

PLANNING FORWARD FOR BEDRULE KIRK'S FUTURE

While we wait for Church of Scotland (CoS) solicitors to get round to the Bedrule transaction, we are picking up the pace on post-purchase matters. We have sufficient funds to cover the first year's operating costs.

Alan Bailey has conveyed his thanks to all those who contributed to the fund raiser, on behalf of the Board of the charity for Bedrule Church Future.

"We at Bedrule Church Future are immensely grateful for the generosity of a host of people in response to our call for funding to support the purchase of Bedrule Church for the community. Special mention must be made of the hard work done by the Turnbull Clan committee through whose efforts over 30% of the initial funding requirement was raised.

The Clan's historic connection will be integral to plans for the future use of the Church, which will remain available for worship alongside new initiatives and potential income streams. We hope to finalise the purchase of the building in the near future."

- As you know the fundraising campaign for the purchase has now run its course. A total of just over £ 60,000 (about USD 81,000) has been banked, The Clan's fantastic contribution to this is just over 31%. We are holding funds in savings accounts – one instant access and one on 6 months access.



- Heads of Terms have been agreed with Church of Scotland, and solicitors have been instructed to proceed with Sale documentation. This took some time, and we have been told that it still may be some time before the transfer is finalised, due to the number of sales the Church of Scotland is having to process. This is slightly annoying, given the pressure that was put on us earlier in the year to agree matters within 3 months. Though this deadline was moved, now it seems that further delay will be occasioned by lack of capacity in the Church of Scotland. We must be patient.

- Agreeing Heads of Terms was not entirely straight-forward due to questions about the contents and the communion cups. However, we were eventually told that the contents and movables are owned by the congregation of the new Parish, though they have to get permission from CoS HQ to sell anything (a rather strange arrangement, in my view).

The Kirk Session seem happy to leave everything in place on loan and we are about to meet them to sort out details. Church of Scotland has been unwilling or unable to exhibit their title to the contents, but we felt that a loan arrangement would be acceptable and enable matters to move forward on the purchase of the building. Once we have the purchase, there may be appetite to pursue the matter of whether CoS do have title to the communion cups, or are they bluffing?

- We have been contacted by a number of other groups seeking to purchase their Church when CoS disposes of them, and have given one or two talks sharing our experiences.

- Throughout the summer a number of Turnbull families have been in touch, and we have met them at the Church and shown them round, explaining bits of history etc.

- We are also in the process of agreeing Heads of Terms with Scottish Borders council regarding access through the graveyard, and so far things are progressing satisfactorily. There will be fees to pay and a formal legal agreement. This is necessary because the historic existing rights of access don't cover new utility tracks and various other matters.

- Our "sub-committee" looking into project funding has identified several potential donor funds, but we have nothing to report apart from three encouraging first contacts.

Alan Bailey for Bedrule Church Future

Authors Corner

Mark Turnbull

Mark Turnbull's passionate interest in King Charles I and the Wars of the three Kingdoms has prompted his continued historical research and biographies.

His latest publication **'Prince Rupert of the Rhine'** includes an intrinsic part of the civil wars that devastated the three kingdoms of Stuart Britain.

A nephew of King Charles I, Prince Rupert of the Rhine was both the archetypal royalist hero and parliamentarian villain. In his lifetime, he accumulated at least nine derogatory pseudonyms – from *'Duke of Plunderland'* to *'The Diabolical Cavalier'* – with one even coined in 2023.

Such polarising viewpoints and propaganda, along with numerous historical myths, make it challenging to understand the real Rupert.

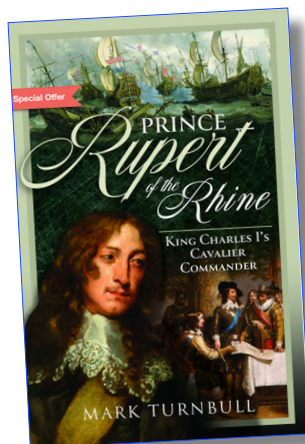
When approaching this biography, Mark Turnbull delved into numerous and varied archives to reconstruct a tapestry of the Civil War and Rupert's part in it. With polarising viewpoints and propaganda, along with numerous historical myths, the author has given fresh perspectives, and revealed brand-new information.

