

Up-Helly-Aa 2010

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Martin's Squad—2003

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Jarl Martin Henderson

This year's Jarl is Martin Henderson from Lerwick. He is Cullivoe man through and through, and although he now resides in Lerwick, he is still heavily involved in Cullivoe and its traditions. His father and both his brothers are former Jarls, and he will continue the fine tradition in exceptional manner no doubt. Martin works at The Eric Gray Resource Centre in Lerwick during the week, and plays keyboard with the Cullivoe Band most weekends. We all wish Martin, his wife Ingrid, and children Jacob & Maisie all have a great Up Helly Aa weekend.



Martin is no stranger to being in the Jarl squad. He made his debut in 2002 appearing in Johnnie Clark's squad. Martin then returned last year as Euan selected him to be the Jarl-elect.

As well as being part of squads since he was at the Cullivoe School, Martin has been involved in other areas of Up Helly Aa. Martin has organised the hop concert for years, and his music talent and organisation skills have helped make the concert a success every time.

For this year's festival, Martin is taking on the persona of Kali Kolsson. Read the Saga of Kali Kolsson (aka the second Earl Rognvald) Earl of Orkney and Shetland 1136 to 1158 on page 6

We would like to wish Martin and family all the best, and hope they all have a wonderful Up Helly Aa day.

Squad List

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The Jarl Squad



Jarl: Martin Henderson



Ex Jarl: Euan Henderson



Future Jarl: Campbell Dickie



Barry Nisbet



Iain Williamson



Kevin Tulloch



Alan Keith

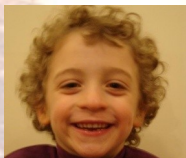


Gary Brown



James Leask

Junior Members



Jacob Henderson



Lee Watt

Musicians



Bendan Scollay



Graeme Garrick



Robbie Leith

Weekend Schedule

Friday 26th February

- 08:00** Jarl Squad breakfast at the hall cooked by Nisbet/Henderson Breakfasts.
- 09:30** Jarl Squad walk to Moarfield garage to meet in with the school and pre- school bairns.
- 09:45** Jarl Squad walk to Cullivoe Primary School with bairns in the Galley
- 10:00** Tea, coffee and biscuits in school. Photographs taken with bairns.
- 11:30** Jarl Squad visit people in Cullivoe, starting with Greenbank Road.
- 12:45** Jarl Squad return to the school for dinner with the bairns.
- 13:45** Photographs of the Jarl Squad are taken wherever the Jarl decides.
- 14:30** More visiting by the Jarl Squad, starting in Gloup and working south.
- 17:30** Jarl Squad return to the Hall for food and rest.
- 19:00** Gather at the hall to start the procession sharp at 19:30
- 19:30** Procession leaves the hall bound for the marina. Immediately following the procession, the squads will start their acts in the hall and school. After the acts, the dance will begin with music from the Alan Nicholson Dance Band

Saturday 27th February

- 11:30** Clear up at the Hall and School
- 13:00** Bus leaves for Burravoe where Food, Drink and Music will be served. Charges apply for all but the music
- 17:30** Depart Burravoe for Cullivoe.
- 19:30** Hop Concert then Dance to James Leask Dance Band.

Sunday 28th February

- 18:00** Meet at Hall for clear up. Head shavings start with biddings on heads for unusual hair cuts. All proceeds go to a charity of the Jarl's choice.

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Euan Henderson: Euan is in the squad this year as the veteran . Last year's jarl will add plenty of experience, humour and girth to the squad.

Campbell Dickie: This will be Campbell's second year in a jarl squad having served with Steven Henderson in 2001. He will return again next year as Jarl. Campbell's father was Jarl in 1977, and he will no doubt continue the tradition in fine style.

Barry Nisbet: This is Barry's first year as a member of the Jarl Squad. His father Andrew was Jarl in 1985. Barry has been involved in Up Helly Aa from his days at the Cullivoe Primary School. He is also heavily involved in the Hop Concert playing Fiddle, Guitar and Singing when he is at home from sea.

Ian Williamson: Iain is another fine fiddler and has appeared in the Hop Concert previously. Iain went to school with Martin and this is his debut appearance in the Jarl Squad. I'm sure Iain will entertain over the weekend with his music and humour.

