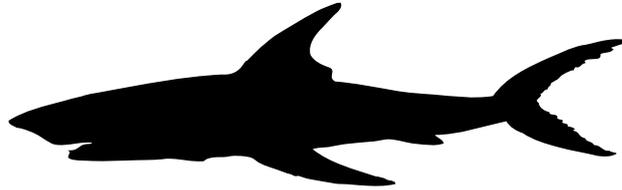


"Roond About Birsay"

News for and by the people of Birsay



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Editorial

Here we are once more with yet another attempt at producing a newsletter. It is a bit later than I intended this time again for one reason or another but better late than never (maybe). At last the weather seems to have taken a turn for the better after what has been rather an unusual winter. We normally get some snow and frost but this time it all went a bit silly. The snow wasn't so bad but it seemed the frost was never going to give up. This was not helped by the almost complete absence of salt on the roads. This was a rather strange situation, with a Council spokesman stating that we had plenty of salt to last us over the frosty spell and staff saying they had been told to go through the motions but just use grit. Mind you, that's a good way to save the salt - don't use it. This then makes it possible to sell it to someone else. Clever.

Well, no use crying over spilt salt and now Spring has arrived. Maybe.

Once again, as ever, many thanks to all who have sent me a contribution for this issue of your favourite (free) newsletter.

Johnny Johnston - Editor

Birsay Community Council

So, what have we been doing over the winter. Mostly the regular things, there are always people going south on trips and we give them a little money to help them on their way. There are also various projects or events which we are able to contribute something towards. The new Community Centre is coming closer having got some money and hoping for a lot more. We look forward to this project since we will get nice new premises for our meetings. The old hall has served us all well but it is now definitely past its sell by date. We are also looking into the possibilities of improving parking facilities down at the Palace. There have been problems there for years, with busses trying to get turned while people have parked their cars in the few places available. There is also the problem of parking when there is something on at the St Magnus Kirk. More events are held there now due to the closure of the Twatt Kirk and it is becoming

more and more difficult to find a space unless you go half way out to the Point. We have discovered a possible source of funding for this type of project now but there is always the problem of finding suitable land which is available. Still, we are working on this problem.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who heeded the warnings about misuse of the recycling facilities in Dounby. Notices were placed there warning people that the facilities would be withdrawn if the misuse continued and thankfully things have now improved. This is a very useful and helpful service, especially for the elderly and for people without their own transport and it would be a great shame if it was lost because of selfish behaviour by a few thoughtless people.

As ever, don't hesitate to get in touch with any one of us if you have something to say. The Community Council still consists of Marty Hay, Wendy Hourston, Susan Norquay, Sandy Scarth, Kenny Spence, Maxwell Tait and myself.

