



Cullivoe Up Helly Aa 2015

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Guizer Jarl - John Williamson

This year's Jarl is John Williamson, who has chosen to represent Ragnar Lodbrok. John takes up the mantle of Jarl 45 years after his father Andrew Williamson led the festival in 1970 and has served the longest "apprenticeship" of any Jarl to date, having performed in the very first school squad. John is supported by his wife Susan and daughters Lana, Emma and Katy.



"I have been a participant in squads since taking part in the first Cullivoe Primary School squad in 1971, the year after my father was Guizer Jarl. The participation of the school squad in Up Helly Aa was started by my mother who was headmistress at the Cullivoe School. This I believe was originally done to boost the number of squads at a time when they had been dwindling, but it has also resulted in generations of children who have taken part in squads every

year and when they leave school wish to carry on squadding, either by joining one of the established squads or setting up one of their own.

This is only my second year in the Galley Shed, my first being last year as Jarl-Elect in David Spence's squad, and I have really enjoyed the experience, despite being a bit apprehensive about getting everything ready in time. I am very grateful for all the help given and offered by members of the community.

Finally, I want to thank Susan, for putting up with me after late nights at the Galley Shed and for her work helping make the outfits for the bairns and the squad. Also thanks go to our three lasses Lana, Emma and Katy for their ideas and enthusiasm. On behalf of us all and the squad I would like to thank Christine Brown, Amber Halcrow, Lee Leaper, Jean Saunders and all the squad members' partners, the galley builders as well as everyone else who does so much over the weekend to help make Up Helly Aa happen.

I hope you all have an awesome weekend!"

- John Williamson

Schedule of Events

Friday 27th 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 **Wastafirt Waltzers**.

Saturday 28th February

- 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 **Wastafirt Waltzers**.

Sunday 1st 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 John has chosen to split the total amount between the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Isleshavn Care Centre.

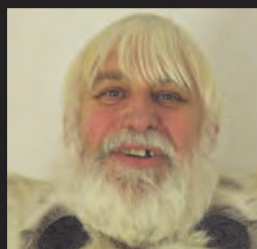
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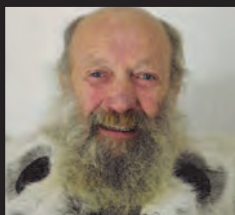
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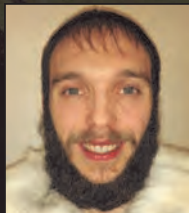
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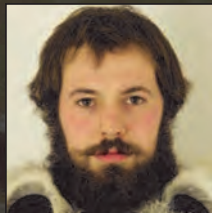
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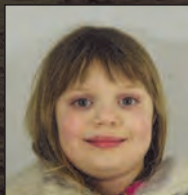
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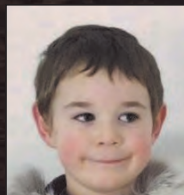
Lana Williamson



Emma Williamson



Katy Williamson



Bradley Simpson

Many new faces appear in this year's Jarl Squad, who have been meeting regularly at the Galley Shed since late September. Here John lets you know who's who...

David Spence: "Last year's Jarl, David brings all his experience as somebody who has taken part in squads but has also been involved in the organisation of Up Helly Aa itself for some time. He also provides musical talent!"

John Saunders: "This year's Jarl-Elect, John's calm and methodical approach to getting on with the job in hand has meant some of the more tedious tasks have been completed earlier than expected."

Robert Williamson: "a.k.a. 'peerie Robert O'Camb', a.k.a. 'Da Cambodian', is my uncle, and is the oldest Jarl Squad member to date. His many years of experience taking part in Up Helly Aa have given him a wealth of stories to tell."

Andy Williamson: "My brother Andy is renowned for his loud vocal presence and also as a well-known bar steward. Andy has been instrumental in the preparation of the work area."

Andrew Leaper: "A long-time friend of mine, Andrew has joined me on many a raid in the past. He has excelled at handling the squad's weapons and joined in the musical sessions."

Darren Saunders: "My nephew Darren has been ever-present at meetings and keen to help out with anything he can, but is happiest when dealing with food..."

