

BEDRULE KIRK, “HERITAGE GROUND ZERO” OF OUR TURNBULL CLAN, HAS BEEN SAVED . . .

With your valuable help!

by Wally Turnbull, Honorary Turnbull Clan Chief

Sincere thanks and congratulations to all who donated to help save the Bedrule Kirk. With the donations made through TCA plus the local contributions, the necessary funds have now been raised to purchase the church and save it for future generations.

Bedrule Kirk is a historic Turnbull landmark with a breathtaking view across the Rulewater Valley to Ruberslaw mountain. The kirkyard, which holds the Turnbull cairn, is the final resting place of many of our ancestors.

The sanctuary of the church is a holy place where the power of the faith of our fathers is tangible. The interior is beautifully decorated with the arms of our forebears, the Bishop William Turn-

bull plaque, and magnificent stained-glass windows, including the famous Turnbull Window.

The Church of Scotland is closing and selling off Bedrule Kirk and others because they have run out of funds to maintain them. Bedrule Kirk was scheduled to be sold with no guarantee of what would be done with it or even if it would be maintained unless it went into the right hands. That has now been assured.



The Bedrule community-based grassroots effort Bedrule Church Future began raising funds to purchase the church and maintain it to be used for events in the community and beyond as a venue for weddings and similar special occasions. This will ensure that the church will remain open to our clan family and other visitors who want to appreciate the historic building and its beautiful interior.

Because the site is of such importance to the Turnbull Clan as well as the Bedrule community, TCA issued a call for help, and our members responded with contributions totalling \$27,500 towards the purchase cost of \$46,500. The purchase of the building is now assured.

The closing, which was scheduled for the end of July, has been postponed until September. After that time, the Bedrule Church Future team will be responsible for insurance and maintenance. Eventually, those costs may be covered by event fees and possibly a grant, but until then, they will need to come from donations.

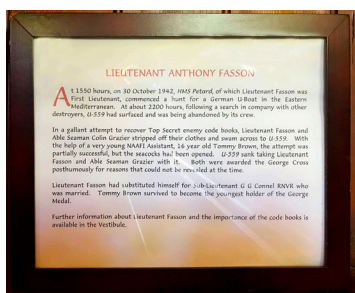
The Turning of the Bull monument in Hawick, Fatlips Castle, and Bedrule are the most important heritage sites for our clan members who visit Scotland. There are numerous sites of significance, but these three stand out because of what is still there.

From Bedrule, the Rulewater and Ruberslaw landscape is magnificent, the site of Bedrule Castle is interesting, a Turnbull Clan cairn sits in the corner of the kirkyard, the Turnbull gravestones give pause, the kirk building and its interior are moving and memorable. This is truly a place that leaves lasting emotions and good memories.

Once again, when called upon, our clan has rallied to the cause. Like the musketeers, Athos, Porthos, Aramis, and d'Artagnan we can also say and practice “All for one and one for all.” That is what a clan is and does.

A must-see video by Katherine Turnbull of the Bedrule Kirk and the Rulewater Valley is available at:
turnbullclan.com/tcalibrary/video/Bedrule_Kirk.mp4

A Memorial Plaque is located inside the Bedrule Kirk, but who was this Scotsman from the Borders?



With high level wartime secrecy on his selfless heroic actions, he was kept as an anonymous person for 30 years.

Read all about his exploits on Page 5

Authors Corner

Claire Turnbull

Between all the social media crazes and fad diets, one expert aims to cut through all the confusion with her new book **'End Your Fight with Food'**.

Claire Turnbull a registered nutritionist, has had her struggles with disordered eating and bulimia, and she's using her journey to help people form a better relationship with what they eat.

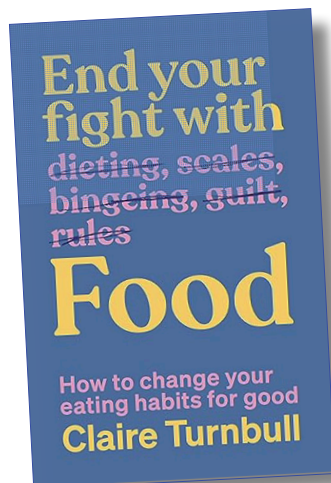
"I wrote this book to help you break free from the struggle of dealing with overwhelming advice about health and nutrition, and societal messages about how you should look".

