

## THE IMPORTANCE OF JEDBURGH CASTLE TO THE BORDERS

Researched and collated by Kenneth Turnbull

**“Ubi castellum est”.** In David I's charter granting Jedburgh to the monks, he distinguishes the town by acknowledging the castle.

Built by King David I, Jedburgh Castle was one of the keys to the Scottish border, guarding the old Roman route from Northumberland to Edinburgh.

Its importance was such that in 1174, when King William of Scotland was captured by the English, the ransom terms required that Jedburgh - along with Roxburgh, Berwick, Edinburgh and Stirling- be placed for a time in the English king's hands.

More than simply a stark fortress, it was a frequent home of Scottish kings, a comfortable hunting-lodge, and the location of the royal horse-stud. It was here in 1165 that Malcolm IV died, and while the English held Roxburgh, it was here that William the Lion held court.

But it was Alexander III who stayed here most regularly: in 1258 he entertained his father-in-law, Henry III of England, for three weeks at Jedburgh; in 1264 his elder son was born there; and in 1285 the feasts to celebrate his second marriage filled the castle's hall. But these bright days ended with Alexander's death in 1286, and the long wars with England which quickly followed turned Jedburgh into a contested frontier outpost.

Despite its strength, when in 1296, Edward I of England crushed the Scots in battle and deposed their king, Jedburgh surrendered without resistance and was garrisoned by the victors.



*The Old Castle of Jedburgh Area - Roxburgh - Museum Collection*

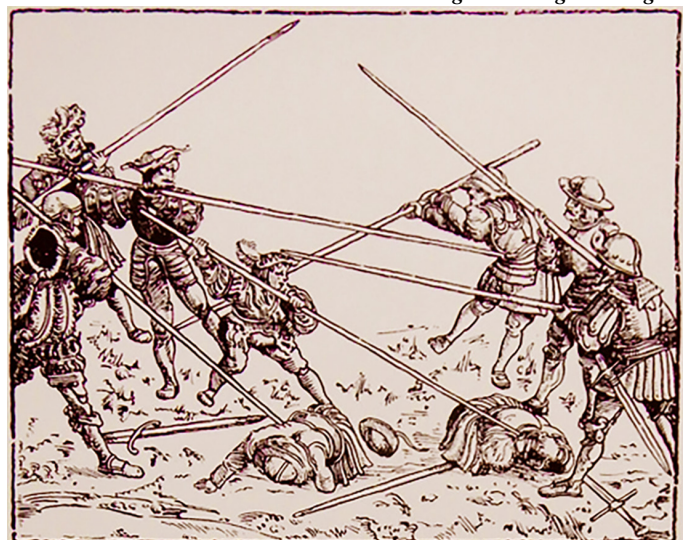
No efforts by the Scots seemed able to dislodge the English garrison who preyed on the surrounding lands, stripping even the lead from the roof of the abbey buildings, until in 1314 the castle was betrayed to the followers of King Robert Bruce by William Prendergest, one of the Garrison, and its defences dismantled.

But it did not remain a ruin for long, when Edward III of England invaded Scotland in 1333 it was rebuilt and garrisoned with English soldiers. Once more the Scots seized it back, but in 1346 it again fell to the English and remained in their hands for over sixty years.

Reconquest of the English-held lands of Teviotdale was a long and painful process, but victory ultimately lay with the Scots. It was the Teviotdale men themselves who took the castle in May 1409 and, lest it should ever fall once more to the enemy, took pleasure in demolishing its walls so thoroughly the site was then rebuilt to be used as a jail.

*Ed Note: The Jedburgh Historic Museum now occupies this site.*

*More Jedburgh Jail images on Page 4*



*Fighting with the English and the Border clans was long and fierce  
Image: Roxburgh - Museum Collection*

### MEET THE MEMBERS COLUMN

We invite everyone to contribute to the newsletter. We're looking to share stories about family reunions, weddings, births, memorials, and any other special moments in your lives. If it matters to you, it matters to us.



When we share meaningful updates with one another, the newsletter becomes stronger and brings us closer together as a community. Parents and grandparents, this is a great chance to send in those adorable baby photos. Be sure to include TCA when sharing birth and wedding announcements. Let us know about special achievements, milestone birthdays—whether it's 30, 50, or beyond. If writing isn't your thing, just send the details and we'll craft the story for you. Let's work together to highlight more of our extended TCA family in the Bullseye. Send submissions to: [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com).

