

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 HAS BEEN JOINED BY THIS HONOURABLE GROUP OF WILLING VIKINGS WHOSE AIM IS FOR PROMOTING ONGOING MERRIMENT AND CELEBRATIONS. HE HAS SCHOOLED HIS SQUAD IN THE HOUSE RULES FOR TONIGHT, HE COULD BE A BIT SHEEPISH AND DOG HIS CREW ABOUT IF THEY SHEAR OFF THE ROUTE AND THEY MIGHT END UP WITH A CLIP AROUND THE LUGS IN ORDER TO RAM HOME HIS DIRECTIONS ABOUT PARKING. HE HAS BEEN ON THE DEFENCIVE WHEN HIS CREW WERE LAMBASTED FOR PLUNDERING, HE DIPLOMATICALLY SHEPHERDED THEM AWAY BY RESTORING ORDER AND CALLED FOR CA(A)LM. IF HE IS IN NEED OF SUSTENANCE ALONG THE ROUTE FAE COLVISTER TO CULLIVOE, THIS WILL MAINLY BE DELIVERED FROM MID YELL.

WELCOME TO UP HELLY AA, YOU KEEN IT IS JUST RIGHT FUR DA WAST O' FIRTH WALTZERS WILL BE PLAYIN TA YOU AA NIGHT THE VIKINGS AND GUIZERS ARE PRACTISED AND READY, WI JOHN AT THE HELM TO KEEP IT ALL STEADY.

DA BUSSES LOOKED ELEGANT ALL PARKED IN A LINE, DA BOSS STROLLED AROOND AN EVERYTHING LOOKED FINE CAMERAS WIR READY WI HANDS FINE AN STEADY BUT SOON DEY HAD TO MAKE FUR HOM DA BOSS GOT A TAXI AND OFF DEY SPED BUT DIR WIS TROUBLE LURKIN JUST AHEAD HE LOST HIS FITTIN SURELY EFTER SITTIN AN STUMBLD OOT TROW DA CAR DOOR HIS CHAUFFEUR YELLS OOT "WHIT'S HAPPENED NOO? DU'S LOST DE REFRESHMENT, I DIDNA TINK DU WUS FOO, DU'S BLUIDIN LIK A GRICE, IT DUSNA LOOK NICE, AN DER'S A DENT IN DA FRONT O DE BROO!"

ALL OF A SUDDEN DA FIVLA DID SHUDDER, "GOOD LORD" CRIES WIR JEEMIE, "DIR SOMETHING WRONG WI DA RUDDER" BUT VERY SOON DEY WIR IN FUR A SHOCK WHAN DEY REALISED DEY HAD HITTEN A ROCK.

SO DA REFERENDUM HAS BEEN AN GONE, AN WE ALL HED A SIDE. SOME EENS DIDNA LIK IT AN TOWT IT SAW FAMILIES DIVIDE. NIGHTS OOT WID SEE FREENDS ARGUE - ESPECIALLY IF DEY WERE FULL, BUT WEDDIR YOU WIR "YES" OR "NO" IT WUS CERTAINLY NEVER DULL.

SAID AULD JANNIE WI A SNIGGER "I'M HIRIN A DIGGER, ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE TOO LATE, I'LL TAKE IT SOUTH YOU KNOW AND PUT IT ON SHOW OR MAYBE HAVE IT LYING IN STATE". ALEC ARRIVED AND STARTED TO DIG BUT TINKS DER SOMETHING HERE ALL WONKY, HE SHOUTS "HOLY HELL!" FAE DA AWFUL SMELL AS HE PULLED DA HEED AFF O A DONKEY.

DA WELLBOATS CREWS GEED FUR A NIGHT IN TOWN, EATIN AN DRINKIN WI NEVER A FROWN, BUT DA NEXT DAY WUS DIFFERENT, DEY WERE STILL A BIT HEADY, AN FUR GOIN BACK HOM DEY WURNA QUITE READY. DIR WEEMIN GOT PLENTY EXCITED "OH WHERE CAN WIR DARLINGS BE?", SO DEY GOT ON DA FACECLOOT AN DAT FOOLED UP DIR SPREE. BUT DIS IDDER CREWMAN HE STAYED BACK UP AT DA HOOSE, BUT ON CHRISTMAS EVE HE LET HIMSELL LOOSE, HE TRIED TA NAVIGATE HIS ROVER BUT WAS FEELIN TOO MERRY, NEXT HE WAS ASHORE ON LJOGASUND SKERRY.

DA FERRYMEN IR BEEN ON STRIKE FUR WAN MORNING EVERY WEEK, DEY DUNNA LIK DIR PAY CONDITIONS, IT'S MAKIN DEM RIGHT SEEK, WE SHOULD ALL SUPPORT DEM, "SOLIDARITY FUR YELL!", BUT IF DIS GOES ON MUCH LONGER WE'LL START DIGGIN A TUNNEL WIRSELL.

