

## TCA HOSTS WIN BEST CLAN TENT AWARD AT THE 2025 GAMES

*What a weekend it was in Stone Mountain, Georgia, USA, as Turnbells and Trimbles gathered once again for the 53rd Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games!*

Beneath blue skies and tartan banners, our tent hosts Darin and Jill Trimble, joined by their eldest son Houston, represented the Turnbull Clan Association with distinction and pride.

Their warmth, knowledge, and enthusiasm drew countless visitors throughout the weekend - and their efforts were recognised with the Best Clan Tent Award for 2025!

In addition, Darin and Jill were jointly honoured as the 2025 Turnbull Clan Association Members of the Year during the last night's AGM - a well-deserved recognition of their outstanding commitment.

Their unwavering dedication to the Turnbull Clan and passion for sharing and preserving our proud history has not go unnoticed.

The Games always feel less like an event and more like a family reunion - a chance for Turnbells and Trimbles to reconnect, share stories, and celebrate the bonds that tie us together across generations and miles.

Saturday evening brought another important milestone as we gathered for the 47th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Turnbull Clan Association. With all but one board member present, President Jeff Trimble called the meeting to order. The evening was filled with updates, reflections, and exciting plans for the year ahead.

Treasurer, Sandy Turnbull, provided the annual financial report (full report in January Bullseye.). Katherine Turnbull reported with news on upcoming festivals and projects, encouraging more members to represent the clan at Scottish games across the country.

Betty Turnbull also proudly announced this year's TCA Scholarship winners - Camden Turnbull and Wyatt Trimble - both, coincidentally, from Huntsville, Alabama! Congratulations to these outstanding young representatives of our clan family.

One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of the 2025 Member of the Year Award, which fittingly went to Darin and Jill Trimble. Their tireless dedication as tent hosts and their unwavering commitment to sharing and preserving Turnbull heritage have been an inspiration to us all.

Another moment of great pride came with the presentation of the John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award to Katherine Turnbull. Established in 2007, this award is given only in exceptional circumstances to honour a lifetime of service and lasting impact on the Turnbull Clan Association.

Since the award's creation, only seven individuals have received this honour - a testament to how rare and meaningful this recognition is.

The evening also included an important update on Bedrule Kirk - a cornerstone of Turnbull heritage in Scotland.



Following the Church of Scotland's decision to sell the building, a new non-profit, 'Bedrule Church Future', led by Alan Bailey, has successfully secured ownership. Our thanks to the fund raising efforts in Scotland and the incredible generosity of our members, more than \$81,000 was raised, enough to purchase the church and cover its first year of operation. TCA's significant contribution was warmly acknowledged,

ensuring that this historic site will continue to welcome Turnbells for generations to come.

As the weekend drew to a close, we were reminded once again that our clan's strength lies not only in our history, but in our people - their passion, friendship, and unwavering dedication to preserving the Turnbull legacy.

Here's to another year of heritage, community, and shared pride. Congratulations to all - and thank you to everyone who made this year's Stone Mountain Highland Games and AGM such a memorable success!



*On display at the Turnbull Tent*





# AUTHORS CORNER

**Mark Turnbull**

*At the age of 10, Mark Turnbull bought a pack of cards that featured the monarchs of England. The card portraying the image of King Charles I fascinated him. The fact that he was executed proved the beginning of Mark's passionate interest in Charles I and the Wars of the three Kingdoms that has stayed with him ever since.*



His second new book release . . . the execution of King Charles I, is one of the well-known facts of British history, and an often-quoted extract from our past. He lost the civil war . . . and his head.

But there is more to Charles than the civil war and his death. To fully appreciate the momentous events that marked the twenty-four years of his reign, and what followed, it's important to understand the man who was at their epicentre.

Many biographies have been made, but this most intimate work by the author draws upon fresh viewpoints and contemporary letters, some never before used. Penetrating the veil of monarchy and getting to the heart of the man through his relationships, the reader is brought closer than ever to the real Charles Stewart.

