

## PURCHASE OF BEDRULE CHURCH HAS BEEN FINALISED

By Alan Bailey - Photos by Charlotte Maberley

*On Friday 19th December the new owners took possession of the Bedrule Church, in Rulewater, after buying it from the Church of Scotland.*

At a well-attended event in Bedrule Church lying in the heart of Scotland's Turnbull country, on Sunday 21st December, the new owners – the Charity **Bedrule Church Future** - celebrated taking possession of the Church from Church of Scotland, who are disposing a large number of their Churches throughout Scotland.



*William Turnbull and son Greg represented the Clan with pride in their formal attire.*

Members of the Rulewater community and other supporters of the Charity gathered in a festively decorated Church to raise a glass to the success of a year-long campaign which saw wide ranging community consultation, the formation of a Charity and a successful fund-raising campaign.

When it was confirmed that Church of Scotland intended to sell Bedrule Church, a group was constituted that negotiated 'Preferred Bidder' status with the Church of Scotland. The timetable demanded by the Church of Scotland made it impossible to seek funding from sources such as the Scottish Land Fund, and so all money was raised through crowd funding.

As well as strong local support, people who have moved away from Rulewater were instrumental in raising a third of the required funding. The Turnbull Clan, for whom Bedrule is what the Clan Chief Wally Turnbull calls their "ground zero", was given special mention.

Alan Bailey, chair of Bedrule Church Future, told attendees that, after 100 years of ownership by the Church of Scotland, the building was back in the hands of the Rulewater community. He said there are good prospects for the Church's future, as a place of worship with other community-oriented initiatives and activities to ensure a sound financial base. He thanked all supporters for their help to achieve success for the campaign.

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*The celebration, attended by about 60 people who came and went over a period of about 2 hours. Prosecco, cider and canapes were provided and it was all rather upbeat and jolly.*

### Bliadhna Mhath Ur dhut!

#### Happy New Year to you all!

*Yes . . . another new year is upon us!*

*This Bullseye Newsletter has a 2,500+ readership following and continues to keep its clan members and other interested parties well informed. Yet it can only exist with your support.*

*As Newsletter editor, my role is to inform and enlighten its members with current events and achievements to the many Turnbulls throughout the world.*

*This includes news stories of relevance that don't make the newspapers.*

*Members interests and input with news, history, stories and places visited, has been and still is, well worth sharing. To this end, TCA invites members the opportunity to make a personal contribution. Your input could be of more value and interest to others than you may think.*

*We welcome your stories to share with us . . . Ed*

*Simply contact the editor at the following:*

*editor@turnbullclan.com*



*Bedrule Church showing off its beauty in the snowy winter of 2020/1*

# Authors Corner

**JUST RELEASED**

**Elissa Turnbull-Hinze**

*This is an investigative journal for the new believer . . .*

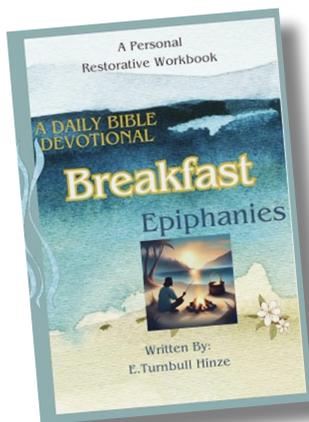
To those who need something practical to start their day, I have developed this new devotional, designed to do just that: provide a structured, daily time for reading and pondering *Browse His word* over breakfast. **'Breakfast Epiphanies'** has been designed to help you start your day with a promise from God, and if you have time on your drive or walk or whatever you do in the morning, it also provides questions to help you solidify your faith. I encourage you to read this devotional at your own pace.

Often, we are involved in many things, and keeping up with a dated Bible study can sometimes be overwhelming. This devotional is designed so you can take your time, answer the questions, and move on when you're ready with God by your side. There is also space for you to write and answer all those questions that come up and ideas that need to be written down to help you process your thoughts.

This personal journal is to establish confidence in your faith. If you are indecisive or feel you are struggling in your beliefs or are sitting on the fence, then this book is for you!

Jesus invites us to have breakfast with Him . . .

