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Cullivoe Up Helly Aa 2014

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Guizer Jarl - David Spence

Our Chief Guizer this year is David Spence, who has chosen to represent Thorstein Olafsson. David takes up the mantle of Jarl exactly 50 years after his late father Bruce led the festival in 1964. David is supported by his wife Lorraine and daughter Bryony, who is appearing as a warrior princess.



"I have been an Up Helly Aa enthusiast for as long as I can remember. As a Cullivoe Primary pupil I was in the School Squads from the age of five, I then spent a couple of years making videos of the event before joining the Hillend Squad in 1988.

As a bairn I loved getting a sneak peek at the Galley from the late Georgie Henry, or a look at the billhead, again shrouded in

secrecy. Of course I wasn't the only one but it built a sense of something special happening that is impossible to describe. I also remember wearing the cloak my father had worn in Gilbert Tulloch's Jarl Squad in 1986, hoping one day I would get the chance to do the same.

I had my first taste of the Jarl Squad with Kevin Tulloch in 2003, the first year the galley burned in the voe. Since then I have had the pleasure of seeing the event grow to include the whole island, visiting folk all over the isle, involving every school and giving every bairn in Yell a chance to hold an axe or shield or get a photo taken with a helmet on.

The one thing I have always appreciated is the extent of the community involvement. It fascinated me how everybody came together for the event, and it still does. All the little things that work together to make such a big event go smoothly, make me as proud as can be to be Jarl.

Finally, I want to thank Lorraine, for putting up with the late nights both at the Galley Shed and home, and for her work in organising the princesses' outfits. Also thanks to Bryony for her relentless enthusiasm and ideas! On behalf of all of us and the squad I would like to thank Robert & Margaret Anderson, Christine Brown, Marie Nisbet, Ingrid Dickie, Susan Williamson and Marie Coutts, as well as everyone else who does so much over the weekend to make Up Helly Aa happen.

I hope you have a great weekend. Ves Heill!"

- David Spence

Schedule of Events

Friday 28th February

- 08:00 Jarl Squad breakfast at Cullivoe Hall, specially prepared by resident gourmet chefs Michael Henderson & Andrew Nisbet.
- 09:30 Jarl Squad walk to Moarfield Garage to meet the school and pre-school bairns.
- 09:45 Jarl Squad accompany the galley full of bairns to Cullivoe Primary School.
- 10:00 Tea, coffee and biscuits in the school. Photographs taken with the bairns.
- 11:30 Jarl Squad visit residents of Cullivoe, starting at Greenbank Road.
- 12:45 Jarl Squad return to the school for dinner with the bairns.
- 13:45 Photographs of the squad are taken at a location of the Jarl's choosing.
- 14:30 More visiting by the Jarl Squad throughout the township.
- 17:30 Jarl Squad return to the Hall for food and rest.
- **19:00** Guizers gather at Cullivoe Hall to start the procession sharp at 19:30. The bar will be open for a short while before the procession begins.
- 19:30 Procession leaves the Hall bound for the marina. Immediately following the procession squad performances will begin in both the Hall and school. Following the acts there will be a dance with music from the James Leask Dance Band.

Saturday 1st March

- 11:30 As many hands as possible are called upon to help clean up the Hall and school.
- 13:00 Bus leaves for the Burravoe Hall in South Yell where food, drink and music will be served. Charges apply for all but the music.
- 17:30 Bus departs Burravoe heading back to Cullivoe.
- 19:30 Various acts perform in the Hop Concert, followed by another night of dancing to the James Leask Dance Band.

Sunday 2nd March

18:00 Again, hands are required to help clean up the Hall. The bar will open after the clear-up when the Jarl Squad will have their heads shaved in "interesting" designs. Donations are invited and all proceeds will be given to charities of the Jarl's choosing. This year David has chosen to split the total amount between gifts for the Islehavn and North Haven Care Centres and CLAN.