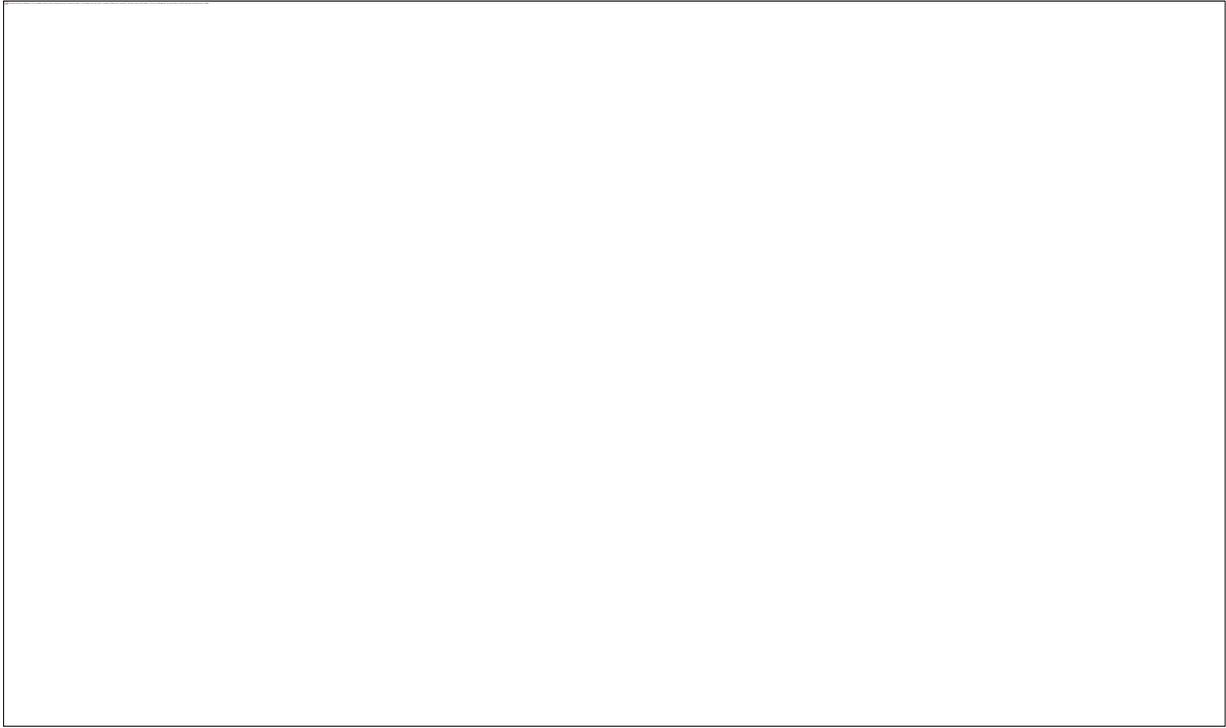
Johnny Johnston - Chairman - Birsay Community Council.

Birsay Heritage Trust

Barony Mills.

It all looks normal again. We are becoming accustomed to the oversized "lum" and it is good to see corn being dried. The summer tourist season begins in May so be sure to visit the Mill to see what the renovation work has brought. It is FREE as usual, although donations are WELCOME.

Tommy Matches has written a fine article in the Vintage Club Newsletter Number 27 describing the lifting of the millstones, their sharpening and the replacement of the upper bearings and bed-stone supports and a copy of this article appears elsewhere in this newsletter. There are also some photos of the work taken by Rae. Let's give Tommy, Rae, Brian and all those who helped a vote of thanks for a job well done.



In October the SPAB (Society for the protection of Ancient Buildings) Mills Section, held their AGM in Orkney. Participants visited the Mill and enjoyed a grand tour with Rae Phillips, Master Miller.

The joint project with Orkney College Agronomy Institute for this summer is to grow experimental samples of five varieties of wheat and five of oats. The seeds come from Sweden and Finland, so the plants should do well in Orkney. The Mill will dry and grind the samples.

NOTICE: There will be a small increase in beremeal prices taking effect from 1st June this year. 25 kilogram bags rise to £31.50, 1.5 kg bags rise 20p to £2.50 and 750g bags rise to £1.50. These are the prices from the Mill. This is the first price rise in four years and is much less than the rate of inflation. It is unfortunate but necessary.

Twatt Aerodrome.

Work here is at the "invisible" stage, that is planning and preparing a detailed professional report on the work that will be needed. We still hope to receive more old photographs, recollections, knowledge of war-time sites or remains. If you can help please call Keith Johnson, 771328 or email akjohnson@btinternet.com or Sandy Scarth, 771747, email rascarth@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Frank Zabriskie, Secretary - Birsay Heritage Trust

BIRSAY TODDLER GROUP

Where:- Birsay Hall

When:- 10am - 12noon Tuesdays (even in school holidays)

Cost:- £1 per adult

We are in the process of making up a calender which all our toddlers will be in (at present that is over 30!)

There is a theme for each month, and we think it will be something really special, whether you know the bairns or not.

We aim to have them for sale about July, so please look out for them in Dounby Post Office and other local outlets, or from anyone you know who has a bairn in it. We hope this will raise some funds which we plan to use towards a play park for the New Birsay Hall.

It will be our 3rd Anniversary at the end of June, and this year we plan a day trip to Breck Farm.

Avril Hay

Dounby Flower Club

Meetings held in Dounby School every third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

Posters in shops and post office with details of meetings

Everyone is made welcome

Its fun

15th September 2009 workshop "from the garden" with Bertha Mainland

20th October workshop "Halloween" with Katrina Gray

17th November Open Night, demonstrator was Sylvia Brown from Stromness. If you are not sure about coming to a meeting why not try the open night. We have a sales table, a demonstration, supper and a friendly chat.