It's a practical and compassionate guide to understanding your relationship with food, your body, and your mind - so you can stop just surviving and start feeling truly well.

"I just want people to stop fighting with themselves - so much of what fuels people's mental health challenges is the conversation they have with themselves. And when people try to eat better, exercise more, drink less, live a healthier lifestyle...and when the approach doesn't work, they get annoyed with themselves."

As well, Claire shows us why focusing exclusively on the number on the scales can get in the way of truly looking after our health.

Available through Amazon Kindle or Paperback



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

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

16th-17th August Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering

30th -31st August - Virginia Scottish Games

30th-31st August - Caledonia Club of San Francisco

30th-31st September - 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

13th-14th September - Great Basin Scottish Highland Games

13th-14th September - Columbus, Indiana Scottish Festival (*possibly*)

17th-19th October - Stone Mountain Highland Games, Georgia

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:
kattturnbull01@gmail.com - TCA VP for Events.



Did you know . . People in Scotland

Actress Penelope Wilton starred in 6 seasons and 2 feature films in the popular Downton Abbey franchise as Isobel Crawley (later, Lady Merton), but did you know her character's maiden name was Turnbull? Miss Isobel Turnbull was a daughter of Sir John Turnbull, a physician, and was from an upper middle-class family.

Her brother, Dr. Edward Turnbull, also practiced medicine.



Share your travel adventure celebrations . .



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

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

editor@turnbullclan.com

Chillingham wild bull; a descendant of the King Robert the Bruce encounter

BULLSEYE

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Congratulations. Bragging rights go to Denise & Alastair Turnbull of Narrabeen, N.S.W. Australia, who found the 'Little Bull'. Can you find the other hidden 'Bullseye Bull' in this issue?

Kirk Session Records: What are they and what can they tell family historians?

Chris Paton, an expert on Scottish family history explains how you can use kirk session records to trace your Scottish ancestors.

What are Scottish kirk session records?

Kirk session records are generated from the activities of the Church of Scotland, or Kirk, and may include minute books and accounts. Kirk sessions are the lowest of the Church of Scotland courts. They can be a gold mine for **Scottish ancestry** research. The Kirk emerged from the Reformation of 1560 as a Presbyterian denomination, with its members calling ministers to serve them, and electing elders to look after their parochial affairs. The minister and elders would regularly meet as the kirk session, not only to discuss parish business but also to act as the congregation's ecclesiastical court.

Where can I find kirk session records?

The Edinburgh based **National Records of Scotland** hosts the biggest collection of Church of Scotland kirk session records.

Many are now freely available to view on its **ScotlandsPeople** website, along with records of other courts such as the higher presbyteries and synods to which each parish belonged, and of many secession congregations. Although free to view through the site's Virtual Volumes tool, each page is watermarked with the ScotlandsPeople logo – it will cost two credits (50 pence) to download a clean copy of each page required. Further records will be released progressively on the site.

3 DIMENSIONAL GENEALOGY!



Using scrabble lettering, Rodney Turnbull has recorded most of his family



Discover your DNA 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, as 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>

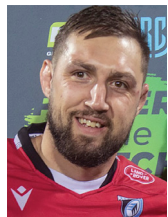
#TurnbullClan #Genealogy #DNAResearch #FamilyHistory #ScottishHeritage



Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide

News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor



Wales - Coaching the talents of tomorrow

Recently when Sam Warburton addressed Cardiff Rugby's senior academy squad, he made a point of singling out Josh Turnbull as one of the best professionals he'd ever played with. If you want to make it as a professional rugby player, he is the perfect role

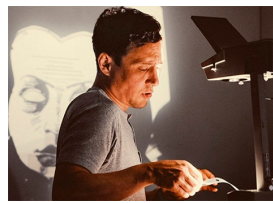
model. Turnbull may not have won as many accolades as the likes of Warburton, but he was the heartbeat of the Cardiff team for years and someone who kept the culture strong while driving high standards. Josh Turnbull has been learning his trade as a coach for fourteen years and is a great believer in hard work and players pushing themselves to the limit.