Key myths are examined, and the prince's flaws and fame are assessed to produce a balanced and definitive biography. It brings to the forefront a new understanding of him as well as the Wars of the Three Kingdoms.

'Mark Turnbull brings Prince Rupert to life, and in the process, shows us another, more complex side to this most glamorous royalist.'

- Adrian Tinniswood, Author of *'The Power and the Glory'*

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TCA AT RECENT GAMES EVENTS



Jeff Goody and his young helpers - Long Peak Scott-Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado



Richard Dalton and friends - Pleasanton Scottish Highland Games, CA



Did you know . . . Ancient Scotland

The Antonine Wall was the northern frontier of the Roman Empire in Britain. It is the largest relic of Roman occupation in Scotland. Built in the years following AD142, on the orders of Emperor Antoninus Pius, it was to replace Hadrian's Wall, constructed only twenty years earlier. Due to continuous changes in plan, the Wall was still being built ten years after it had been started, but was abandoned at the time of the death of Antoninus in 161 AD.



Antoninus Pius coin

Share your travel adventure celebrations . .



Airth Castle

Originally owned by the Bruce's. Built strategically after the Roman occupation and is said to be haunted. This castle is one of three . . . the other two being Stirling and Edinburgh.

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

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Congratulations. Bragging rights go to Bernardo Turnbull, from Mexico who found the 'Little Bull'.

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Our motto, "I Saved the King," continues to reflect the enduring spirit and actions of our people—a recurring modus operandi, as the Latin phrase goes. This year, that spirit was on full display.



The Turnbulls have helped save Bedrule Kirk.

This incredible story has been shared across our Facebook page, featured in this newsletter, published in Scottish Clan and heritage publications and even covered on television news. It's a testament to what we can achieve when we come together with purpose and pride. Congratulations to everyone who made this happen and helped preserve our history and heritage.

Looking ahead, I'm thrilled to invite you to our Annual General Meeting at Stone Mountain, Georgia, from 17–19 October, 2025. It's a chance to reconnect, celebrate our shared legacy, and chart the future of the Turnbull Clan Association.

I hope to see many of you there.

Let's continue to honour our past and build a future worthy of our name.

*Yours in kinship,
Jeff Trimble*

President, Turnbull Clan Association



Have you ever considered hosting a Turnbull Clan Tent at a Scottish Highland Games or Celtic Festival? We are looking for Tent Hosts for 2026!

One of the most common questions asked of us is "Why isn't there a Turnbull Clan tent at an event near me?"

Well, the answer is simply that we do not have a member who has volunteered to host in your area or at a particular event.

We would love to see more of our members actively participating!

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



GENEALOGY

JOHN TURNBULL - PIONEER 1748 - 1834

Our TCA records have noted that further research made by Grahame Thom, has helped to explain some of the inaccuracies on the website. These have now been updated and adjusted for those interested and for the descendants linked to this branch of the Turnbull clan.

It is in response to a genealogy article on the Turnbull Clan Association website, namely "John Turnbull - Pioneer 1748-1834". Grahame Thom's intentions are to remain impartial and lay out the evidence so that any descendants can make their own decision.

"There have been many tales including two books written about John Turnbull, who sailed to Australia, with his family in 1801 on the Coromandel. But first some personal background. I am a descendant of John Turnbull and Ann Warr who arrived in Australia back in 1802. I live in Victoria, Australia.

As a Fellow (1992) of the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra, I am also a member of the Clan MacThomas and Sennachie (*researcher, writer of history and stories regarding families, clans, and legends*). Moreover, I have been a member of the Clan Turnbull group, based at Ebenezer in New South Wales, Australia.