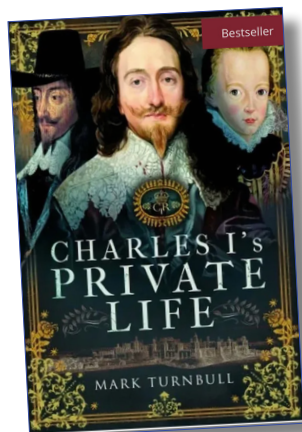
As a sickly second son of the first King of Great Britain, he was a brave, principled and dutiful man, but was politically flawed and

lacked the ruthlessness needed to steer his three kingdoms beyond the crossroads at which they arrived. Above all, he is a character who shares much in common with us all.

"This is the story of the spare who became the heir: what shaped him - and what became of him. The author helps us understand Charles the king, as Charles the man" Leanda de Lisle.

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SAVE THE DATE



## 27th June 2026 Celebrating Celtic Heritage

We are excited to announce the 2026 Kingsville Highland Games will take place on Saturday, 27th June at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Kingsville, Ontario, Canada.

We are delighted to extend an open invitation to all clans to participate and play a vital role in this festive gathering. The clan village will be positioned at the heart of the event, ensuring your heritage and signage have maximum visibility.

Each registered clan will receive 2 complimentary admission tickets. Should your group require more, additional tickets will be offered at the early-bird rate until 1st May, 2026.

### Location Details:

Colasanti's Tropical Gardens,  
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We look forward to welcoming you and your stories!



## DID YOU KNOW . . .

*Scottish Christmas has a complex history; the holiday was suppressed and outlawed by the Church for centuries, leading to New Year's (Hogmanay) and becoming the dominant winter festival. While Christmas is now a public holiday, Scotland retains many ancient winter solstice traditions, such as the use of greenery and Yule logs, and modern festive customs with Christmas trees, carols, and a traditional roast dinner.*

## HOW WILL YOU BE CELEBRATING HOGMANAY?



So, what New Year's Eve stories or images would you be willing to share with us at the coming end of year's festivities?  
Please send to the editor at: [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com)



**Congratulations. Bragging rights go to Elissa Hinze (nee Turnbull) Almena Wisconsin USA, who found the 'Little Bull'. Can you find the other hidden 'Bullseye Bull' in this issue?**



## GROUP PROJECT UPDATE NEWS

*Good news from FTDNA - the ability to join group projects has been turned back on with additional security features. The bad news is that anyone importing their autosomal data from another testing site will soon no longer be able to join projects without making another purchase.*

Current members who have already joined with a free transfer will not be affected, but future transfers will need to either unlock Family Finder or add another test type to their kit in order to join a project. So, if you have been thinking about joining us, I suggest you do it immediately.

There are many variations to the name TURNBULL, TRIMBLE, TREMBLE, TRIMBEL, TRUMBLE, TRUMBULL, TURNBOW and any other reasonable spelling variations, are welcome to join the project. While this is primarily a Ydna project, anyone with Trimble/Turnbull heritage is welcome to join.

DNA has been the big focus in genealogy for some years now and rightly so, as it opens up so many possibilities. Seemingly intractable problems, especially those concerning the paternity of children born illegitimately, can be solved through the wonders of DNA, uncovering relationships that would be difficult to prove through traditional research alone.

Nevertheless, with all the talk of centimorgans and segments, the scientific side is challenging, especially since there are constantly new developments and tools to use.

So I have uploaded another 2,427 names to the TCA database. If you don't see your family in there, let me know and I add them in. Living people are not included so you would need to search by your most recent deceased Turnbull. Over 51,000 names now in the public database.



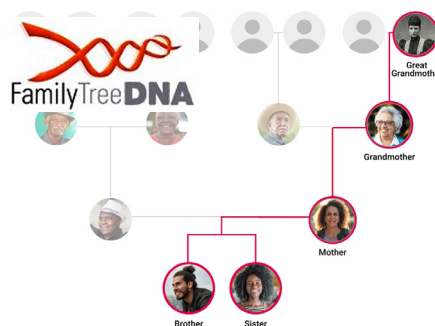
**Have you ever considered hosting a Turnbull Clan Tent at a Scottish Highland Games or Celtic Festival? We are looking for Tent Hosts for 2026!**

*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](mailto:kattturnbull01@gmail.com)*



## Trace your Maternal lineage with mtDNA Yes . . . men have mtDNA too!

We've just launched a major update to the Updated mtDNA Haplotype of Humankind—adding 12,700+ new branches, thousands of ancient DNA samples, and more global diversity than ever before.