*"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15.*



Elissa Turnbull Hinze is an Australian American. Born in Queensland married and moved to the United States. She is a mother, a primary school teacher as well as a bible study leader, who loves to be around people and her church. Turnbull has also completed her Master's Degree in the Science of Reading. She also feels her calling is to serve those young in their faith and to teach them about the gospel through bible studies.

**Available via Amazon.com**



## Scholarship applications now being accepted

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

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

*This is a wonderful opportunity to further your educational journey while deepening your connection to the rich history and traditions of the Turnbull Clan. Whether you are seeking support for formal education, professional development, or heritage-based learning experiences, the Turnbull Clan Scholarship is here to help. All ages welcome to apply.*

*Applications for 2026 are being received now until 31st May. The recipient will be announced at the annual AGM and the clan website, as well as featured in the Bullseye, the clan's newsletter.*

*Applications are available online—don't miss this chance to invest in your future and celebrate our shared heritage. Apply today and become part of the ongoing Turnbull Clan legacy!*

**Read about previous recipients and apply online at**  
[turnbullclan.com/scholarship](https://turnbullclan.com/scholarship)

## Honour a legacy . . .

### Inspire the future

*Are you looking for a meaningful way to honour someone special while investing in someone's future?*

*Maybe you could consider gifting a scholarship in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a milestone anniversary or birthday, or to pay tribute to someone who has made a lasting impact . . . by helping open doors for another person's future.*

*With a \$500 donation, you provide a scholarship to a Turnbull Clan member to pursue continuing education or explore their Scottish heritage. Each scholarship is awarded in the name of the person you designate, ensuring their name and story live on through opportunity and learning.*

*Even more meaningful, the scholarship recipient will receive information about the individual being honoured, creating a personal connection between generations. In addition, the Turnbull Clan website will feature an article sharing who this person is and why they were honoured, preserving their legacy within the Clan's history.*

*This scholarship makes a perfect alternative to traditional gifts . . . ideal for remembering a loved one, celebrating a living person's birthday or an anniversary, or giving children and grandchildren a gift that truly matters.*

*Celebrate heritage. Honour a life. Help provide an opportunity that could change a life.*

**Gift a scholarship online at:**

<https://www.turnbullclan.com/index.php/clan/contribute>



**Congratulations. Bragging rights go to Andrew Turnbull in Queensland, Australia, who found the 'Little Bull'. Can you find the other hidden 'Bullseye Bull' in this issue?**

### BULLSEYE

The Bullseye, is the Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide (TCA) newsletter published six times a year at: 5216 Tahoe Dr. Durham, NC 27713 U.S.A.

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## Bedrule Church Christmas gathering



By Alan Bailey - Photo by Charlotte Maberley

*Bedrule Church Future hosted its first worship event only 6 days after taking possession of Bedrule Church from the Church of Scotland.*

Many people were dismayed to find the local Parish were not planning to hold services in any of its Churches on Christmas Day, so at the request of some of the local community the new Charity was able to step in and meet the need at extremely short notice.

The normal organist, who has been playing in Bedrule Church for many years, was away. Despite this, the gathering of about 45 people (*and one dog*) from up and down Rulewater, lustily sung well-known carols. Charity Secretary, Charlotte Maberley introduced each carol by ably singing the first line to give timing and pitch. Carols were interspersed with traditional Bible texts of the Christmas story, poems and philosophical pieces. A collection was held in aid of Borders Children's Charity.

The event was very well received by those attending, and Bedrule Church Future hopes to repeat the event regularly, perhaps refining and expanding the format – and with the benefit of a bit more preparation!

At the end and on behalf of the charity committee Robert Bailey, a young farmer from Spital Tower in Rulewater with distant Turnbull links, expressed thanks to all-comers and helpers for successfully organising the happy event to celebrate Christmas.