I was fortunate enough to come in contact with both book authors; "Upon a State Unknown" by Fay Attewell and "In the Footsteps of John Turnbull" by Marie Turnbull. I believed that the truth lay somewhere in between the two stories and it was greatly enhanced when Fiona Turnbull, a Clan member, contacted me with the contents of her family bible."

The updates can be found on the following website:

<https://www.turnbullclan.com/index.php/genealogy/family-histories/john-turnbull-pioneer-1748-1834>

By Grahame Thom

Descendant of John Turnbull and Ann Warr

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!

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!

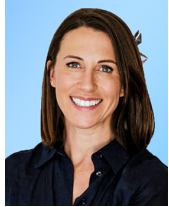
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Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide

News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor



New Zealand - You need smart strategies

Claire Turnbull has six science-backed tips for keeping those tempting but unwholesome foods and drinks at bay. Whether it's ice cream calling your name after dinner, salty chips and wine after work, or coffee and cookies during a stressful afternoon, food

cravings sometimes feel like they have an unconquerable power of their own. 1. Sort your sleep. A good night's sleep can be hard won. 2. Be aware of triggers and feeling hungry. 3. Understanding your brain. It loves patterns and doesn't know the difference between helpful and unhelpful. 4. Don't let yourself get desperate. A nourishing breakfast, is a good start. 5. Boost your fibre and protein intake. 6. Check your emotions. Ask yourself what could be driving your food cravings?

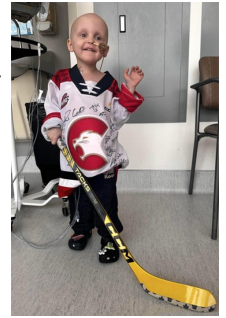
Scotland - Rowers become pirates



THREE intrepid costal rowers from East Lothian took part in Edinburgh's final Moon Walk, raising £1,630 to help combat breast cancer. The 'Wave Warriors' team of Sarah Turnbull (right) Jennifer Moir, and Yasmin Steel, who are members of Musselburgh's Eskmuthie Rowing Club, dressed in outfits on a pirate theme for the occasion. Sarah Turnbull said that she joined the rowing club a year ago after moving to Musselburgh. She added: "It is a great chance to exercise mind and body. It is such a fantastic way to experience our coastline all around Scotland as we travel to other clubs to compete and row socially."

Canada - The 'Hockey Kid' is back in town for his third birthday

Mavrik Turnbull's 2 year-old childhood has been anything but typical. Mavrik began experiencing minor symptoms last fall (*Autumn*) including fatigue, loss of appetite and a small bump on his stomach. Following an ultrasound, he was quickly moved to British Columbia Children's Hospital in Vancouver, and found to have high-risk neuroblastoma, a form of cancer found in certain nerve tissues in the body. A tumour was discovered that was larger than his head, wrapped around major arteries, gallbladder and kidney, and was pressing against his spine. With professional treatments, his tumour has shrunk 98% and has recently begun immunotherapy. Known as "The Hockey Kid" in his ward, Mavrik's love of the game has greatly helped in his recovery, and even earned him visits from several NHL players and BC hockey celebrities.



UK - Father and son in demand for The Beatles tribute



Teenager Ben Turnbull is looking forward to performing in front of 5,000 music fans after being given a top slot at Tees-side's biggest tribute festival. The seventeen-year-old will perform on the Headline Stage at September's Open Jar Tribute Festival in a Beatles tribute band alongside his dad Matt. The father and son The 'Hart-Beatle' duo, from Seaton Carew, have performed dozens of gigs all over the country since teaming up around a year ago.

USA - Robotic knee surgery expansion

A growing number of patients in Volusia County are benefiting from a new kind of joint replacement surgery. Four more local hospitals are now offering this service. It is one that's more precise, personalized, and easier on the body. Orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Nathan Turnbull performed the first VELYS procedure at AdventHealth Fish Memorial. This system is designed to enhance surgical precision by integrating CT-free technology to optimize implant placement and equips surgeons with the information needed to preserve the soft tissue envelope, predict joint stability, and work towards returning knee function. Dr. Turnbull said, "When everything lines up just right, your joints move more smoothly. With this technology, we can customize each replacement to match how a patient naturally moves which can mean faster healing and comfort."