Scotland - Bid to saving a Church



To help save a historic church from property developers, a call for help was made and answered by American descendants of a family with centuries-old links to the Scottish Borders. Ruberslaw Parish Church at Bedrule between Hawick and Jedburgh - is one of dozens being closed and sold off across the region. The community launched a fundraiser to meet the £35,000 asking price and about half the money has come from the US-based Clan Turnbull. Many of the clan's ancestors are buried at the churchyard. Currently, Alan Bailey and Charlotte Maberly are among the local people heading up fundraising efforts at Bedrule Church Future (BCF). Across the Middle March which now takes up most of the central and eastern Scottish Borders, the Turnbells emerged as one of the most renowned and feared clans.

Scotland - The Edinburgh Fringe Chats 2025 (#127)



Anticipation is building up for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2025 this August. Scott Turnbull will be performing a weird and inventive mash-up of comedy sketches, performed on an old Overhead projector. The Festival will also include some exciting creatives preparing to bring their work to the world's largest arts festival 'Surreally Good'. Turnbull commented, "I love being in a creative environment, making people laugh and clowning around in front of an audience. What better place to do that than the Edinburgh Festival?"

Canada - Be safe and get some swimming lessons

The Life Saving Society of Ontario message advocates 'it's never too late to increase swimming safety — and your ability as a swimmer in general'. The local community has reacted to the drownings over the summer season. "Every swimming death is a tragedy," said George Turnbull, the area chair of the Lifesaving Society of Ontario and the Municipality of Lakeshore's aquatics team leader. "There's always opportunity to further your swimming education, so taking swimming lessons for yourself as an adult, or registering your children for swimming lessons, is one of the most important steps to preventing injury or death. So, everyone should learn to swim — and we can teach them."



Travel News - CEO of Nammos Hotels & Resorts appointed



A new chapter has begun in the Nammos Hotels & Resorts company with the appointment of Carolyn Turnbull as CEO. A globally respected industry leader, Turnbull brings more than two decades of international experience and brand-building expertise to the role. Her appointment signals a bold new chapter for the Nammos brand as it evolves from an iconic beach lifestyle concept into a global force in ultra-luxury hospitality. As she prepares to spearhead the global rollout, Turnbull shared her vision for Nammos' future: "It's an honour to steer Nammos into this exciting next phase. My vision is to further elevate the brand by creating experiences that celebrate culture, people, and place, designed to inspire joy and connection."

UK – Playwrights shortlisted 12 for groundbreaking Theatre@Sea

Twelve playwrights from across the UK are preparing to see their work brought to life in a most unexpected setting. They will be aboard a cruise ship, as it docks near Dundee this summer, as part of the Ambassador PEEL Playwriting Challenge 2025. Huw Turnbull is among the twelve writers short listed for this groundbreaking competition. He said: "It's such an honour to have been short listed for the Ambassador PEEL Play writing Challenge. The idea that something I have written might be performed on a ship that could be anywhere from the Caribbean to the Mediterranean or Northern Europe is so thrilling. I think that with such a variety of destinations and departure ports across the UK, the potential reach for pieces performed on the ships and the range of audiences is really unique and exciting."



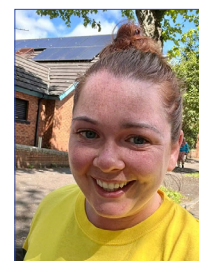
Italy – Two words with Rise Studios



Amanda Turnbull is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Rise Studios, an entertainment company driving

investment into content throughout the Middle East and North Africa. She is responsible for the development and growth of Rise Studios, where she executes the overall business plan, implements strategic partnerships, and ensures continued business evolution. With 30+ years in media, she previously served as Managing Director at Warner Bros. Discovery MEA & Turkey, launching businesses across multiple regions and transforming Fatafeat TV to profitability.

Ireland - Half Marathon for charity



Karla Turnbull, who works with Action for Children's Ballymena & Little Steps Antrim Sure-Start service, is preparing to take

on the renowned Antrim Coast Half Marathon this August to raise money for a cause close to her heart. She's now set her sights on the full 13.1-mile challenge. The event, which takes place on 24 August 2025, is regarded as one of the most scenic half marathons in Northern Ireland. But for Karla, the race is about much more than fitness or personal goals. "It's all about making a meaningful difference in children's lives."

HISTORIC SCOTLAND . . .

