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Many moons ago, on the 14th of July 1922, a young girl was born in Reykjavík in Iceland to a small family (only in catholic terms) living at No.104 on Hverfisgata.

She grew up during the infancy of hostility between the volatile nations of Europe who were heading towards a second war after the early war of 1914–1918.

In 1918, Denmark was still in control of Iceland, making it a sovereign state, but still with the king of Denmark as it’s head of state and agrees to further negotiations on Iceland’s status in 1940.

Her name was Guðrún þorsteinsdóttir or Dalla to most who knew her. She was the fourth youngest of a family of ten, her father was þórsteinn Jónsson (17th April 1886 – 23rd July 1963) and her mother was Ólafia Eiriksdóttir (04th December 1889 – 22nd December 1964).
After the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939 and due to the Germans having taken control of Denmark and Norway, Britain and a young man named Henry Charles ‘Charlie’ Naish took the logical step of occupying Iceland to trump the Germans. Of course, when the Royal Army & Navy arrived, they used the traditional viking methods of circling the island and throwing the high chair out of the boat, which just luckily happened to wash ashore in ‘Smokey Bay’ or Reykjavík as it is known.

‘Charlie’ Naish and his fellow companions set up base in downtown Reykjavík and guarded in case of German invasion and protecting the North Atlantic Corridor to secure British & American shipping routes. However, soon after young ‘Charlie’ arrived in Iceland, war wasn’t the only thing distracting him. As usual men are always distracted by things which they are prohibited from. The order to not fraternise with the local women was clearly convincingly forgotten.
With his English accent and smart uniform, Charlie managed to charm young Dalla and soon after a year, Charlie managed to pull off a coup de’tat in dating circles by pronouncing his love for Dalla, by donning a jumper with her name knitted to the front. As any woman worth her salt knows, this truly is the first step to marriage. It was after this grand gesture, that Charlie asked for the hand of young Dalla, via asking her father Þorsteinn Jónsson if he could marry her. After learning of the jumper incident, Þorsteinn immediately sanctioned the nuptials and they may wed and once the war was over, she would accompany him to sunny Britain.

Henry Charles had promised Dalla the world and all it’s riches and Dalla had dared to dream. Dream was the right word as she soon set foot in London, England and she thought she had come from a cold, desolate place miles from anywhere!
They soon settled down and started a family and they had five children in the end, two of which kept the Icelandic influence within their names. They had Ása Christine Naish (14th September 1946), Friða Ann Naish (29th April 1948). It was after these two children were born that they moved from London to Albert Drive in Woking, Surrey in 1951.

They had the remaining three children here: Cecil Henry Naish (now known as Alex) – (24th January 1951), Rose-Marie Naish (24th May 1954) and Andrew Naish (8th November 1961).
The Swinging sixties in Woking, Surrey in the UK

1960s: Rose-Marie, Cecil Henry (Alex), Terry Hills, Dalla, Friða Ann, Roger Broomfield and young Andrew

1960s: Friða Ann & Terry Hills with Ása Christine, Friða Ann and Rose-Marie

1960s: Dalla with her daughters: Ása Christine, Friða Ann and Rose-Marie

1983: Dalla and her brother Geir skiing in Iceland

1990: Dalla, Geir & Elsa

1990: Dalla & Elsa

1990: Geir, Dalla & Elsa

1960: Geir, Dalla & Elsa

1960: Friða Ann & Terry Hills with Ása Christine & Roger Broomfield

1960: Geir, Dalla & Elsa

1990: Elsa, Geir, Dalla, Ása and Kristín

1990: Elsa, Geir, Dalla, Ása and Kristín
1992: Dalla with her brother Geir and the Grandchildren

1992: On a trip to Viðey, Dalla with her sisters: Kristín and Ása

1992: Dalla with her sister Kristín

1993: Ása & Roger visit Iceland and meet all of the family

2002: Geir, Ása, Dalla & Kristín

2002: Dalla & Geir

2002: At the restaurant

Dalla's 2002 visit to Iceland
Dalla in August 2010 at a BBQ at the Brockhurst Hospice in Woking.
Ása grew up and married Roger Broomfield (08th November 1946) on the 26th of October 1968 and had two children, Samatha Broomfield (13th August 1970) and Anthony Lloyd Broomfield (27th December 1973).

Samantha has since had a family of her own with her partner Justin Neighbour and they have two children, Holly Ada Neighbour (22nd January 2004) and Dillion Gerrard Neighbour (18th August 2005).
As for Friða, she married a young man called Terry Douglas Hills (20th September 1944) on the 25th January 1969.

They had a family consisting of Stuart Matthew Hills (9th September 1971), Helen Joanne Hills (30 December 1973) and Martin Phillip Hills (13th June 1977).

Stuart married Emma Whitehair in the Ice Hotel in Sweden in February 2006 and have since started a family which consists of Felix Dominic Hills (13th March 2007), Fleur Violet Hills (12th July 2008) and Theo Che Hills (2010) and they all live in Hartley Whitney, Hampshire.

Helen was married in July 2006 at the Aldermaston Hotel to Andrew Brooks (8th September 1966) and they live in Yateley, Hampshire. Helen is currently pregnant and due to give birth around December 2010/January 2011.
Cecil Henry (Alex) Naish married Felicity Anne Hawksley (23 November 1955). They had a daughter, Lucy Catherine Ragnheither Naish (20th January 1989). Alex is now separated from Felicity.
Rose Naish married Ronald David Stoner (7th February 1951) on the 21st June 1975. They have had two children, Nichola Jayne Stoner (12th December 1981) and Daniel James Stoner (27th November 1988).
Andrew Naish married Ruth Spear (14th January 1962) and had two children, Fred Naish (4th November 1988) and Heidi Naish (27th December 1991). Andrew and Ruth are now separated.
Genealogy

Below are the families coming from the family of Guðrún 'Dalla’ þorsteinsdóttir and Henry Charles 'Charlie' Naish.
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