Australia - Young people need to talk about organ donation



Teenager Riley Turnbull was 18 years old when his kidneys started failing. However, he was lucky and received a transplant last year and is back in his home town after recovering in Adelaide. The then 18-year-old from Mount Gambier, in regional South Australia, had been sleeping poorly, was constantly tired and drinking excessive amounts of water. Routine blood test, results, indicated his kidneys were operating at only 25 per cent of their function. He travelled to Adelaide for haemodialysis and "Luckily when I was up there, I got the phone call there was a kidney waiting for me." Now, he wants to use his story to encourage people of all ages about joining the organ donation registry.

Canada - 170 years of family farming



Turnbull Farms in Canfield is a long-lasting operation that's now celebrating 170 years as a family farm. Andrew Turnbull came to Canada from Scotland in 1840 with his wife, Agnes, and their three children. Their first home was in Niagara Falls. Andrew travelled west by foot along the Chippewa Creek, bought land and settled there. Reflecting on this 170-year milestone, Jeff, who is now retired, acknowledges, "There are not too many original family farms around anymore."

New Zealand - Business developer



Nicolas Turnbull a fellow entrepreneur and cryptocurrency enthusiastic, is based in Ōtautahi Christchurch. He began his cryptocurrency journey

in late 2019 with key interest areas in crypto are cryptocurrency mining, trading, crypto airdrops and all things related decentralised finance. He co-founded Cryptocurrency NZ., a New Zealand grass roots crypto community organisation and guide powering the physical and digital social infrastructure of New Zealand's Bitcoin and crypto revolution supporting everyday Kiwis and businesses complexities of digital assets.

TURNBULL CLAN AT BITTERROOT CELTIC GAMES

16–17 August, 2025 | Daly Mansion, Hamilton, Montana, USA

The Turnbull Clan tent was proudly hosted by Jeff and Sue Trimble at the Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering this August, set against the stunning backdrop of the historic Daly Mansion (Pictured) in Hamilton, Montana. The event was a vibrant celebration of Celtic heritage, and our presence added to the rich tapestry of clans gathered from across the region.

Visitors to our tent were greeted with warm hospitality, engaging stories of Turnbull history, and a chance to learn about the origins of the Turnbull name, even Clan Bruce learned of our history that they were not aware. We shared our legacy, answered questions, and welcomed new faces into the fold . . . some discovering their Turnbull roots for the first time (a Trimble from Iowa).

As we were travelling from Wisconsin to Montana, we did not have room for a tent, but a nice lady from the Bitterroot Board let us use her tent, so we presented her with a bottle of Turnbull wine. We received a nice ribbon (Pictured too) with a year tag, and additional years can be added in the years to come. Also of note: while shopping at various vendors on the first morning, we found a Turnbull flask (also Pictured). I asked as to why they had the flask, and replied saying they had seen our banner and loved the look. So, they took a picture and made an engraved flask.



The festival itself was a feast for the senses:

The Harp Twins, Celtica Nova, The Byrne Brothers - Donegal, Ireland and other performers lit up two stages with continuous live music.

Highland & Irish Dance, pipe bands, and drumming competitions kept the energy high.

Food vendors, local beers, and mead tastings offered delicious variety. Highland athletics showcased strength and tradition.

Kid's activities and artisan Celtic wares brought joy to all ages.

Sunday Afternoon Tea and the Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service added heartfelt tradition to the weekend.

The Clans Gathering was a highlight, with the tartans waving proudly and camaraderie flowing freely. It was a weekend of music, heritage and kinship.

The Turnbull tent stood as strong as a beacon of our enduring legacy.

Yours in clan pride,

Jeff Trimble,

President, Turnbull Clan Association

Scottish Grandmother sayings . . .

Scottish ones are a special breed. They have had wisdom passed down to them either directly or through the 'second sight' (that curious ability to see a little way into the future). This is a compilation of some observations on life obtained from numerous mature, astute and worldly-wise elderly ladies of distinction.