Jarl Squad 2014



Former Jarl Michael Nisbet



Guizer Jarl David Spence



Jarl-Elect John Williamson



Barry Nisbet



Kevin Tulloch



Campbell Dickie



Tim Fraser



Melvin Hall



Brian Spence



Brydon Barclay



David Anderson

Junior Members



Bryony Spence



Hansen Tulloch



Connie Dickie



Bethany Dickie

A number of familiar faces appear amongst this year's Jarl Squad, who have been meeting regularly at the Galley Shed since late September. Here David lets you know who's who...

Michael Nisbet: "This is Michael's third appearance in the squad, I have had to call upon his experience as the former Jarl many times over the winter." John Williamson: "John makes his debut in the Jarl Squad as Jarl-elect after spending many years entertaining us from the hall floor as a dedicated guizer." Brian Spence: "Default artistic director, my brother Brian made his debut last year in Mick's squad and his judgement has been invaluable once again." Kevin Tulloch: "I made my Jarl Squad debut in Kevin's squad in 2003. Making his seventh appearance in the Jarl Squad, galley builder Bannock brings a wealth of experience, along with an unusual taste in cocktails."

Barry Nisbet: "Chief nautical advisor to the squad, this is Barry's second time round and I'm sure he'll keep the ropes tight during the day, and the fiddle strings even tighter later on."

Campbell Dickie: I was a member of Campbell's Squad in 2011. I have known him all my life. Along with his Jarl squad experience, Campbell knows how to make sure there is never a dull moment!

Timothy Fraser: "A former classmate, we came up through the school squads together, trying many other "enterprises" along the way. Tim was Jarl in 2006, and returns to lend his skills and fearsome presence..."

Brydon Barclay: "Somewhat less fearsome at first glance, Brydon's skills are at the forefront of the our weaponry and armour. Undoubtably Unst's greatest Up Helly Aa export (drinker?)."

Melvin Hall: "*Aa da waye fae Waas* - Westside personality Melvin has joined me on many a trip. Like his beloved AC/DC, I'm sure he will keep us all electrified over the weekend."

David Anderson: "Although I haven't known Davie O'Skerries as long as the rest of the squad, every encounter has been a spree. I do not expect that to change anytime soon!"

Hansen Tulloch: "Kevin's son Hansen has worked as hard as anyone over the winter to get the galley ready to sail. I am proud to share what will no doubt be the first of many Jarl Squad appearances for him."

Warrior Princesses: "My daughter Bryony has enlisted Campbell's daughters Connie and Beth to join her. All three have been Jarl Squad Princesses before, and this time, they mean business!"

Musicians: "Joining us this year are Andy 'Shakin' Stephen, Lewie Peterson, Ryan Couper, Kevin Brown, Adam Johnson and Peter Gear."



The Saga of Thorstein Olafsson

Thorstein Olafsson (or Thorstein the Red) was a viking chieftain who flourished in late ninth-century Scotland. He was born around 850 AD and was the son of Olaf the White, King of Dublin, and Aud the Deep-minded, who was the daughter of Ketil Flatnose. After Olaf's death, Aud and Thorstein went to live in the Hebrides, then under Ketil's rule.

Thorstein eventually became a warlord and allied with the Jarl of Orkney, Sigurd Eysteinsson. Together Thorstein and Sigurd waged a series of campaigns in Caithness, Sutherland, Ross, Moray, and a number of other regions, eventually receiving tribute from half of Scotland. However, the Scottish chieftains plotted against Thorstein, and he was killed; the exact nature of his death is unknown but it probably took place around 880 or 890. After Thorstein's death Aud left Caithness, sojourning for a while in Orkney before settling with other members of her clan in Iceland.

MJÖLLNIR

Thor's hammer, named Mjöllnir, is the weapon of the Viking god of thunder. Initially, Thor's hammer was thought to be made of stone, but in the Eddaic tradition it is an iron weapon forged by black elves named Sindri and Brokkr.

Thor's hammer is feared by jötnar, giants of Norse mythology, who endeavour to steal it. Miniature pendant replicas of Thor's hammer were very popular in the Viking Age Scandinavia.

