

This picture is 2008-01-01 on Kevin Byrne's PC

It is a copy of John Clark's photo, lent to KB on 16 November 2013



The picture is taken in the Learga Mhór ("Big Slope") at Scalasaig. John recalls that the ground was heavy with rushes and that his father first ploughed it downhill with the team of two horses, bringing them back up to start the next furrow. In the picture the horses, "Charlie" and "Paddy", are towing a reaper.

Hugh Brown is seated on the reaper, with David Clark (hotelier and John Clark's uncle) standing behind him.

Daryl Underhill is next, holding a rabbit. He was an airman, part of the signals unit at WWII Machrins, a very popular and good-natured man who was always out and about helping people, for example helping "old Jeannie" at the Post Office by delivering telegrams. John wonders what he did at the base, and how he ever got time to do it... he was in Colonsay for quite a long time.

Then comes Sandy MacPhee, and then a smaller figure, Andrew Hannah, who was working at the hotel. The next figure is Dugie Clark, John Clark's late father, and the final person is unidentified.