Some of the sayings are ancient - - some contemporary. In each case, the Scottish vernacular is cited first and a translation follows for those of you not familiar with the Scots tongue.

Follow granny's sayings and have a long and happy life .. and remember, if you are ever in doubt about what to say, it is probably best to say nothing or as granny used to put it, 'Haud yer wheesht!' Say nothing!

Laughin' folk are rich.

You're never poor if you can laugh.

If ye dinna see the bottom, dinna wade.

Don't go into a venture if you can't see...

your way through with it.

Tis folly to live poor and die rich.

Use your money and assets wisely to enjoy life.

It's not darkness that puts out the candle.

In any situation, consider all the factors.

Jokin's fine tae owercome nae sense.

Humour is useful when common sense is in short supply.

If yer ain siller buys it, it'll be polished.

Pay for an item yourself and you'll take more care of it.

Greatest wealth is contentment wi' little.

Accepting what you've got makes you wealthy.

Stay young wi' an open mind.

Be willing to accept change.

No knowin' wha's ahead is an exciting climb.

The unexpected is often an exciting experience.

Wi' good porridge yer a' richt for life.

With proper care, your body will last a lifetime!



MEET YOUR TURNBULL COUSINS . . .

IT'S MUST BE IN THE GENES – ANOTHER SAVE

When Police Constable Derek Turnbull was 46, he received a Chief Constable's Commendation for Bravery. Derek, who says it was just another day's work, saved a man from a charging bull. A fully grown bull at that, with three-foot-long horns had escaped into a residential community. He was first on the scene when the bull escaped from an abattoir in Galashiels.

But the Police Constable played down his role. He shouted at the 38-month-old Highland bull who ran into its path in Galashiels, saying: "I was just doing my job. It was a big beast with three-foot-long horns that I didn't want to get close to". Police chased the bull for several miles and during the pursuit, it struck their van with its horns. It was eventually corralled into a garden. A pensioner was watching the action unfold outside his home.

At this time, the bull spotted the elderly man who was on the other side of a hedge. Turnbull intervened. "It jumped the hedge and cornered him but luckily I got there in time and helped the man escape," he said. Then, I saw the elderly man was in real danger, so I had to do something. I did what I could to distract the animal, and when I realised he was still going for the pensioner, I got him out the way."

The Constable then lifted the pensioner to safety behind a hedge. "It was quite an eventful day, but I felt quite safe facing it up." A fellow officer helping PC Turnbull escape, cornered the bull with his police van.

Police Constable Turnbull, a former Scotland rugby player, received a chief constable's commendation at the Lothian and Borders Police award ceremony. Capped five times for his country in the 1990's and was part of the 1990 Grand Slam-winning Scottish rugby team.

The Constable acted with complete disregard for his own safety and this was an act entirely driven with the intention of protecting another's life - Lothian and Borders Police statement. The animal had been described by staff at the slaughterhouse as "enraged and out of control".

The animal was caught in a nearby garden where it was contained and later destroyed. PC Turnbull added: "I didn't really expect to be given any kind of official recognition as it's all in a day's work really, but I'm so proud to be given this award." In the commendation, Lothian and Borders Police praised his actions.

"Constable Turnbull acted with complete disregard for his own safety and this was an act entirely driven with the intention of protecting another's life," the report said.



Derek Turnbull with his Chief Constable Commendation

VIVIAN TURNBULL 2025 AWARDED FELLOWSHIP

Hillsdale College (Michigan, USA) alumna Vivian Turnbull '25 has been awarded a fellowship of \$8,500 from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She graduated with a major in politics and is pursuing a Juris Doctor from Notre Dame Law School.



"Vivian was an outstanding student who embodied Hillsdale's commitment to character and excellence," said Don Westblade, assistant professor of religion and president of Hillsdale's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. "It is a joy to see her work recognised with this fellowship, and I am excited to see what she accomplishes in law school and beyond."