Contributing Editor: Betty Turnbull



## *Flowers of the Forest* 1938 - 2025

### REMEMBERING BRIAN P. TURNBULL



Brian P. Turnbull will be remembered as a man whose life was defined by devotion—to his family, to his community, and to the heritage he worked so faithfully to preserve. He was the beloved husband of the late Gail Elizabeth McCallum, and a devoted father to Anthony Hugh Turnbull (*wife Christine Mott*), Monica Marie Gail Turnbull, James Brian Turnbull (*partner Julie Langlois*), and Peter William Turnbull (*wife Maija Davis*).

Brian was also a proud and loving grandfather to Joshua, Andrea, William, Carson, Chase, Grier, and Gaines, and he took great joy in welcoming the newest addition to the clan, his great-grandson Eddie.

Born and educated in Montreal, Quebec, Brian built a distinguished career with Northern Electric Co. Ltd., later known as Nortel Networks. Beginning in Methods Engineering, his natural ability to guide and support others soon led him

into Human Resources, where he served in a wide range of roles including Management Development and other HR specialties.

Over the course of his career with Northern Telecom, Brian held responsibility for human resources and administrative functions in locations across North America, Mexico, England, Malaysia, and Thailand. When he retired in 1995 as Assistant Vice President of Human Resources for Northern Telecom Electronics, he left behind a legacy of leadership, mentorship, and respect.

Yet Brian's contributions extended far beyond his professional life. For more than twenty-five years he served the Turnbull Clan Association as its Webmaster and Genealogist, quietly working behind the scenes to preserve family history and connect members across the world. Through his dedication, history, news, and family records, his efforts became accessible to generations of clan members everywhere.

For most of those years he also served as an officer of the organization, providing continuity, thoughtful counsel, and steady guidance as the association evolved from a national body into a global one. Many relied on Brian for his wisdom and insight, but he never sought recognition for his work. Countless members today have a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Turnbull because of his efforts. True to his nature, Brian worked quietly, generously, and with unwavering commitment—simply because it mattered.

Above all, Brian's life was marked by deep love for his family, a quiet strength, and a warm and generous spirit. He cherished the many friendships he formed throughout his life and was profoundly grateful for the memories he shared with those dear to him.

***He has done more for the clan, for a longer time, than most will ever know—often without recognition, always with humility. That was simply the kind of man Brian was. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.***



*Brian and Gale Turnbull on the first organised TCA Scotland trip in 2007*



## Scholarship applications now being accepted



Looking for a way to further your education while also exploring your Scottish roots in a meaningful way?

The Turnbull Clan Association is proud to offer scholarships that go beyond traditional academic support. These scholarships are designed not only to assist with continuing education, but also to encourage a deeper connection to Scottish heritage—whether through studies in history, language, music, or participation in classes and experiences centered on Scottish traditions.

This is a unique opportunity to invest in your future while embracing the rich culture and legacy of the Turnbull Clan. Whether your path includes formal education, professional development, or heritage-focused learning, this scholarship is here to support both your personal growth and your cultural journey. All ages are welcome to apply.

Applications for 2026 are open now through May 31. The recipient will be announced at the annual AGM, featured on the clan website, and highlighted in *The Bullseye*, the clan's newsletter.

Applications are available online. Apply today and be part of the continuing Turnbull Clan legacy.

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

*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:**

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### BULLSEYE

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## Flowers of the Forest

Remembering  
Earnest Turnbull

16 March 1934 - February 2026

Ernie Turnbull, beloved husband of Barbara Ann Turnbull (*née Bennett*), passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, in Calgary, Alberta, at the age of 91, surrounded by his loving family.



Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1934, Ernie attended St. John's Roman Catholic School in Portobello and later studied in England before briefly entering the seminary. After deciding the priesthood was not for him, he served in the British Army as Acting Lance Bombardier with the 19th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, he travelled to Germany and Japan and serving in Korea near the end of the Korean War.