Matthew Saunders: "Matthew is another nephew, and as a Leisure Centre operative we hope he will be able to organise squad games and activities."

Stewart Williamson: "Yet another nephew of mine, Stewart being a mechanic is useful for anything technical. He also has singing and musical abilities."

Viking Princesses: "My three daughters are enthusiastic warriors in their own right, having had a taste of the role when they accompanied the 2014 Jarl Squad on their raid of Westray last summer."

Bradley Simpson: "The Boy Warrior is my youngest nephew, getting his first taste of Up Helly Aa."

Musicians: "We're accompanied this year by **Andy "Shakin'" Stephen, Adam Johnson, Ryan Couper, Brendan Scollay and Terry Irvine.**"



The Saga of Ragnar Lodbrok

Ragnar Lodbrok (Ragnar Hairy Breeches) was a legendary Norse ruler and hero from the Viking Age, who is described in Old Norse poetry and several sagas. According to legend, Ragnar was the scourge of France and England and the father of many renowned sons, including Ivar the Boneless, Björn Ironside, Halfdan Ragnarsson, Sigurd Snake-in-the-Eye, and Ubba. Many of the tales about him appear to originate with the deeds of historical Viking heroes and rulers.

Said to have been a relative of the Danish king Gudfred and son of the Swedish king Sigurd Hring, he became king and distinguished himself through many raids and conquests. He was eventually seized by his foe, King Ælla of Northumbria, and killed by being thrown into a pit of snakes. His sons bloodily avenged him by invading England with the Great Heathen Army.

EXCERPT FROM RAGNAR LODBROK'S DEATH SONG

*"Let thane not shrink from thank, that long was the warrior's way,
Maids' darlings should be dauntless, in the din of swords always
I fed blood-falcons and forced keels through the water,
We gave wolves worthy payment widely in Scotland's bays."*

Squad List

Hall	Name	School
1	RAGNAR LODBROK	1
2	Hug's Heed Heroes	10
3	Cilla's on Blind Strike	11
4	Whau Gees a Frack?	12
5	It's All About The Beard	13
6	Man Yana	14
7	"Ladies and Gentlemen, there will now be a short interval"	15
8	Midnight Dynamos	2
9	God Loves a Trier	3
10	Back in da Galley	4
11	Wag Nads	5
12	Yea/Na	6
13	Viking Dream Machine	7
14	Mock The Year	8
15	I'm a Crofter Get Me Oot O Here	9

* Running order subject to change



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Rosemary wishes
Guizer Jarl John Williamson,
his squad and all his
fellow guizers a very happy
and successful Up Helly Aa!

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RAGNAR LOOBROK

Proclamation 2015

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 RESTORYING 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 STUMBLED 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 LUOGASUND 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 LURKING 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 BÙLE 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 SITTN 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.

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Proclamation 2015 (cont.)

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?

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Roars fae da past...



A performance in the old Cullivoe Hall, now the Galley Shed [1972]



Guizer Jarl Robert Thomson and his squad
visit Cullivoe Primary School [2000]



Cullivoe Up Helly Aa Preparations, early 1960s

[l-r: Robert Spence, Donnie Jamieson, Davie Nisbet, Gilbert Henderson, Jamie Bell, Geordie Henry, John Henderson, Bruce Spence, Alex Dickie, Basil Willie Tulloch, Bertie Henderson, Bobby Tulloch]

Up Helly Aa 1970

Below is the full report from Cullivoe Up Helly Aa when John's father Andrew was Guizer Jarl. Published on 20th February 1970, it is reprinted here with kind permission from *The Shetland Times*:

WIND AND SNOW FOR CULLIVOE FESTIVAL

"Cullivoe Up Helly Aa was celebrated on Thursday 12th February, despite a strong northerly wind and frequent showers making conditions blizzard-like. The festival was as successful as ever, and the best financially since the formation of the Up Helly Aa Committee ten years ago. When the squads were doing their stunts and at the dance which followed, there was a full house in the Cullivoe Hall.

The guizers mustered at Burnside and after Guizer Jarl Andrew Williamson had boarded his longship *Sae Orn* the torches were lit and, amid drifting snow and freezing cold, the procession of guizers moved off along the usual route to the burning site near the hall.