Turnbull graduated summa cum laude from Hillsdale in May, with a major in politics and a minor in rhetoric and media. She earned departmental honors for her senior thesis, *"Conditional Party Government in the Twenty-First Century."* She is currently in her first semester at Notre Dame Law School and intends to pursue a career in public service.

At Hillsdale, Turnbull was named a George Washington Fellow and spent a semester studying in Washington, D.C., as part of the Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program. While there, she interned for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. She also completed a summer internship with the U.S. House of Representatives and spent a summer working in London.

On campus, Turnbull belonged to the Student Federation and the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was a member of the debate team and placed in the top 16 nationally at the 2022 International Public Debate Association championship. She also volunteered as a public-school tutor and with the Journal Buddies program.



HISTORIC SCOTLAND . . .

CALCULATOR USED FOR FIRST MANNED MOON LANDING

With the 56th anniversary of the first moon landing, a mechanical calculating machine used by a Scottish scientist in support of the mission, was donated to the National Museums Scotland. The donated object is a Facit Model LX calculator used by Archie E. Roy (1924-2012) Professor Emeritus of Astronomy at the University of Glasgow.

Professor Roy was an expert in celestial mechanics and orbital motion calculations. He was asked by NASA to be a consultant on trajectory calculations for spacecraft in a program of lunar missions that culminated in the Apollo 11 mission which took Neil Armstrong's crew to become the first humans to set foot on the moon, landing on 20 July 1969.

Professor Roy is thought to have acquired the mechanical calculator to



Professor Archie Edmiston Roy

enable him to carry out his PhD, which he was awarded in 1954, and continued to use it through the 1960s until it was gradually superseded by electronic computers.

After Professor Roy's retirement in September 1989, his friend and colleague, the Astronomer Royal for Scotland, John Brown, recognised the calculator's significance to the history of science and held



it for safekeeping before his widow Margaret donated it to National Museums Scotland.

Dr Tacye Philipson, Senior Curator of Science at National Museums Scotland, said: "This is a wonderful addition to the National Collection for many reasons. It is a visibly well-used piece of kit, reflecting Professor Archie Roy's long and productive career.

Moreover, when we think of the array of computational power at our fingertips today with our phones and laptops, it is evocative to look at this completely analogue machine and think that it was instrumental in one of the most extraordinary technological achievements in human history, one unsurpassed and even unrepeated in over 50 years.

Professor Roy's calculator gives us a tangible link to Scotland's part in that achievement."

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FOR THE YOUNGER TURNBULLS . . .

Issue 5

Bitty Bulls



Hi Kids! What do footballs, lions, and flying men have in common? Read this issue to find out!

In a Nutshell

Stirling Castle, built in the early 12th century, is one of the largest and most important castles in Scotland. It sits high on a craggy hill overlooking the River Forth. The castle has played a notable part in the lives of some well known Scottish figures including **Mary, Queen of Scots**, **William Wallace**, and **Robert the Bruce**. There have been at least eight sieges of Stirling Castle, including some during the Wars of Scottish Independence.

Fun facts about the castle:

- ◆ The oldest surviving football (made from a pig's bladder) was discovered in the rafters of the palace and is dated from around 1540.
- ◆ A lion was possibly kept at the castle by King James V in a rectangular courtyard called the Lion's Den.
- ◆ The first Scottish attempt at flying took place at the castle in 1507 when a man tried to fly out a window with feathered wings. He landed in a dungheap and was badly injured.

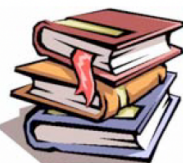


Visit www.stirlingcastle.gov.uk for more interesting facts about Stirling Castle.

