

Send in the clowns

The Sunday Express/ Skint and angry



Below the first article is an article that was published in the Sunday Express on May 26th 2002 and is about a pathetic clown named Ian Smith who, in an effort to poncify himself up, is now calling himself Iain-Dickhead Duncan Smith.

Course, this fact obviously rather amused me and being as I already knew that Dickhead Smith lied on his CV, I thought that I could use the latter info as an introduction to the afore mentioned article.

In doing so I came across this rather excellent article on the 'Skint & Angry' website which in my opinion was far too good not to use. You may also like to know that there is also a lot of handy info on that site for the unemployed.

Ian Smith! You really, really are a pathetic waste of Sperm.

Iain Duncan Smith For Beginners.

Skint & Angry

Iain Duncan Smith (IDS) was born in Edinburgh in 1954 the son of a WWII airforce group captain and a ballerina. Aged 14 young master Duncan Smith went to HMS Conway a naval school, after which he did exactly what you'd expect someone with a naval education to do – he joined the army. Maybe he suffered from seasickness. Having attended the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst he became a Lieutenant in the Scots Guards. During his six years in the army he served in Northern Ireland and Rhodesia.

His military connections didn't end when he left the army. He went on to work for GEC Marconi and Jane's Information Group which are both part of the defence industry. In this period he was also educated in Italy and went to the Dunchurch College of Management.

In 1992, after 11 years in the Conservative Party, he was elected as MP for Chingford. Since 1997 he has represented Chingford and Woodford Green. Nine years after becoming an MP he became leader of the Conservative Party. This was an inglorious period in the history of the Tory party and in the life of IDS. He never really settled into the role and almost from the start he had to deal with constant internal opposition, meanwhile the rest of the country barely noticed him. Until, that is, he made his disastrous 'Quiet Man' speech at party conference and became the butt of jokes.

It got worse for Iain Duncan Smith. He was questioned on the veracity of his CV. It was pointed out that his attendance at the impressively named Dunchurch College of Management amounted to a few weekend classes at GEC's staff college. As

for his time in Italy, IDS claimed he had a degree from the University of Perugia but it turned out that he had actually attended the Università per Stranieri which did not give degrees at the time.

If all that wasn't enough, IDS then had to face one final fatal blow delivered by his own wife – Betsy. Betsy Duncan Smith (BDS) was employed as her husband's Diary Secretary. Michael Crick, of BBC's Newsnight, alleged that her pay "was not commensurate with the duties she performed" between September 2001 and December 2002. When asked if BDS earned her money Rikki Radford, Iain Duncan Smith's constituency agent at the time, said "I know for sure she doesn't ... she's his wife and she gets on with looking after the kids" (The Telegraph Oct 13 2003). Many others, including 6 Tory MPs, said they had seen no evidence of BDS earning her way.

The House of Commons Standards Committee investigated and although they found that roles in Mr Duncan Smith's office were vague no rules had been broken. Personally I've never done a job where no one knew if I was there or not or if I had done any work or not but let's give Betsy the benefit of the doubt, she is married to a quiet man after all so perhaps she is a quiet woman, so quiet no one in the office noticed her. Regardless of the findings of the Standards Committee IDS was finished as Tory leader, the Good Ship IDS had foundered on the rocks of Betsygate, and he resigned in 2003 after a vote of no confidence. He went off to lick his wounds.

But IDS wasn't gone for good. He founded a think tank, as many people do when they've just lost a job, the ironically named Centre for Social Justice. He also took the time to write a novel (is there no end to the man's talents?) of which one critic said "Really, it's terrible ... Terrible, terrible, terrible."

Giving up a potentially great career as a novelist he concentrated his efforts on social justice. This led to him

being made Chair of the Tory's Social Justice Policy Group in 2005 – the Tories love a good euphemism. IDS had found a way back in and the issue of welfare reform was the key. David Cameron's 'victory' in the 2010 election heralded the return of the quiet man. Who better to tell the Tories about welfare than the privately educated son of a ballerina who went to school on a boat, lied about his degree and paid his wife from the public purse for work she may or may not have done (but probably didn't)? IDS had gone off into the political wilderness a semi-disgraced former party leader with a relationship to the truth which was questionable at best and he had returned the self-proclaimed world expert on the benefit system, poverty, social justice and everything in between. It was one of the greatest political rebirths of recent times.

