

Cullivoe Up Helly Aa 2018

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A Word from Guizer Jarl Laurence Odie / Balder Odinson

"I first learned about Cullivoe up Helly Aa at the Mid Yell School and with the help of my mother made the following poem:

I lik tae go tae Cullivoe and see Up Helly Aa, It really is a lovely night and much enjoyed by all. The torch light procession is a wonderful site, The guizers following the galley hooing we aa dir might.

Three cheers are roared at da burning site, Dae bell aa da torches in and set her alight. Dan de go tae da Hall da dancing dae begin, Dae keep it up we a dir might tae daylight it comes in.

The first time I was at Cullivoe Up Helly Aa was in 1969, it was a snowy day. I remember well the procession arriving at the hall in the snow and the bonfire burning at the north side of the hall lighting up the galley in the snow shower and a few of us sheltering at the gable of the hall. Robert Henderson was Jarl and we enjoyed our night, but the snow showers increased, the roads blocked and our



hired dormobile never made it North to fetch us. I think people stayed at different houses in Cullivoe that night, but a lot of us stayed at Greenbank. We were collected and taken there in the grocery van driven, I think, by Magnie Henderson. There were beds for some while others like me spent the night sitting in chairs. We got refreshments and breakfast, our driver borrowed a Land Rover and fetched us the following afternoon.

Since my first night the only years I've missed the event was when our boys were young, at that time we used to do the Hop night. I have been in different squads, the most memorable being the 'Mr Yell Contest' and as the 'Windhouse Ghosts'. I have been mostly in the audience in the hall. For a long time until recently, I would be in the bar on the Hop night. My three sons and daughter have participated in squads for many years.

Since the social afternoon started in Burravoe in Raymond Henderson's year (2007) I have been involved, and this has now become a part of the weekend festivities. As with all parts of Up Helly Aa a lot of hard work done by many volunteers makes this event successful. I have enjoyed my past two years in the Jarl Squad, first with John Saunders then Mark Lawson, this year has been great so far and I am looking forward to this big weekend. I wish all guizers, workers and spectators a great weekend and thank everyone who contributed to the event.

After the squad tolerating overgrown hair and beards for the past months, we are raising money for the charities closest to my heart – local education and health care. All money raised will be split between the three local schools, Islehavn and Health Centre funds."

Schedule of Events

Friday 23th 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 **Leeshinat**.

Saturday 24th 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 Guizers Hop Variety Concert, followed by another night of dancing to **Leeshinat**.

Sunday 25th February

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 shared between causes chosen by the Jarl - the three local schools, Isleshavn and the Health Centre.

Jarl Squad 2018



Shield Maidens



Lorraine Odie



Lisa Odie

Junior Members



JARL SQUAD INTRODUCTIONS

Guizer Jarl Laurence Odie: The chair of Yell Community Council takes the reins of the fire festival this year - with two years experience of the Jarl Squad he is well-prepared for the task!

Jarl-Elect James Nicholson: Making his second appearance in the Jarl Squad, James is looking forward to 2019 when he takes the hot seat. He has been a great asset to the team.

Former Jarl Mark Lawson: Last year's chief Viking, this is Mark's fourth appearance in the Jarl Squad. He has passed on plenty of his knowledge and experience.

John Odie: The Jarl's eldest son, with experience in both Cullivoe and Nesting squads. John has proven his Viking mettle by rowing from Shetland to Norway.

Kevin Odie: The Jarl's second son, Kevin has been in the Nesting Jarl Squad on two occasions. His manufacturing skills and attention to detail are of great benefit to the squad.

Mark Odie: The Jarl's youngest son, Mark accompanied Peter in the Nesting Jarl Squad. Another great asset with his new roping and leather work skills.

Robert Jamieson: Guizer Jarl in 1981 and a regular feature in squads, Robert has driven at Up Helly Aa festivals across Shetland. He has lots of experience and good navigation skills.

Gordon Keith: Born and bred in Yell, it is Gordon's debut in the Jarl Squad. His woodwork and creative skills have proved invaluable.

Frank Tulloch: Another debut appearance in the Cullivoe squad, but Frank has experience from Nesting. His heated garage in Bixter has proved to be an excellent second Galley Shed.

Peter Anderson: Peter has many years experience of the Nesting festival, where he served as Guizer Jarl in 2008. He was part of Raymond's Cullivoe squad in 2007.

Kevin Tulloch: An experienced pair of hands at the Galley Shed, Kevin has been building galleys most of his life. He has appeared in the Jarl Squad on a number of occasions, taking the top job in 2003.

