

TCA REPRESENTED AT THE STIRLING HIGHLAND GAMES



The Stirling
Games Tartan

The 156th meeting of Stirling Highland Games, one of the oldest highland games in Scotland is the area's flagship outdoor sporting celebration of Scottish heritage. The history of the Stirling Highland Games is also intrinsically entwined with that of Stirling Castle.

Delivering a high-impact day of tradition, competition, and community at the heart of one of Scotland's most historic cities, this established event brings together many athletes, performers, clans, and visitors from around 50 visiting nations.

Included in the athletics programme is the competitive and exclusive Stirling Stones competition.

Scottish clan member Fiona Turnbull, decided to represent TCA at this year's August meet. So, the red tent together with the added Turnbull tartans went up at the Stirling Sports Village.

With a team effort including Events Organiser, Katherine Turnbull from USA, they met fellow Turnbulls/Trimbles and their friends to talk genealogy and learn more about their historical heritage.



Neil and Karen Turnbull & 'Ned' with Fiona Turnbull

from Katherine Turnbull . . .

'It was a long day, but a wonderful one! We met so many lovely people - and even a few fellow Turnbulls' along the way.

While we were the only clan tent in attendance, we certainly weren't short on visitors. It never ceases to amaze us that, even as one of Scotland's smaller surnames, so many people either have a Turnbull tucked somewhere into their family tree or know someone who does.

We especially enjoyed visiting with Neil and Karen Turnbull from England, along with William Turnbull and his sons, who are local to Stirling.

And we can't forget Neil and Karen's adorable canine companion, Ned, who seemed completely in his element greeting everyone who stopped by.

The bagpipes may still be ringing in our ears, but with lovely weather, plenty of visitors and lots of good conversation, it was a fantastic day.'



Katherine Turnbull, Neil Turnbull, Fiona Turnbull, local residents William Turnbull and sons with visitors



Competitions were fierce and full of excitement with the many challenges



Ned Turnbull greeting guests

Authors Corner

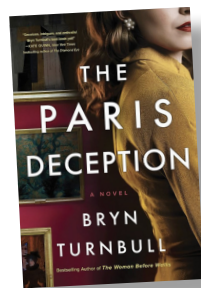
Bryn Turnbull

Bestselling author Bryn Turnbull recently returned to France early August through a 10 day tour and thoughtfully paced with multiple nights in Paris and Reims.

Her page-turning novel **The Paris Deception** as a lens into evoking the atmosphere of WWII Paris. Written through the stories of two women, an artist and an art conservator, determined not to be crushed by the Nazi occupation or the personal grief the war has inflicted on them.

Bryn travelled with the group, and the tour included literary discussions along the way. Most travellers come to Champagne expecting tastings and beauty. You'll get those, but this is a region with a remarkable wartime story. Based in Reims, they explored the cathedral city and its role in the final chapter of the war.

Bryn plans to continue writing her popular novels with more adventures and stories.



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Why not visit us at a Highland Games event?



Turnbull Clan Association will be represented in USA and Scotland at the following Scottish Festivals & Games in 2026 & 2027

29th Aug.: Border Gathering, Annan, Scotland - Katherine & Fiona Turnbull

4-5th Sept.: Virginia Scottish Games - Katherine Turnbull

5-6th Sept.: Caledonia Club of San Francisco Highland Games, Pleasanton, California - Richard Dalton & Sande Hall

6th Sept.: Blairgowrie Highland Games, Blairgowrie, Scotland - Fiona Turnbull

11-13th Sept.: Long's Peak Scottish Festival, Estes Park, Colorado - Helen Goody

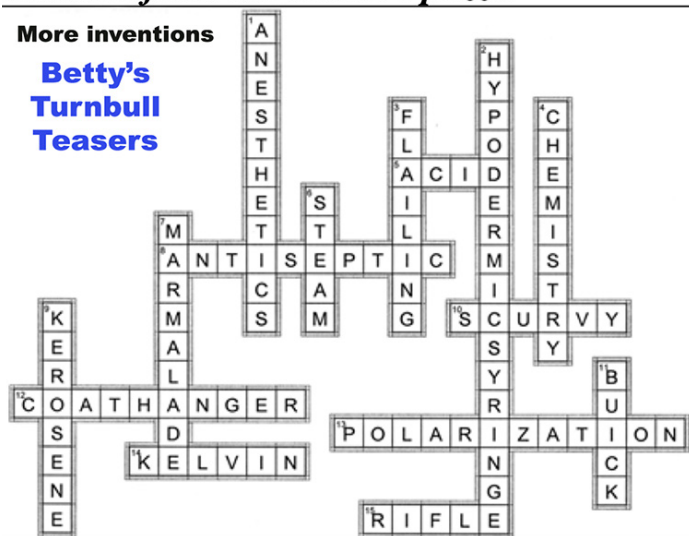
16-18th Oct.: Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, Georgia - Darin & Jill Trimble

2027: 13-15th March: Journey to Freedom, at New Smyrna Beach, Florida - Katherine Turnbull and team.

Answers from last month's puzzle

More inventions

Betty's Turnbull Teasers



BULLSEYE

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

We can only grow with our clan 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!

Could you see yourself welcoming visitors under the Turnbull banner at a local Highland Games or Celtic festival near you?