Kevin Tulloch: Kevin is a great supporter of Up Helly Aa; he is on the committee and is one of the main galley builders. Having been in the jarl squad 5 times, including being the Jarl in 2003. Kevin will be a good help to Martin on the day. He is also heavily involved in local events and is the Chairman of the Cullivoe Hall

Alan Keith: This is Alan's first time in the Jarl squad. However, he has been in squads over the last few years and looks the part with his hairy Viking appearance!

Gary Brown: Gary has been a part of the Burravoe squad for many years now. He is a great musician and plays various instruments including the Ukulele. Like Iain, Gary was also at School with Martin and he will be a good support on the day.

James Leask: In 2008 James had the pleasure of playing for Up Helly Aa with his band and was part of the Lerwick squad who came to Cullivoe last year. James is back this year seeing things from a different angle as a member of the squad. Musically this is going to be some year!!

Jacob Henderson: Jacob is Martin's son and is very excited to be in the Cullivoe Jarl Squad. Even though he is only 6 he has a great interest in Up Helly Aa and relishes any opportunity to be involved.

Lee Watt: Lee is a family friend and was the pageboy at Martin & Ingrid's wedding. Like Jacob, Lee has a great interest in Up helly Aa and is looking forward to being a part of the Cullivoe experience

The Saga of Kali Kolsson

Kali Kol's son was born in 1103 and grew up in Agder, in the south of Norway. His mother was **Gunnhild**, daughter of **Erlend Thorfinnsson**, who had been joint Earl of Orkney and who was a nephew of Magnus Erlendsson (better remembered as **Saint Magnus**). His father, **Kol Kalisson**, was well known in Norway as a wise and noble man. Kali was talented, and wrote verse from a very young age – often, in good Viking style, boasting of his abilities and exploits.

*At the game board I am skilful
Knowing in no less than nine arts
Runic lore I well remember
Books I like, with tools I'm handy
Expert am I on the snow shoes
With the bow, and pull an oar well
And besides I am adept
At the harp, and making verses*

He became involved in the wrestle for power throughout the Norse kingdom from the age of fifteen, when he travelled to Grimsby in England on one of his fathers trading ships. There he met and became friends with Harald Gillichrist, a future king of Norway.

Kali returned to Norway with new English gear, and became known as something of a dandy. He was also a powerful man, and became involved in several skirmishes, due to the quarrels of men in his charge, and to his and his father's allegiances with other nobles in Norway.

It was as reparations for one of these battles that King Sigurd of Norway awarded Kali the Earlship of half of Orkney, a title previously held by his uncle Magnus. He would share the isles with his cousin, Earl Paul Hakonsson. King Sigurd also conferred upon Kali the name of Earl Rognvald, as Kali's mother Gunnhild considered the first Earl Rognvald Brusisson to be the most accomplished and best liked of the Orcadian earls.

Earl Paul, however, was not inclined to give up half his earldom to so distant a relative; he swore to fight the claim as long as he lived. Kali's father orchestrated a plan to help Kali claim his title. Six longships were sent west, with Kali onboard, to attempt to wrest control of the earldom from Paul. More ships would be sent by allies in Caithness.

Bad weather delayed the expedition, and Kali's ships anchored in Yell sound to reprovision. There they spent many days awaiting a fair wind, feasting with the farmers of Shetland and forging allegiances. Earl Paul got wind of their plans; he defeated the ships from Caithness, then sailed north to Shetland and captured Kali's ships. Kali and his supporters, including many Shetlanders, urged Paul to come ashore and fight; but instead he returned to Orkney with the captured ships. Kali returned to Norway as a passenger on a trading vessel with little gained, but with the Shetlanders firmly on his side.

The second time Kali set out for Orkney, his father Kol made him promise that if he was succesful he would build a cathedral in Kirkwall, in honour of his uncle Earl Magnus the Holy. This would help win the favour of the people in Orkney who had always held Magnus in high regard. In 1136 he sailed west again, having made this vow.

They first sailed again to Shetland, and when the correct conditions prevailed they made a swift invasion taking first Westray, then the rest of Orkney. Earl Paul was captured, and to



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1982 - George Tulloch *	2009 - Euan Henderson
1983 - Gordon Jamieson *	

* - Denotes now deceased

avoid fighting and bloodshed he was taken to Scotland, and was never heard of again.

Kali, or Earl Rognvald as he was now known, continued to make up verses and songs, and was often known to talk in rhyme. The building of St Magnus cathedral commenced as promised in 1137, and Orkney settled into many years of rule by Rognvald.

