

Notes on Contributors

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Gunilla Blom Thomsen hails from northern Sweden. While a student at Uppsala University, she visited Scotland for the first time in the late 1960s and felt very much at home. She next returned in 1989 as Teaching Fellow in Swedish at the University of Edinburgh, where one of her colleagues was Bjarne. They married a few years later.

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John Gilmour is Honorary Fellow in Scandinavian Studies at the University of Edinburgh. He first met Bjarne in 2000 when he joined Gunilla's Swedish class as a non-graduating student. Ten years later in 2010 as a valued colleague, Bjarne's contribution was indispensable to the success of the conference *Hitler's Scandinavian Legacy* organised by John and Prof. Jill Stephenson.

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