December - no meeting

19th January 2010 workshop "Sparkling Ice" with Sandra Davies and Alison Grieve

16th February workshop "Branching Out" with Christine Groat

18th March "Mellow Yellow" workshop with Karen Johnston and Debra Kirkness

20th April Jan Moar from Kirkwall Flower Club is doing a workshop "Wirework". Should be great fun

18th May a workshop "Ikebana" with Cindy Miller our president, also a swap shop where you could pick up, a plant or two

15th June AGM then a workshop a "Nursery Rhyme".

20th July outing to be decided

17th August "It's a Mystery" a workshop with Marjorie Welsh and Yvonne Paice, and its still a mystery.

Yvonne Paice - Secretary.

Millwrighting at Barony Mills, Birsay

During last years milling season it became evident that all was not well with the beremeal stones. On further investigation and from what could be seen from the limited access underneath, the supports below the bottom stone were in a poor state of repair. Consisting of various packings on top of the original beams, this had occurred through previous attempts to level and firm up the stone and over time had become less than secure, allowing the bedstone to move and go out of adjustment. The machinery in the Mill is fairly rugged, having been installed over one hundred and thirty years ago and still functioning fairly well, so repairs here and there are to be expected. Such ancient machinery does possess a level of accuracy, although maybe not measured in fractions of a millimetre, nevertheless, requires careful lining up and levelling. It is thought that when the mill was built only two sets of stones were installed with the third or beremeal stone set being added later. The timber bridge which carries the bottom bearing to take the thrust of these stones appears to have been inserted through the timber supports after completion and had not formed part of the original design. Movement of this beam can be a problem, so a future improvement to help reduce this is to fit a screw type device similar to that fitted to the other two stones. Access to the stones required the removal of the hopper and casing assembly and with this out of the way the top stone was lifted off. Weighing nearly a ton this was accomplished as has been done many times before by an endless chain attached to a heavy timber beam and the floor joists above. A steel band had been fitted around the stone and with wear, the edge of the band was almost rubbing on the bottom stone. The band was set in a rough cut rebate so to move it required much cutting and grinding away of the edge of the stone. Millstones by their very nature are hard and gritty so this was no easy task. The opportunity was taken at this point to fit an improved clamp bolt system to the band when it was off the stone.

Next was the removal of the rynd or metal support for the top stone and the sealing arrangement which prevents the grain going down past the bearing and centre shaft. This shaft is about 80mm in diameter with a squared end to drive the top stone. Wooden bearings about 70mm x 70mm in section, end grain to the shaft, are placed at four points at ninety degrees to each other to hold the shaft in a vertical position. Four quadrant sections of timber then completely fill the 300 diameter opening in the bottom stone. Adjustment of the bearings is done by driving in wedges of steel to regulate the fit on the shaft. Lubrication is by means of a tube taken from a position beside the stones and a bit higher on the feed end to allow oil to flow into the bearing. The old bearings came out in bits and required complete replacement. Lifting off the bottom stone revealed the supports and it was fairly obvious that this had been the cause of the problems. A couple of replacement bed logs fashioned out of 225 x 75 timbers and fitted level along with a good application of glue ensured a firm base. The bottom stone was bedded down to the reference marks using flexible tile adhesive to keep it in place. A concession to modern materials and something not used by the mill men of old. It was important to ensure at this point that the drive shaft was vertical to aid the setting of the top stone.

New bearings were cut out of oak with the infills shaped from pitch pine and after some adjustment a satisfactory fit was achieved. Assembly was more or less the reverse of dismantling with the top stone being carefully set up by inserting thin shims of metal on top of the rynd. A bit of repair to the floor around the bottom stone and a new timber ring cut and fitted on top completed the job.

The time was getting closer to get the water on and see if our efforts had been worthwhile but after setting up and running in the bottom bearing all seemed well. Stone revolving at one hundred and twenty RPM, grain going in and meal coming out proved it! Vibration of the floor and surroundings was reduced or so we told ourselves anyway. It was a satisfying and unusual task and hopefully the bearings will be good for many more tons of meal in the future assuring the continuance of beremeal and bannocks for all to enjoy.