Researched by Kenneth Turnbull

BEDRULE KIRK AND THE GUARDED WWII SECRET



There is a small memorial located on the north side of the Bedrule Kirk records for Lieutenant Anthony Fasson, of the Royal Navy. He was born in the Parish at Lanton Tower in the Teviot Valley N. E. of Bedrule. He was a career Officer in the Royal Navy. During the Second World War (1939-1945) he was Executive Officer (second in command) of the frigate HMS Petard.

It was early in the war when the German military made use of cryptography as a high security communication code, with the adoption of the cypher device known as the Enigma machine, for diplomatic and military communication.

The Allies were aware of this highly complex machine and had through intelligence and listening devices, set up a highly secret establishment, known as Bletchley Park.

The fate of the world depended on the code-breakers at Bletchley Park (Station X) Britain's super-secret headquarters for cracking the 'unbreakable' messages being transmitted through the Enigma machine.



The code-breakers at Bletchley Park . . . the secret estate (Station X)

The machine did not actually send the messages, but used to transform normal German into gibberish which was then transmitted using Morse code over the airwaves. British intercept stations could listen in to these signals, but because they were encoded, they could not understand what was being said.

Against all the odds, these code-breakers: schoolboys, academics, and crossword fanatics, turned Germany's greatest weapon into its greatest liability. Earlier, they also had some timely and invaluable help when the Polish shared their earlier groundwork for the German code-breaker known as 'The Gift' with the French and English representatives.

Then in 1942, during naval actions in the Mediterranean, the heroic deeds of Lt. Anthony Fasson and Lt. Colin Grazier, accomplished the task of recovering of a four-wheeled enigma machine, codebooks and other items from a German submarine, U-559, in the Eastern Mediterranean on the 30th October 1942.

After spending nearly 16 hours being pursued and depth charged, the U-559's German Commander took the decision to scuttle the submarine. As the remainder of his crew disembarked from the submarine, and according to shipmates, Fasson and Grazier stripped naked and swam out to the crippled U-559. In doing so, they headed for the very hell their enemy was fleeing.

They boarded the submarine together and began to smash open cabinets with their guns. They passed the contents, including the codebooks, up to Tom Brown who had joined a boarding party making its way to the vessel on a small boat.

Unfortunately, the submarine then took in a sudden rush of water and both Fasson and Grazier went down with the U-boat. Their bodies were never recovered.



However, Tommy Brown had managed to pass the books up to his colleagues. As the submarine sank, he popped out of the conning tower like a cork and survived. The actions of these three men helped to break into possibly the most guarded secret of the Second World War.

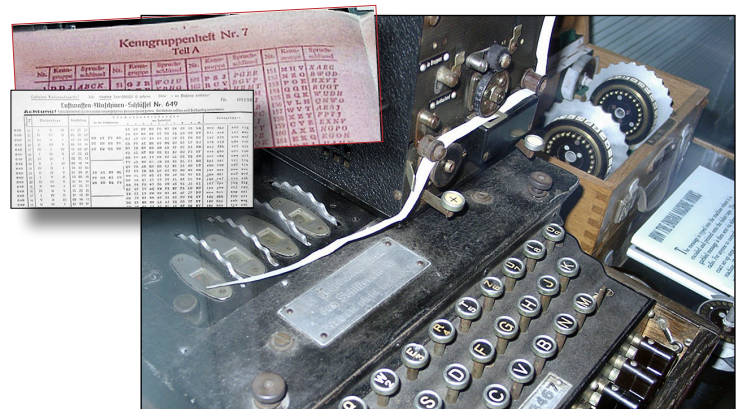
Fasson and Grazier were posthumously awarded the George Cross and Tommy was awarded the George Medal.

The documents were soon in the hands of the code-breakers who could scarcely believe their luck. It gave them the clues to finally cracking the four-rotor Enigma code which had prevented them reading the scrambled U-boat messages for the previous 10 months.

The codebooks seized from the U-boat included the Short Signal Book and the Short Weather Cipher, which proved to be priceless materials for the Allies. Thanks to the documents the men got from the U-559, the code (known as Shark) was solved at Bletchley Park on December 13, 1942. Retrieving the Enigma codebooks from U-559 meant the messages used by the German high command to communicate with their U-boat fleet out in the Atlantic could now be read. The tables were turned as the hunters became the hunted.