In 1958, Ernie moved to Edmonton, where he completed degrees in Economics and Education at the University of Alberta. He began teaching that same year and met Barbara; they married in 1960 and raised three children in Edmonton.

Ernie devoted 29 years to education with the Edmonton Separate School Board, serving as a teacher and later as principal at several schools, including St. Mary's, Louis St. Laurent, and Austin O'Brien. He later served the community as a school trustee and chairman. Known for his kindness, humour, and dedication, he left a lasting impression on many students and colleagues.

Ernie loved music, theatre, sports, and travel. He especially enjoyed playing cribbage with friends, singing Scottish folk songs, and exploring the world with his wife Barbara.

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, proud father, and a man whose warmth, humour, and generosity touched many lives.

## Can you identify this castle?

Located somewhere around Scotland, this castle shows a walled-in section with a history of a major siege.

Can you identify the castle and what stood there before the siege? Send your entry to [editor@turnbullclan.com](mailto:editor@turnbullclan.com).

**First correct winner's name will be published in the next Bullseye.**



**Congratulations - Bragging rights go to both Pamela Turnbull of British Columbia, Canada and Margaret Turnbull Betschen, Delisle, of Saskatchewan, also from Canada.**

**It was a tied response in finding the 'Little Bull'**

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



## JEDBURGH CASTLE REBUILT AS A JAIL



In 1409, Sir James Douglas ordered the castle to be demolished. A jail was built over the site in 1823, but closed again in 1888. The jail was eventually reopened to the public as an historic museum of the local area. It is reputedly believed that a former jail mate, Edwin McArthur an unpleasant man, still haunts the jail.



HAWICK REIVERS FESTIVAL



**AT A GLANCE**  
THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



## FUTURE PLANNING CELEBRATIONS FOR BEDRULE CHURCH



Attendees enjoyed the Turnbull wine Katherine kindly brought us. We thought the inaugural General Meeting was a suitable occasion, and good it was too.

### Chair's Notes on activity since 19th December 2025

Two very good celebrations in December, were well attended. (There will be no Easter Service due to shortage of time and aiming to not conflict with Parish events) Aim: 3 or 4 occasions a year  
Our Business Plan foresaw 1st 2 years as being standstill in terms of major changes.

### We have joined 4 organisations

Community Borders Action Network – local support  
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations – national support  
Dev't Trust Association – dedicated Churches Officer  
Heritage Network – information on grants, conferences etc.

### Things we are doing:

Continuing Work with Archaeology Scotland  
Procuring a pre-feasibility Study with the help of the Architectural Heritage Fund

### Working with SBC on . . .

1. Pre-planning advice. Document submitted indicating the sorts of ideas we have received on improving the usability of the building.
2. Graveyards department on things like bringing in water, access etc.

Working with DTAS and Churches Conservation Trust on a pilot scheme harnessing the tourism appeal and offering of redundant churches in Dumfries and Galloway and Scottish Borders.

### Developing a programme of summer events

1. Series of 4 historical lectures by Mary Craig – historian and author
2. In September – Lost churches of the Borders
3. On recital of medieval music, organ music and singing by Christine Robertson (nee Turnbull) from Devon PROVISIONAL.

Continuing to build the relationship with the Turnbull Clan, Village Hall and the donors.

Making various presentations – Parish Women's Guild, St Mary's in Hawick etc

And generally finding our feet.

*Alan Bailey for Bedrule Church Future*

## TURNBULL CLAN TENT CONVENER SPOTLIGHT

*As we look ahead to the upcoming Highland Games season, there's a real sense of excitement building - the return of familiar fields and festivals, the chance to reconnect with friends across clan row, and the opportunity to welcome new faces to the Turnbull tents. This spotlight series aims to kick off the season by celebrating the volunteers who make those connections possible and keep Turnbull Clan visible year after year.*



**Conveners Jeff & Sue Trimble  
Wisconsin, USA,  
TCA hosts for 10 years!**

### **What is a clan tent convener?**

*A convener is the volunteer who sets up, hosts, and runs the Turnbull clan tent at Highland Games and heritage festivals - welcoming visitors, sharing Turnbull history, promoting membership, and making sure everyone feels at home. In this spotlight series, we're featuring our conveners and the experience of being the friendly face of Turnbull Clan on the field.*

### **How did you first discover the Turnbull Clan Association?**

I was introduced to the Turnbull Clan Association through my father, who was very involved and served as a Vice President of Events. Growing up around the clan made it feel like a natural part of my life.