Clan tents are made possible by volunteers just like you. If you're interested in learning more, please contact our Vice President of Events. Katherine Turnbull, at katturnbull01@gmail.com How did you first discover the Turnbull Clan Association?

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



Congratulations - Bragging rights go to Alastair Turnbull Narrabeen, NSW, Australia, for finding the 'Little Bull'

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

Out and About . .

Bedrule Castle Dig 2026



Ed.

An Open Day was conducted recently in mid-August by Archaeology Scotland together with the HARP (Heritage and Archaeological Research Practice Ltd) excavation at the site of the 13th century Bedrule Castle, to investigate the chronology of the location.*

Recognised as an important regional power centre through the Wars of Independence and Anglo-Scottish War of the 16th century, it has strong links to the Turnbull Clan. The aim was to learn how archaeology can fill in the gaps of history and a glimpse into the past.

As a tour guide, I gave a talk at the church on the history, memorials, heraldry, stained glass and some tales of the various heroes through the medieval times, Napoleonic Wars and War of American Independence, WW I and WW2.

The Dig team included Americans and Australians, but none of them were Turnbells. However, they were very interested in the strong Clan connections and asked lots of questions – always a good sign.

Bedrule Church Future also met with the Dig Leader from Archaeology Scotland to begin the planning of a footpath connection from the Graveyard to Bedrule Castle, and discuss the various bureaucratic hurdles we face.

We have also been promised more photos and the write-up of how the Dig went. There is likely to be another next year if we can get funding.

Alan Bailey for Bedrule Church Future

** HARP also provides a range of archaeology tours and experiences in Scotland that lay bare the eclectic past of the northern realm of Britain.*



Showing the works which are more extensive than last year



The archaeologists team in the Church listening to a talk

America 250 Liberty Tree dedicated to Governor Jonathan Trumbull

by Todd Gerlander, a Trumbull family descendant

In commemoration of America 250, the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a Liberty Tree in honour of Governor Jonathan Trumbull and Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth at the Governor Jonathan Trumbull House and Wadsworth Stable in Lebanon, Connecticut, on June 20, 2026.

Governor Jonathan Trumbull, known to the British as Connecticut's "Rebel Governor," was the only patriot governor of the thirteen American colonies to serve prior to, during, and after the American Revolution 1775-1783. Commemorations also included Connecticut Independence Day (June 18, 1776), the 250th anniversary of Governor Jonathan Trumbull's Proclamation, known as Connecticut's Declaration of Independence from Great Britain.



Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide

News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor



Canada – Growing up on the farm

Anna Turnbull's, life on the farm began with a simple fascination for horses. That passion has now grown into Dragonfire Farm, a 100-acre equestrian facility where she trains horses and riders, coaching students

of all ages and continues to build a dream rooted in hard work, family and community. Located in Roseneath, Ontario, Dragonfire Farm is home to 25 horses, a seven-stall barn, a 70-by-110-foot indoor riding arena and a growing equestrian program that offers lessons, horse training and boarding. The farm also recently began producing its own hay as it continues to expand. She also reflects on building Dragonfire Farm from the ground up with the support of her family, for the next generation of horse lovers.

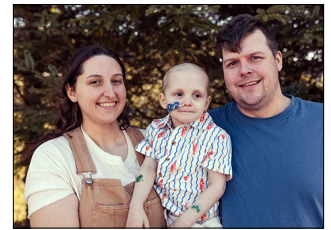
Scotland - Success with e-bikes



Free e-bikes on loan to staff at Borders College as an initiative, has been a resounding success. The institution re-introduced the scheme in April, encouraging employees to swap car journeys for cycling. The last few months has seen staff reduce their environmental footprint and save money, while also relishing health and wellbeing benefits. Glen Turnbull, marketing officer at Borders College, makes use of the scheme to travel for short periods between campuses or around Galashiels. "Regular e-cycling offers several benefits," Glen Turnbull said. "The main ones being fitness and wellbeing related. Getting away from the desk and into the outdoors during the working day is a great boost."

Canada – A 'Little Warrior' with a Big Heart and a love for Hockey

Mavrik Turnbull, a beloved three-year-old boy from Prince George, British Columbia, who was diagnosed with stage 4, high risk neuroblastoma, an aggressive form of childhood cancer in October of 2024, has passed away following his two-year battle. The community support has been absolutely incred-



ible, including the Vancouver Hockey Giants, who were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of a brave little fellow. "His love for the game and incredible courage will continue to inspire our organisation." He died at Canuck Place in Vancouver on 6th July surrounded by his parents Derek and Vanessa.



UK - Nurse's RAF role marked in Armed Forces Week



Ben Turnbull, an anaesthetic nurse at Wirral University Teaching Hospital, also serves as a reservist with the Royal Air Force. He marked Armed Forces Week by sharing his story of service in both civilian and military healthcare with a focus on Arrowe Park Hospital. Ben Turnbull, who joined the trust in September 2023 and serves with the 4626 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron said, "As an Anaesthetic Nurse, I work as part of a team of Anaesthetic Nurses and Operating Department Practitioners alongside Anaesthetists to provide safe anaesthetic care across the Trust."