Because of the efforts of the two officers, First Lieutenant Tony Fasson, from Jedburgh in Scotland and Able Seaman Colin Grazier from Tamworth in Staffordshire, the Enigma material seized from the U-559 enabled Alan Turing and his team of brilliant code-breakers at Bletchley Park to crack the German naval Enigma code and pave the way for peace. From their heroic actions they'd shortened the war by two years. Their retrieval proved vital in saving countless Allied ships and lives.

Once the war was over, the fact that the Enigma codes had been broken, was kept secret for many years. The need for secrecy condemned these men to anonymity and for decades. After the war, the Navy men's heroism remained cloaked in secrecy for fear the Germans would find out that their 'unbreakable' Enigma code had been compromised. Not even their own Naval families could be told what they had achieved.



The four-wheeled Enigma cypher machine and the recovered codes

GOVERNOR JONATHAN TRUMBULL'S WAR OFFICE

Researched by Todd Gerlander

The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held a 250th anniversary event at the War Office in Connecticut on Saturday 7th June, was to honour the life and patriotism of Governor Jonathan Trumbull.

The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have owned and maintained the War Office since 1891. During this historic 250th anniversary event, we (*the Society*) dedicated a granite bench engraved with a portrait of Governor Jonathan Trumbull and George Washington's quote regarding Trumbull . . . "A long and well spent life in the service of his country justly entitled him to the first place among patriots."



Trumbull's house where Colonel John Trumbull, the "Painter of the Revolution," was born.

Knox, Parsons, Huntington, Spencer and others.

Many meetings took place in his home during the years of the American Revolutionary War (the War of Independence of the thirteen colonies, 1775–1783), as well as in the adjacent War Office . . . known as 'Capt. Joseph Trumble Store and Office'.

The War Office was originally connected to the house by a secret passage, and it functioned as a major logistical centre for the northern states.

The War Office was built around 1727 by Captain Joseph Trumbull as a place to conduct his merchant business, but it is most significant for its use during the American Revolutionary War.

It served as the war office of Connecticut Governor Jonathan Trumbull the American politician and statesman with more than 1,000 councils of war taking place there.

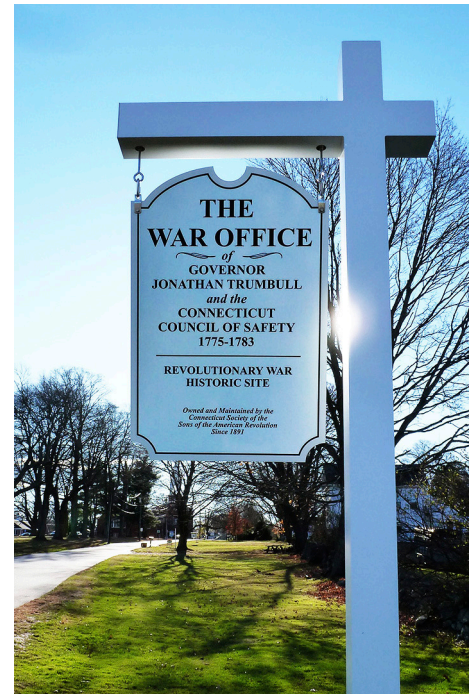
Visitors to the office included George Washington, as Trumbull was a friend and advisor for him, as he visited the office throughout the Revolutionary period, dedicating the resources of Connecticut to the fight for independence.

George Washington wrote on October 1, 1785, declared upon hearing of Governor Jonathan Trumbull's death . . .

"A long and well spent life in the service of his country justly entitled him to the first place among patriots."

Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's "Rebel Governor," was the only patriot governor of the thirteen colonies who served prior to, during, and after the American Revolution.