Under such weather conditions it was no pleasure for spectators to watch the procession nor the burning, so they were admitted to the hall where, in due course, they were addressed by the Guizer Jarl, after which he announced the first squad to perform and after the departure of the last squad he read the telegrams. At the dance which followed he was M.C. and carried out his duties very ably. Dancing continued till the sma' 'oors of Friday morning and everyone present had a very enjoyable time.

There was a decrease in the number of squads this year, but those that did turn up gave an excellent show. The snow resulted in the cancellation of a squad from Lerwick comprising seventeen guizers.

THE SQUADS

1. GUIZER JARL'S SQUAD (5) - The members of this squad were resplendent in Viking attire.
2. LUNAR SAPHARIE (6) - This stunt was based on the moon landing by man. Two space crafts supposedly to be landing on the moon arrived, out of which came four astronauts. After an inspection of the lunar surface and an interception of two lunar animals who didn't seem very happy about Man's presence, the four entered their space crafts and departed.
3. NASTY NAUGHTY NETTERS (9) - A recent local poaching case sparked this one off with its members appearing in the roles of the people who were involved in the original case. After the judge had heard the evidence given by witnesses involved and thoroughly questioned the accused he found them to be guilty on all charges and imposed fines up to £25.

4. A CRABBIE STORY (8) - This was a female squad representing two lobster fishermen, a crab auctioneering and representatives of the two Mid Yell crab processing factories. The fisherman went out in a boat, and on catching a lobster they proceeded back with their catch, where an argument broke out between the two factories over the selling of the lobster.

5. RECRUITING DAD'S ARMY (6) - This was a very amusing crowd, which consisted of an army officer and five volunteers for Dad's Army. The officer sat at a table and interviewed the volunteers one by one, after which he marched them in single file out of the hall.

TELEGRAMS

"Hope you have a big blaze tonight." - James and Joan, Newcastle, New South Wales

"Best wishes for a grand night. Skjol." - Uyeasound Up Helly Aa Committee

"Smooth sea, safe voyage for all in Cullivoe." - May and Mac, Selkirk

"Best wishes for a successful night." - Guizer Jarl William Peterson, Lerwick

"All the best for a good night." - Daniel, Beth and the boys, Wallasay, Cheshire

JARL SQUAD

Andrew Williamson (Guizer Jarl), Robert Henderson (former Jarl),
Charlie Henderson (future Jarl), Magnie Henderson, Laurence Williamson



Guizer Jarl Andrew Williamson



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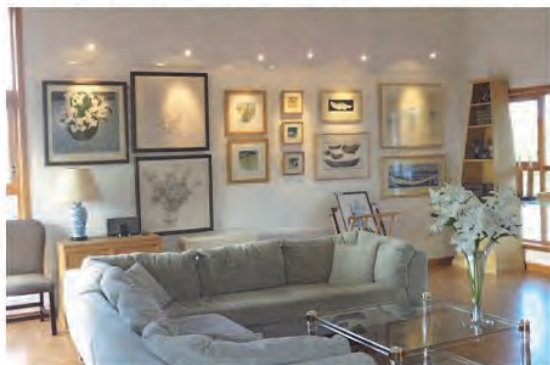
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Wishing John and the Jarl Squad good luck and a great weekend!

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Best wishes to Jarl John and his Squad from Team Nova.



THE WILD VIKING

I'd been a wild Viking for many's a year
and spent quite some time drinking vodka and beer
We used to go raiding in far foreign lands
Like Unst, and Fetlar, and the Mainland

And it was o yea forever!
Forever more
Would I play the wild Viking
Forever more

'Twas then I met a maiden so fair
Back in the day when I hadn't a care
I asked her to marry, she answered me "yae"
Sayin' "Listen to me I have something to say -"

For it's no, nay, never!
No nay never no more
Will du play da wild Viking
No never no more

Dan Spinner he axed me to be on his team
And to be a wild Viking was still my dream
He said "I have Fireball and beer by the barrel
And if du wants next year du can be Jarl"

So it's O, Yae, Forever!
Forever more
Will I play the wild Viking
Forever more