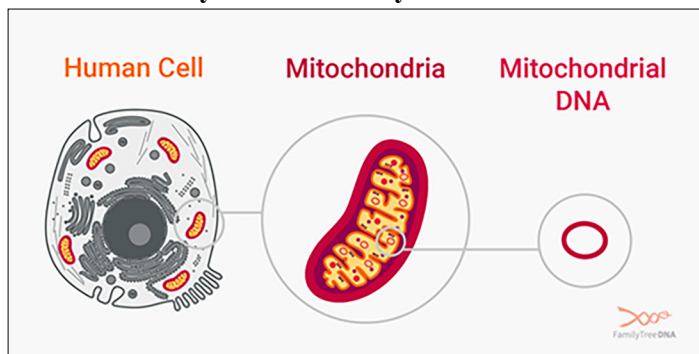
*If you haven't taken an mtDNA test yet, this update makes it the perfect time to start exploring your maternal line.*

Every person—male or female—inherits mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) from their mother. That means, as a male, you can trace your direct maternal line just as effectively. Testing mtDNA can help you break through maternal-line brick walls. Uncover maternal ancestry lost to traditional records.

### How can mtDNA help your family history research?

- Explore your maternal ancestry—starting with your biological mother and tracing back through each woman in her line, generation by generation.
- Discover or confirm family stories and ancestral connections along your direct maternal line—sometimes going back thousands of years.
- In patriarchal societies, historical records often focus on male ancestors. mtDNA testing helps fill in the gaps—offering clues about your maternal heritage that documents may have missed.

### What can you learn from your maternal line?



Whether you're just starting out or deep into your research, mtDNA can reveal a fascinating—and often overlooked—part of your ancestry. Explore how mtDNA testing works, what it can tell you, and why it's a powerful tool for every family historian, male or female.

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# Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide

## News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor



### Scotland – 70 years of love & laughter

Ellen and George Turnbull, of Hill of Beath, celebrated 70 years of marriage on the 29th October. The pair married in 1955 in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee, and now have a loving family, including a great-

great grandchild and nine great-grandchildren. Their previous anniversary for 65 years was interrupted by the pandemic, so the husband and wife are delighted to give their platinum milestone the party it deserves. Originally, Ellen is from Dundee and George was born and raised in Lochore. Known for their warmth, humour, and how they bring people together, their home has been noted as a place of gathering for family and friends.

### Australia - Teen continues legacy

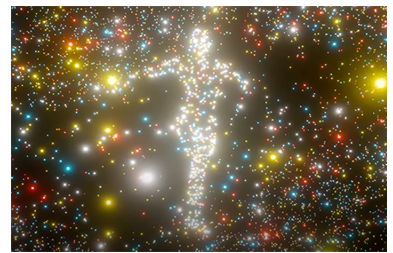


Ella Turnbull aged 16, had been licensed as a driver in Harness Racing for only two weeks and was having just her ninth race drive when she piloted the rank outsider Kadar to victory for her trainer dad, Josh Turnbull and owner mum Jessica. "It was a massive shock, I wasn't expecting him to win at all," Ella said. "It very exciting. I had all my friends and family there supporting me and I could hear them all shouting. Dad was on the fence cheering and when I watched the race replay I could see him up the straight!" Ella's already learned one of racing's great lessons. Celebrate the wins, but to just stay grounded.

### Scotland - Scots dance music group popularity and dazzling display

The Scottish Dance '2Moreish' Electronic Music Group have succeeded in what most artists in the music industry have never done, by breaking into the music market in Japan with their latest music release 'Get Up Stand Up'.