He turned his store in Lebanon, Connecticut into the War Office, which served as the headquarters of the Connecticut Council of Safety during the American Revolution 1775 - 1783, meeting with Washington, Lafayette, Rochambeau, Chastellux, Lauzun, Putnam,



The dedication of the stone bench, held on the 7th June - the 250th Anniversary of the store when it was first used as a War Office in the American Revolution. Inset: Those who took part in the ceremony



This bench is engraved with a portrait of Governor Jonathan Trumbull and a quote by George Washington

TURNBULL CLAN AT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

By Katherine Turnbull

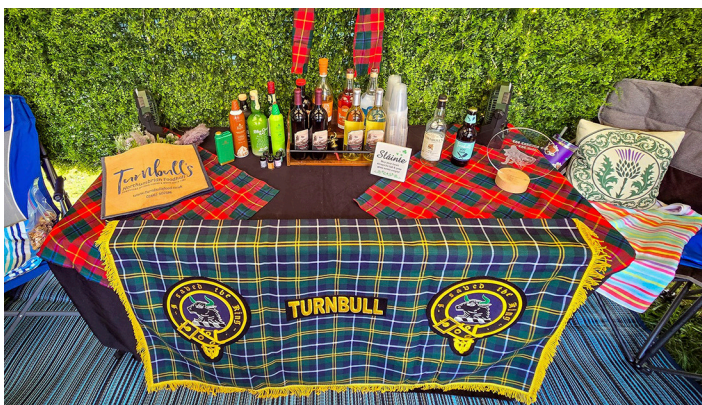
Linville, North Carolina, USA



Against a backdrop of mist-shrouded mountains, echoing bagpipes, and swirling tartan, the Turnbull Clan made a spirited mark at the 69th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG), held 10–13 July. What began as a celebration of Scottish heritage quickly transformed into a heartfelt reunion of family, culture, and community - and the Turnbells were proudly at its centre.

For Katherine Turnbull, this year marked her fifth time hosting the Turnbull Clan tent, now with her two co-hosts and “Highland Dream Team” partners-in-heritage, Amanda George and Mandy Abel. Together, they have built a clan experience that’s equal parts historical deep-dive and joyful celebration - with plenty of kilts, laughter, and the occasional “unofficial” kilt inspection.

“Clan tents are more than just booths,” said Katherine. “They’re portals. Through them, we welcome people into a shared history - and sometimes, even into the Turnbull family.”



Part of the dazzling Tent display ... and promoting the Turnbull Clan wines



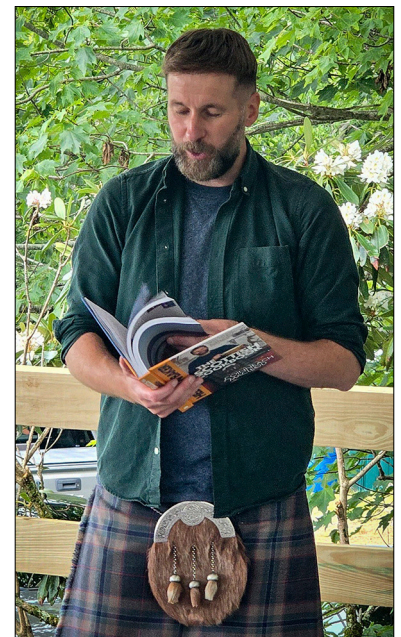
Katherine Turnbull, Coinneach MacLeod (the Baker) & the ‘Highland Dream Team’

And that spirit of welcome was palpable. Throughout the weekend, visitors to the Turnbull tent were immersed in the clan’s lore, introduced to the Turnbull-Trimble DNA and Genealogy Project, and invited to learn about efforts to preserve the ancestral Turnbull Church at Bedrule. Young attendees gleefully collected stamps in their “wee passports,” and more than a few grown-ups raised a toast with a wee dram, poured generously by Mandy, the tent’s unofficial bartender and tartan ambassador.

But beyond the tartan and the tales, the true magic of the weekend came in the form of connections - old friends reunited, new kin discovered, and, in one particularly sparkling moment, a visit from BBC-TV personality and beloved Scottish icon, Coinneach MacLeod, also known as The Hebridean Baker.

This marked the Turnbull trio’s third ceilidh at Grandfather Mountain with Coinneach (they’ve also seen him at Virginia Scottish and Ligonier Highland Games) whose rise from TikTok star to international cookbook sensation and now the star of his own BBC series, brought both joy and a touch of glamour to the mountains. “To go from watching his videos in lockdown to dancing at his ceilidh in Linville feels surreal,”

Katherine shared. “He brought joy when we needed it - his warmth, his folklore, his baking - it’s all magic.”