THE SWORD CHANT OF THORSTEIN THE RED - WILLIAM MOTHERWELL

In a love more abiding than that the heart knows, For maiden more lovely than summers first rose, My heart's knit to thine, and lives but for thee: In dreamings of gladness thou'rt dancing with me, Brave measures of madness, in some battle-field, Where armour is ringing, And noble blood springing, And cloven, yawn helmet, stout hauberk, and shield. DEATH GIVER! I kiss thee.



Squad List

| Hall | Name | School |
|------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1 | THORSTEIN OLAFSSON | 1 |
| 2 | Spin Her Round Da Rum Room | 10 |
| 3 | Count(r)y Roads | 11 |
| 4 | Red Tin Rodeo | 12 |
| 5 | I Hae A Plan | 13 |
| 6 | Everybody Was Pothole-ing | 14 |
| 7 | Spencey the Scorey | 2 |
| 8 | The Vøice UK | 3 |
| 9 | Ye Olde Hilltoppers | 4 |
| 10 | Total Sharing | 5 |
| 11 | Aa Fired Up | 6 |
| 12 | Not Strictly Mid Yell | 7 |
| 13 | What A Load Of Crap | 8 |
| 14 | Happy Vikings | 9 |

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WISHES

JARL DAVID SPENCE AND HIS SQUAD

A GOOD VOYAGE AND A HEARTY WEEKEND! LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE HOP DAY.

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Wishing David and the Jarl Squad good luck and a great weekend! Photograph courtesy Joe Plommer



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Louise would like to wish David and his squad all the very best for a successful Up Helly Aa!

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Rosemary wishes Guizer Jarl David Spence, his squad and all his fellow guizers a very CDORST happy and successful **Up Helly Aa!**

-ein olafs

Proclamation 2014

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

WIR JARL WAS ON A HIGH ON HIS WAY NORTH TONIGHT, HIS CREW IN THE GALLEY MIGHT GET SICK, IF HE SPINNS HER AROUND AS HE TRAVELS UP THE ROADS BY THE HOOSES O'CULLIVOE. USUALLY SEEN WI DA VIDEO CAMERA HE MAY BE IN NEED O HIS SPENCER TONIGHT AS HE MARCHES B(R)Y ONY LORRY'S AN CARS LINING THE ROUTE TO THE VOE.

HIS VIKINGS COULD MAKE A **RACKET AN RUIN** HIS NIGHT OF **GUI**ZING STARDOM BUT HE WILL NOT FRET, AND WILL **STRING** UP ANYONE WHO **PLAYS** UP OR IS OUT OF **TUNE** WI THE FESTIVAL SPIRIT.

WIR SQUAD ACTS HAVE KEPT YOU ALL IN SUSPENSE AN WE HOPE DAT YOU DON'T TAKE ANY OFFENCE, WE HIV JAMES LEASK AN HIS BAND, DA BEST IN DA LAND, AN A BIG WELCOME FAE JARL DAVID SPENCE.

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION WAS SHOWING AT MAREEL, THE CROWD WAS EATING POPCORN AND DRINKING COKE ASWEEL, BUT THE FILM AND ITS ATTRACTION WAS QUICKLY FORGOT, WHEN A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL TOOK OVER AND SURPRISED THE LOT.

KENNY, OH KENNY IT WAS SUCH A DISGRACE, TO RUN OBERON ASHORE IN SUCH A STRANGE PLACE, DA NORT MOOTH O BALTA IS NOT VERY WIDE AND CAN BE GREATLY AFFECTED BY WIND AND TIDE, NOW YOU'RE A CULLIVOE MAN YOU MUST PULL UP YOUR SOCKS, FOLLOW DA FISHERMAN'S CODE AN STAY AFF DA ROCKS.

DA SOOTH AYWICK ROAD IS NO IDEAL RACE TRACK, WI OBSTACLES UNTOLD LIK SHAUN'S PICK-UP BACK, ALAS NOTHING'S MORE HIGH OCTANE AS CHRISTMAS DAY FUEL, AND ON BOXING DAY MORNING DA WRITE-AFF WAS DUAL.