### **What originally drew you to get involved with the clan rather than just attending events as a visitor?**

The history of Turnbull Clan really captured my interest. The more I learned, the more I wanted to be part of keeping that story alive rather than simply observing from the sidelines.

### **What first made you consider hosting a clan tent?**

I wanted the opportunity to meet other Turnbolls and help spread the word about our clan association. Hosting felt like the best way to create a place where people could find us, ask questions, and connect.

### **What do you personally get out of hosting that you didn't expect when you started?**

I didn't realise how many people would come to the tent truly hungry to learn about their Scottish roots. When we share our story, they're often amazed by the history and being part of that discovery is incredibly rewarding.

### **What would you say to someone interested in hosting but feeling hesitant or inexperienced?**

We have wonderful support in place. There's a starter pack with banners and materials, help from the Vice President of Events, and I would personally be happy to lend supplies or guidance if needed.

### **Did you feel like you needed to be an expert when you started?**

Not at all. The support network makes it much easier than people think.

### **What's been the most rewarding or memorable moment you've had as a tent host?**

As a host: Meeting fellow Turnbolls is always special, and I particularly love telling the story of the Turning of the Bull to the kids. Seeing their reactions never gets old.

### **In one sentence: what does hosting a Turnbull Clan tent mean?**

It means keeping our heritage and culture alive and passing that knowledge on to others.

♦ *Could you see yourself welcoming visitors under the Turnbull banner at a local Highland Games or Celtic festival near you? Clan tents are made possible by volunteers just like you. If you're interested in learning more, please contact our Vice President of Events. Starter packages provided for new tent hosts.*

**Katherine Turnbull, at [katturnbull01@gmail.com](mailto:katturnbull01@gmail.com)**



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

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

14<sup>th</sup> March - Rocket City Scottish Festival, Sharon Johnston Park, New Market, Alabama

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

16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May - Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival, Townsend Visitor Center, East. Lamar Alexander Parkway., Townsend, Delaware

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 - Virginia Scottish Games, The Plains, Virginia

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

***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!***

***With a little guidance and your own creative ingenuity, you will soon have a place known for your hospitality, knowledge of our heritage and decorating skills!***

***There is no better place to meet people searching for their roots, as well as family and friends!***

*If you need more information or know of any other up-coming Highland Games where TCA can tent host, please contact Katherine Turnbull at the following:  
[kattturnbull01@gmail.com](mailto:katturnbull01@gmail.com) - TCA VP for Events.*



# Turnbull Clan Association Worldwide

## News from around the world

by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor



### Australia - Hospitality CEO in Dubai

After more than a decade working alongside mentor Adrian Zecha at Aman, and later as CEO of Azerai Hotels, Carolyn Turnbull returned to Australia to lead Tourism Western Australia. "I felt ready to return to a

global hospitality leadership role. The opportunity to build a hospitality platform redefining luxury travel globally, made the move to Dubai both exciting and very natural. Australia's tourism industry is grounded in authenticity, storytelling, and connection to place. That perspective shapes how I think about luxury hospitality today. Luxury to me is about freedom of choice and emotional connection. We think of luxury as boundary-free hospitality.

### USA - Elementary School CEO



Hughston Elementary school in Plano, Texas, has an unusual program; a pet laboratory with twenty plus animals. Included is an Axolotl. The hands-on program allows nearly 80 fourth- and fifth-graders to care for reptiles, mammals and aquatic species before school each day. "I started it about 10 years ago. It all started with one lone bearded dragon named Spike," says Ms. Turnbull, Hughston's fifth-grade team leader. Nearly eighty students feed and care for reptiles, mammals and aquatic species before school each day. A nonvenomous ball python named Fang, is also kept in a locked enclosure handled only by Ms. Turnbull.