Producer QFX Star Kirk Turnbull, released the 'Get Up Stand Up' track, but never realised just how popular they would become after hitting Europe, America, Canada and Australia, before Japan took a shine to their music. The track has grown in popularity before finally being picked up in Japan and being played over and over on Japanese Radio bringing more popularity to the group itself.



### New Zealand - Reaching your healthy protein goals



Nutritionist Claire Turnbull says we're forgetting fibre - a problem in a country with one of the world's highest bowel cancer rates. When people get really focused on protein, they often forget other things. Particularly with women, I notice they think because protein's the thing, the vegetables get dropped because it's all about the protein shake, and the protein bar, and the protein this and that. They used to eat two handfuls of vegetables at lunchtime and now they're not. That's not a better outcome. People get really obsessed thinking you can only get protein from things like meat, eggs, chicken. That's not true at all.

### New Guinea - Double score in rugby

On a hot and humid day in Port Moresby the capital, teams were afforded an extra drinks break, midway through each half and, despite the score, the Orchids were a vastly improved outfit. However, the Australian Women's Prime Minister's XIII team outclassed a spirited Papua New Guinea Orchids 50-0 at Santos National Football Stadium. Wingers Phoenix-Raine Hippi and Caitlin Turnbull grabbed trebles. An error from Orchid's winger Skaylyn Sil off the second-half kickoff presented Australia with an early opportunity and Turnbull had her double inside 90 seconds.



### Northern Ireland - To study 'Operationally Sensitive Material'



The Omagh car bombing in Northern Ireland on 15 August 1998, where several people were killed and over 200 injured. A new inquiry was launched in response to a 2021 High Court Ruling. Chaired by Lord Turnbull, the inquiry commenced in November, examining the handling of intelligence, surveillance methods and whether preventative action could have been undertaken some weeks earlier leading up to the bombing. Earlier this year the inquiry heard personal statements of the victims, including the years of inaction by both the British and Irish governments.

### USA- Alumna 2025 awarded grant



Vivian Turnbull has won the Phi Kappa Phi National Honorary Hillsdale College alumna award for 2025, an \$8,500 scholarship for graduate

studies. Hillsdale College is a small, Christian, classical liberal arts college in southern Michigan USA that operates independently of government funding. Turnbull was one of 48 Phi Kappa Phi members nationally awarded the scholarship this summer. The national honorary offers scholarships to assist students with graduate school. Turnbull will put her scholarship toward her degree at the University of Notre Dame Law School.

### UK - Pickering Farm Christmas



Pickering farm shop and café have announced plans for a second Christmas experience. On four weekend dates in December, Cedarbarn Farm Shop and Café will host a Christmas experience comprising a visit to Santa, a ride on the Santa Express miniature railway plus Christmas crafting. The event has been organised by Cedarbarn's assistant general manager, Lauren Turnbull: "Christmas is a magical time of year for all ages, and we're excited to repeat our Santa experience for all the family. Children have the excitement of meeting Santa whilst the adults get involved in Christmas crafting."



# CLAN DEDICATION RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Honouring a lifetime of dedication, Katherine Turnbull received the John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Turnbull Clan Association AGM dinner. President Jeff Trimble had the distinct honour of presenting the John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award, recognising her exceptional service, leadership, and unwavering devotion to the Turnbull Clan Association.*

Established in 2007, this prestigious award is not presented every year. It is reserved for those rare and extraordinary occasions when we recognize a member whose lifelong commitment has left an enduring mark on our community. Since its creation, only seven individuals have received this honour - a testament to how meaningful and exceptional is this recognition.

Katherine has long been a steady and generous force within TCA and always ready to serve, always promoting our shared heritage, and always doing so with grace, enthusiasm, and quiet strength. Her leadership and heartfelt dedication have touched countless members across the years.

From meticulously planning heritage trips to Scotland, to welcoming visitors at clan tents across the country, especially at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, her spirit and passion shines brightly.



*Katherine Turnbull receiving the award from President Jeff Trimble*

Most recently, her tireless efforts and organizational skill played a vital role in the success of the Bedrule Kirk fundraiser, helping to ensure the preservation of an important part of Turnbull history.