Coinneach MacLeod and his Cookbook

One of the weekend’s most unforgettable moments unfolded Thursday evening during the Saltire Lighting Ceremony. As fog rolled across MacRae Meadow and torches flickered in the mist, clans gathered to declare their presence in an age-old ritual of remembrance and pride.

Then, as if summoned by the ancestors themselves, the mist parted just as the Saltire ignited in a blaze of golden light. Representing Clan Turnbull, Katherine stood at the ready and delivered the following speech, a moving tribute to their legacy:

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TURNBULL CLAN AT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

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*"In honour of our ancestors who walked the wild Borders of Scotland
... In memory of Will o' Rule who turned the bull and saved the king...
And in celebration of all Turnbells - past, present, and yet to come. We,
the sons and daughters of Clan Turnbull, stand proud on this mountain,
united by heritage, strengthened by kinship, and driven by the fire of our
shared legacy."*

Let the flame of the Saltire shine bright tonight, as we answer the call of Scotland with heart, honour, and hope.

Clan Turnbull is here!

It was a moment many won't soon forget powerful, poetic, profoundly rooted in a love of legacy.



Friday offered another unexpected opportunity when Katherine and Mandy were "voluntold" by friend and COSCA Youth Outreach Chair Rhonda Wardlaw to attend the Council of Scottish Clans Association meeting and join the conversation on youth engagement. While technically outside the 18-30 target demo, their enthusiasm - and their experience - made them perfect contributors to the conversation. Surrounded

by clan chiefs and dignitaries like Viscount Andrew Morrison, Lord Dunrossil, they left inspired to help carry the torch of tradition forward.

"Heritage isn't just a memory - it's a movement," Katherine noted. "And it needs all generations to carry it forward."

That evening, the Turnbull trio stepped out of the muddy field and into a night of elegance at the Patrons Gala, one of the Games' most anticipated social highlights. Over glasses of bubbly, shared laughter, and heartfelt conversations, they celebrated friendship, heritage, and the kind of joy that only comes from being surrounded by kindred spirits.

The weekend pulsed with other highlights too: Saturday brought a swirl of visitors, both curious and kilted; Sunday featured a vibrant Parade of Tartans and was complete with van mishaps and sudden downpours, which only added to the charm. And all weekend long, visitors flocked to meet the Lady Betty Turnbull, an author on the field - signing copies of her beloved children's stories.



In true Highland fashion, the weekend even included a magical unicorn sighting at the Turnbull tent - because of course it did.

As the tents folded and the last pipes faded into the mountain breeze, the Turnbull Clan left the field muddy, tired, and entirely fulfilled. They had once again answered the call of heritage with joy, laughter, and unwavering pride.

*They came.
They ceilidh'd.
They conquered.*

Until next year, Grandfather Mountain. Clan Turnbull is here - and we're just getting started!

Lang may yer lum reek!



Turnbull Clan had a proud showing for the Sunday Parade of Tartans that included two past TCA Presidents, Rhet Turnbull and Wally Turnbull. Pictured left to right: Katherine Turnbull, Wally Turnbull, Rhet Turnbull, Andrew Turnbull, Stirling Turnbull, Dennis (Turnbull) Graham, Camden Turnbull, and Sarah Turnbull. (Not pictured Sarah Turnbull Snow)

FOR THE YOUNGER TURNBULLS . . .

Issue 4

Bitty Bulls



Hi kids! This issue of Bullseye talks about the upcoming Highland Games in Estes Park, Colorado on September 9-11th. Stop by the Turnbull tent to say hello. We look forward to seeing you!



Orange Marmalade Cookies

Have an adult help you make these yummy treats. Yield: 30 small cookies

Ingredients:

1/3 Cup unsalted butter, softened
2/3 Cup granulated sugar
1 egg
6 tablespoons orange marmalade + bit more if dough is too stiff
1 1/2 Cups all purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking flour
parchment paper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 F and line baking sheet with parchment.
Cream together butter and sugar, adding egg and marmalade.
After flour and baking powder have been sifted, slowly add to creamed mixture until blended.
Drop by spoonfuls onto cookie sheet with 2 inch spacing between each cookie.
Bake for 8-10 minutes or until lightly brown.
Allow to cool before transferring to cooling rack.