### Canada - Housing architectural design leadership

An investor's clarity and an architect's insight by Canadian Architect Geoffrey Turnbull from Heartwood Investments, brings to climate-resilient, well-designed rental housing and seen as a viable alternative to home ownership. Heartwood Investments is focused on building "a new generation of climate-safe, purpose-built rental housing." We



work with terrific architects to create distinctive, human scaled communities centred on well designed, livable homes. Heartwood's project at 353 Sherbourne, was designed to preserve a heritage church while adding 400 low-carbon rental homes. That said, the real answer is proving that efficient, resilient, low-carbon buildings are better investments.



### Canada - Celebrating a very proud Olympics hockey dad



Ron Turnbull's daughter Blayre Turnbull is competed at her third Olympic Games with the national women's hockey program, winning silver in 2018 and a gold medal in 2022. Ron commented, "I'm a bit used to it now, definitely

not as bad as I used to be at being nervous while watching her play in big-time events. He can only sit in the stands and watch his daughter don the Canadian jersey. Home town Stellarton Mayor Stroud said the town is closely followed Turnbull's third Olympic experience. "Blayre continues to inspire countless youths making her hometown, Stellarton, proud."

### New Zealand -Newly appointed CEO to lead companies

The new CEO to lead all five Yili Oceania Business Division companies in New Zealand has been appointed. Alex Turnbull heads Westland Milk Products, Oceania Dairy, Canary, EasiYo and Pure Nutrition. He will report to the director of the Yili Oceania Business Division of Yili in New Zealand, Zhiqiang Li. Turnbull's strong track record across New Zealand dairy and food sectors made him the ideal candidate to build further on the global gains made by Yili's New Zealand companies in recent years. Li commented, "Yili's investment in our high-value strategy is continuing to reap dividends with extra production capacity in high-value protein global sales."



### Scotland - Scottish painting achieves world record price

A rare artwork 'The Horse Fair', created in 1928, is believed to be one of only a handful of such paintings by Agnes Miller Parker, a Scottish modern artist, who later became celebrated as a wood engraver and illustrator. The painting has sold at auction for £176,600 at fine art auctioneers Lyon & Turnbull's Scottish Paintings & Sculpture auction. This represents a world record for the Ayrshire-born and Glasgow School of Art-trained artist, who lived from 1895 until 1980. It is believed to be 10 times the highest price previously achieved for her work.



### UK - Farm Shop charity quiz nights

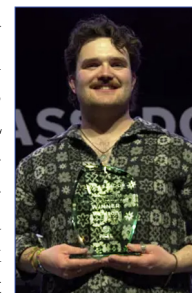


In Pickering, Yorkshire, a farm shop brought back its charity quiz nights, and promised another season of fun for a good cause. Lauren Turnbull,