"It is both a privilege and a joy to honour her with this lifetime achievement award," said Jeff Trimble during the presentation.

*In her heartfelt acceptance, Katherine reflects on her journey within the clan*

"This evening, I was profoundly humbled to be selected as the recipient of the John F. Turnbull Lifetime Achievement Award - a distinction given only rarely, in honor of our founder, recognizing exceptional service and dedication to the Turnbull Clan Association and its members.

Ten years ago, I attended my first Scottish Highland Games in Richmond, Virginia - the first time I truly met my extended Turnbull family in person. From that moment, I felt a spark of connection that has only grown stronger through the years. You don't get to choose the family you're born into, but sometimes, if you're lucky, you find a family you build for yourself. And what a remarkable family I've found.

Through my journey with the Turnbull Clan, I've found a profound sense of belonging and shared purpose that continues to inspire me. From convening Turnbull tents to hosting heritage tours in Scotland, every experience has deepened my pride in our shared heritage and the friendships that have flourished along the way.

"To those who have mentored and supported me - Wally and Betty Brune Turnbull, Sandy and Mary Turnbull, Jeff and Sue Trimble, and Bill and Claudia Trimble - who so warmly welcomed me into their tent a decade ago - thank you for your kindness, guidance, and friendship. You've each played a special role in shaping my path within this clan.

It is an honor that leaves me both speechless and grateful. My heart is full - not with pride, but with gratitude for every handshake, every shared story, every laugh around a tent table that made this journey so meaningful.

Here's to the Turnbells - to heritage, to kinship, and to the enduring family spirit that makes being a Turnbull something truly special."

*Congratulations, Katherine - your leadership, dedication, and passion for Turnbull heritage continue to inspire us all.*

## 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!*

**Weans wi' big ears take it a' in.**

*Watch how you speak in front of children.*

**Wi' good porridge yer a' richt for life.**

*With proper care, your body will last a lifetime!*



**He who serves God is the truly wise man.**

*Having a belief gives life purpose and makes folks wise.*

**Crooked hooses cam fae committees.**

*It is better to make your own decisions.*

**Better master ane than fight wi' ten.**

*Better to be good at one thing than struggle with a lot.*

**He wha's poor when he marries shall be rich when he's buried.**

*Marriage improves your lot in life.*

**Too many irons in the fire, some maun cool.**

*Concentrate on the main issues in life - if you take on too many, some may be neglected.*

**Fallin' weans are sorry but wiser.**

*By making mistakes, we can only become wiser.*

**Nae problem is real money.**

*The greatest of all riches is peace of mind.*

**Ye wad marry a midden for the muck.**

*Some people are so mean they would wed a dustbin for its contents.*





# CELEBRATIONS AT THE STONE MOUNTAIN GAMES



*TCA officers: Betty Turnbull-Vice President of Communications, Walter Turnbull-Executive Vice President, Sandy Turnbull-Treasurer, Katherine Turnbull-Vice President of Events, Jeff Trimble, President, Jill Trimble-Secretary and Darin Trimble*



*Left to right back row: Katherine Turnbull, Jill Trimble, Walter Turnbull, Rodney Turnbull, Wally Turnbull, Jeff Trimble, Darin Trimble, Sandy Turnbull, Houston Trimble, Brittany Turnbull, Sue Trimble  
Seated: Betty Turnbull and Mary Turnbull*



*Interior of the Turnbull clan tent display with memorabilia and images of clan activities*