HE STOOD HIS GROUND UP ON DA HILL FULL O DA FESTIVE JOY, HE HANDLED UP DA MIGHTY FLARE IT COULDA BEEN A TOY. HIS MIND FOR A MINUTE MUST HAVE STRAYED, ABOOT GOIN AFF AT DA HELLY, WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN HE FELT THIS THING BURNIN ON HIS BELLY. OH DEARIE ME, HE WAS HAVIN SUCH A MALLEE, HE REALLY TOWT DA WORST, GET ME WIFE TA COME AN SEE IF ME STOMACH'S BURST. BUT IT TURNED OOT ALRIGHT FUR DA REST O DA NIGHT, HE WISHED FOLK GOOD CHEER AN GOOD HELT, HIT ALL TURNED OOT OKAY FUR ON NEW YEAR'S DAY IT WAS LITTLE MORE AS A BLUE MELT.

GOIN ON NIGHTSHIFT IS NO VERY FUNNY, YOU MIGHT BE IN FUR A FRIGHT, GOIN AROOND DA VOE O CULLIVA IN A DARK WINTER'S NIGHT, DA BRIG IT SEEMS SHE DIDNA REACH, SO SHE TOWT SHE WID TAK A SHORTCUT ACROSS DA BEACH, BUT SHE DIDNA MAK IT, SHE GEED UPSIDE DOON, AN HED TA MAK TRACKS BACK UP DA TOON.

HE WENT OWER DA SOUND FUR HIS WARK'S CHRISTMAS DO, A GOOD HERTY PERTY SOME NEAR GOT FOO,
ON DA WAY BACK HE WAS FULL O WISE CRACK, BUT LITTLE DID HE KNOW HE'D BE TAKEN ABACK
WHAN DA SPIRITS TAK EFFECT AN DA GOING GETS ROUGH, DA CAPTAIN PHONES SELLANESS AN SAYS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

WIR OPERA SINGER SPED ALONG, BUT HE NEVER NOTICED HE WAS DOIN WRONG,
HE INCREASED HIS SPEED FEELING BRIGHT AND GAY, BUT DA LURKIN LAW WAS AFTER DIR PREY.
HE SOON WAS ARRESTED AND HAD TO MEET DA LAW, THEN END UP FACING CULLIVOE UP HELLY AA.

GET ENGAGED AN GET A CROFT HIT SEEMS DA WYE AHEAD,
BUT CUTTIN LAMBS AN WIRKIN DOGS IS A JOB LEE MUST SURELY DREAD,
TA JUMP OOT O A BUS AN IN TILL A PUND, IT WID BE A HORRID BASSLE,
BUT JOHN WILL TRAIN HIM ON DA SHEEP AROOND MUNESS CASTLE.

DIS WOOLLY GODS DEY IR A PEST, DEY WANDER DA RODS FAE EAST TA WEST
DEY GO IN FOLK'S GAERDINS WHILE TROW DA NIGHT DEY CRAWL,
WHILE ONE HED DA CHEEK TA MAK HIS BÚLE IN DA CULLIVOE HALL.

OH WHIT'S GOIN ON IN DA COONCIL CHAMBER, DIR MORE TROUBLE WI DA FERRIES NOO AS ANYONE CAN REMEMBER,
CAN DEY NO SPARE DA PENNIES AN HELP DA COMMUNITY AS IT IS, INSTEAD O SITTIN NJYRRIN AN CREATIN A FIZZ.
DA TUNNEL WUS DOOMED, IT NEVER GOT AFF DA GROOND, AN NOO WE HAE FERRYMEN FAE EACH SIDE O DA SOOND,
SO COME ON BOYS AN SMERTEN YOUR ACT, FUR YOU'RE NO DAT SMERT, DAT'S A WELL-KNOWN FACT.

OH WHIT'S COME O WIR WATER, DA PHONE LINES STARTED BIRRIN,
HIT SETS DA HOOSEWIFE IN A CRAZE AN DAN DEY START NJYRRIN,
BUT WHEN YOU TRY AN RAISEN AN HELP AISE DA PAIN, DEY TURN AROOND AN TELL YOU HIT'S CAMPBELL TAKIN UP A DRAIN.

OCTOBER SAW WIR VILLAGE EMPTY, DA POPULATION ON THE WANE,
ATWEEN A WEDDING IN CROATIA AND ANNIVERSARY IN SPAIN,
IT'S A MERCY NO BURGLARS CAM UP NORT TA COMMIT CRIMES,
FUR DIS GHOST TOON EVEN MADE DA PAGES O DA SHETLAND TIMES.