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

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



### Turnbull Clan Association will be represented at the following Scottish Festivals & Games in 2026

- 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> March - North Alabama Scottish Festival & Highland Games
- 11<sup>th</sup> April - Dunedin Highland Games & Festival, Dunedin, Florida
- 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April - Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, North Carolina
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Rocket City Scottish Festival, Sharon Johnston Park, New Market, Alabama
- 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May - Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival, Townsend Visitor Center, East. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend, Tennessee
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July - Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina
- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September - Caledonia Club of San Francisco, Pleasanton
- 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> September - Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, Virginia
- 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September - Middle Tennessee Highland Games, Sanders Ferry Park
- 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September - Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September Middle Tennessee Highland Games, Tennessee
- 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October - Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain, Georgia

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



HOW DID YOU CELEBRATE THE 2025 HOGMANAY?

*So, what New Year's Eve images or stories would you care to share with us at last year's Hogmanay festivities?*

*Just send your images to the editor at:  
editor@turnbullclan.com*

***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 katturnbull01@gmail.com*



## Did you know . . .

Following the Scottish Reformation, the celebration of Christmas was officially banned by an Act of Parliament in 1640. The Church of Scotland (the Kirk) viewed Christmas as a “popish” or Catholic festival with unbiblical and extravagant traditions. As the ban was still strongly felt in 1819 (it was not made a public holiday until 1958). So, 25th December was a normal working day for most people who channeled their festive energy into New Year celebrations . . . ‘Hogmanay’.



Scottish Christmas Robin



## AROUND SCOTLAND TODAY. . .

### Dual language status

Both the Gaelic and Scots languages have now gained official status in Scotland. The designation forms part of a range of measures which came into effect on St Andrew’s Day 30th November, 2025 through the Scottish Languages Act 2025. These include powers for ministers to commission research into the use of Gaelic and Scots and establish teaching and learning standards for the languages within the schools and enable students to learn and speak Gaelic as an official second language.

### Shetland Islands celebrations

‘Up Helly Aa’ is a series of fire festivals held every winter in the Shetland Islands. January in Shetland means Vikings and one of the planet’s greatest winter fire festivals. Scotland meets Scandinavia in Shetland with this Norse enriched event which lights up the dark Shetland lights and heralds the soon closing of winters door.

The origin of the name ‘Up Helly Aa’ is uncertain, but is thought it refers to a celebration of the last day of Christmas festivities; a day of fire, feasting and fun. The festival’s roots date back to the early 1800s. Groups of young men in disguise would drag barrels of lighted tar on sledges through the streets of the islands’ capital, Lerwick. The spectacular sight takes place on the last Tuesday in January every year.

### Centenarians

The number of people aged 100 and over has risen by four percent in the year to June 2024, according to National Records of Scotland (NRS). The latest estimates show there were 1,020 centenarians living in Scotland; 830 female centenarians and 190 male. In the 10 years between mid-2014 and mid-2024, the number of male centenarians rose by 58% while the number of females rose by 5%.

## RootsTech 5th-7th March 2026



## Explore available sessions and start building your schedule

RootsTech is the family discovery event of the year, with dozens of free online sessions to help you uncover your family story. Check out some of what’s available with these curated class lists:



**Beginner-friendly sessions to motivate and help you get started**

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**Advanced sessions to help you with your research**

[View Sessions](#)

Don’t miss RootsTech 2026, March 5-7, live in Salt Lake City and online.

For more details, text website with the following:

[RootsTech Schedule - Church Newsroom](#)

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$14,742.00</b>
<b>2025 Income</b>	
Scholarship designated funds	\$1,000.00
Projects and memberships	\$7,519.00
Save Bedrule Kirk	\$26,398.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,917.00</b>
<b>2025 Expense</b>	
Scholarships	\$1,000.00
TCA organization annual dues	\$765.00
Project expenses	\$6,664.00
Bedrule Kirk Transfer	\$24,029.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,458.00</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
Whiskey Project	\$7,753.00
Bedrule Kirk	\$2,369.00
General Fund Balance	\$7,079.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,201.00</b>

## WHY IS THIS 'BUTE MAZER' SIGNIFICANTLY IMPORTANT?



Who was the person this 'Bute Mazer' was made for?  
What is the animal in the bowl?

Do you know where it is currently on display?

The answers to these questions can be found on page 11

## GRANNY'S FAVOURITE SCOTTISH 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!

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

With proper care, your body will last a lifetime!