SINCE INVENTING DA "MODEL T" IN EARLY '19, TO RUN AN ENGINE ON WATER HAS BEEN EVERY MAN'S DREAM, JOINING THE QUEST WI HIS TRACTOR AN ALL, BUT DA SALMONY KIND WID BE HIS DOWNFALL.

IT'S A SHAME WHEN A WORKMAN CAN'T TOIL, FOR HIS SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS ARE TOTALLY SPOILED, HIS ROOM MATE IS SNORING THEN UP FOR A PEE, IT'S A HARD LIFE IN PETROFAC I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE.

DA TRAIVLIN MEN WIRKIN UP HERE FAE SOOTH, LIK NOTHING BETTER DAN A BEER IN DIR MOOTH, DAE TRAVEL FAE SULLOM TAE UNST WITHOOT ANY FUSS, FUR DIR'S LAGER AN BEER FUR SALE ON DA BUS.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE BUT WE CAN'T EVEN WASH WIR FACE, DA WELLS IR GROWN OVER WHIT'S WRONG WI DIS PLACE? IT GOES AFF EVERY NOO AN AGAIN WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT, DAN PHONE SOOTH TA GET A MAN TA COME AN CONNECT IT. YOU MIGHT HAY A SINK FOO O' DENNIR DISHES, YOU MIGHT BE NAKED IN DA SHOOER, YOU MIGHT BE HOSIN DOON YOUR BRAND NEW CAR OR SITTIN UPO' DA PAN WE DA SCOOR.

SINCE DA NEW FERRIES ARRIVED, TEN YEARS AGO IN MAY, FISHING BOATS HAVE USED THE PONTOON AN SLIPWAY, BUT WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY TO MUCK IT ALL UP, DA AULD TIMES AT ULSTA NEEDS SOMEWHERE TO TIE UP.

ON THE TELLY WE LIKE TO WATCH COUNTRYFILE, TO SEE THE FARMING AN WEATHER FOR THE WEEK, SO IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SEE ONE SUNDAY, WIR VIKINGS PLAYING GAMES ON DA BEACH AT FUNZIE.

IN OLDEN TIMES A FOOTBALLER PLAYING FOR YELL, WAS EXPECTED TO KICK A BALL AN GIVE THE OPPONENTS HELL, BUT LAST YEAR THE TEAM, EACH AND EVERY MAN, SIMPLY HIKED FROM GUTCHER TO ULSTA PUSHING A VAN.

OUR DEAR ISLES OF SHETLAND ARE SCATTERED IT'S TRUE, AN WE DEPEND ON THE SERVICES OF FERRIES AND CREW, SO IT'S A BIT OF A BUMMER WHAT THE COUNCIL HAS DONE, THEY'VE PARED DOWN THE CREWS TIL THE FERRIES CAN'T RUN.

CUNNING WARFARE IS RIFE WI LANDOWNERS DA DAY, SOME SAY YUN GIRSE IS NO DINE, YUN GIRSE IS MINE, IT'S AYE BEEN DA SAM DA TOWT MAKS YOU WAKE, WI SOME MEN NO ABLE TA KNOCK IN A STAKE. SOON DIL BE CAAIN ALL NIGHT IDA DARK, WHILE DA YOWS GET TA GRAZE ON ANNIDER MAN'S PARK.

DA PARTY WUSNA DOON AT DA PIER LAST YEAR, BUT STILL FOLK ARRIVE FAE FAR AN NEAR, DIR SOME DAT MOANS AN DIR SOME DAT GROANS, DIR WAS EVEN A MAN DERE TRYIN TA SELL HIS STONES, WIR ERT KENT AS SHEEP TEEFS ALL TROW YELL, BUT FAE DAN DIR A FEW MEET TEEFS AS WELL. WHEN IN FETLAR A CONTRACTOR WAS ERECTING A FENCE, SOON AN ADMIRER HE CAME TO SENSE, WITH SOME DIVINE INTERVENTION WE ALL CAN SEE, THAT IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE HOW TWO BECOMES THREE.