THE S.I.C. FLEET IS GROWING IT SEEMS, WI FERRIES AND TUGS - THE STUFF O FOLKS DREAMS.
NOO DIR'S BOATS AT WAST SANDWICK CAUSING MORE WONDER, A FLEET O MAILBOATS FOR SCHOOLS, JUST LIKE IN ST KILDA.

WE TOWT DAT WE HAD SEEN IT ALL, WI AN UP HELLY AA IN NEAR EVERY HALL,
BUT DA LATEST CRAZE JUST TAKES DA BISCUIT, AS DEY SIT IN A CHAIR AN WI ICE GET DROOKIT.

DA BOYS DEY LINED UP TA SAIL DIR FANCY DUKES DOON DA BURN O LAKSI,
SOME HAD COME BY CAR AND SOME HAD COME BY TAXI.
WI DA FAMOUS GROUSE IN 2ND PLACE AN JOHNNIE WALKER 1ST,
DA NEXT THING TA THINK ABOUT WAS TA GO AN SLOCK DA TRIST.
BUT WI DA FROSTY WADDER THINGS ARE MAYBE NO SO NICE,
YOU COULD FAA AN BRAK YOUR BITS O BONES AN TUMBLE ON DA ICE.

DA YELL SHOW JUMPING WAS ABOUT TO START, DA COMPETITORS WERE IN DIR VIKING SUITS DEY FAIRLY LOOKED DA PART,
DA FAVOURITE WAS SIR IVOR, HE QUICKLY TOOK DA LEAD, VERY SOON HE REARED HIS HEAD WI A FAIR GOOD TURN O SPEED.
DA ANTICS O DA JOCKEY AMAZED EVERYONE AROUND, THEN HE SEEMED TA GET ALL GIDDY THEN FALL FLAT UPON THE
GROUND.

WIR TRUCKERS' FOOT WAS VERY SORE AN FULL O ACHES AN PAINS,
IT TOOK HIM ALL HIS TIME TA KEEP DA TRUCK OOT O DA DRAINS,
YOUNG BROTHER HE WAS ON DA BALL, FULL O JOKES AN GLEE, "CAN DU NO JUMP AROOND AN BE DA SAME AS ME?",
BUT HE GAFFED UPON HIS IDDER CHEEK WHAN HE VERY SOON FOUND OUT,
AS HE TA GET ATTENTION WHAN HE TOO HAD GOTTEN GOUT.

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT JARL DU WUS WI BEARD, HAIR AND BULK - DU LOOKED JUST RIGHT,
BUT DU SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL DIS UP HELLY A NIGHT.
DAT BEARD AN HAIR GLOWIN BRIGHTLY AN WARM, COULD'VE CAUSED DEE MORE DAN A PEERIE GRAIN O HARM.

RACK & RUIN IS FULL O INTERNATIONAL FAME, WI MANY A YOUNG LAD WISHIN HE COULD DO THE SAME,
AN NOO WHEN DEY STAND AFORE DA MAST, WILL DA ANGELLS BE LOOKING DOON WHILE DEY PLAY FULL BLAST?
DEY MIGHT NEED A GUARDIAN DURIN DA CELEBRATIONS, BUT WIR SURE DEY WILL UP TA WIR EXPECTATIONS.

DIS COCK HE PRANCED ABOUT CATFIELD, CAUSING NOTHING BUT TROUBLE AN STRIFE,
HE HAD COME FAE EASTERLY DAN FEALZIE TAE START A BRAND NEW LIFE,
FOLK TRIED DIR BEST BOTH EEN AN AA TA KEEP DA BRUTE IN CHECK,
UNTIL DEY GOT A VIDLIN MAN TA COME AN TRAW IT'S NECK.

THINGS WE'D LIK TA KEEN:

DID STOP, STOP DA NORHOLM?

WAS ANDREW ALARMED AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE?

WHO TOOK LONGER TA TOW OOT - JULIE OR ANDY?

WAS PHIL'S FLAGPOLE THE BIGGEST ERECTION YOU HAVE EVER SEEN?

IS PETER P DA ONLY MAN STILL AT DA WHALING?

WAS CHARLIE AS LIGHT ON HIS FEET AS HE WAS WITH HIS FINGERS?

DID KENNY APPLY TOO MUCH STARBOARD HELM DRIVING SOOTH BY GREENSIDE?

DID DAVID KNOCK OWER LOUDLY ON DA GALLEY SHED DOORS?

DEFACERS OF OUR BILL WILL BE CASTRATED AND SENT BY ROYAL MAIL TO BE SCRAPPED AT THE COLVISTER QUARRY.

BY ORDER AND UNDER SEAL OF THE GUIZER JARL.

JOHN WILLIAMSON