

# PROCLAMATION 2000

THE GUIZER JARL DECREES THAT ALL GUIZERS WILL REPORT AT BURNSIDE AT 7.30PM

WIR JARL WILL BE ON DA' RIGHT TACK TONIGHT. HE WILL DEMAND ALL SHETLANDERS TO TOW THE LINE, ACT THEIR AGE AND NOT GET CONTANKEROUS. HE WILL ROUND UP HIS B(U)OYS AND STEER A STRAIGHT COURSE TO PORT. HE MAY END UP WITH A MAID BETWEEN THE SHEETS (PLAYING WITH HIS SHUTTLECOCK !!) ... THIS COULD CAUSE HIM SOME TROUBLE & STRIFE, IF HE SAILS TOO CLOSE TO THE WIND.

WELCOME TO UP-HELLY-AA NO MATTER WHO YOU BE,  
WE WANT TO CELEBRATE IN STYLE, FOR THIS BRAND NEW CENTURY  
ROBERT HE IS WIR JARL, DAVID CUNNINGHAM IS THE BAND  
WE'LL MAKE THIS MILLENNIUM YEAR, THE BEST FESTIVAL IN SHETLAND

SPUD'S, SPUD'S, SPUD'S, RECORDS AND KERR PINKS,  
GROWING LOTS O' TATTIES IS HARDER THAN YOU THINK  
YOU HAE TA' PLOUGH AN' SET DEM, AN' SPRAYING IS A CHORE, IF DA' WEATHER IS AGAINST YOU, HAE TA' DELL DEM UP IN VOAR.

WE RUSH OUT ON THE FERRY, WE DA' TODS ALL FINE AND WIDE  
BUT ROOND ABOUT DA' KIRK WE MEET A TURN O' DA' TIDE  
A NARROW GAET FOR A MAN AN' DOG, TA' WANDER DAY BY DAY,  
TA', WATCH THE LOCAL TRUCKERS WHAN AFF DA' ROD DEY STRAY

OH GIVE TO ME DA' OPEN ROAD, WHERE THE MOSSBANK LIGHTS DEY GLITTER,  
I'LL MAK' ME WARK TA' DIS TOON IN TIME, IF I COULD ONLY MISS DA GRITTER

TO HAVE AN ASTRA, IS BEYOND ALL THOWTS AND DOOTS HIT CAN PICK THE VERY WINKLES WHILE DA DRIBERS EFTER TROORS, WHEN GOIN' PAST DA' CHIEF MARSHAL, HOOSE, IT'S BETTER GOING SLOW BEFORE YOU DRIVE DOON BY DA SLIP AN END UP IN DA VOE.

DA ROAD BY SANDWATER HILL  
HAS BUMPS DAT DA' COUNCIL COULD FILL  
SO DEY PUT UP SOME SIGNS  
AN' THOUGHT DAT WID BE FINE,  
BUT DA' BUMPS ARE ALL DERE STILL

NOO DANNY WIR FITBAAING HEADMASTER  
SAID SCHOOL WORK IS JUST A DISASTER  
HE WAS FED UP SO MUCH  
HE KICKED DA, WHOLE LOT IN TOUCH  
AND COULD GET SOUTH NO FASTER

CROFTERS CARRYING HOME GRENADES SHOULD GUARD AGAINST TAKING BOMBS IN THE HOUSE, BUT THIS CUNNING TRICK COULD STIR UP READERS AND ALLOW THEM TO EXPLODE A LOT(TIE) EX(S)EMPLERY VIEWS

THE GREEN TUNNELS STOOD IN SELLA FIRTH  
BUT UP CAME THE WIND, AND BLEW THAM ALL IN DIRT  
SO THAT THREE TUUNNEL'S THAT STOOD SO BRAW AND GREEN  
ARE NOTHING NOW BUT 3 HOOPS WI' NO POLYTHENE

TAE BORROW DA KEYS FUR DA GALLEY SHED, A SIMPLE REQUEST,  
BUT DA OWLD JARL'S WIRDS WIR ALL BUT IN JEST.  
DA JUNGLE IN BURMA WIS A TERRIBLE PLACE,  
HE TOWT TAE HIMSEL, AS HE RUBBED HIS FACE.  
A DAY OR TWO 'O' SAPP'S, AN' NO RIGHT FOOD.  
'TILL DA TEETH GET FIXED, SUPPOSEDLY BROKEN BY WOOD.

DAT VERY SAM NIGHT DAT HE LEFT ALL FRISKY, AA'BODY DERE WIS BUYIN' HIM WHISKEY,  
BUT ON DA WAY HOME, HE MET WI' A SNAG, WHEN DA POLICEMAN MADE HIM BLOW IN DA' BAG.

ON DA WAY HOM, HAEN GOOD CRACK, "BABY" IN DA FRONT, DUG IN DA BACK.  
NEARIN' DFA BRIG, DA DUG HED ENOUGH, BORDER TP BORDER, HE'D GOTTEN A GLUFF.  
HE DIVED IN DA FRONT, TAE GRAB DA WHEEL, TOO LATE FUR SHU'D GRIP-PIT DA BORDERFEAL.  
HE TRIED HIS BEST, DAN LIT OOT A WOOF, AT DA SIDE 'O' DA BRIG, DEY LAY ON DIR ROOF.

EFTER DA DANCE, IT ALL SEEMED LIK' FUN. TO GO TO WESTSANDWICK,  
JUST FUR A RUN.  
AA'BODY TOWT, NILOC AND KENNY WIS LOST. BUT DA NIGHT SHIFT DRIVER, WIS GIVEN' HER A ROSST.

DID DA SALMON BOYS CAUSE A STINK IN DA HILLTOP?  
DID CAPTAIN GEORGE GIVE DA FERRYMEN GOLD AWARDS?  
DID JASPER TINK DA MINI BUS WIS TOO BIG?  
IS GORDON HAVING TEETHING TROUBLES WITH HIS LOVELIFE?  
HAS ROBERT TURNED A HEADBANGER?  
DID JAMES JOHN NO REFLECT ON HIS CLOTHES SHAVE WI' BOB?

DA WINDHOOSE TRIALS IS QUITE AN EVENT, FAE SETTIN' DA COURSE TAE ERECTIN' DA TENT.  
DA DAY 'O' DA RUN, DIRS MONY A GOOD FUN, GOOD WHISKEY, GOOD VODKA, GOOD BEER AN' GOOD RUM.  
DA FOLLOWIN' DAY DA OWNERS BARELY ALIVE, AND DA WIND CAM UP AN' CAUSED A GREAT RIVE.

DEFACERS OF THE BILL WILL BE MUSSELED AND PACKED AT THE CULLIVOE PIER, AND SENT BY DINGY TO ICELAND.

BY ORDER AND UNDER SEAL OF THE GUIZER JARL,

ROBERT THOMSON