

Orkney Norway Friendship Association Newsletter Autumn 2009



17th May on Hoy



The grave on the left is in Lyness Cemetery and the one below is in the small cemetery near where Louise and Arthur Budge live. It is unmarked now but it is where a drowned Norwegian man was buried. We would be interested to know more about this person so if anyone has any information please get in touch.



Our thanks go to Louise and Arthur for laying the flowers on these graves each 17th May, and for replacing this little wooden cross when the original one rotted away. We are also indebted to Helen Pottinger in Westray for laying flowers on the grave there.

Chairman's Letter

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that we are already into August and my second newsletter as Chairman of ONFA. It has been a busy summer so far for the committee with many Norwegian friends coming to Orkney and very rewarding to meet new friends too visiting our shores for the first time. (More information about some of these visits elsewhere in the newsletter).

When I spoke to a representative of Loganair/Flybe, to ascertain the popularity of the direct flights, he said . . .

"We are generally very pleased with how the Orkney flights are progressing. There are still seats available but overall the summer is going well and Orkney has proved to be a popular destination for the Norwegian market. We have carried a number of groups from Bergen to Orkney and we have received a very positive response from the group/tour organisers. I have to say there has been a lot of interest from individual Norwegians too, and they have certainly been using the direct service so it has been very encouraging for the company."

This is good news indeed and we can only hope that there has been sufficient interest both from Norway and Orkney to warrant Loganair continuing the flights in 2010.

Our newsletter is meant to be a means of keeping our members informed about ONFA activities as well as passing on articles which we hope will be of interest. However, unless we have some feedback and some input from you, our members, then it is down to just two or three committee members to put together the newsletter each time. Can I ask you therefore to think about the following questions?

- ★ Do you enjoy reading the newsletter and should we continue producing it?
- ★ Is the content of interest and if not how could we improve it?
- ★ Can you think of articles, photos or other items which **you** could contribute to the newsletter?

I would really welcome any thoughts or suggestions you have and look forward to hearing from you. (Either to ishbel.borland@virgin.net or to Bea House, Back Road, Stromness, Orkney KW16 3AW.)

We look forward to a new session of meetings which will be well publicised in advance and hope that you will find the time to come and join us. Finally to all our Norwegian visitors to Orkney in recent months I'd just like to say "Haste ye Back".

Ishbel