The mill has had an extensive makeover during late summer with a new Welsh slate roof on sarking and felt. The kiln roof had new rafters fitted as well. Along with repointing of the external walls, the replacement of several windows and other repairs the future of the building is ensured for many years to come. The most noticeable thing to the casual observer going past is the replacement of the chimney on the kiln with a much higher tapered structure clad in larch. An old photo exists which purports to show a similar chimney was fitted when the mill was built. The jury is still out as to whether the new version is an improvement or otherwise. **T.I. Matches, Birsay Heritage Trust**

Birsay, Harray and Sandwick Guild

The Guild continues to be in a healthy state with around 35 members. We have been continuing with the theme "Called to act justly." Unfortunately our January meeting fell victim to the bad weather and had to be cancelled. In February, our speakers were

Sybil Brown and Bryan Milner - the latter, having recently returned from a trip to Israel and Palestine, was able to give a first hand account of living conditions.

Our AGM was held in March and also that evening we chose which of the six suggested projects we wished to support - our choice being the "Crossreach" project which helps the families of prisoners all over Scotland.

The Guild also holds an annual coffee evening - this year it took place on April 22nd in the Birsay Hall.

Our Summer outing has been arranged for 3rd May, when we are to have a visit to the Barony Mill followed by a meal in the Barony Hotel.

At the end of last year we managed to fill a good number of shoe boxes with toiletries, stationery, clothing etc. for the annual "Blytheswood Shoebox Appeal" Many of the Guild ladies also knit small teddies which are greatly appreciated in third world countries.

Meetings are held in Harray Church Hall on the first Monday of each month from September to April at 7.30pm. New members and visitors (male and female) will be made very welcome.

Merle Walls - Birsay, Harray and Sandwick Guild.



St Magnus Church Birsay Trust

Visitors

In the first three months of 2010, there were virtually no visitors to St Magnus Kirk, which is most unusual though hardly surprising considering the weather. There was hardly a tourist to be seen before the beginning of April. It will come as no surprise to regular readers that the first comments were about the atmosphere of peace. "Such peace!"

St Magnus Day

However, St Magnus Day more than made up for the lack of visitors in the earlier part of the year. Just after 12 o'clock, 49 pupils from Dounby School, accompanied by members of staff and other helpers, visited the Church as part of their studies of the Viking period. They were given a commentary by Elaine Clarke, one of the Historic

Scotland Rangers.

Then, in the evening there was a big turnout at the St Magnus Day service of praise. It seems to be getting through to people at last that Birsay is the place to be on St Magnus Day, and attending the service is the best way of celebrating it. Members of the audience came from Kirkwall, Stromness and most, if not all, of the West Mainland parishes. There were two visitors from Gloucestershire and one from Ireland and perhaps others from even further away who didn't make themselves known.

The main feature of the service was the story "Magnus" by teenager Gael Mackie, read by Cameron Stout. Others taking part were members of the Orkney Heritage Society, Rev. Graeme Brown and our faithful friends, the Stromness Church Choir.

Jazz Festival

The Jazz Festival Service will be held on Sunday 25th April this year.

St Magnus Festival

The concert in St Magnus Kirk on Wednesday 23rd June, as part of this year's St Magnus Festival, will be given by I Fagiolini, a vocal group who are brilliant entertainers as well as superb musicians.

The Magnus Tapestries

Sheila Scott's beautiful "Magnus" tapestries will again be on display at the Hundland Gallery during the Gallery's opening times in August and for the first week in September, which will give people attending the Orkney Science Festival the opportunity to see them. Our little gallery in the Church is also worth visiting as we are gradually adding to our collection of paintings, drawings and photographs.