Canada – Father and son 7,500km ride to raise funds

Dr. Andrew Turnbull and his 19-year-old son, Judah, set out from Mile Zero in Victoria on 8th May, for a 7,500-kilometre cycling journey across Canada to raise awareness and funds for the mental health resilience of Canada's nurses. Along the way, they are raising funds for the Canadian Nurses Foundation's Healing Healthcare Initiative, which supports programs that strengthen mental health resilience among nurses. For the Turnbull family, the journey is deeply personal. The ride honours Andrew's mother, Debby, a registered nurse, who suffered a workplace injury ending her nursing career and led to decades of mental health challenges.



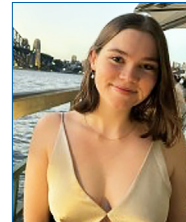
Virgin Islands - Superior Court Judge has been nominated



Liz Turnbull retired in July from her role at Bedale CofE Primary School after 23 years of service at the helm of a North Yorkshire school. She leaves behind a legacy of leadership described as 'kind, compassionate, and deeply committed' to nurturing every child's potential. During her tenure, she built a strong reputation for knowing each pupil individually and supporting families as part of a close school community. A spokesperson for the school said: "Mrs Turnbull has inspired generations of children with kindness, compassion and commitment to helping every child achieve their very best. She has been a much admired figure in the community."

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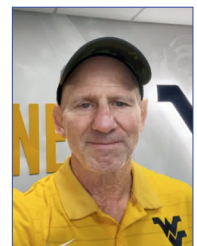
Australia - Weaponising Fashion



In an era suffocated by disposable fast fashion and crippling macroeconomic inflation, Australian designer Amelia Turnbull is disrupting the fast-fashion industry with Melia Ann, a brand engineering high-quality reversible clothing to slash cost-per-wear. She launched her Queensland-based brand, Melia Ann, a mere ten months ago and struck a massive, vibrating chord with a deeply fatigued global consumer base. The concept of reversible clothing is not historically novel, but Turnbull's execution elevates it from a gimmick to high-end functional art.

USA – WVU Hall of Fame induction

The most successful coach in West Virginia wrestling history, Craig Turnbull was announced as an inductee into the seven-member 2026 Class of the WVU Athletic Hall of Fame. He built the Mountaineers into one of the strongest and most accomplished programs in the nation during his 35-year tenure from 1979-2014. He led West Virginia University's wrestling program from the most modest beginnings into national prominence. Turnbull's journey was representative of all inductees in that while it is presented as an individual honour, it involves so many others from family, coaches, teammates and fans. "It was surely a labor of love," he said.



Bedrule Kirk team volunteers recognised for dedication efforts



Alan Bailey with his Charity Awards Certificate of Recognition

At a most enjoyable SCVO Awards Dinner and Ceremony on 11th of June in Glasgow Alan Bailey, BCF Chair, was a runner up in the Trustee of the Year Category. The citation read:

Alan Bailey brought the BCF team together in January 2025, with the aim of saving Bedrule Church, for the Rule Water community, so it could continue as a place of worship, of spiritual well-being and advance the historical and cultural heritage of the local area.

With determined, hardworking and mindful leadership, he managed our fund-raising campaign across many obstacles, to a successful conclusion: Bedrule Church became community owned by a SCIO on 19th December 2025. Presently, Alan takes the trustees and community forward with the successful management of the church, to ensure it will be there for future generations.

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is the national membership body for Scotland's voluntary sector, including charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups, delivering meaningful outcomes for communities across Scotland

The BCF Board is very pleased as it has raised the profile of the Charity, which will benefit them in many ways.

Bedrule Kirk has a New Sign



Bedrule Kirk is very proud of its new sign. It faces up Bedrule Row or Street, from the Kirk gate, with the bold new logo and strong message "Community Owned". This artwork will be used across social media, emails, correspondence etc.

The sign was erected only hours before the Service on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 to mark the 'Change of Ownership', and it received many positive comments.

Bedrule Kirk 'Change of Owner' Service on 22 July 2026

A Service to mark the Change of Ownership was led by Rev. Rachel Wilson of Ruberslaw Country Parishes, with input from Bedrule Church Future on the history of the Church in Rulewater and reflections on the past. The company heard of the history of Bedrule and gave thanks to God. The large company held Celebrations in the Village Hall afterwards.

The service made recognition for those now-unknown who brought the Christian faith and understanding to Rulewater, and the faith and dedication of others over the following many centuries that has kept a place of worship in Bedrule.

Clan Members visit Bedrule Kirk

Bedrule Kirk was visited by 10 Turnbells from America on the 1st July. Bruce Turnbull, who answered the call for funds to purchase Bedrule Church in the Scottish Borders, visited Scotland with a family group including three generations in celebration of his 75th birthday.

They visited the *Turning of the Bull* statue in Hawick, hiked up to Fatlips, and explored the Yarrow area. Bruce's direct Turnbull ancestors were from Yarrow, leaving in the 1830s for Canada. An ancestor worked as a cooper at a location called Catslackburn.

The Turnbells learnt something of what Bedrule Kirk offers for visitors into the history of the Kirk and surrounding graveyard, which carry within them physical reminders of past parish members, families and extended families or clans, plus records and memories of important local events, christenings, weddings and funerals, acts of bravery and generosity, as well as the long service and contributions to the nation.

