

Snowdon Snippets

Wedding Edition

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Step we gaily on we go...



Heel for heel
and toe for toe

Over hill and up and down...

Myrtle green and
bracken brown...



Red her cheeks as rowans are...

Bright her eyes
as any star...



Our very own
June Bride



Fairest of them all be far...

Is our
darling...



...Sam and
Lucky Jim



Man and Wife



Jack & Jenny Newlands

by Janet Reid, *Freelance Writer*

Jack and Jenny are the first of 3 generations of Newlands to be active members of the BB, Guides and Scouts and they've not forgotten their Scout Law – they are friendly, cheerful, courteous, helpful and kind, (and no doubt thrifty, trustworthy and obedient) and certainly a delight to meet. They are relative newcomers to Campbell Snowdon – and they can't praise their new home enough: indeed their description of the staff matches those of the Scout Law.

Jack, who was born in 1935 grew up in Falkirk, close by the Forth and Clyde Canal, and Jenny a few miles away, up the braes, as she says. In their school days Jack was in the BB and has happy memories of many a BB camp in a nearby country estate, and Jenny was in the Guides.

Several years passed. Jenny worked in the transport office of Carron Iron Works, doing the paperwork for the 50 delivery lorries which were constantly on the go, loaded with baths and sinks for Liverpool and London, going on her annual holidays to Blackpool or the Isle of Man with her friends, (who used to buy her a child's ticket for the rides there because she was so small!) and going dancing every Friday and Saturday night.

Meantime, Jack, after his school days – when he remembers learning to swim in the Canal, and helping at the locks and getting trips on the fishing boats which were always going through, returning to their northeast ports from the west coast and the Atlantic fishing grounds – did an apprenticeship as a painter and decorator. Then he did his National Service in the RAF. He was trained to be a fireman and sent to the radar station in Islay - a lovely island, it was magic, he says. And there he enjoyed the dancing too. A mini-van came every week to take them to whichever village had the dance.

Back in Falkirk after his National Service, he returned to painting and decorating. Now, though Jack and Jenny lived not far from one another, and both loved dancing, the chances of their meeting were not great - Jenny liked to go dancing on Friday and Saturday nights to the dancing in Linlithgow, while Jack thought the bands were better in Glasgow. So it was only a lucky coincidence that one Saturday they both decided to go to the local Falkirk dance. And thus they met and fell in love. They soon got married, but the rules of her employment meant that Jenny had to give up her job.

However it wasn't long before the next generation arrived, young Murray was born, the first Scout recruit in the family. They moved to an unfriendly unwelcoming London, and so after only 4 years they returned to the Falkirk area; then the next Scout recruit arrived – a little girl this time, called Jennifer.



While Jenny was busy bringing up the children, Jack got a job building computers with a computer company in Cumbernauld. As the years went by he became so expert and knowledgeable that he ended up with what he called a wonderful niche job, fixing computer problems for companies all over the UK.

Meantime the children grew up, becoming an enthusiastic cub and brownie, and then scout and guide as they grew, and Jenny had several different jobs. One she particularly remembers was packing the toffees into boxes for McCowans the sweetie makers in Stenhousemuir. The staff were allowed to eat as many toffees as they liked while they were on the premises, but not allowed to take any home! Later, she worked for 10 years as a nursery nurse for children with special needs.

Finally retirement came for Jack, but he wasn't going to forget his BB training – for several years he was a volunteer driver for hospital patients. Then for a while he was a school janitor.

Recently Jenny's health problems necessitated a move to a care home, and so now they are both very happily settled in the new large "suite" made out of the old under-used sitting room. They are surrounded by photos of their children and grandchildren – amongst them Jennifer who is a Scout leader in Kilmacolm, and organiser and host for hundreds of scouts who come from all over the globe every second year to an international jamboree at Blair Atholl, and her son, their grandson, Ruari who this year played the bagpipes with the Scouts at Edinburgh Castle, and at Buckingham Palace for Prince Charles' 70th birthday party. Jack and Jenny are immensely proud of them all.

Jim's Jottings



Hell's Angels eat your heart out!

On Wednesday 1st August 2018, with the assistance of the 'Cycling Without Age' initiative, we were delighted to take delivery of our new Trishaw. Campbell Snowdon is the first care home in the West of Scotland to have this people carrying tricycle. Sam, Activity Co-coordinator and Paul, Maintenance Officer have completed their training in the running of the Trishaw and are looking forward to taking residents for rides round Quarriers Village. Please contact Morag on 01505 614350 if you are interested in becoming a pilot for the Trishaw.

SVQ Training Successes

Loretta Blackwell, Karen Gillespie, Sandra Hutchison, Liz McBlain and Janet Wilson have all completed their SVQ in Health & Social Care from West College Scotland. Lorretta, Sandra, Liz and Janet attained Level 3 and Karen attained Level 4. Well done to all!



Going for Gold

Activity Co-ordinators Forum in Inverclyde has arranged a 'Going for Gold' activity day on Friday 24th August at Battery Park in Greenock. Each care home in the Inverclyde area will have an activity stall. Campbell Snowdon's contribution is the 'Big Cheese' stall. The aim of the game is to score points by lobbing beanbags into the holes in the cheese. Campbell Snowdon participants will be known as the 'Snowdon Silvers'.

Oh, and by the way ...

Sam and I were married on June 21st at 2.30pm on the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond.



Come on everybody, let's celebrate!



Our lovely Wedding Day

Residents – doing what they want to do! *Happy times far and wide...*



Tossing Pancakes...

...at Campbell Snowdon House



*What's new
Pussycat?*

"...Whoa, oa, oa" at the
Purple Cat Cafe, Glasgow

...and at the Waterfront Cinema,
Greenock...



Hot stuff!

An evening at Shimla Cottage, Bridge of Weir.



*We are
sailing...*

Castle Semple Loch, Lochwinnoch

Your Editor, Barbara Walton, would welcome any suggestions and contributions for future issues - email: bandtw@sky.com

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