DIR HORSES HERE AN MARES DERE BUT DEY JUST MAK A GUTTERY BUG, AN LAY DOON FENCES TA FIN A PLACE TA CRUG, DIS STALLION HE GOT FRESH ONE DAY AN MADE READY FOR HIS INJECTION, BUT DA PIG WIRE WUPPLED AROOND HIS LEEGS AN HE LOST DA REQUIRED ERECTION, TEMPERS FRAYED WI OWNERS "WE'LL HAE TA GET SOME CLOOT", OR PHONE DA VET FAE HOULL TA COME AN SORT ALL DIS OOT.

DA HILLTOP IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT NOW, IT'S WELCOME NEWS FOR YELL. WE WISH THEM LUCK, PLENTY ALE AND CRAIC, AND NO MORE BUSH FIRES AS WELL! OH CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE, DY BRANCHES WERE UNSEEN. DA NEW WANS DAT TOOK ON DA JOB, ONLY GOT HIM UP ON NEW YEAR'S EEN.

INSTEAD O CLOSIN DA FIRE STATIONS ALL OWER DA SHOW, IT'S URGENT EEN IS BIGGIT HERE IN CULLIVOE, WI DA FIRE DAT'S COME OOT O GARAGES AN LUMS, DA SOONER DA BETTER DAT A BRAND NEW EEN COMES!

JAMES HE CAN'T KEEP CONTROL O HIS DUGS, WHIT TIME DOES HE HAE LEFT TA ROUND UP HIS HUGS? DA IDDER DUG WAS SO BONNY AN SLEEK, ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES HE WAS MISSIN FUR DA BRUCKS O A WEEK, IF HE APPEARS AMONG DA DOONIES OWER DA CHAPEL BURN, HE MIGHT BE ON A ONE-WAY TICKET AN NIVER RETURN.

IT'S FINE TO HAVE A GUARDIAN ANGEL LOOK AFTER YOU, AN AABODY ELSE, DAT'S DA WHOLE O DA CREW, BUT DIS BOND CAN GO EASILY UP IN SMOKE SO BE AWARE, ESPECIALLY IF ALL DA BOYS DON'T GET DIR SHARE.

WHEN YOU GET ASKED TO PRICE HIGH A CONTRACTED SCHOOL RUN, DOUBLE IT, TREBLE IT, ACH HIT'S A BIT O A FUN, DA LETTER CAM BACK, CONTRACT SIGNED AN SEALED, JUST GOES TA SHOW DA PROFITS TA BE MADE IN DIS FIELD.

THE BIG ARRIVAL AT GUTCHER AT THE START OF THE DAY, A MATE ACTS UP WHEN THE SKIPPER'S AWAY, KEITH'S NAME IN THE LOGBOOK PUT HIM OUT OF SORTS, JUST AFTER ONE RUN HE FLED HOME IN THE DORTS.

AT HALF-PAST FIVE HE BRINGS WIS DA NEWS, DA COURT REPORT, DA FORECAST AN DA COONCILLOR'S VIEWS, DA SUMBURGH AIRSTRIP IS NEAR WASHED AWAY, WI SHINGLE FUR A FOUNDATION O WHIT CAN WE SAY? WIR BRIG AN WIR SOOTH ROD IS STILL NEGLECTED, BUT WI A LANDOWNER LIK WE HAY IT WAS TA BE EXPECTED.

DA SHOW WAS GOIN AWAY FULL SWAY, WHILE DA OIL BUBBLED ON IN DA VAN, THE STAFF WERE ON THE HOP BUT IT WAS SOON ALL TO STOP, AND RUIN THEIR AFTERNOON'S PLAN. THE FRYER NEEDED A TOP-UP, THERE WAS NOWT LEFT BUT OIL, SOME CUSTOMERS WERE FIT TO CRY, WHEN SOMEBODY SHOUTS OUT "YOU CAN ALL TURN ABOUT", FOR THERE WAS NO MORE FISH LEFT TO FRY.

WIR **ROBBIE** SPED AROOND DA HEID O DA VOE, A DARK WINTRY MORNING WI FROST AN SNOW, HE GOT STUCK IDA PARK, IT WAS NO SENSE, HE'D BEEN IDA BRIG IF IT NO BEEN FUR DA FENCE, HE TRIED TA PUSH, HE WAS SHAKIN WI FRIGHT, WHEN DA T.B.S. LIFEBOAT HOVE IN SIGHT.