They also searched in the graveyard for family members., in the Yarrow Valley at Selkirkshire. Afterwards they made a guided visit to Fatlips Castle, then went to Hawick to admire the Turn-é-bull statue.

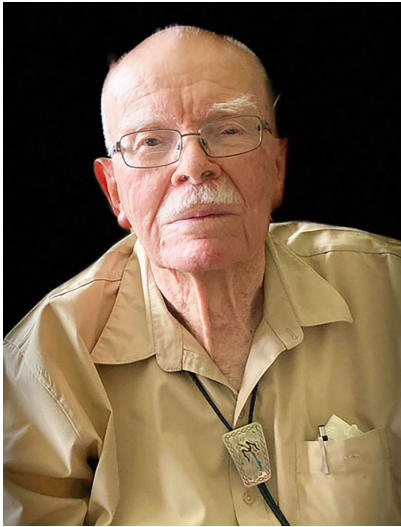


Bruce Turnbull and families visit to the Cairn

There is also a steady trickle of visitors stopping in to visit the church that BCF never meet, including a significant number of Turnbells.

WALLACE TURNBULL'S LEGACY LIVES ON THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT BENJAMIN TURNBULL

The Turnbull Clan Association announces the Wallace Turnbull Scholarship, established to honour the extraordinary life and legacy of Wallace Turnbull (1925–2024). The scholarship is a gift from Wally and Walter, Wallace's sons in honor of their father.



For nearly 78 years, Wallace dedicated his life to serving the people of Haiti through ministry, education, healthcare, and community development. As the founder of the Baptist Haiti Mission, he oversaw projects that transformed countless lives, including the construction of churches, schools, hospitals, and community facilities throughout the country. His life's work was driven by a simple but profound mission: to build God's Kingdom by serving others with compassion, faith, and practical assistance.

Born in Hollywood, California, Wallace arrived in Haiti in 1946 and made the island nation his lifelong home. His tireless service earned him the respect and admiration of generations of Haitians and, in 2014, he was awarded Haiti's National Order of Honor and Merit, the nation's highest civilian honour.

Through this scholarship scheme, the Turnbull Clan Association celebrates Wallace Turnbull's enduring legacy and encourages future generations to follow his example of faith, compassion, and service.

The Turnbull Clan Association is pleased to announce Benjamin Turnbull as the recipient of the \$500.00 Wallace Turnbull Scholarship.

Born and raised in Cambridgeshire, England, Benjamin Turnbull will begin pursuing a Master of Letters (MLitt) in Legal and Constitutional Studies at the University of St. Andrews this September. Following his graduate studies, he plans to earn a Juris Doctor (JD) degree in the United States as he prepares for a career in international law.

Benjamin's desire to study law is rooted in a commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Inspired by the Turnbull family's tradition of service, he hopes to use international law to address challenges that extend beyond national borders. His goal is to represent and defend the rights of both people and the natural world during times of crisis while contributing to the continued development of international law.

As he begins this exciting new chapter in Scotland, Benjamin looks forward to exploring the country's rich history and culture while studying at St. Andrews.

The Turnbull Clan Association congratulates Benjamin on receiving the Wallace Turnbull Scholarship and wishes him every success as he carries forward Wallace Turnbull's inspiring legacy of service to others.



Benjamin Turnbull

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Editor's note: One of the most meaningful ways to honour someone you love is to invest in the future of another. The Turnbull Clan Association invites members and friends to establish a \$500 scholarship in memory of a family member or friend, celebrating a life and legacy that deserves to be remembered.

A scholarship can also be a thoughtful alternative to traditional gifts. Instead of giving another birthday, anniversary, retirement, or holiday present, consider creating a scholarship in someone's honour. It is a lasting gift that recognises a special person while helping a deserving person pursue their goals.

Each scholarship becomes part of the Turnbull Clan's commitment to encouraging future generations and preserving the spirit of service, generosity, and family that has long defined our clan.

If you would like to establish a scholarship, you may make your gift through the Turnbull Clan Association website or contact us at editor@turnbullclan.com for more information.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Pamela Turnbull

The Turnbull Clan Association is pleased to announce that Pamela Turnbull has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Turnbull Clan Scholarship, which includes a \$500 award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to Scottish heritage, athletic excellence, and service to the clan community.

Born on the rugged coast of Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia—New Scotland—Pamela is the youngest of six children and now resides in British Columbia on Canada's west coast. At 64 years of age, she continues to be a remarkable ambassador for the Turnbull name.

For Pamela, wearing the Turnbull tartan is one of life's greatest honours. Raised in a family immersed in Scottish traditions, she grew up surrounded by the Highland Games and the stirring sound of bagpipes, with her sisters performing in a pipe band. Her passion for her heritage has been matched by her dedication to passing those traditions on to her children, who now proudly share in the family legacy.

Eleven years ago, Pamela stepped onto a Highland Games field for the first time and immediately felt she had found her place. Since then, she has represented Clan Turnbull at competitions throughout North America and Europe with pride and distinction.

She currently holds eight Canadian records, is ranked third in the world in her age category, and serves on the executive of the Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation as both the Open Athlete Representative as well as a Community Outreach Representative.

In September 2026, Pamela will proudly represent both Clan Turnbull and Canada at an international competition in The Netherlands. The Turnbull Clan Association congratulates Pamela on this well-deserved honour and wishes her continued success as she carries the Turnbull name onto the world stage.