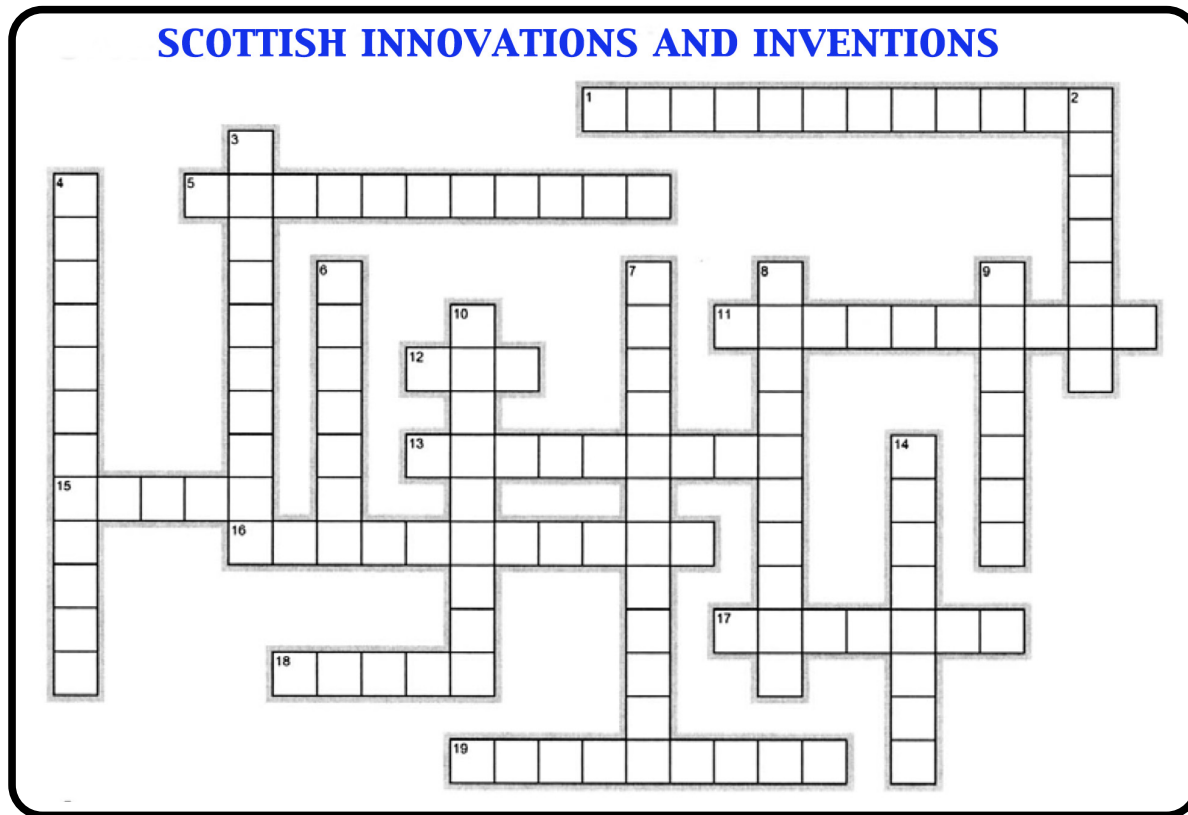
assistant general manager at Cedarbarn and organiser of the events, said: "Last year's charity quiz nights were so successful that we repeated them in 2026. "Proceeds from the January quiz went to Lucy's Legacy to help raise funds to support people struggling with maternal mental health issues." Over the past two years, the Cedarbarn team have raised more than £43,000 overall for Macmillan Cancer Support, Prostate Cancer UK and local charities.

### UK - Venison win at theTheatre@Sea

Playwright Huw Turnbull has won the prestigious Ambassador PEEL Play writing Challenge with Venison, a tense and gripping black comedy farce that will premiere as part of Theatre@Sea. His award-winning play turns an awkward dinner party into a darkly comic murder mystery. "As a writer, I believe that theatre should be for everyone, and it's for this reason that I choose to work in "popular" genres – in this play comedy and murder-mystery – that have a broad appeal and an accessible contemporary cultural language."



# CROSSWORD TEASER OF SCOTTISH HISTORY



## Across

1. Mathematician John Napier was the innovator of this mathematical period (2 words)
5. Robert Thompson is responsible for this quill with a reservoir (2 words)
11. Did John Logie Baird ever think this invention would be called a boob tube
12. Using Bell's invention, Frederick Creed found a way to eliminate Chalmers invention with this machine
13. Next time you are changing a flat think of Robert Thompson's and John Dunlop's invention of a "\_\_\_\_\_" tyre.
15. Sir William Fairbairn is to be thanked for tubular "\_\_\_\_\_", strength with less weight
16. Use Sir Keith Elphinstone's invention if you want to avoid a ticket
17. Without Kirkpatrick Macmillan's invention, the French would have never heard of Lance.
18. Robert Watson-Watt's invention of the human form of bat vision
19. "Hello" said Alexander Graham Bell

## Down

2. Sir James Dewar's flask
3. The piano wouldn't be the same without John Broadwood's lower extremity apparatuses
4. Sir David Brewster is credited with this colourful crystal light pattern in a tube
6. George Cleghom reduced the suffering from malaria with this cure
7. The adhesive form of this takes on a new meaning to the mail must get through, credited to James Chalmers (2 words)
8. Where would doctors be without this discovery by Sir Alexander Fleming
9. Called tarmac .. John MacAdam is the man to thank after a long road trip for this invention
10. Mechanical sheep - invented by Alexander Shanks.
14. Sometimes called a waterproof Macintosh after inventor Charles Macintosh

Answers to these will be in the May/June edition

## Did you know . . .



One of the beautiful views from Bedrule is that of Ruberslaw, a large 1400 foot (.4 km) high hill. This rise which dominates the Rule valley can be seen from many angles and played a significant role during the time of the Covenanters\*. Despite great efforts from the Episcopalian Church and the government, conventicle or clandestine prayer meetings were held at fairly regular intervals in Bedrule and the surrounding area. Lookouts perched on Ruberslaw would watch for government spies seeking any illegal meetings and warn of danger so preachers and worshippers could disband before being caught.