HE WAS SUCH A BONNIE FREENDLY LAD, HE AYE FLYIN AROOND BE HIT GOOD OR BAD, HE WID SIT ON A POST AN WAIT FUR SCRAPS, SWEETS AN BISCUITS, LOAF AN BAPS, HE'D LOST ALL HIS FREENDS HIT WAS A SIN, HE EVEN PECKED ON FOLK'S DOORS TAE LET HIM IN.

THINGS WE'D LIK TA KEEN:

WIS R.S. FIRIN BLANKS AT NEWERDY? WILL CLAIRE KEEP HER FEET ON THE GROUND WHEN SMOKING IN FUTURE? IS ROBERT HENRY CONSIDERING A LIFE AT SEA? DID INGRID GET HER BLOODY MARY AN PAINT POT MIXED UP AT DA GALLEY SHED? WAS KEVIN TRYIN TA RE-ENACT BANNOCKBURN?

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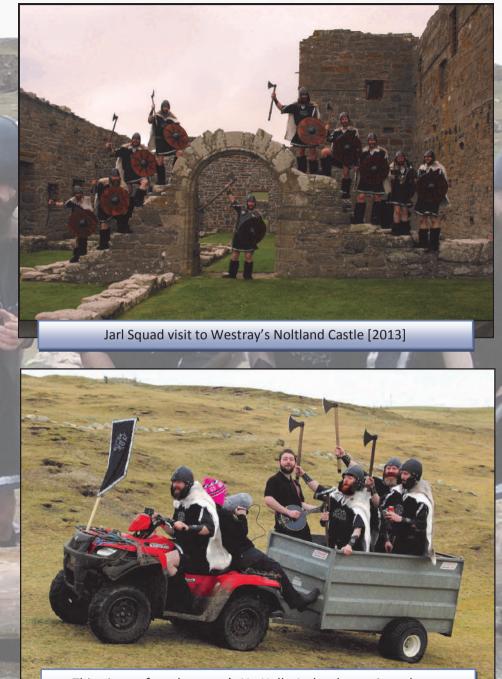
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Everyone at Hendersons wishes Spinner and his squad all the best. Looking forward to a great Up Helly Aa 2014!



We wish everyone a great Up Helly Aa!

From all at the CCI



This picture from last year's Up Helly Aa has been viewed over 500,000 times on photo hosting website Imgur. http://imgur.com/gallery/EHLqAMI

Roars fae da past...



The 1993 Jarl Squad [L-R: Robert Henderson, Neil Nicholson, Laurence Tulloch, Gordon Jamieson, Guizer Jarl Danny Jamieson, Marvin Thomason, Derek Jamieson]



A performance in the old Cullivoe Hall, now the Galley Shed [1975]



Mark Odie performs with the Burravoe Squad [2011]



Guizer Jarl Trevor Henderson [1995]

Netta & Andrew Anderson [1979]

Up Helly Aa 1964



Below is the full report from Cullivoe Up Helly Aa when David's father Bruce was Guizer Jarl. Reproduced with kind permission from *The Shetland Times* (6th March 1964):

"Another very successful Up-Helly-Aa was held at Cullivoe on the last Tuesday in February. Weather conditions were not very good - strong south, south-east winds with drizzle, but the guizers all mustered at the usual time.

Just before 8 p.m. Mr Bruce Spence, this year's popular choice for Guizer Jarl, moved up the ranks. Promptly at 8 p.m. the signal for lighting-up time went, the Jarl boarded his longship *Jord* and with his Viking squad led the procession on 50 guizers to the Public Hall.

Here the Jarl called for three cheers for Up-Helly -Aa, the galley makers and the torch makers and to the singing of "the galley song" he descended from the galley. The torches were thrown in and the galley was soon alight, watched by a good number of spectators.

Thereafter guizers and spectators adjourned to the Cullivoe Public Hall, and following the Jarl's speech, reading of the telegrams and guizers acts, the dancing continued until 5.30 a.m. next morning.