**Tell the truth an' shame the deil.**

Always tell the truth.

**'He that wanna be counselled, canna be helped**

If you ignore advice, you only have yourself to blame.

**Yin brave beats a' feart.**

One courageous person is better than any number of cowards.

**Anger's mair hurtful than the wrang that's caused it.**

Anger is always more damaging than its cause.

**Bad mistakes provide a man wi' quick experience.**

Experience comes quickly when we learn from our mistakes.

**A'boday should have a guid conceit o' themselves.**

Pride and confidence are essential to self-improvement.

**Sodgers wi' big guns beat sodgers wi' pretty dresses.**

Being practical is more important than being presentable.

**A bad wound may heal, but a bad name will kill.**

A bad reputation will never go away.

**Failing a least means yer playin'.**

Even if you don't succeed, it's important to try.

**Frights cause quick learning.**

Better than good advice is a good scare!



## Discover your Turnbull heritage with genealogical research!

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

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

The project, as directed by Turnbull historian and genealogist, Fiona Turnbull, along with Katherine Turnbull and Alan Turnbull, is hosted on **Family Tree DNA**, and includes members from around the world!

By participating, you can:

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

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

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

#TurnbullClan #Genealogy #DNAResearch #FamilyHistory #ScottishHeritage

## AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

THURSDAY

A Reiver's Moon - A musical by Alan G Brydon & Ian W Landles  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March | 7pm | Heart of Hawick

FRIDAY

Introduction to Scottish Borders Archive: Reiving Retold  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March | 1-4pm | Heritage Hub

Western End in Concert  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March | 8pm | Hawick Rugby Club

SATURDAY

Reivers Market & Encampment  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March | 10am-3pm | The Wee Haugh

Opening Procession  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March | 10.30am | Starting at The Civic Space

Inter-Schools Reivers Games  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March | 11am | Wee Haugh

Drumlanrig School Play  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March | 11.15am | Drumlanrig School Hall

Hawick Archaeological Society Lectures  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March | 11.30am & 1.30pm | Hawick Baptist Church

Torchlight Procession & Reivers Fireworks  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March | From 6.45pm | Assemble in Common Haugh

The King's Banquet  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March | From 8.15pm | Evergreen Hall

SUNDAY

Reivers Town Walk "Hawick and the Union of the Crowns" Led by Ian Lowes  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March | 10am | Assemble at The Civic Space

High Tea - with guest speaker Alastair Redpath  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March | 4pm | Hawick Rugby Club

Hawick Music Club Concert - with Valkania: Balkan Rhythm 'n' Blues  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March | 7pm | Evergreen Hall

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## FAMILY HISTORY

Images submitted by Michael Szabath

## COROMANDEL'S VOYAGE TO SOUTHERN LANDS



*Sailing ship Coromandel*  
Painting by Peter Krak

By Percy Harrison and Marie Turnbull,  
with research added by Kenneth Turnbull

*The Coromandel was built in India in 1793, using teak timber and designed with a smooth hull for speed, it weighed 522 tons and could accommodate 226 people. This first long voyage would last 121 days non-stop to the southern land and was the first convict ship to sail direct without touching land anywhere.*



With four years in their planning, the Turnbells and seven other families were very fortunate to sail as free settlers, because the main contract was the transportation of one hundred and thirty eight male convicts (many selected for their trade skills) to the penal colony at Botany Bay.



*Re-enactment images at the church reunion in 2009 of families moving to what was to be known as Ebenezer*

All the families, Davison, Hall, Howe, Johnston, Johnstone, Mein, Stubbs and Turnbull, sailed to the new Colony with a request that they be settled together. Their wishes granted by Governor King.

The families were fed by the Government during the voyage. On arrival in the Colony, 100 acres of land was granted at Portland Head in 1803 and for the term of 12 months, they were fed and clothed free from the Public Store and allocated supplies, two prisoners, stock, grain and agricultural tools. After this time, the families were of no further expense to the Crown.



Motivation to emigrate with many families emerged through the practice of the Presbyterian faith in England that had also been severely restricted with several acts of Parliament, proclaiming that no one could be legally married except through a church of England Parson. However, to protect their standing, criticism at the time with their overall situation, would have been very much contained.