Now IDS is the Gruppenfuhrer of the DWP and he has designed the final solution of the benefits issue. This solution has two major parts. IDS has taken the idea of the carrot and stick approach and radically rethought it coming up with the stick and stick approach. The first stick (Workfare, the Work Programme and work capability assessments) is used to bully and punish people for being unemployed or disabled by forcing them to work for free for the likes of Tesco one of Britain's most profitable companies. The work capability assessments administered by ATOS have been implicated in the suicides of disabled people.

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How plain Ian Smith grew up to be Tory leader (restyled as Iain Duncan Smith)



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IT'S tough keeping up with the Joneses, but it's much harder keeping up with the Duncan Smiths.

Mystery surrounded the family origins of Tory leader Iain Duncan Smith last night amid claims that he invented his double-barrelled surname and gentrified his first name by adding an extra vowel.

Many Conservatives may be horrified to learn that their impressively monikered leader was born just plain Ian Smith.

A Sunday Express investigation has uncovered an embarrassing secret in the Duncan Smith family background – his original birth certificate.

Although the Tory leader has long preferred to be known by his second name Iain, rather than his first Christian name of George, a quick look at his birth certificate reveals that Duncan is simply another middle name.

And at some point he has added an extra "i" to Iain in what one political opponent called "a bizarre attempt at gentrifying his name."

But whoever decided to add a barrel and a vowel to the young Ian Smith's name, the finished product is the perfect combination for his wife, Betsy, the daughter of Lord Cottesloe, an Old Etonian and ex-naval commander.

Mr Duncan Smith was born at Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion Hospital in Edinburgh on April 9, 1954, and the official certificate for his birth, registered 20 days later, lists his full name as George Ian Duncan Smith. His late father is listed as Wing Commander Wilfred George Gerald Duncan Smith and signed his name on the certificate as WGG Duncan Smith.

From these entries, it is unclear whether Duncan is a middle name or part of his surname. The mystery unravels, however, in the entry for the Tory leader's mother, Pamela Mary Summers, who is listed by her married name as plain Pamela Mary Smith.

Yet by the time her son reached Parliament, she had become Pamela Mary Duncan Smith in the Tory leader's entries in both Who's Who and Dod's Parliamentary Companion.

To add to the confusion the party leader's father, one of the most decorated fighter pilots in the Second World War, was known to his comrades as "Smithy" but was called Duncan by his friends until his death six years ago.

While three of the Conservative leader's siblings use the double-barrelled version of their name, his elder sister has chosen to drop Smith entirely and call herself Susan Duncan.

Andrew Cox, publisher of Dod's, said: "When somebody becomes an MP, we ask them to fill in a questionnaire and we expect it to reflect the way things actually are. It's probably down to some little family thing they decided along the way."

David Williamson, co-editor of Debrett's, said: "Iain is the normal Scottish spelling of the name but I suppose it's an affectation."

"People can spell their names any way they like. Originally people used to change their names for family reasons but these days it's usually done for snobbish reasons."

Opponents were delighted. Labour MP Tom Watson said: "I've heard about keeping up with the Joneses but it must be much harder to keep up with the Duncan Smiths. What a snob!"

"It might come as a bit of a shock to the blue rinse brigade but it turns out the Tory leader is as common as the rest of us."

A Conservative spokesman said it was "an attempt to smear Iain," adding: "It's ridiculously boring and uninteresting. He was elected to Parliament as Iain Duncan Smith. He spells his name with two 'i's. I think you'll find it's a Scottish thing."

"His parents and his grandparents were Duncan Smiths. This is just tosh. Iain, of all people, is not that sort of guy."

