

Denis John Uvedale Knight

Denis Knight was born in Volos, Greece, in 1921. As the second son* of the British Consul in Turkey he became accustomed to travel early in life, his education being in England whilst his parents lived abroad. Shortly after gaining his degree at Christ's College Cambridge in 1942, he enlisted in the 44th Royal Tank Regiment, and as a 'Desert Rat' saw front-line action from North Africa to the heartlands of Germany.

After the war he became a smallholder on River Common, near Petworth in West Sussex, farming in accordance with the principles of William Cobbett, the 19th century radical for whom he has held a lifelong empathy. His collection of Cobbett's writings on Ireland was published by Lawrence and Wishart in 1987. Numerous poems of his have also appeared in newspapers, journals and anthologies over the past forty years.*

Denis married Nora Dalton, painter, (1922 – 2008), daughter of Philip Dalton and Nora Hennessy, in 1942. They had five children: Christopher, Kevin, Elizabeth, Peter and Simon and six grandchildren: Rosie, Olivia, Hannah, Kate, Amy and Jude; and now ten great grandchildren: Annie, Archie, Sonny, Bo, Vera Lily, Emmanuel, Samuele, Leonard, Bella Rose and Moses. Denis died in February 2014 in South Brent, Devon.

*Denis's siblings were: Brendan, Rosemary and Monica: between them they had eight children: John, David, Angela, Clement and Peter; Frances; Emma and Stephanie.

*Denis's publications include:

Cobbett in Ireland: A Warning to England [Cobbett's writings edited by Denis Knight]; ISBN-13: 978-0853155966

Days in Occitania; ISBN-13: 978-1846851131

Poems from the Black Sea: An Anthology; ISBN-13: 978-0595132492

River Common: Poems by Denis Knight; ISBN-13: 978-0953408900

Poems for Liz: Alice Says No; ISBN-13: 978-0953408917

High Cries were Felled and a Pure Change Happened: A Review of Seamus Heaney's 'The Haw Lantern' [review]; # ASIN: B0006DM1WG