Resenting the restrictions these families decided to take matters into their own hands. Both the men and women were of strong conviction in their faith and this situation was quite exasperating. Eight families had decided to emigrate because of the harsh conditions they had endured around London. It was crime-ridden with pickpockets and wide drunkenness. As well, it was a totally unsanitary and dirty city, with raw sewage running onto the narrow streets. Starting a new life was their chance to be free from these unpleasant conditions, their positive outlook promised them a better life.

On landing and over the first few months of unproductive farming, the settlers were then allocated land further out of Sydney . . . on the Hawksbury River . . . and so a new free settlement area 'Ebenezer' was established.



MEET YOUR TURNBULL COUSINS IN AUSTRALIA . . .

Images submitted by Michael Szabath

# EBENEZER, THE OLDEST CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

In 1808, at a special meeting in the home of Dr Thomas Arndell, a surgeon who came out on the First Fleet, each family pledged to the building of a church and school. The total cost of £400 (around £42,817 today) which was to be obtained from voluntary subscriptions. There was no assistance by way of finance or labour from the government.

Pioneer Owen Cavanough donated four acres of land on which to build the church and Andrew Johnston planned, designed and supervised its construction. George Hall swam his bullocks across the river to haul the stone to the site. It was constructed in 1809 built of locally obtained materials, sandstone, cedar wood and hardwood.

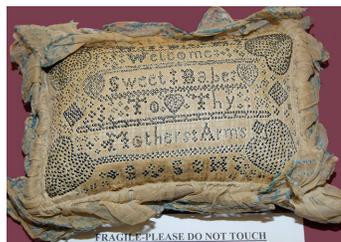


Alice, Percy's wife, and daughter Vicki, helped to man the Turnbull tent



First Presbyterian church in Australia - built in 1809

Under the leadership of the Presbyterian James Mein and due to the influence of Reverend John Dunmore Lang from Sydney Town, Ebenezer Church became the first Presbyterian Church in Australia. Ebenezer Church is now the oldest existing church in Australia that is still active today, tended to by descendants of the first settlers in the Ebenezer area. Descendants of John and Ann Turnbull gathered at the bicentenary celebration held on 20th June, 2009 to honour this occasion.



Original cushion on display - Malcolm Turnbull & Percy Harrison with family tapestry - Interior of the Ebenezer Church - Bicentennial year dedication



Percy Harrison, who was a direct descendant of John Turnbull, his wife, Ann Warr, and their four children who came to Australia as free settlers on the Coromandel journey back in 1802, along with hundreds of other descendants, used the occasion to celebrate their 206th year reunion at the Ebenezer Church, to coincide with the church's bicentenary celebrations on the same weekend.

A keen genealogist, Percy was kept very busy all day in the Turnbull tent, on his new laptop, bought specially for the reunion, checking over 900 pages of details relating to the Turnbull register, which he compiled and holds over 120,000 names, with people keen to find out more about their ancestors and register, if their name wasn't on the existing list.

The Turnbull family tapestry (above) lists James and Mary Ann Turnbull's children, now owned by Percy, was on display in the tent, proving to be of great interest to many on the day, including Malcolm Turnbull and his wife Lucy.

It was handed down through the family by Percy's aunt Maud, who was the daughter of Selina Sophia Turnbull, who is also listed. The framed tapestry was housed at the family dairy farm at Port Macquarie, but damaged in a flood. Percy had it professionally restored some years later.

Malcolm Turnbull MP, the leader of the Liberal Party (in opposition at the time) took time out from his busy schedule to take part and renew family ties, as he is also a direct descendant, from two of the lines, making him a distant cousin to Percy.

The original John Turnbull family tombstone in the graveyard . . . and the church as it stands today.