LORD LYON VISITS HAWICK

On the 8th July, the Turnbull Clan received a distinguished honour when the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland, Dr. Joseph John Morrow, visited the Turnbull Monument, known affectionately as "The Turning of the Bull" in Hawick, in the heart of the Scottish Borders.



Kate Turnbull and (inset) Lord Lyon

Accompanying him on this special visit was 95-year-old Kate Turnbull, adding an especially meaningful connection to the clan's enduring history.

Commissioned by the American Turnbull Clan and sculpted by acclaimed Borders artist Angela Hunter, the monument commemorates the legendary event that gave our family its name.

It portrays William Rule's heroic act in 1313, when he is said to have seized and turned a charging bull to save the life of King Robert the Bruce. In gratitude, the King rewarded William with the lands of Bedrule and bestowed upon him the surname Turn-E-Bull, from which the Turnbull name is derived.

During his visit, Lord Lyon viewed the monument before touring the Hawick Heritage Hub, which serves as the monument's home and provides visitors with an opportunity to learn more about the history and heritage of the Turnbull family and the Scottish Borders.

The visit was especially significant because of the office held by Lord Lyon. As Lord Lyon King of Arms, Dr. Joseph John Morrow serves as Scotland's chief heraldic authority and one of the country's Great Officers of State. His office, whose origins stretch back more than six centuries, is responsible for preserving Scotland's heraldic traditions and protecting the integrity of family arms and clan heritage.

Unlike heraldic authorities elsewhere in the United Kingdom, the Lord Lyon is also a judge, presiding over the Court of the Lord Lyon. He has the exclusive legal authority to grant coats of arms to individuals and organizations in Scotland and to ensure their lawful use. The court even has the power to prosecute the misuse of coats of arms and clan heraldry, underscoring the importance Scotland places on its centuries-old traditions.

Beyond heraldry, the Lord Lyon plays a vital role in Scotland's ceremonial life, participating in royal coronations, proclamations of new monarchs, state openings of Parliament, and other significant national occasions.

For the Turnbull Clan, the Lord Lyon's visit to "The Turning of the Bull" monument was more than a courtesy call. It was a recognition of the enduring place the Turnbull story holds within Scotland's rich history and heritage.

As the guardian of Scotland's heraldic traditions stood before the monument commemorating the birth of our name, it served as a powerful reminder that the legacy of William Turnbull continues to be celebrated more than 700 years after his legendary act of courage.

KING JAMES COMES TO BEDRULE

The Turnbells, from whom we're all of us descended, were a peace-loving little clan living alongside the Rule Water, a few miles east of Hawick.

Well, actually no, we weren't.

The Scottish Borders, in the 16th Century in particular, were a place where the normal systems of law and order had broken down. Here neither King James of Scotland nor Queen Elizabeth of England had any real control. A special sort of legal system, March Law or the law of the Border, regularised the business of revenge raids and kidnapping for ransom. Your only hope was your local family warlord. If food was short, you went over the hill and stole some of your neighbours' cows, or maybe over in England. And if somebody from that neighbouring family killed one of your lot, then you went up over the hill and killed a whole lot of theirs.

After which they came back over the hill and killed some more of you. The diagram from George MacDonald Fraser's 'The Steel Bonnets' shows the Turnbells as involved in deadly feud with the nearby Kerrs, the most dangerous family of the Scottish Middle March. And also with the Armstrongs of the Debateable Land, the most deadly family over in the West.

The valley of the Rule Water, enclosed between its hills, offers a certain natural protection. The fortress tower of the family head, old Fatlips Turnbull, is a fine hilltop strongpoint. But the main safety of the glen was in the dangerous nature of the men who lived in it.

You may have picked up on the story of how the family got its name: a romantic tale of King Robert the Bruce and an angry animal and a rescue. It's a great story, and lost as it is in the mists of the fourteenth century, who's to say it didn't happen like that? But for me, our surname has one proud message. Good at Stealing Cattle.

By Ronald Turnbull

"About Mountains" - walking across them, climbing and writing about them



Fatlips Castle, above the Water of Rule (photo: Ronald Turnbull)

And so, when an official day of truce at Carter Bar on 7th July, 1575 turned into a brawl over a game of cards, and the game of cards turned into a pitched international battle:

*But little harness had we there;
But auld Badreule had on a jack,
And did right weel, I you declare,
With all his Trumbills at his back.*

(The Redeswire Fray, ballad collected by Walter Scott 1803)

Which is to say that the only one who already had his leather armour on in advance was Sir Andrew Turnbull at the head of his small warband. (Harness is armour, and a jack is a padded leather jacket.)

All of which is the reason why, when King James IV brought his army to Hawick on a so-called judicial raid' in 1510, he had one particular family to pacify. The Turnbells, all males of fighting age, were to present ourselves at Hawick, dressed in our nightgowns, with hempen nooses around our necks. At which point the King, in his courteous way, would decide just how many of us he was going to have hanged.