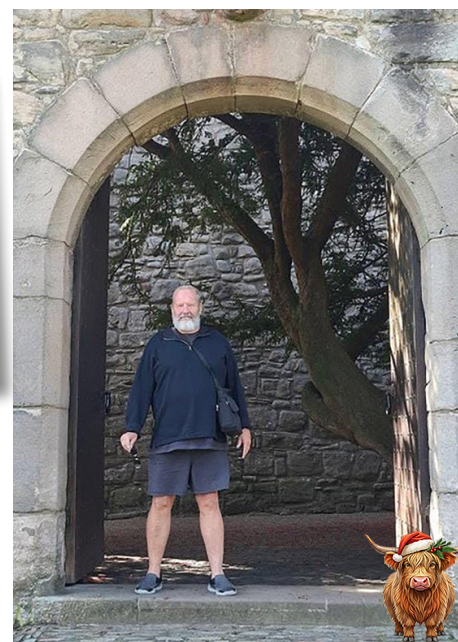


## MY HERITAGE CALLING . . . WITH GUIDE FIONA



*A self portrait at the Turnbull Monument  
with Fiona Turnbull as my guide*

*Bob Turnbull, Queensland, Australia*



*Centre & above: Craigmillar Castle, a ruined medieval castle, Edinburgh*



## HISTORIC SCOTLAND . . .

## CUSTOMS &amp; TRADITIONS OF HOGMANAY IN SCOTLAND

*The Scottish saying “Hae a guid New Year to ane an’ a’ and mony may ye see!” is steeped both in ancient customs and traditions.*

Scotland’s culture has a long and rich heritage with this last day of the year event, known around the borders as Hogmanay. Historically, it is believed this tradition was inherited from the Vikings.

Through the Protestant Reformation, when the Kirk portrayed Christmas as a Popish or Catholic feast. So, Christmas in Scotland was banned in the late 17th century and was not celebrated for around four hundred years until the 1950’s.

Many Scots had to work over Christmas and their winter solstice holiday was therefore at the New Year, when their family and friends gathered for a party and exchanged presents, especially for the children.

An early Hogmanay custom was the cleaning of the house before midnight on 31st December (including taking out the ashes from the fire, in the days when coal fires were common). There is also the superstition to clear all your debts, before “the bells” at midnight.

By tradition, New Year ceremonies of yesteryear would involve people dressing up in cattle hides and running around the village being hit by sticks. Festivities would also include the lighting of bonfires, rolling blazing tar barrels down the hills and tossing torches. Animal hide was also wrapped around sticks and ignited, which produced a smoke that was believed to be very effective to ward off evil spirits.

The smoking stick was known as a Hogmanay



*New Year fireworks at Edinburgh Castle*

Today, the celebration of fireworks displays and torchlight processions in Edinburgh and many cities around Scotland, is a reminder of the ancient custom at the Scottish Hogmanay pagan parties hundreds of years ago.

The start of Hogmanay in Edinburgh is marked with a spectacular three-day event, the ‘Torchlight Procession’. It attracts thousands of participants, including massed pipes & drums and thousands of torch carriers as they illuminate the city.

A most awe inspiring event, is the ‘Fire Ceremony’ which takes place in Stonehaven, just south of Aberdeen on the north-east coast. Giant fireballs, weighing up to 9.5 kilograms are lit and swung around on 1.5 metre long metal poles.

Immediately after midnight, another cultural tradition is to sing Robert Burns’ composition “Auld Lang Syne”. Today, this practice has now been adopted throughout the world, as the song to say goodbye to the old year.

An old custom, since modified, was the ‘First Footing’. That is, the first foot in the home after midnight should be a male, dark haired bringing a black bun and whisky, so as to ensure good luck for the house.

Today, it has several new events added for celebrations, including one, the Scottish ‘Looney Dook’ and for those who are brave enough, a dip in the icy river Forth.

This event raises money for charities



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# FOR THE YOUNGER TURNBULLS . . .

Issue 6

## Bitty Bulls



Hi Kids! In this issue you can learn about some holiday traditions that might be different from yours. If you would like to share some special traditions that your family has, please write, draw, or send photos to [bittybulls@turnbulclan.com](mailto:bittybulls@turnbulclan.com) We will include your submission in the next issue!



