



Chairman's Letter

Hello again

As the Festive Season now fast approaches, and, along with it, the end of another year, I am pleased to say that our autumn and winter events have, so far, been successful.

In September, in the St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall, we showed a new DVD on Norway and in October, this time in Deerness, a similar event was held. Each occasion was well supported by an appreciative audience, which I'm pleased to say included several new faces. On both evenings there

were, of course, the usual suppers and raffles and I would thank everyone who assisted in any way.

This year's Tree Lighting Family Buffet Dance was well supported and was, by all accounts, well enjoyed. There were many familiar and welcome faces, and it was pleasing to see some young people and families amongst us, as therein lies our Association's future.

Our next scheduled event will be the Annual General Meeting, in January 2008, and we hope for a good attendance. We are always interested to hear from anyone who may be willing to become involved in the Man-

agement Committee or indeed who may be interested in becoming active in any other way.

The year 2008 promises to be busy, with events including the 25th Anniversary of Orkney's Twinning with Hordaland, the 30th Anniversary of the formation of ONFA and the 850th Anniversary of the death of St Rognvald, founder of St Magnus Cathedral. He was born near Grimstad in Norway, and the people from there are very keen to build a stronger relationship with Orkney, but more of all of that at a later date.

In the meantime I wish you all "God Jul og et Godt Nytt År "

Beste hilsener,
Tommy

God Jul from ONFA

Notice of AGM

The AGM of the Orkney Norway Friendship Association will take place on **Monday 21 January 2008 at 8.00pm** in the St. Magnus Centre

The business will include the proposed amendment to the Constitution. (see inside pages)

It will be followed by a talk from

Dorothy Harcus on 'Christmas in Norway'



2007 Tree-Lighting Events



The festivities around the lighting of the Norwegian Christmas Trees were again one of the high points in the ONFA year. Visitors from Grimstad and Hordaland took part in events across Orkney and joined the party in the Town Hall on 1st December. The tree-lighting event is one of the biggest community events in the North of Scotland at this time of year and has become the start of the Christmas Season in Orkney, whilst the ONFA party is eagerly awaited by all fans of traditional Orkney dance.

The Norwegian Guests with the Grimstad Tree in the Cathedral: Tom Christer Nilsen, Vice Convener, Hordaland Fylkeskommune; Ove Bach and Per-Egil Mangor Pederson from Grimstad; Tone Stedal Haugland of Hordaland Fylkeskommune with musicians 'Fable Folk': Åsane Sunniva Søreide, Eivind Kvamme and Torstein Hattevik.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution: 2008 AGM



In recent years the Management Committee has observed a strict rotation of members designed to involve new members. However, this has led to occasions when a large number of experienced members have had to stand down at one time. It has therefore proposed by the management committee to adopt the following revised constitution at the 2008 AGM.

PROPOSED REVISED CONSTITUTION

1. NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

The name of the Association shall be the Orkney Norway Friendship Association.

2. AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The aims of the Association shall be as follows:

- (1) To promote and foster friendship and understanding between the people of Orkney and those of Norway.
- (2) To encourage visits by individuals and groups to and from Orkney and Norway and the development of personal contacts, and by so doing to broaden the cultural, recreational, educational and commercial activities of Orkney and Norway.
- (3) To organise fund-raising activities to foster the aims of the Association.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Membership shall be open to all persons or organisations in sympathy with the aims of the Association.
- (2) There shall be three categories of membership, as follows:
 1. Individual Membership
 2. Family Membership, being open to all members of a family excepting sons and daughters over the age of eighteen years.
 3. Corporate membership, open to both businesses and voluntary organisations, entitles not more than two members of the organisation to the voting rights conferred on individual or family members.

4. MANAGEMENT

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Management Committee consisting of members elected by the Association.
- (2) The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt and co-opted members shall have the right to vote.
- (3) The Management Committee shall have the power to establish Sub-Committees, which shall have the power to co-opt from the membership, with the power to vote.
- (4) In the Management Committee each member of the Committee shall have one vote.
- (5) The Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association with approximately one third retiring annually, having served for

three years.

- (6) The Management Committee when elected shall at their first meeting proceed to elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
- (7) Other posts shall be designated as required - e.g. Social Convener, Minute Secretary, etc.
- (8) The Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall be ex officio members of all Sub-Committees.
- (9) A quorum at meetings of the Management Committee shall be five and at all other meetings of Sub-Committees one third.
- (10) The Chairman of any meeting shall have a deliberative vote and, in the case of equal voting, the casting vote.