Orkney Night- Thursday 2nd September

Our contribution to this year's Orkney Science Festival - the 20th - will be an Orkney Night, modelled on the Orkney Nights held in the Birsay Community Centre in the 1950s. We hope to include quite a number of young performers to show that traditional music is still in good hands - and voices. Unfortunately, Gregor Lamb isn't going to be able to be there as he had hoped but Harvey Johnston will act as compere and will include some of Gregor's "concert stories"

Bertie Harvey - Secretary

Notes on Aberdeen trawler "Braemar"

The Aberdeen steam trawler Braemar A252 ran aground West of the Burnmouth of Swannay, Birsay about 2am on Wednesday 24th June 1936 in thick mist and flood tide returning from a fishing trip to the Faroes. She had a cargo of three hundred boxes of fish on board. The weather was fine with a smooth sea and the ship was in no immediate danger. The mate was put ashore in the smallboat to summon help and made his way to Swannay. He was driven to Twatt Post Office by Miss Horne from where he phoned to summon the Stromness Lifeboat. The lifeboat was launched at 6.10am under the command of Coxswain William Linklater and on arrival assisted the crew to lay out anchors in order that an attempt could be made at the next high tide to get the vessel

off by pulling on the anchors and going astern on the engine. However this proved unsuccessful, the lifeboat leaving and arriving back at her station about 5.30pm. The salvage tug Henry Lancaster of Aberdeen arrived later and made several attempts to pull her off without success. The weather remaining favourable for the next few days allowed the dumping of coal overboard and the discharge of fish to the locals. This lightened the vessel considerably and she was eventually refloated the following Thursday with assistance from the tug. Being virtually undamaged she proceeded to Aberdeen for examination. The Orkney Herald reported the locals as living in Utopia having both a large supply of fish and the bunker coal which washed ashore to cook them on as well.

The Braemar was built by John Lewis & Sons Ltd Aberdeen and completed her trials on 10th October 1927 achieving an average speed of 10.73 knots. She was owned by John Lewis and Sons Aberdeen until April 1940 when she was sold to the Royal Navy and converted to a dan layer and renamed Jennifer based at Grimsby. Laid up in 1942 she is recorded as being owned by Neale and West Ltd Cardiff in 1943 reverting to her original name of Braemar in 1946, port registration CF 38. In 1952 she was owned by North Eastern Fisheries Ltd (J Lewis) Aberdeen registration A 656. She was eventually broken up in Germany in 1957.

Braemar length 115 feet, breadth 22 feet, depth 12 feet 9 inches
Gross tonnage 212. Official No.148952. Engine No. 179. Boiler No. 145. Powered by a three cylinder triple expansion steam engine of 56 RHP and a boiler pressure of 200lbs.

Information from
The Orkney Herald newspaper
Lloyds List
Aberdeen Maritime Museum

T I Matches

RSPB

To all Peatcutters

RSPB are planning to do some track restoration work on the Mid Hill section of the RSPB reserve. This will be completed as soon as it can be arranged with a contractor. The main aim is to reduce erosion from running water and restore the more deeply rutted sections up to the trig point. This will involve blocking in-flow from redundant tracks and peat banks. Please speak to us directly if this work compromises your own peat cutting activities, also if the works block tracks which are to be used in the future, RSPB will be remove them at the start of the season in which cutting is to resume. Many thanks for your consideration.

The dilemmas:

To be clear at the outset, RSPB do not wish to discourage the sensitive cutting of peats. The process, when carried out properly, maintains the flora and habitats and

benefits small birds, grouse and voles (& therefore hen harriers). Hopefully the track work will remove the first dilemma (three recent cases of track work by individuals caused damage to the SSSI/SPA), the next requires some input and history from the Birsay CC - a few new peat cutters have started up in the last couple of years resulting in discarded top turfs and poor cutting practice, preventing vegetation and peat regeneration. Any ideas would be welcome, including non-interference from RSPB, we'd thought about asking existing peat cutters to act as advisers/mentors on best practice. On history - how easy or otherwise would it be to consolidate peat banks/re-distribute banks for example to keep activities limited to within easy reach of RSPB maintained tracks/quality peat (and reduce the need for extensive tracks and reduce disturbance down to discreet areas)? The last one is the increased use of tracks by leisure 4x4s, quads and trail bikes - not a great problem yet, our main concerns would be if these activities were to increase, that effect on track quality, disturbance and damage by vehicles going off-track, disturbance (by noise) to breeding wildlife and to the quiet enjoyment of folk using the reserve.