\* The Covenanters were a prominent religious and political movement in Scotland, primarily active between 1638 and 1688. Their defining moment was the signing the National Covenant in February 1638. The aim, to resist King Charles I's religious changes.





**Did You Know?**  
Mining the Turnbull Clan Web

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

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

## THE TURNBULL TARTANS: WHY WE ARE SO WELL DRESSED ...

Tartans are among the most recognizable symbols of Scottish heritage today. For Clan Turnbull, our tartan is more than fabric — it is a visual expression of history, kinship, and pride. To understand the story of the Turnbull tartans, we must first understand what a tartan truly is.

A tartan is a fabric, normally woven of wool, that consists of stripes of varying width and color. These stripes run vertically (the warp), with matching stripes running horizontally (the weft). The result is a pattern that appears to be squares crossed by stripes. This pattern is known as the sett. The final tartan is a repeating run of the sett.

The modern story of the Turnbull tartans begins in 1977 with John F. Turnbull of Hawick, Scotland. That year, John founded the Turnbull Clan Association to reestablish links among Turnbells worldwide and reconnect them with their rich heritage. With tireless dedication, John and his wife Myra worked from their living room, writing letters by hand and addressing envelopes to every Turnbull they could locate across the globe. They planned clan events, organized gatherings, and built a worldwide network of kinship — one envelope at a time.

John had studied design at university and completed an apprenticeship in plaid design. Though he once intended to pursue design as a career, his father's sudden death required him to take over the family store on High Street in Hawick. Yet his training and passion for design would prove invaluable.

John discovered that Clan Turnbull had no official tartan. Determined to correct this, he set out to create one worthy of the name. In designing the Turnbull tartan, John chose to incorporate key features from the Bruce and Douglas tartans — two clans that played important roles in Turnbull history. Through his effort and expertise, Turnbull tartans were created, widely recognized, and officially registered.



*Bruce Modern*

*Douglas Modern*

*Turnbull Modern*

The Turnbull tartans were registered with the Court of the Lord Lyon, overseen by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, the chief heraldic officer of Scotland, Great Officer of State, and a judge within Scotland's judiciary. Having a tartan registered with the Lord Lyon means that the design is officially recorded, unique, and recognized as authentic by Scottish authorities. The pattern's thread count, colors, and clan association are permanently documented, creating a public and lasting record of heritage.

Because of John's dedication and vision, Clan Turnbull now has officially recognized tartans that stand proudly among Scotland's historic patterns.

Today, when we wear the Turnbull tartan, we wear more than woven wool. We wear the vision of John and Myra Turnbull, the dedication of those who rebuilt global clan connections, and the enduring legacy of our Scottish roots.

The sett repeats endlessly in the fabric — just as the story of Clan Turnbull continues through each generation.



**Now you know!**

# FOR THE YOUNGER TURNBULLS . . .



Hi Kids! In this issue discover the fascinating story of the Turnbull clan. Make a fun craft as a reminder of your neat heritage and try your hand at writing poetry about your family. Share your acrostic or craft with [bittybulls@turnbullclan.com](mailto:bittybulls@turnbullclan.com) and include your name and age.

## What's in a Name?

Have you ever wondered where your name came from or why you have the name you do? Names are very important because they help us identify who we are. Many family names describe jobs that families do or used to do (Baker, Carpenter, Smith) and other names describe a physical feature that families used to live by (Brooke, Moore) and still others describe people that we are related to (Johnson-John's son, McGregor). Some names even tell us about certain features that describe a person (White, Blacks, Greensleeves).

The **Turnbull** name has a very fun story behind its origin. One day Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland, was out surveying some of his land when he was charged by a bull. William of Rule saved the king's life by wrestling this great bull to the ground. Out of gratitude for what had been done, Robert the Bruce dubbed William of Rule as Sir Turnebull. Later the e was dropped, but the name continues to this day. What an exciting way to earn a name!