Raymond Henderson: Another former Jarl with years of experience in the squad, Raymond helps with most jobs and is never frightened to try something new.

Joe Scollay: The Jarl's cousin, and the farthest-travelled member of the squad, Joe was born in Cushendall, Ireland. His grandfather was brought up in Burravoe and sailed the high seas.

Lorraine Odie: The Jarl's daughter will be looking after the medical needs of the squad should anyone be injured in battle (or drink too much Fireball).

Lisa Odie: No stranger to Cullivoe, the Jarl's niece Lisa will keep everyone in order and make sure we get our sums correct.

Junior Members

Dylan Odie: The Jarl's oldest grandson, Dylan sings the Up Helly Aa song like an old hand.

Lewis Odie: The Jarl's second grandson has had lots of practice marching with the torches.

Connor Odie: The Jarl's third grandson is excited about this new venture.

Bobby Odie: The Jarl's youngest grandson, Bobby has not quite got his sea legs under him.

Hansen Tulloch: Making his second appearance in the Jarl Squad, Hansen is already building up experience.

Lewis Tulloch: A Cullivoe man through and through, Lewis is looking forward to this year's event.

Nicholas Tulloch: Quite a live wire, Nicholas will keep us on our toes.

Musicians

Entertaining the Jarl Squad this year are: Gary Brown, Alistair Tulloch, Iain Williamson and Eric Williamson.





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ITS 2018 AND WE ARE LEESHINAT AND WELCOME EVERYONE LAURENCE AND HIS MEN INVITE YOU TAE JOIN IN AA DA FUN

ON DA TELLY DA MEDICS WERE WORKING HARD DA LIFEBOAT WAS WORKING HARD TOO DA SOOTH YELL TOUR GUIDE WI A PROPELLER FOULED UP WAS TOWED IN, IN SHETLAND'S FULL VIEW

DA BIG GAME WUS UPON WIS – CELTIC AGAINST ABERDEEN FANS WERE BIDDEN TAE HJARTA TAE WATCH ON DA BIG SCREEN BUT DEY WUR MORE BALLS ON DISPLAY DAN DA WANS IN GLASGOW IT WUSNA JUST ABERDEEN FANS DAT EXPERIENCED A BLOW

FLINTSTONE AYE TOWT DA GALLEY SHED A GREAT SIGHT WI DA VIKINGS AT WARK DERE BY DAY AND BY NIGHT HE ADMIRED THE SIZE O DA GALLEY LAST YEAR TIL IT BROUGHT DOON DA POWER LINES, GOD WHIT A SCARE!

JULIE WAS LOOKING FOR HER PEERIEST BOY AS HE WANDERED DA HOOSES ON XMAS NIGHT HER PACE IT WAS NIFTY, DA SPEEDO READ FIFTY AS SHE CORNERED DA TRIFLE WAS NO LONGER A PRETTY SIGHT BUT FLOSSIE WID FIX IT, WID MAK IT LOOK GRAND NEEN WID NOTICE DA RUINATION O HER DREAM IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FINE, IT MIGHT HAVE GONE AS PLANNED IF DA SHOWER CAP HADNA APPEARED IN AMONG DA CREAM DA BURRA YOUTHS LOVE A GOOD DISCO DEY HIRED EEN FAE YELL BUT SADLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY DEY GOT DA SWASTIKA AS WELL

ITS ALWAYS FINE TO VISIT FOLK WHILE DIR IN DA HOSPITAL BUT TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO A CAMPERVAN IN DA CAR PARK IS NOT COMICAL DAN TO FIND OUT YOU'VE WASTED YOUR TRIP AN DA PERSON WASN'T DERE NOW DAT WID BE ENOUGH TO MAYBE MAKE YOU SWEAR

PAPERWARK IS IMPORTANT IN ANY TYPE OF BUSINESS ESPECIALLY WHEN A MISS IS ABOOT TAE BECOME A MRS GOOD JOB DA FERRY BOYS WIR WILLING TO HELP OTHERWISE SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN A SERIOUSLY GOOD SKELP

JUICE REALLY ISNA DA THING TAE DRINK TAE WASH DOON YOUR PILLS IN DA CAR KENNY FAN DAT OOT DA HARD WAY I TINK HIS MINIBUS IN SHALMAELINGS, HE DIDNA GET FAR