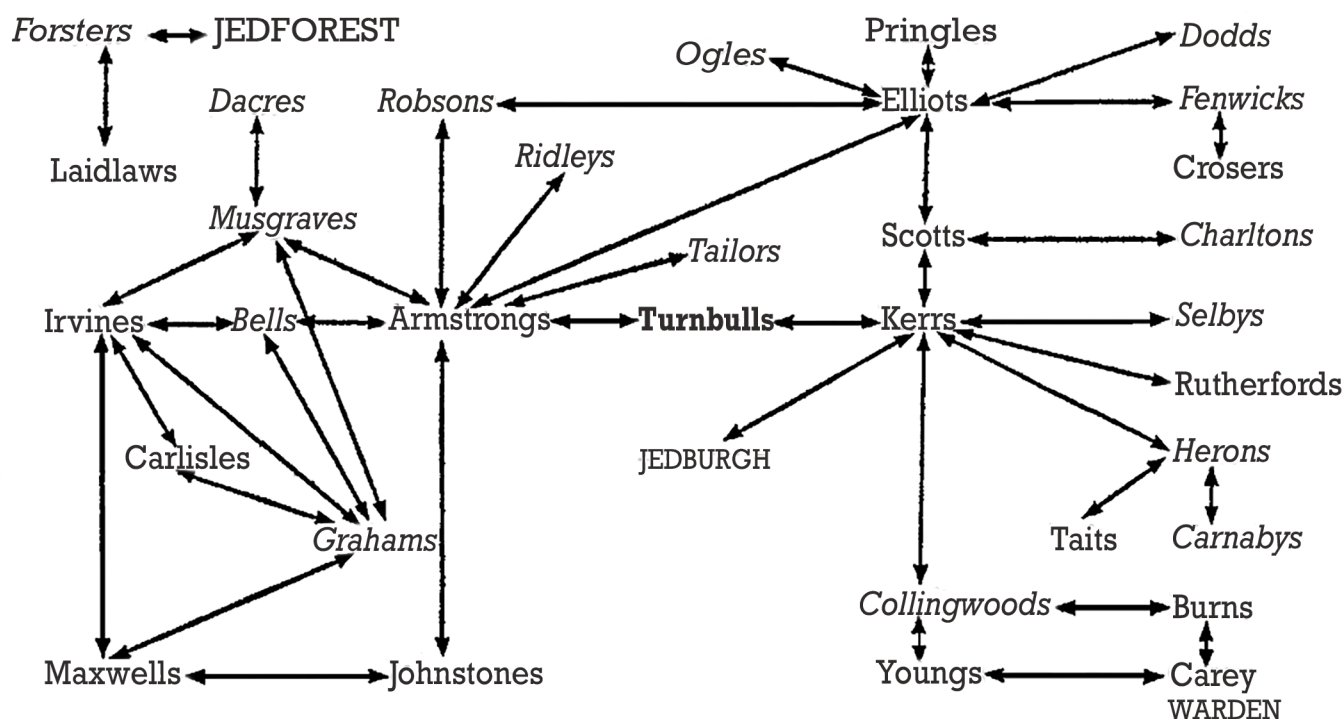
It may have worked for a while.

Ronald Turnbull's books available online:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/stores/Ronald-Turnbull/author/B002IYV75S>

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FEUDS AMONG THE RIDING FAMILIES



BEST TENT AT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the Turnbull Clan Association has been honoured with the Best Clan Tent Award at the 70th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina!

This is an extraordinary honour, especially in a year when more than 150 clans were represented at the Games. This recognition belongs to the incredible dream team of our **Vice President of Events - Katherine Turnbull** and her two best friends and honorary Turnbells - Amanda George and Mandy Abeat, whose creativity, hard work, and enthusiasm transformed the Turnbull tent into a warm and welcoming home for everyone who stopped by, and there were many.

Our sincere thanks to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and its Board of Directors. We are especially grateful to Steve Quillin, Sally Warburton, and to Alastair Cairns for spending time yesterday getting to know us, our story and presenting this wonderful award.

Here's to another memorable year on MacRae Meadows, to friendships old and new, and to carrying the Turnbull name with pride wherever we gather.

CONGRATULATIONS Katherine and team!

Stay tuned for more on the Grandfather Mountain Games next issue.



Florian MacLaren, Chiefton of the Games, presents Katherine Turnbull with the Best Clan Tent Award. Also pictured are Amanda George and Mandy Abel.

SCOTTISH INVENTIONS: GEOLOGY - JAMES HUTTON, 1726-1797

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 imaginative foresight that has ultimately influenced the world.



James Hutton

James Hutton was born in Edinburgh on the 4th June, 300 years ago and experienced short stays in Paris, but spending much of his upbringing in Scotland, studying rock formations on his family estate in Berwickshire. Recognised today as the original geologist, pioneering the science of geology in a number of printed works by him, including his **'Theory of the Earth'** of 1788, that was 25 years in the making - a mere blink of the eye in comparison with the age of the Earth.

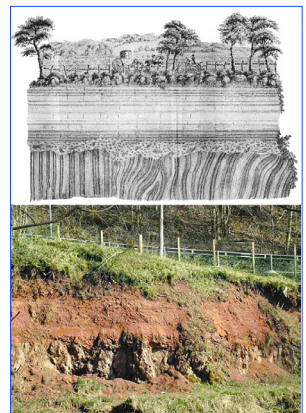
James Hutton was the first to demonstrate conclusively that the Earth was much, much older than was previously thought. As he put it, "We find no vestige of a beginning, no prospect of an end."