Andy Knight

Orkney Reserves Manager RSPB. Tel; work 850176- home:751291 - fax 851311

DID THEY COME FROM ORKNEY?

(From the 1939 Peace's Orkney Almanac Companion)

'During a week's storm of great severity three centuries ago, the simple fisherfolk of Karmøy, a rugged island off the coast of Norway, some 40 miles from Bergen, sighted a small open boat drifting rapidly in from the sea. As the boat neared the surf, it was seen to contain only two girls.

'Like most seafarers or seaboard-living people, the community of Karmøy were superstitious, and they were unable to regard the appearance of this boat as anything but a visitation of the supernatural; for how could any human being have lived through such a storm in a small boat?

'Their first thought was to run to their homes and collect what weapons they could for their self-protection; and, having decided that the two occupants of the small boat certainly must be witches, the fisher-folk returned to the shore, brandishing their weapons and making it as clear as they could that any landing would be forcibly resisted.

'When the boat had drifted to within a few yards of the shore, the fisher-folk could see, lying in the bottom of the craft, two milking pails - which made them wonder all the more.

'One of the girls in the boat stood up and shouted something, but the Karmøy people were unable to understand her strange tongue, and they were still threateningly "*shooing*" the strangers off when the older girl had an inspiration. Advancing to the bow of the boat, she stood erect and made the sign of the Cross upon her breast.

'No eldritch thing would do that, and realising this, the fisher-folk on the beach at once cried, "*These are no witches, but good Christian people like ourselves.*" Throwing down their weapons, they waded into the surf, dragged the small boat high and dry on the shore, and carried the exhausted girls to the village, where the women cared for the two castaways and put them to bed.

'With rest and good nursing, the girls soon recovered; but their speech was still unintelligible to the Karmøy people, and their adventure continued to be a mystery to the latter until, in course of time,

the girls picked up sufficient Norwegian to be able to tell their story. And a strange one it was.

'The girls, it appears, were close friends, the daughters of two neighbouring farmers in the far north of Scotland. One morning they rowed out to a small islet near their homes to milk some cows which had been put there to graze. On their way home across the intervening water, a violent storm from the north-west overtook them, and they were forced to turn the boat's stern to the wind and run before the gale.

'Steadily the boat drove on and out to sea, and for several days and nights they were blown further away from home. Their full pails of milk served them for food, although they had exhausted the supply long before they sighted land. How long they drifted is not known, but the time was probably about five days.

'Both the girls settled down on the island of Karmöy, and in time married Norwegian husbands - the elder making her home in the village of Vikre, the younger in that of Mannaes. It was years before it was found possible to send home news of their miraculous preservation, and long before then they had been given up by their relatives and friends as dead.

'This story is still told by the people of Karmöy. But it is strange that the district of Scotland whence the girls hailed - probably Orkney or Shetland - has never been precisely indicated. Nor is the strange affair mentioned in any local annals of these islands or the north mainland of Scotland.'

(Submitted by Harold Esson)

(Apologies to Orkney Vintage Club members who may have read this story in Newsletter No 21)

THE END OF AN ERA

It was in August 1984, that Karen and I finally decided we would dispose of my mother's few remaining hens, as she was no longer able to care for them by herself. They were pensioners anyway and hardly provided enough eggs for normal household use, let alone putting something towards the cost of their weekly food bill, not that we begrudged them their proper allocation of food. I can recall the late Mary Graham Sinclair, from West Aith in Sandwick, saying on film that her hens "*would die in debt.*" Each Saturday morning we bought 'feeding-stuff' for the hens from Flett's shop in Dounby and once, when Davie Kirkness the storeman was weighing it out for me, he said, "*Thee mither's hens'll just be like owld Annie fae Quoydunt's wans. If hid wisna for her pension, sheu wadna be able tae keep them.*" It was so true.

Still, the demise of the hens was tinged with sadness, as it was the first time since 1934, fifty years earlier, that there were no hens at Sunnybrae. This was when my grandparents moved from the farm of Houseby and built a retirement home on what would have been the commonty of Midhouse, another small croft that they owned. The late Mary Ann Spence was born at Houseby in 1894 and had herded kye here for Peter o' Scottie in the early 1900s. She often said she could remember the entire area being covered in heather. The late Davie Kirkness of Ferndale, mentioned above, also herded kye for Scottie, and he once told me that, "*Owld Peter haed tae hiv his draars warmed at the fire for him in the morneen afore he pat them on.*" However, I'm getting off the subject!