AT DA FIT O DA CULLIVOE ROAD DIR IS A DITCH WHAUR BRIAN, WAN MORNING, EBBED UP IT MOST BE A FINE PLACE TAE SINK YOUR CAR FUR CALVIN DAN GUID IN DA SAM PLACE, BELLY UP

A MAN SHED IN DA HERRA FOR GUYS TAE BUILD AND RELAX IN, AND MAYBE EVEN BREW BUT DA WEEMIN FOLK WILL BE AXIN I TINK FOR A SHED FOR DA LADIES... DEY HAE DER RIGHTS TOO

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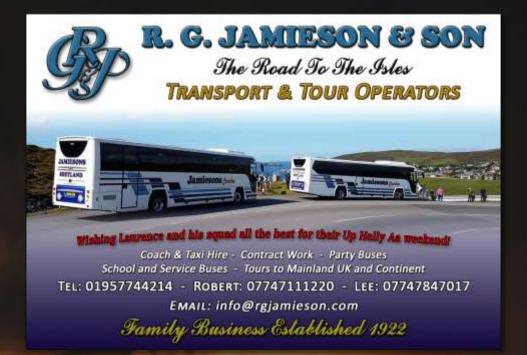
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and his squad from Team Nova! **Best wishes to Jarl Laurence**



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2	Cullivoe Capers	8
3	Rock Around the Clock	9
4	Burning Low(v)rie	10
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6	Search for the Black Hole	12
7	YellshOwDIE	2
8	Dennir For Wan	3
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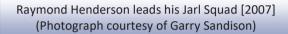
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Roars fae da past...



Jarl Kevin Tulloch visiting Linda Moar in the Post Office [2003]







Guizer Jarl Laurence Williamson in front of his galley *Ellidi* [1973]



Guizer Jarl Gordon Jamieson with his galley *Vigra* [1983]

Best wishes to Jarl Laurence and his squad for their big weekend!

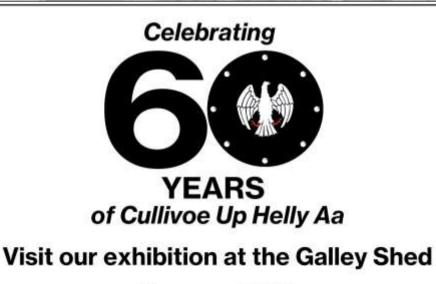
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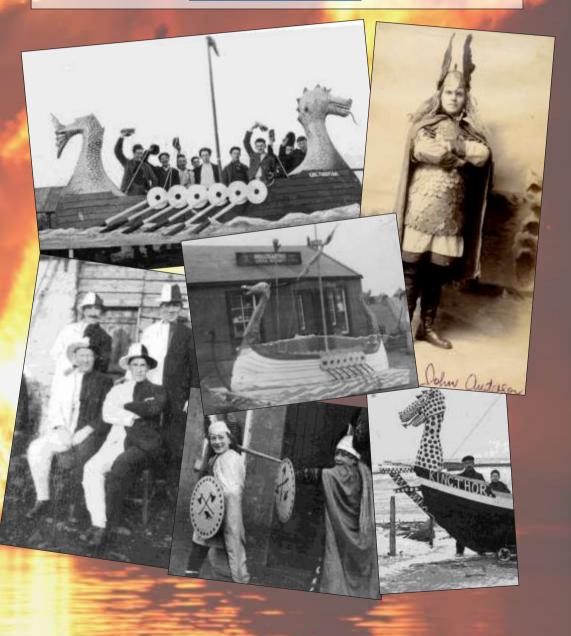
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A Burravoe Up Helly Aa?

Our Chief Guizer hails from Burravoe this year, but it's a little known fact that Burravoe once held an Up Helly Aa festival, prior to the formation of the Cullivoe Up Helly Aa. The event ran for a few years, and gradually became more of a children's event before coming to an end. We would like to learn more about the Burravoe Up Helly Aa - if you have any information or photographs please drop us a line at cullivoeuphellyaa@yahoo.co.uk.



Wishing Jarl Laurence Odie and his squad all the best from all at Uell Autos, Lerwick Autos and Robertsons.



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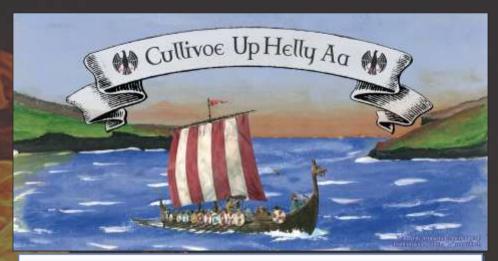
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The design for this year's backdrop was taken from an original painting by Ivor Tulloch, and adapted to include a longship in place of a fishing boat. The work was done by Art Machine.