Mary, Queen of Scots



What a dramatic life Queen Mary lived! She was born in 1543 to King James V of Scotland. At nine months old, upon the death of her father, she was crowned queen in Stirling Castle. A year later her mother hid her in the castle to keep her from being kidnapped by the English. At sixteen she married French king Francis II who died two years later from an ear infection. Ouch! At twenty-two Mary married her cousin Henry Stuart and gave birth to James VI in 1566. The unhappy three year marriage ended when Henry was found suspiciously dead. Her third husband was the 4th Earl of Bothwell, whom she married when she was twenty-five. Because of fighting between Catholics and Protestants, Catholic Mary was put in prison and forced to give the throne to her one year old son James VI. She escaped to England to ask for help from her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I. Elizabeth, a Protestant, was worried that Mary would try to take her throne and had Mary arrested and imprisoned in different homes and castles for nineteen years. Mary was forty-four when she had her head chopped off for treason.



Book Nook

Queen's Own Fool by Jane Yolen, Robert Harris
(ages 10+), 400 pages

A fascinating tale of the ill-fated life of Mary, Queen of Scots is recounted by a young female jester in Mary's court.

Did You Know?

The spiky, purple thistle became the emblem of Scotland during the reign of Alexander III (1249-1286). According to legend, the King of Norway sent his army to the Coast of Largs in the middle of the night to conquer the sleeping Scottish clansmen. In order to sneak up on the Scots, the army removed their footwear. An unsuspecting soldier stepped on a thistle and cried out in pain, waking the Scotsmen. The Scottish clansmen won the battle! The thistle was first used as a royal symbol on silver coins during the reign of James III in 1470.



Scottish Trees and Flowers

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SCOTTISH INVENTIONS: MARMALADE RECIPE CONSERVE - 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 ingenuity with imaginative foresight that has ultimately influenced the developing world.



James Kellier

Marmalade (from Portuguese 'marmelada') is not a jam, but a tangy fruit preserve made from the juice and peel of citrus fruits; one of the most popular known conserves to be set throughout the world.

The earliest known adoption of the word 'marmalade' was applied with quinces, a biting golden-yellow fruit in the fifteenth century. Over time, lemons, limes and other fruits have also been used. Today there are endless citrus recipes for marmalade, with the well-known and most popular orange versions, known for their high pectin content. Seville, Thin cut, Thick cut, Vintage, Black and Flavoured (whisky added) to name but a few.

The original recipe is thought to have been invented by the Ancient Greeks and adopted by the Romans in the 5th century. These ancient recipes were far removed from what we know today. However, a Scottish grocer in 1797, James Keiller from Dundee was first to make marmalade a commercially available product.



A Kellier's orange marmalade jar

Legend has it where a Spanish cargo ship became storm bound at Dundee and it was forced to sell its load for whatever he could make. A local grocer, James Keiller bought the consignment of oranges and took them home where his wife Janet decided to make marmalade from them using a new recipe . . . however, this was not so . . . and there was no Spanish ship.

The truth is that James likely bought the bitter oranges as a bargain purchase. He was not married at the time and worked with Janet, who was in fact, his mother. She came up with a new innovative recipe idea, so together they used them with a sweetener of sugar, most likely from the local refinery. Rather than make it into a paste, they added water and orange peel in small pieces, then reduced it into a runny mixture, similar to jam, and ultimately made an orange-shred marmalade for use as a breakfast spread, rather than as a desert.

In short, it became a popular sensation, so they set up a factory and started marketing their conserve as a breakfast spread. The rest is history. With this in mind, there is no question that the Scottish Kellier family were the first to invent marmalade as a breakfast preserve as we know it today. In a 2023 survey, 35% of total marmalade sales throughout the world was held by North America.

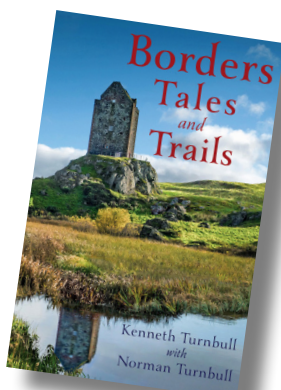
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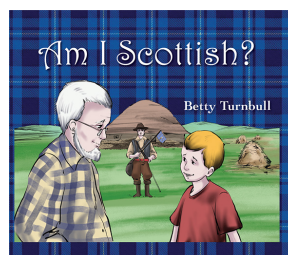
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