In these days of supermarkets, we tend to forget how self-sufficient people were long ago. The oats and bere were turned into meal by the miller; a cow or two would provide milk, butter and cheese; poultry, as well as eggs, provided 'a hen for the pot'; and the pig would be fattened-up and killed, providing another important link in the food chain. The land also grew potatoes and turnips, and kail or cabbage was grown from seed in the planticrue, and afterwards transferred to the kailyard. Folk could fish for sillocks and cuithes from a rocky shore, and there were always people with boats who would bring home a catch of cod or haddock. The surplus would be salted and dried for future use. Ebb maet was another delicacy for some.

And, in times of war, when many household commodities were rationed, home-produced food would have

been all that most country people had to live on. The late Andrew Ritch of Linnabreck in Beaquoy side related how his father would tell him to, "*Taak the gun, min, and see if thoo can get a hare.*" This Andrew did and, in his own words, "*Hid made grand aeteen.*" Andrew's maternal grandparents lived at Skessquoy, several miles away to the north-west, and he and his three sisters would visit them on a bonny summer day. They always got the "*lasses o' Dirkadale*" to see them safely across the Hillside Burn. Andrew recalled that, when they went in past one house along the way, where there was a large family, "*All they haed on the table for dinner wis a pot o' tatties.*" But, if they had tatties, at least they had something to fill an empty stomach, and wouldn't starve.

Andrew said that his father, also Andrew but usually called "*Owld Andrew*", used to "*cairry*" for Sir Thomas Clouston from Holodyke when he came with shooting parties each summer. This meant he carried guns and ammunition, as well as the proceeds of the day's sport. At the end of one outing, Andrew's father came home with his pay. He held out his hand and opened it to reveal a gold sovereign. "*I hid nivver seen the like in me life afore. Wae aal lukked at hid for ever so long, and turned hid ower and ower in fascination,*" he said. At Christmas time, they also received a big box of tea. Andrew and his sisters were born between 1907 and 1912, so this episode must have been a childhood memory relating to perhaps sometime towards the end of World War I.

Anyway, returning to the subject of food, our ancestors weren't so far off the mark with what they ate. When we look back at old family photographs, everyone appeared extremely healthy, although it was perhaps the folk who were better off who could afford to have their pictures taken. Of course exercise played a big part in everyone's lives at that time, even the children, who had to walk to school in all weathers, and whose playground was the great outdoors. Television and computers have a lot to answer for!

(Harold Esson - 2003)



Birsay, Harray and Sandwick Church

Happy Easter!

A famous theologian, Jurgen Moltmann, once summed up what Easter means: "God weeps with us so that we may someday laugh with him." And so I hope that you are able to celebrate your life being renewed in this spring time and God's spring time.

Birsay as a whole and the congregation of Birsay, Harray and Sandwick are at the moment awaiting with bated breath what the future will hold. Will either of us, both or none of us be successful in our applications for a major grant from the Scottish Rural Development Fund? We will have to wait until June to be told.

The amount of effort that has gone into submitting these applications is staggering and deserves our appreciation, whatever the outcome. However I hope that both of these applications will succeed and then in time become part of a renewal of our community life.

The poet John Donne said wisely: "No man is an island entire of itself." When we are very young or very old, very sad or very happy we need to share with other people or become deeply unhappy and unable to live. Our communities, whether of an area like Birsay, or the faith community of Birsay, Harray and Sandwick, or any other community, try to provide the space to shape community life, which will become the safety net for occasions when we desperately need others.

So keep your fingers crossed for all of us and join in with the activities organised by the Hall Committee and the Church to make our communities better, stronger and fun. At the moment all services are taking place in St Michael's Church, Harray at 11am on a Sunday. Sunday Club for the children takes place at the same time during school term time. We would love to welcome you amongst us.

Andrea Price

Minister for Birsay, Harray and Sandwick

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