BALDER'S SONG

Never thought I'd be Jarl Never thought it at aa But look here I am hairiest een o dem aa Lawson he thought I'd be good at da job But when I telt Jennifer she geed in a cob

Chorus

For it's Up Helly Aa It's Up Helly Aa And I'll be a wild Viking For Up Helly Aa

Spend all o my time in da factory an byre But noo here I stand in some different attire I'll think you'll agree dat da squad's looking good We'll roar and pilage like all Vikings should

Chorus

Well noo I'm the Jarl been preparing all year And we've spent da whole winter drinking Fireball and beer Me an my squad we'll spread plenty of cheer And wir hairy beards you never need fear

Chorus

BALDER, SON OF ODIN



Guizer Jarl Laurence Odie tells us a bit about the alter ego he has chosen to portray, and why he was the obvious choice:

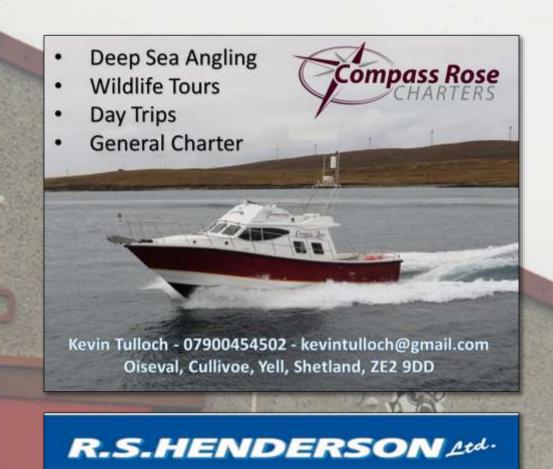
"When I was a bairn, I remember Professor Donaldson (a local, born in Hamnavoe) telling me that the name Odie originated from Odinson (son of Odin). When you Google the name Odie, it says it originates from Saxon times, from Wodenson. In Germanic times Woden was the name given to Odin. So, one way or the other it appears that the origins of our family name comes from Odin.

I have decided to represent one of Odin's sons, Balder, whose mother was Frigg. Balder was known as the bright one, who liked peace rather than war. He was a god of truth and light. Balder was also knowledgeable in healing herbs and runes, which made him a favourite among the people of Midgard.

Balder's wife was Nanna, daughter of Gewar, King of Norway. They had a son called Forsetti. Balder had the greatest ship ever built, called *Hringhorni*, and it is said there is no place more beautiful than his hall, Breidablik.

I however have chosen to call our galley *Sliepner*, the name of Odin's horse (the eight-legged steed upon which he travelled the world).

We have chosen the three horns of Odin as our emblem. This symbol consists of three interlocking drinking horns. The horns feature in the mythological stories of Odin, and are recalled in traditional Norse toasting rituals. Most stories involve the god's quest for the Odhroerir, a magical mead brewed from the blood of the wise god Kvasir. The tales vary, but typically Odin uses his wits and magic to procure the brew over three days, the three horns reflect the three draughts of the magical mead."





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The Up Helly Aa Song (first verse & chorus)

From grand old Viking centuries Up-Helly-Aa has come, Then light the torch and form the march, and sound the rolling drum: And wake the mighty memories of heroes that are dumb; The waves are rolling on.

CHORUS:

Grand old Vikings ruled upon the ocean vast, Their brave battle-songs still thunder on the blast; Their wild war-cry comes a-ringing from the past; We answer it "A-hoy!" Roll their glory down the ages, Sons of warriors and sages, When the fight for freedom rages, Be bold and strong as they!

> (Words by J.J. Haldane Burgess) (Music by Thomas Manson)

> > The Galley Song (first two verses)

Floats the raven banner o'er us, Round our Dragon Ship we stand, Voices joined in gladsome chorus, Raised aloft the flaming brand. Voices joined in gladsome chorus, Raised aloft the flaming brand.

Every guizer has a duty, When he joins the festive throng, Honour freedom, love and beauty, In the feast, the dance, the song. Honour freedom, love and beauty, In the feast, the dance, the song.

(Written by John Nicolson, to the tune of an old Norwegian folk song)



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

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Photograph of the former Jarls, taken at the 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Cullivoe Hall on 25th November 2017. Photo Credit: Colin Dickie