He advanced the idea that the physical world's remote history can be inferred from evidence in present-day rocks. It was through his studies of features in the landscape and coastlines of his native Scottish Lowlands, such as Salis-

bury Crag or Siccar Point, developing the theory that geological features could not be static, but underwent continuing transformation over indefinitely long periods of time. He was one of the earliest proponents of what in the 1830s became known as uniformitarianism, the science which explains features of the Earth's crust as the outcome of continuing natural processes over the long geologic time scale.

As well as laying the foundations of geology, he also wrote **'The Theory of Rain'**, which contributed much to the discipline of studying the weather; or meteorology. More significantly, His interest in the history of the Earth grew and provenance of the creatures that populate it. He also put forward a thesis for a 'system of the habitable Earth' proposed as a deistic mechanism (*a creator God who simply does not intervene anymore after creating the universe*) designed to keep the world eternally suitable for humans

His reasoning that there must have been innumerable cycles, each involving deposition on the seabed, uplift with tilting and erosion then undersea again for further layers to be deposited. The belief this was due to the same geological forces operating in the past as the very slow geological forces seen operating at the present day; thicknesses of exposed rock layers implying enormous stretches of time.



Hutton's 'Unconformity' at Jedburgh, near the borders of Scotland. (Illustrated by John Clerk in 1787 and photographed in 2003)



Did You Know?
Mining the Turnbull Clan Web

Welcome back to our series that invites you to connect to the rich legacy that links us all through the Turnbull name.

Turnbull Clan website is a remarkable gateway—home to hundreds of articles, historical accounts, and fascinating facts. We invite you to explore.

GENEALOGY DATABASE: DISCOVERING YOUR TURNBULL ROOTS

The genealogy section of the TCA website is one of the Association's most valuable resources. Built through the generous contributions of members and friends, it now contains records for more than 62,000 individuals. While this

information about living people is protected for privacy, the database preserves the stories of those who came before us, making it easier than ever to trace family lines, discover relatives, and connect the branches of the Turnbull family tree.

Our story begins more than 750 years ago. While the lands of the Scottish Borders had been inhabited for centuries, DNA research indicates the common ancestor of the core Turnbull family was born around the mid to late 1200s.

The Turnbull name itself emerged during the turbulent years of Scotland's Wars of Independence and Robert the Bruce's quest to secure the Scottish crown. Tradition tells of William Rule, later known as William dicto Turnebull, whose courageous act earned him both his surname and the favour of King Robert the Bruce. In recognition of his service, Bruce granted William the lands of Philliphaugh in the Scottish Borders, establishing a family whose descendants would become closely associated with the region for generations. While this act gave the clan its name, it is the countless generations that followed who created the rich tapestry of Turnbull history. Every family has a story worth telling. Every ancestor faced challenges, celebrated triumphs, and passed along traditions that ultimately shaped who we are today.

Imagine the excitement of discovering an ancestor you never knew existed or finding a connection to another Turnbull family across the world. Perhaps your research will answer questions that have puzzled your family for years. Perhaps your records will provide the missing piece that helps another researcher complete their own family tree. Every contribution enriches our shared history.

The Turnbull Clan Association genealogy project is more than a database—it is a living record of our clan and a gift to future generations. By exploring the records and sharing your own family information, you help preserve

the remarkable story of the Turnbells while ensuring that our heritage continues to grow.

Whether you are just beginning your genealogy journey or have been researching for decades, we invite you to visit the TCA website, explore the genealogy records, and perhaps add a new branch to the Turnbull family tree.

Your family's story is part of our clan's story, and together we can preserve it for generations yet to come.

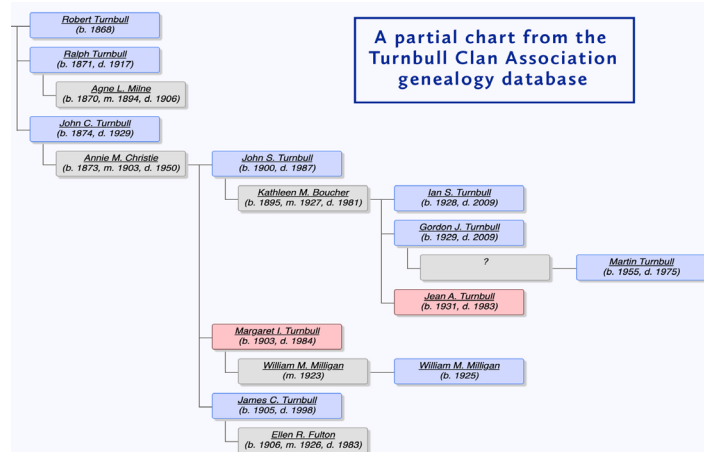
If you wish to contribute files or find out if your lineage is part of the database contact fionaturnbull@hotmail.com

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Now you know!

Old handwriting styles from the early 1600's to the 1750's

Old handwriting can often be hard to decipher for Genealogists. The following samples show a few of the different ways letters were changed in the 'old tyme' writing. These samples also give some indication why names were changed over time. In some cases it is doubtful scribes could even read their own handwriting. In addition, they were notorious for misspelling what they heard.

Some sample styles of early writing known as the 'Lower Case' letters and how they changed over this short time period.