Learn about your name, both first and last. Listen to the stories behind them to help you understand where your family came from and what is important to them. Remember to make good choices in your life so that people connect your name with good character.



Robert the Bruce

*A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. ~Proverbs 22:1*

An **Acrostic** is a type of poetry where each letter of a word is used as the beginning letter of a verse or sentence that describes the original word.

Example: **S**hines brightly  
**U**p in the sky  
**N**ice and warm on my skin



You try it! Think of things that describe your family or things that you enjoy doing with your family.

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## Clan Turnbull Names & Septs

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B D U Y S B E E U M E B L W D	TREMBLE
E H Y R W M F Z B N N P W U Y	TRIMBLE
P L W D V U H L U R H W O A G	TRUMBLE
F J L A H R E K U E O T R W M	TURNBALL
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**The Man Who Saved the King** by Betty Turnbull  
 (40 pages, picture book)

As a grandpa retells the historical story of William Rule and King Robert the Bruce to his grandson, he also teaches about purposeful and courageous living. Beautiful landscape illustrations help children learn about the setting of this story. Historical timeline is included in back of book.

**Hamish the Highland Cow** by Natalie Russell  
 (32 pages, picture book)

The very hairy Hamish hates baths and haircuts. When he becomes too smelly, his friends come up with a plan to clean him up. A colorful book full of silly and winsome characters that will please even the tiniest of readers.

## Highland Kyloe (kahy-loh)

These Scottish beef cattle with long horns and long, shaggy coats live in the highlands of Scotland. They are strong and sturdy and live well in cold and rainy areas where other types of cattle cannot. They also eat many plants that other cattle do not. It is their long, shaggy hair that keeps them warm instead of a layer of fat.



# SCOTTISH INVENTIONS: THE HISTORICAL NOVEL – WALTER SCOTT

Researched and compiled by Kenneth Turnbull

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



Sir Walter Scott

Sir Walter Scott (1771- 1832) was a Scottish novelist and historian and credited with inventing a romantic image of Scotland consisting of tartan, kilts and clans. He did so principally through his writing. Many of his works remain classics of European and Scottish literature, notably the novels ‘Ivanhoe’, ‘Rob Roy’, ‘Waverley’, along with the narrative poems, ‘Marmion’ in 1808 and ‘The Lady of the Lake’ in 1810. As important as Scott’s contribution to Scottish culture, his writing had an even greater and more worldly, significance. He was also the inventor of a literary genre now known as the historical novel.



*‘Jamie Telfer of the Fair Dodhead’ The chase, seeking revenge for his property destruction made by Captain of Bewcastle.*

*One of several models on display from a poem Scott wrote. Located in the Smailholm Tower, west of Kelso . . . for public viewing*

Born in Edinburgh, Scott spent much of his childhood in the Borders region of Scotland, where, at his grandparents’ farm, he became fascinated by Smailholm Tower\*, a medieval structure nearby. The tower’s dark, brooding character, and its sorrowful associations with wars such as the 1513 Battle of Flodden between Scotland and England, had a big impact on young Scott’s imagination. He was taught to read by his aunt Jenny in the town of Kelso and was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh.

He read history books, travel books and medieval chivalric romances, including John Barbour’s ‘The Bruce’, a poetic account of the life of Scotland’s great warrior, King Robert the Bruce. In 1814, Scott by then, was a successful poet and had completed his first work of prose fiction with the novel ‘Waverley’. It is the first historical novel. The book’s fictional hero, Edward Waverley, is a young soldier with his head in the clouds. He gets embroiled in the Jacobite rebellion of Bonnie Prince Charlie and his Scottish Highland clans against the English government forces.

Scott’s depiction of Edward Waverley has shown him with feelings who became emotionally moved by his surroundings and experiences. Waverley contributed greatly to the modern romantic movement in literature. It demonstrates itself to be the archetypal historical novel as a fictional adventure in prose set amid real-life historical events. In much the same way other writers might use satire or allegory, Scott’s book uses history to comment on present-day, real-life concerns.

\* The cover of ‘Borders Tales and Trails’ guide book, shows Smailholm Tower where Sir Walter Scott lived and wrote his early works. Ed.

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