Image, Ebenezer Church Newsletter April 2023

# Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide

## News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor



### UK - Exploring the cancer genes gaps

Traditionally, clinical genetics services offered 'reactive' testing of specific cancer susceptibility genes (CSGs) to those with the corresponding classical presentation. Increasingly, cancer susceptibility gene germline pathogenic

variants (CSG-GPVs) are being looked for much more 'proactively'. Professor Clare Turnbull of Translational Cancer Genetics is in the Division of Genetics and Epidemiology at the Institute of Cancer Research, London and an NHS consultant in Clinical Cancer Genetics at The Royal Marsden. Her research focuses on statistical, population and public-health-related analyses to inform clinical implementation of cancer susceptibility genetics.

### UK - An inspirational young girl



After surviving a rare and deadly childhood cancer, a Bury school-girl is now celebrating a very different kind of victory. She became a world champion on the international martial arts stage. Sorrelle Turnbull, from Walshaw in Bury, north of Manchester. She was only 10 months-old when diagnosed with rare Infant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. After she had chemotherapy and a life-saving successful bone marrow transplant, Sorrelle was cancer free. She became a world champion, securing a gold medal in the para section of the non-contact Kata. She's a member of Novas Freestyle Martial Arts Academy in Bury. Olivia scooped a bronze in the combat contact section.

### New Zealand - Reaching your healthy protein goals

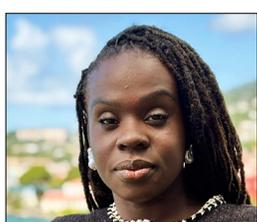


Claire Turnbull has outlined a new year on how to get fitter and finally get our wellbeing goals on track. Before you dive headfirst into the next diet programme being sold to you on social media, here are a few things to consider that will genuinely set you up for success in 2026. Firstly, focus on addition, not subtraction. I challenge you to think differently: focus on adding the foods that nourish you, give you energy, and help your body work well. Switch on your self-awareness. Make this the year you focus on caring for yourself instead of punishing yourself. The results will not only be better; they'll actually last.

### Australia - University backs young future creative leaders

The Western Sydney University Academic Achievement Award acknowledges young people displaying passion, drive, and a willingness to learn and work hard to help them create opportunities and achieve excellent outcomes in their chosen fields. Dr Cynthia Turnbull awarded the Western Sydney University Academic Achievement Award, presented by Professor Brian Stout, the Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning and Teaching. Dr Turnbull is a distinguished immunologist specialising in gene and protein regulators of the immune system. Her ground breaking research has been widely published and recognised in high-impact journals.

### Virgin Islands - Superior Court Judge has been nominated



Melanie L. Turnbull has been nominated by Governor Albert Bryan Jr. to serve as a judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Family Division, in the St. Thomas-St. John District. "Attorney Turnbull's record reflects strong trial experience, careful preparation and a commitment to equal justice under law," Governor Bryan said in a statement announcing the nomination. "This nomination is based on qualifications, character and service to the people of the Virgin Islands." Turnbull currently serves as an assistant federal public defender for the District of Virgin Islands, a position held since 2018.

### USA - Immersive Listening Room opens at Smithsonian Design Museum

The Immersive Listening Room opened from 12th December through to 19th July 19, 2026, featuring a large-scale, featuring handmade audio system by multi-disciplinary artist Devon Turnbull. The opening of the listening room marked the museum's kick off to a series of music, sound and design-oriented programming over the next months and is part of the "Art of Noise" exhibition. "Created as a 'shrine to music,' this listening room



series invites visitors to experience music in a space designed to slow down and reflect, bringing back the joy of experiencing and sharing music together."

### Canada - FSRA's next Board Chair



The Government of Ontario has appointed Douglas E. Turnbull, ICD.D, as the next chair of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario (FSRA), effective 1st January 2026. The appointment was made on the recommendation of Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy. Turnbull has served on FSRA's board since May 2025. His appointment reinforces the agency's commitment to strong governance and strategic leadership in Ontario's evolving financial services sectors. Turnbull brings more than 45 years of experience in investment banking, debt capital markets, advisory and credit rating businesses.

### South Africa - Growing cyber attacks



According to Graham Turnbull, Account Executive of Sub-Saharan Africa at Cloudflare, Cyber attacks are proliferating in Africa, and organisations across the continent are finding it difficult to mitigate this risk. "We need to re-imagine the frontline because this is the source of all attacks. Instead of installing new firewalls, you can plug into a network that stops the attacks at the source, not the destination, for a fraction of the cost of building your own network." He highlighted the program 'Cloudflare', a connectivity system, a platform of security and developer services. "We are one of the largest networks in the world."