On a visit back to Norway, Rognvald was persuaded by a man recently returned from service in Constantinople that he should lead a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Rognvald agreed to do so, and in 1151 set out with fifteen ships. The fleet stopped in Verbon, in the west of France, where they were royally entertained; and Rognvald was offered marriage to Ermingerd, daughter of the late Earl who had ruled the city. Songs were written of this voyage, several of which are attributed to Rognvald himself.

*Maids in lace and snow white linen
Bring us here the white wine sparkling
Fair to see was Ermingerda
When we met her in our travels
Fare we now to try the castle
With our flaming oaken firebrands
Quickly leaping from the scabbard
Gleams the sharp edged smiter. Forward!*

They sailed on instead, to Galicia, in Spain; where they made an allegiance with a nobleman and aided him in taking the castle of one of his enemies. Passing through the Straits of Gibraltar, which the vikings knew as Njorfasund, they called next at Sardinia; here they attacked and burned several merchant ships, claiming as justification the fact that the sailors were not Christians.

Finally their voyage took them via Crete to Acre, from where they travelled to Jerusalem, and they bathed in the river Jordan. On their return journey they sailed to Constantinople, known to the Norsemen as Mikligard, and were entertained by the Turkish Emperor and his Norse Varangian guard.

After a winter spent in Mikligard, Rognvald laid up his ships and returned overland to Norway and then Orkney, visiting Rome and Denmark on the way.

When he returned to Orkney in 1153, he found that there had been considerable political intrigue in his absence. Rognvald had appointed young **Earl Harald Maddadsson** to rule for him, but **Erlend Haroldson**, who had been granted half the Earldom of Caithness by **King Malcolm of Scotland**, had also been granted half the Earldom of Orkney by **King Eyestein of Norway**. What followed was to become known as the War of the Three Earls. This ended with Harald and Rognvald killing Erlend.

Rognvald was later ambushed on a hunting trip to Caithness and killed by Thorbjorn Klerk, whom he had outlawed from the Earldom. Then the whole Earldom of Orkney passed to Earl Harald Maddadsson, who was to rule it for the next 46 years.

Rognvald Kolsson had been an earl of Orkney for twenty-two years, and had lived an impressive life: he had conquered Orkney; had Saint Magnus Cathedral built; had travelled throughout much of the world known to the northern Europeans at the time; and had even found time to visit Yell.

2010 PROCLAMATION

WIR JARL DECREES THAT GUIZERS WILL REPORT IN GOOD TIME TO COLLECT THEIR TORCHES AND START THE PROCESSION FROM THE HALL AT 7.30PM

WIR JARL AN EXILE IN DA TOON WILL MAKE A SMART INVATION OF CULLIVOE TO PLAY A KEY PART IN THIS YEARS CELEBRATIONS, HE WILL CENTRE HIS EFFORTS IN CARING AND LOOKING AFTER HIS BAND O' VIKINGS AND WILL STOP THEM REELIN AND WALTZIN AROUND AND CAUSING RACK AN RUIN WHEREVER THEY GO
LEADING HIS GALLEY TO DA BURNING SIGHT IN DA VOE HE'LL NO WANT HIS FAMILY GOIN IN DA GRID BUT STAYIN SIMPLY (S)ON DA ROAD, ACCORDIAN TO VIKING TRADITION HE WILL NOT BE ON DA FIDDLE DIS YEAR BUT WILL BE VAMPING UP THE FESTIVAL AN DAT WILL BE MUSIC TO DA COMMITTEE'S EARS

TANIGHT YOUR WELCOME TAE DA HALL TA CELEBRATE UP HELLY AA
SOME O' YOU FAE HERE AROOND WHILE DA JARL HAS COME ACROSS DA SOOND
DA BAND WI ALAN FAE BRINDISTER WILL MAK DA HALL AA SHACK AN MIRR
SO WADDIR YOUR DANCIN OR JUST PARTIN, WISH GOOD LUCK AN SKÖLL TAE JARL MARTIN

A POLYTUNNEL HAS BEEN TRIED AN A HELTER SCELTER TOO
WHAT NEXT IS PLANNED WE SOON SHALL SEE, THERE'S NOWT THIS MAN CAN'T DO
IT'S BETTER IN THIS CIRCUS THAN SITTIN IN THE SCHOOL
HE COULD TAKE FIONA FOR TRIPS ON THE ROSE MOTORING AROUND THE SWIMMING POOL