5. MEETINGS

- (1) The Association shall have an Annual General Meeting to which all members shall be invited.
- (2) The Management Committee shall call an Annual General Meeting of the Association between 1 January and 31 March each year, giving each member at least fourteen days notice in writing.
- (3) Only members present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote.
- (4) Each individual member shall be entitled to one vote, and each family or corporate member shall be entitled to two votes, provided that two members of such family or organisation are present at the meeting.
- (5) A Special General Meeting of the Association may be called at any time on a written request by at least twenty members of the Association and delivered to the Hon. Secretary containing details of the matter to be discussed. At least twenty-eight days notice must be given for such requests.
- (6) A Special General Meeting of the Association may also be called when the Management Committee so decides.

6. FINANCE

- (1) All monies received on behalf of the Association shall be kept in safe custody by the Hon. Treasurer and all cheques drawn on the Association shall be signed by any two of Chairman, Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretary.
- (2) Audited accounts to 30 November each year shall be submitted to each Annual General Meeting.
- (3) Subscriptions shall be due for payment annually.
- (4) The scale of subscription shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.



More Tree Lighting pictures..

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- (1) Amendments to the Constitution of the Association shall only be made at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.
- (2) Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the meeting. Details shall be given in the notice convening the meeting and notice of the meeting should be given at least fourteen days in advance.
- (3) No amendment shall be carried unless not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting vote in its favour.



8. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (1) Any motion for the dissolution of the Association shall be intimated in writing to the Hon. Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the date of the meeting at which the motion is to be discussed.
- (2) Any notice calling a meeting at which a motion for dissolution is to be considered shall draw attention to the proposal and shall be intimated at least fourteen days in advance of such meeting.
- (3) At any meeting convened for the purpose of dissolution which has been intimated and notified in accordance with this Rule, the consent of two-thirds of the members present and voting is required for the motion to succeed.
- (4) In the event of the Association being dissolved, all surplus funds and assets thereof shall be transferred to such bodies or charities as the Management Committee shall in its absolute discretion decide.



Pictures: (from top) Tommy, Betty and Ove Bach; Once again Liliias Fathers & Co provided a superb buffet; Awaiting the raffle; The Dashing White Sergeant.



Name

Address

I would like to:

Become a member

Renew my subscription

I enclose a cheque for:

Individual £4

Family £8 (couple + children under 18)

Corporate £10

Please send me a standing order mandate

Note change of details

Comments / Suggestions

Please hand to a committee member or post to The Membership Secretary, ONFA, Upper Settir, Lyness, Orkney

Committee 2007

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Faces at the party...



Is this the Westray One-Step?



Norway on the Net

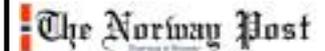
The internet opens up a whole new window on Norway and you can explore and get to know the country from the comfort of your home. In this series we highlight some useful sites.

There are several websites that provide Norwegian news in English, so even if you are not (yet) fluent you can keep track of what is happening over the water and sometimes see oursel's as others see us'.



Aftenposten is a major Oslo newspaper with an English newpage updated daily. It has frequent picture series on life in Norway and particularly follows the activities of the Royal family.

www.aftenposten.no/english



Norway Post is a web-only English language news service which also carries a large amount of advertising for and links to tourism related businesses.

www.norwaypost.no



Aftenbladet is based in Stavanger and carries news from a Rogaland perspective.

www.aftenbladet.no/english/

There are of course a wide range of regional and national newspapers which have sites in Norwegian. A full list appears at www.onlinenewspapers.com/norway

The ONFA website provides links to many Norwegian sites and can be found at

www.orkney.com/norway

Memberships

for 2008 are due at the AGM.

To renew your membership please use the form on the left.

If you would like to set up a Standing Order, please let us know.

If you require clarification of your membership status please contact the Membership Secretary.

If you would like to suggest an event or a speaker for an ONFA talk please let us know.

We are always keen to hear of new connections with Norway. If you have visited and would like to contribute words or pictures to the newsletter or to an ONFA meeting we will be delighted to hear from you.

Finally, when you have finished with this magazine, please recycle it: pass it on to anyone who you think may find it interesting.