In a Nutshell

The Loch Ness Monster, nicknamed Nessie, is believed to be a giant creature that lives in Loch Ness in northern Scotland near the town of Inverness. Some think she is a sea dinosaur with a long neck and possibly 100 feet long. People have claimed sightings of a creature swimming in the loch (lake) as far back as the 6th century. In 1934 Dr. Robert Kenneth Wilson took a picture of what could be a large creature swimming in the loch. Tourism to that area and claimed sightings increased. No one has ever caught or proven scientifically that a large sea creature lives in Loch Ness. Whether Nessie is real or not, it is fun to imagine. Perhaps one day somebody will find out the truth. Do *you* think Nessie is real?

Did You Know?

The start of the world famous Keiller Marmalade from Dundee, Scotland began by chance in 1700. The story goes that a grocer, James Keiller, bought a large quantity of Seville oranges, quite cheaply, from a Spanish ship that was harbored in Dundee during a winter storm. The oranges turned out to be too bitter to sell. Not wanting to waste them, his wife, Janet, used them in place of quinces to make fruit preserves. The combination of tart and sweet proved so popular with the folks of Dundee that from then on the Keiller's had a longstanding order of Seville oranges. In 1797, Keiller descendants built the first marmalade factory.

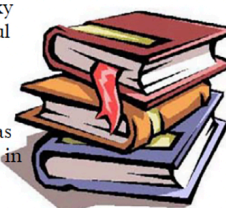
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Luck of the Loch Ness Monster: A Tale of Picky Eating by Alice Weaver Flagherty (ages 4-8)

A little girl travels on an ocean liner to Scotland to visit her grandmother. Along the way, many bowls of oatmeal are dumped overboard by the picky little girl. What happens when she arrives in Scotland? This is a delightful tale about friendship and how the Loch Ness Monster came to be.

The Water Horse by Dick King-Smith (ages 8-10)

Set in the 1930's, two young Scottish siblings find a mysterious egg that has washed up on shore. The creature grows so big that it can finally only live in nearby Loch Ness. Written from the perspective of both the sea creature and the children.



Wee Bit O' Fun

1. What did the traffic light say to the car?

Don't look, I'm changing!

2. What do you call a cow with no legs?

A lawn mooer!

SCOTTISH INVENTORS: THE HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVALS

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.

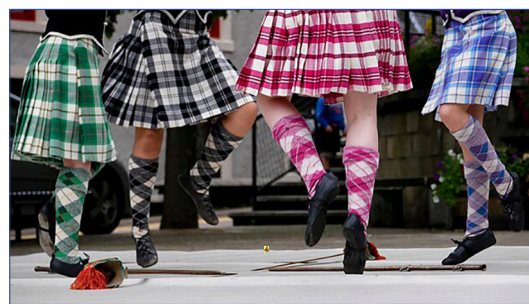


Caber Toss World champion, Daniel McKim

These unique competitive inventions drew large crowds to the events with the caber toss, stone put, throwing the weight over bar, the keg toss, sheaf toss and the hammer throw.

The modern Highland Games & Festivals are a 19th-century development, from the period following the Jacobite rebellions and the consequent ban on Highland dress. These annual events are now held in many countries, with a notable Scottish diaspora, totalling around 50 million people worldwide. Notably, the largest Highland games in Scotland, the Cowal Highland Games held in Dunoon, has recorded attracting around 3,500 competitors. In USA, gatherings have attracted an estimated 30,000 spectators at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina and further north, the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain has attracted around 35,000 spectators.

Added events now include the introduction of Bagpipe band competitions, music, dancing, and the tartans and kilts, which capture many facets of an ethnic identity and heritage that people aspire to. Clan tents and entertainment also play an important part as well. These Highland sports have made their mark far beyond Scotland. The Olympic Games Shot put event owes its origins to the original Scottish Stone put.



Competitive Highland dancing with its many skills

The Highland Games began as a competitive strength sport, celebrating their ancient Scottish and Celtic culture. It is a national custom and as Scottish as kilts, whisky and bagpipes. It is said the tradition began when the earliest recorded reference to the Highland Games was during the reign of King Malcolm III around 1093, when he summoned his men to race up Craig Choinnich overlooking Braemar. His intention was to find the fastest runner in Scotland to be his royal messenger.

In later times, the clansmen in the Highlands of Scotland were invited to a gathering by their chief to show off their prowess and practice their military skills.

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