

TO THE NEXT
GENERATION
BUT TWO,
GREETINGS!

WHO WERE THEY?

WHENCE CAME THEY?

WHAT BROUGHT THEY?

LATECOMERS TO
BONNIE GLENSHEE



LESLIE AND
VALERIE
JOHNSTON

WILL AND
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STEWART

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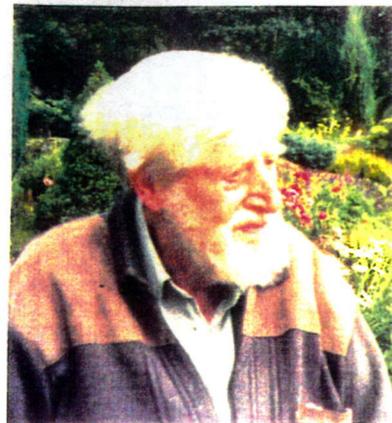
Incomers Intro.

Much has been written about the loss of people in the glens; about the farmers and their wives, their dogs and their tractors carrying on a life which is but a shadow of itself in the old days. The glen is strewn with the ruins of seventeenth and eighteenth century cottages and flour mills. The land is refurbished with inns and hotels, with holiday cottages and B & B resting-places.

But within this semi-desolate world there is a new life, an unexpected strange life. It is the life of the Incomers (not the resident holiday-makers, not the passing tourists, not the money-spending second-homers). It is the life of mature people who elect to come to live in the glen and who are free with the gifts they have to offer from their experiences world-wide. Where will it lead?

Here we take a look at six people who, having come to the glen, have learned to like each other, and assess their values. They lament that earlier generations in the glen have left sparse records of their time; they propose to leave their records. They know full well that around them other mature persons have equal or better records but here they are doing what they can to tell the generations of the 21st Century what it was like to come to the glen in the 1980s and 1990s.

PART 1. WHO WERE THEY?

GLENSHEE PROJECTBio: WILL STEWART

Born Dundee 1907.

Educ: Three Primaries and Morgan Academy (bursary holder);
Skerry's College, Edinburgh and Dundee:
"Universities" Police and Sheriff Courts, Dundee.

Joined Dundee Courier (D C Thomson & Co) as telephone /shorthand clerk 1923, and in 1926 when a junior reporter, posted to Fleet Street. The General Strike led to a change in fortunes and after three months worked on the Sunday Post and Weekly News. Moved to Northcliffe Newspapers in 1929 and remained with that company till retirement in 1973. This included 27 years as London editor and in that time he had many adventures in Whitehall and Westminster. Came permanently into the Glen in 1981 but had had associations with it since his early boyhood. Past experiences include sustained campaigns against Ministers, Civil Servants and Local Government officers found to be unnecessarily obstructive.

At the time of Dunkirk he made an abortive attempt to join the RN Patrol Service but a broken arm caused his rejection and he had to return to newspaper work in Fleet Street and to serving in the Hospital Emergency Service. He went through the day and night "blitzes" and also the V1 and V2 attacks before going to NW Europe as a war correspondent visiting Army, Naval and Air Force units between Normandy and Luneborg Heath where the armistice was signed.

Through four Reigns he co-operated with Court and Government officers in planning Press facilities for coverage of Royal and State occasions along processional routes and in St Pauls Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Westminster Hall and Windsor.

He received the OBE in 1967.

Bio: MARTY STEWART

Born Diesenhofen, Schaffhausen, Switzerland. 1919.

Educ: Zurich. Attended a domestic science college at age 17, then went to Froebel training for two years.

Came to England in 1937. Parents were anxious about stories of White Slave Trade (girls said to be abducted at railway stations) so they made her travel by plane. She landed at Croydon then a grass airfield and was met by a "friend of Young Girls" and escorted to King's Cross where she was put on the "Silver Jubilee" express for Newcastle. (Silver Jubilee meant nothing to her.) Marty maintains she was the grandmother of all "au pair" girls. She was lucky to fall in with a very nice family at Gosforth and there she learned her English and through this family experienced, with their relatives, an almost Galsworthian English lifestyle. Then the war came; as an alien she had to report daily at police stations.

Married in 1940 and became a VAD. Her son was born in 1942.



Bio: LESLIE JOHNSTON

Born 27 August, 1915 to David William and Elizabeth Ann Johnston, in Newbiggin-by-Sea, Northumberland. Elementary School in Newbiggin, then Grammar School in Bedlington. Thence, in 1933, to Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, which at that time was one of the constituent Colleges of the University of Durham. In one issue of the College magazine he was described as "that lean, dark, handsome young man". BA with Honours in History in 1936 then Diploma in the Theory and Practice of Teaching 1937. Assistant Master, Lower Canada College, Montreal 1937-1940. Postgraduate Fellowship to Haverford College, Pennsylvania 1940-1941. Master of Arts, Haverford in 1941 in American Studies.