DARING DANNY SPED DOON DA ROD, TA LERWICK HE MUST GO
WE BAD RODS HIT'S A PROBLEM GOIN FAST OR GOIN SLOW
THINGS WERE GOIN ALL TOO WEEL FUR HIM, WE OOT A HITCH
WHEN ALL O' A SUDDEN DA CAR FELL OWER AN STUCK IN A BIG DEEP DITCH

3 OLYMPIC PIGS STAYED AT MUSTER, DA IDDER 2 STAYED AT HOME
POOR PINKY AN PERKY WERE ALL FENCED IN, O HOW DEY WISHED DAT DEY COULD ROAM
DA BIG BOYS DEY GOT TATTIES AN NEEPS AN AS MUCH AS DEY COULD ATE
BUT FOR POOR SOULS PINK AN PERK IT WIS FANCIES AN BACON OOT O' DATE
BUT VIRDALEA WAS DA PLACE TA BE, DAT'S WHERE DA ROSES GROW
DEY WIR ALL LOOKIN FINE AN TASTY, ALL SET OOT IN A ROW
ALL TOO SOON DEY WIR ALL GOBBLED UP AN DAN DA LADS MADE FUR HOM TA SNORE
LEAVIN A MESS O' EART AN BROKEN POTS ALL OWER DA GARAGE FLOOR

IT'S FINE TA BE A FERRYMAN
BUT DIRS SOME DATS KINDA DENSE
TACKIN HIS PICKUP ON DA FERRY TA WASH
IT WASNA ONLY SENSE
DEY LEFT DA PIER, DA ENGINE BROOK AN DIS ANNOYED DA TUP
WE HIS VEHICLE STUCK ONBOARD DA BOAT
HE COULDNA GET BACK TAE GLOUP

DIRS NO LASSES LEFT IN NORT YELL
NOO IT REALLY IS A SHAME
IT SEEMS TO BE DERE SOON SNAPPED UP
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BLAME
BUT DIS TWO LOCAL STALWARTS
DEY DIDNA HING AROOND
FOR DERE WAS PLENTY O LOVE LIFE
READY FOR DEM, OWER ACROSS DA SOOND

DA FAMILY ALL HANG UP DER SOCKS, DA HOOSE WIS IN A STEER
WHAN DA MASTER HANG UP HIS ANE, HIS WIFE TOWT HIT LOOKED QUEER
YOU'VE TURNED INTO A HAMSTER ROBERT! THERE ISN'T ANT DOUBT
YOU'LL HAVE TO FETCH YOUR GLASSES AND SORT THE MATTER OUT

IN THE FALL OF THE LAST YEAR, BAD NEWS WE DID HEAR
WE HAD LOST TWO FAITHFUL VIKINGS A MERE COCKSTRIDE FROM DA GUTCHER PIER

DA NOB'S-HILL BOYS WIS DRIVIN ROOND WI DA FROSTY RODS IT WISNA AISY
GIBBY NEARLY LANDED IDA VOE, FOLK TOWT DAT DEY WIR CRAZY
DAN MICHAEL CAM ROOND DA HOLY BEND, HE SAW HE COULDNA MAK IT
HE BUCKLED IN A RUSHTON'S FENCE AN LEFT DA RAILING POSTS ALL CRACKIT

HE SAT MAROONED UPON DA ROOF, HE WISNA QUITE PREPARED
DA LADDER WAS GONE HE WAS ALL ALONE, HE SOON GOT VERY SCARED
HE COULD WAVE A FLAG OR SHOUT LIK MAD HE COULD NOT BE DERE FOREVER
DAN HE MINDED ON HIS MOBILE PHONE AN SUMMONSED HELP FAE TREVOR

DOT'S HOOS WARMING WAS A GREAT NIGHT OUT, WI CAKES & SPIRITS, BEER & STOUT
CLAES WAS BALLED AMIDST DA HUB, FOR DA SIGHTS DAT WAS SEEN ASK YOU ALBY'S TUB

WE WIRK WIR BITS O' PLANTICRUBS AN WATCH DEM GROW DAY BY DAY
DER SOME DAT WEEDS DEM ALL BY HAND, BUT SOME PREFER A KILLER SPRAY.

THINGS WE'D LIK TA KEEN:-
DID STEVEN SING ABOUT THE SHOP WITH NO BEER?
DOES IVOR'S MICE HAVE MUSSELS?
IS DIR NO CRACK ON YELLSOUND?
WILL ORKNEY IAN BE ON TOP O' DA WORLD?
WILL ROBERT LET JAMES DRIVE DA BUS TAE BURRAVOE?

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