Mr Bruce Spence proved a most capable and efficient Jarl and along with his Viking squad and marshallers, carried out their duties in a very efficient manner."

LIST OF SQUADS

1. GUIZER JARL'S SQUAD (5) - Gay and colourful as before.

2. THE BEATLES (9) - They just had to be Beatles and five happy fans.

3. POST OFFICE ROBBERS (6) - The postman came in, was beaten up and robbed, and got rid of while the rest made off with the mail.

4. FORECAST FOR NEXT FEW MINUTES (5) - A very amusing lot, one working with corn, one with a cycle with weather slogans, the wireless giving out the forecast, and the abominable snowman coming in at the end.

5. S.W.R.I. FLOWER SHOW (10) - The members with their flowers, and judges for the night, started with reading funny minutes for the last meeting; next item was any

questions, then a tune on the accordion. When they were closing up they were chased by an Indian pedlar.

6. THEY WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER EWE (5) - A very funny lot as the ewes were really rabbits, which after being captured and examined were let go again.

7. DA TROWS - A very amusing lot. One entered and after going very hard on the rum, and listening to the record player, went into a coma. This was when the trows he was supposed to be seeing entered and were a very funny looking-lot. They danced around the drunk man and tried to revive him before leaving.

TELEGRAMS

"Hoping everyone has a good time tonight. Wish I were there with you." - Laurence, Tillicoultry

"Wishing you all success tonight, may the weather keep fair and your galley burn bright. Sorry we cannot be with you." - Cathy and Vina, Aberdeen
"Wishing you a successful festival." - Henry, Muriel & Ruth, Baltasound
"Best wishes for a successful night." - Baltasound Bakers
"Best wishes for a good night." - Marjorie, Baltasound
"Best wishes for a successful festival." - Nobie, Jessamine & family, Lerwick
"Big blaze, good night to all." - Joy, Edinburgh
"All the best for a good night." - Andrew Nisbet, Lerwick
"Every good wish for a grand night." - Robert & Norman, M.V. Mabel Warwick, Newport
"All the best for a good night." - Uyeasound Up-Helly-Aa Committee
"Brighter tonight than ever before." - May and Mac, Selkirk



Bruce & Vina Spence, with their sons David & Brian [Up Helly Aa 1986]



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Wishing Jarl David and his squad all the best for a successful Up Helly Aa

The Handover



Since 2011 the Galley Shed has hosted an event on the second weekend of September which sees the outgoing Jarl hand over the keys of the Shed to his successor. It also raises important funds for Up Helly Aa through a variety of different "contests".

The first year saw Campbell Dickie hand over to Graham Hughson with a night of horse-racing, with the outgoing Jarl Squad playing the role of the horses. Graham's handing over to Michael Nisbet saw a similar racing theme, with those in attendance again gambling on the outcomes. Last year saw Michael hand over to this year's Guizer Jarl David Spence with the Jarl Squads undertaking a series of *Krypton Factor*-style challenges.

The theme for this year is yet to be decided, when David will pass on the keys to Jarl-elect John Williamson. All are welcome to attend the Handover, which this year will take place at the Cullivoe Galley Shed on **Saturday 13th September 2014**.

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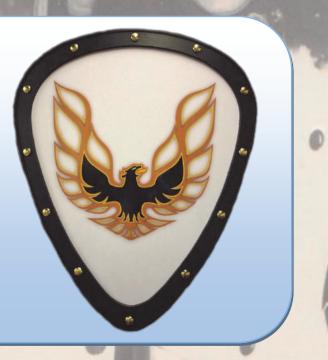
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Wishing Spinner and his Fireball-fuelled squad all the best and hope that they have a great time at this year's Cullivoe Up Helly Aa!

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Skol! This group can recall the original years of Up Helly Aa, and like the table they are sitting around they have seen some changes, but all hope to be out guizing on Friday night.[L-R: Robert Henderson, Andrew Nisbet, Robert Williamson, Charlie Tulloch, Alex Nicholson]



Galley Shed Shenanigans...



