wait to hear from you!



Guess Who?

I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1847. As an adult, I was a scientist, inventor, and engineer. I studied hearing and experimented with hearing devices. In 1876, I patented the first telephone. **Who am I?**

Alexander Graham Bell

In a Nutshell

Before the 16th century, Scotsmen wore shirts called tunics that hung to the knee. By the 16th century, they also wore a blanket, called a plaid, for extra warmth. Later, fashion changed to long pieces of wool, usually from one's own sheep, that were gathered and wrapped around the waist. The extra part of the plaid was gathered over the shoulder. Eventually, the gathered wool gave way to sewn pleats and the modern kilt was born.

Originally, tartans were woven in family homes and were colored with dyes that were available in that region. It wasn't until the late 1700s that tartan colors began to be connected with different clans (families).



SCOTLAND

Did You Know?

Haggis is a traditional Scottish dish made from sheep heart, liver, lungs, onions, oatmeal, suet, spices, and salt and is stuffed into sheep intestines. It is often served with neeps and tatties (mashed turnips and mashed potatoes). Yum!



Wee Bit O' Fun

1. What do you call a sleeping bull?

A Bull Dozer

2. Why do bagpipers walk when they play?

To get away from the noise

Boy: Doctor, Doctor, I keep thinking I'm a goat.

Doctor: How long has this been going on?

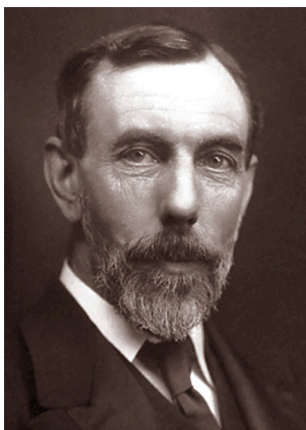
Boy: Ever since I was a kid!

Do you have a favorite joke you would like to share? Send it to bittybulls@turnbullclan.com

SCOTTISH INVENTORS: WILLIAM RAMSAY – THE NOBLE GASES

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 world.



William Ramsay 1852-1916

As school students, we attended science classes at school and well remember the Bunsen burner experiments, heating liquids that produced gases or coloured fog to challenge our curiosity.

The Periodic Table also showed the following elements . . . argon, neon, helium, radon, krypton and xenon. What do these elements have in common?

These are all 'noble gases', first discovered by the scientist William Ramsay from Glasgow. His invention is the classification of these noble gases that won him the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1904.



William Ramsay's Nobel Prize certificate

Born and educated at Glasgow University, then in Tübingennd Germany, his talents landed him a position as professor of chemistry at Bristol University, then professor at University College London. As early as 1885–1890, he published several notable papers on the oxides of nitrogen, developing the skills that he needed for his subsequent work. On the evening of 19 April 1894, Ramsay attended a lecture given by Lord Rayleigh who had noticed a discrepancy between the density of nitrogen made by chemical synthesis.

Inspired, Ramsay decided to investigate and look for an unknown element amongst known gases. His research identified Argon as the first of the new elements. As he discovered more gases, he gave each of them classic Greek names. For example, krypton which means 'hidden'. Later in life, his work led him to important research in the pioneering science of radioactivity and nuclear physics.—

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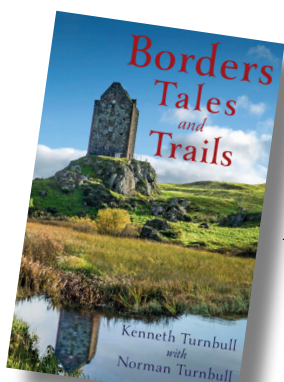
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