### Hogmanay

Did you know that in Scotland holiday celebrations take place around the New Year rather than on Christmas? The Church of Scotland discouraged Christmas celebrations for about 400 years. Until the 1950's most people worked on Christmas day. Family and friends gathered over the New Year to exchange presents. Some of the traditions include cleaning your house on December 31st, singing **Auld Lang Syne** (by Scottish poet Robert Burns) at midnight, welcoming friends and families into your home, and celebrating with fireworks. First Footing is a custom in which the first person to visit or set foot in a friend's home after midnight gives gifts of salt, coal, shortbread, whisky, and black bun (fruit cake) to bring good luck to the home in the coming year. Delicious holiday food such as shortbread, black bun, and cloodie dumpling (fruit pudding with custard) are enjoyed. Much older traditions included dressing up in cattle hides and running through villages hitting one another with sticks.



### Holiday Jollies

Where does a snowman keep his money?

in a snow bank

How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?

Fleece Navidad

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic

How is a grape like a reindeer?

they are both purple, except the reindeer

How long should an elf's legs be?

just long enough to touch the ground!

### Auld Lang Syne

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never  
brought to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot and auld  
lang syne,*

*For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,  
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang  
syne.*

*\*auld lang syne--old long-ago / old times*



Robert Burns, national poet of Scotland  
January 25, 1759-July 21, 1796

### Wee Bit O' Fun

Holiday Greetings Around the World

England	Merry Christmas
France	Joyeux Noel
Germany	Froliche Weihnachten
Scotland	Merry Christmas an a Guid Hogmanay
Ireland	Nollaig Shona Dhuit
Italy	Buon Natale
Poland	Wesolych Swiat
Spain	Feliz Navidad
Sweden	God Jul



## Christmas

How many new words can you make by rearranging or using some of the letters in the word Christmas?

Example: mast stars mist

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# A KILT OR SASH REQUIRES RIGHT ACCESSORIES

*The Kilt is internationally renowned as Scotland's national dress. As a knee-length style of male skirt, the kilt began developing about 1600. Wearing a kilt requires the right accessories and the right attitude.*

1. Understand the difference between a "great kilt," which is not sewn but draped, and an English kilt, which wraps on with sewn pleats. Here, we work with the sewn or "small kilt."
2. Close the kilt by taking the right apron through the hole of the left buckle and fastening it to the left buckle.
3. Fasten the left apron to the right; the fringed edge and kilt pin should be to the right.
4. Make sure that your kilt falls to the centre of the knee, sitting exactly on the natural waist.
5. Make sure pleats are at the back of the kilt.
6. Strap on the sporran about three fingers below your waistcoat or belt. The strap fastens in the back.
7. Wear kilt hose folded two to three fingers below kneecap.
8. Place flashes on the outside of the leg, covering the strap with the fold of the sock top.
9. Lace the ghillie brogues this way: - cross laces and pull into



simple knot. Twist three times and pull tight again to create a thong. Pass laces around ankle back, bring to front and tie a bow, letting laces and toggles hang in front.

A plain white shirt looks best with a kilt, unless you wear the traditional waistcoat. Even in Scotland, kilts are usually reserved for weddings, funerals and special events.

Unless you're brave or a nut for so-called authenticity, wear underwear under there. Research shows that even some real Scottish men wore something like boxer shorts.

Kilt pins were not worn until the 17th century, but are useful to keep your modesty during high winds.

**Scotswoman Dress code:** The sash is worn over the right shoulder, across the breast and secured by a brooch on the right shoulder. This style is worn by clanswomen, of the clan surname and septs by birth or marriage.

However, the sash is worn in reverse by Lady Chiefs, chieftainesses, the wives of clan chiefs and chieftains, and the wives of colonels of Highland regiments.

A good tartan garment is a real investment, as the price of wool and the skills that go with making the finished tartan material, go up year after year regardless of the official rate of inflation.

*Looking for a Christmas gift . . . or maybe a collectable for someone?*

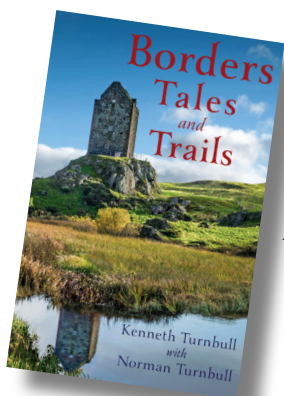


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