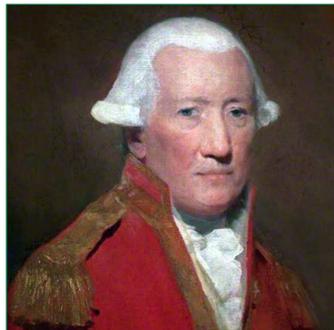




## SCOTTISH INVENTIONS: THE CARRONADE CANNON – LATE 1700'S

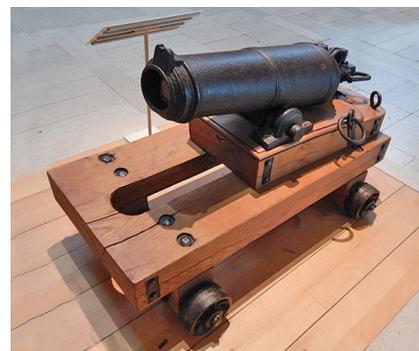
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*Scottish entrepreneurs, geniuses and eccentric inventors and their ability to think outside the square, have helped to change our everyday lives throughout the world for the better. Here is another example of Scottish ingenuity with imaginative foresight that has ultimately influenced the developing world.*



It was during the revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars of the late 1700s and early 1800s, kilted Scottish regiments made their mark, but an even bigger mark was left by another Scottish invention during the era's famous sea battles.

One of the most effective and deadly pieces of equipment during that historic era proved to be the Carronade cannon. It has now been recognised as one of the most famous products of Scotland's first large-scale industrial company. The Carron company was established in 1759, near Falkirk, Stirlingshire.



*A carronade six pounder cannon - 1781  
On display at the Scottish Museum*

**Leutenant General Robert Melville** These powerful but light guns, named after the company, were first made in 1778 and soon became a great favourite of Admiral Nelson's navy. First manufactured by the Carron Iron Works in Stirlingshire, the Carronade was invented in 1759 by Robert Melville, a Scottish officer from a well-heeled Fifeshire family.

Melville was fascinated by artillery and spent a lot of time studying ordnance, with the development and testing of cannons, ammunition and the like. He came up with the Carronade, which he nicknamed 'the smasher'. It was a stubby, short-range gun that used less gunpowder than a traditional long-range gun and fired a relatively slow-moving cannonball. But when used properly it had an unrivalled capacity to wreak utter devastation on an enemy ship. Close-range fighting was the preferred tactic of the Royal Navy, because with this weapon, they could smash through the enemy's hull or wipe the crew off their main deck.

The Carronade, which eventually ranged in calibre from small two pounders up to huge sixty-eight pounders, was mounted on a carriage and elevated up or down by a screw. The Carronade came to be known as 'the Devil's gun' among British seamen. It was one of the most important military inventions of the eighteenth century.

By 1781, more than six hundred Carronades were mounted on Royal Navy warships. The gun proved decisive in several British victories over their enemies, as were the French, outflanked by this cannon for around twenty years until they came up with their own version.

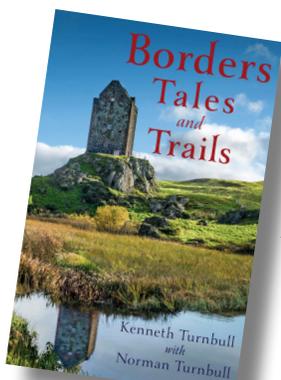
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From Page 5 **BUTE MAZER ANSWERS . . .**

*This Bute Mazer was made soon after the Battle of Bannochburn in 1314, where Robert the Bruce led the Scots to victory against the English. The mazer uses heraldry (which was easily understood at the time) to demonstrate Bruce's authority as king. He is represented as a lion and surrounded by shields bearing the coats of arms of his main supporters. The lion symbolising power, had been adopted by the Scottish monarchy as early as the 12th century. It was used on the royal coat of arms. On display at the National Museum of Scotland Ed.*