Married Valerie Ward (whom he had met in Montreal in 1939) in January 1941. First seven months of their married life spent in a Quaker residential centre called Pendle Hill in Pennsylvania. There was an abortive attempt to join with others from the Pendle Hill group to set up a self-subsistence community on a farm in Vermont; but American visas expired and renewals were refused. (A Canadian acquaintance had reported them to the RCMP as being doubtful characters and presumably this information, or misinformation, was passed on to the American authorities) The ban, however, did not last, for in 1946 we were allowed to enter the USA to become Directors of the International Student House in Washington, DC, which was a centre for foreign students owned by American Quakers. Between that year and 1941, Leslie Johnston had been an assistant master at two more Canadian Independent Schools and had also spent three years, as a Conscientious Objector, in what was known as Alternative Service - roadbuilding, forestry, farming, and work as an attendant in a Psychiatric Hospital. During those years, Valerie had spent part of the time in Montreal with her sister (who had come out from England) and with David Ward Johnston born 23 August 1942; but had also spent several months back at Pendle Hill before joining Leslie on a farm in Arundel, Quebec. Then a spell in Toronto where LJ did administrative work for the Friends' Ambulance Unit, before the last of the Canadian Schools (Pickering College) Newmarket.

International House 1946-1950, then back to England. LJ Sixth Form History Master, Brentwood School, Essex 1950-1951; then 11 years as Senior Master, Woolverstone Hall, Suffolk, and finally Headmaster, Cheadle Hulme School, Cheshire,, 1963-1974. Retired to Scotland August 1974, bookdealing since then. LJ is now plump, white-haired and NOT so handsome?





Bio: VALERIE JOHNSTON (Nee Ward)

Born Shanghai, China, February 1917

Schools: Kindergarten, Surrey;
 Primary, American School, Shanghai;
 Junior, Governess in South of France,
 Ecole Privee in Lausanne;
 Boarding School, Bexhill, Sussex;
 'Finishing' with family in Black Forest.

Career: Trained 1935-38 at St Thomas' Hospital, London, as
 'Masseuse' so called in those days, qualifying CSMMG,
 now called Physiotherapist.

Jobs: Locums, King Edward VII Hospital, Ealing,
 Montreal St Mary's Hospital. Later, on and off,
 according to family needs and circumstances.

1941 married LJ in Connecticut, USA ...then at Pendle Hill
 (Quaker Centre) in Pennsylvania. Summer of 1941 living in
 'community' Hilltop Farm, Vermont.

*Motherhood from 1942 on. First son 1942, first daughter
 1945. During LJ's alternative Service, wandering between
 Montreal and Toronto. Four years in Washington (second son
 born 1947) then back to England. Second daughter born 1953.

- * "Working Mum" during several occasions!
- 1943 Pendle Hill as assistant "Resident" & odd job
 housekeeper/chauffeur/teamaker.
- 1946 Co-Director at International House, largely
 domestic side and some counselling.
- 1951 Ran Private Practice for 15 months in Windsor!
 which provided a roof over our heads and a car.

CSMMG = Chartered Society of Massage & Medical Gymnastics!!

ME & LET = Medical Electricity & Light & Electro Therapy!!!



Bio: IAIN SMART

Born Edinburgh 1928; as a child taken to Orissa, India.

Educ: George Watson's School, Edinburgh and Edinburgh University Medical School. MB. ChB.

Served in St John's Hospital and other hospitals in Newfoundland.

In 1953 married Margaret Kennedy in Hamilton, Ontario.

Moved to British Columbia and then Montreal before returning to UK on a posting to Dundee University Anatomy Department.

Bio: MARGARET SMART

Born in Assam in 1923.

Educated at St Monica's Preparatory School, Kent and Queen Anne's School, Reading and then Edinburgh University. Studied Chemistry and became chief bottle-washer with the Blood Transfusion Service, Edinburgh. Having had call-up papers, attended Edinburgh University Medical School where she obtained BSc, MB, ChB. Medical appointments included internship at Easter General Hospital, Edinburgh, Kirkcaldy General Hospital, Sick Children's General Hospital, Edinburgh and Winchester General Hospital. Obtained DCH 1952. After six months general practice she emigrated to Canada where she married Iain Smart. From 1966 to 1971 she was Medical Officer with the Mobile Blood Transfusion Service, Dundee. 1974 to 1977 she was research assistant to her husband.