	1615	1630	1644	1671	1678	1700	1734	1757
a	α	α	α	u	u	u	u	u
b	β	β	β	6	6	6	6	6
c	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ	γ
d	δ	δ	δ	δ	δ	δ	δ	δ

How skilled are you at deciphering handwriting? No cheating now. The answers are at the base of the page. Give it a try, then the next time you see some old document on a family member, you just might be able to read it. Takes time and patience.

1. I bequethe to evry on "of my God chylldryn apeyste"
2. My bodye to be buried in "the churchyard of Saynt Botolfe"
3. Janr Item : "Homfridus Taylcote fffius Leonarde"
4. One greate Skommer, one "chaffingdysshe, one ffryingpan"
5. on greate platter
6. itl I do gyve unto "Grace Taylcote my dawghter"
7. one bedstedle

Answers to the above examples . . .

1. I bequethe to evry on "of my God chylldryn apeyste" 2. My bodye to be buried in "the churchyard of Saynt Botolfe" afore-said 3. Janr Item : "Homfridus Taylcote fffius Leonarde" bap. 4. One greate Skommer, one "chaffingdysshe, one ffryingpan" on greate platter 5. itl I do gyve unto "Grace Taylcote my dawghter" one bedstedle 6. mony to be "distributed the day before" my burial unto the poore 7. my bodye to be buried in the sepulcher "in the pishe church of Nelston afforesayde"

FOR THE YOUNGER TURNBULLS . . .

Issue 10

Bitty Bulls



What do rhinoceroses, unicorns, kings, and gold have to do with each other? Read on to discover something new!



Unicorns

Did you know that the tales of unicorns have been around for a very long time? Drawings and stories of this creature have been found in Greece, Israel, Babylon, Persia, and Asia many centuries ago. The unicorn was described as a horselike creature with a beard and feet like a goat, a lion's tail, and a tall, twisted horn that had magical powers against poison. During the Middle Ages a legend arose that the Virgin Mary was the only one that could tame the wild beast. Unicorns became popular in religious art. In Celtic mythology the unicorn represented innocence, purity, life, and healing powers. It was also thought to be a wild creature that could only be tamed by an innocent maiden.

Marco Polo, an explorer, described what he thought was a unicorn as an ugly creature a little smaller than an elephant with hair like a buffalo, feet like an elephant, a single large black horn, a head like a wild boar who spent its time wallowing in mud. He was really describing a rhinoceros!

The Unicorn of Scotland was carved on the Coat of Arms sometime before the 15th Century and first appeared at Rothesay Castle. During the reign of King James III (1466-1488) gold coins were made with a Unicorn on one side. When Scotland and England became united through the marriage of King James IV of Scotland and Margaret Tudor of England in 1603, the Royal Coat of Arms changed to include both a unicorn (Scotland) and a lion (England). A British nursery rhyme was penned during that time to record the not-so-friendly union.



Royal Coat of Arms Of the United Kingdom



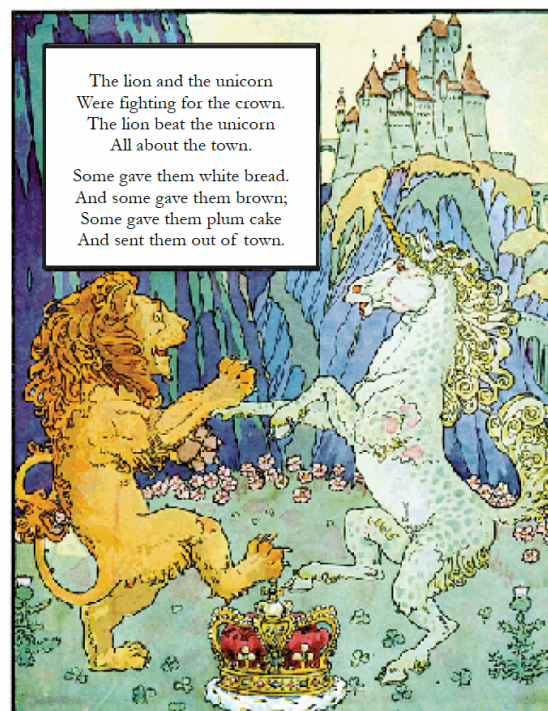
Royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom for use in Scotland



Scottish Coat of Arms



Scottish gold coins issued during reign of James III (1484-88). On one side is a unicorn wearing a crown around its neck and on the other is a wavy star or sun with fleured ends.



The lion and the unicorn
Were fighting for the crown.
The lion beat the unicorn
All about the town.

Some gave them white bread.
And some gave them brown;
Some gave them plum cake
And sent them out of town.



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The Coming of the Unicorn: Scottish Folk Tales for Children (Kelpies)
by Duncan Williamson (140 pages, ages 8+)

The author, the seventh of sixteen children in a Travelling family, spent his childhood roaming Scotland to sell wares. His collection of family stories, poems, and songs will be sure to delight listeners and readers from age 5 to 99.

The Midnight Unicorn by Neil Reid (picture book, ages 4+)
Millie loves unicorns. One day the unicorn statue in the park comes to life under Millie's touch and an adventure begins. The book is beautifully illustrated with spot lamination of glitter that almost makes the unicorn seem real.