



UPDATE

Our very first Summer BBQ took place on 16:8:2015 (see later for details and photos).

We would like to welcome Lynne and Lauren Mc Kenzie, who joined us on the 16:8:2015 taking over Dave's plot.

We acquired a new sign for the gate and a short history of the allotments plaque (located on the community hut door) on the 16:8:2015. Many thanks to Vic for all his skill and work in making these. We would also like to thank Carol and Joan for their participation in the opening ceremonies for these additions to our allotments – didn't they all do well?



**New Gate
sign**



**What our
photograph
would have
looked like
if taken in
1933**

History of Allotments plaque on Community shed



We recently acquired a 1000 gallon water container which is located at the far end of the allotments next to Victoria's plot which should help all those up that end to get water more easily. Thanks to Sandy McK for acquiring a tap for this container. This means that now the water instead of coming out horizontally as from a fireman's hose does so vertically downwards!

Again thanks to Sandy McK we now have a hand sanitising cream dispenser. This is located on the fence facing you as you enter the allotments.

See the notice board for some old and new photos of the allotments, including two which detail who had which plot as of July 2015.

We are now members of both the National Allotments Society and the Scottish Allotments and Garden Society. More on this at the next AGM in November 2015.

We are in the process of drawing up a draft Constitution which will be made available to all members in October 2015 when it will be proposed and hopefully adopted at our next AGM in November. If you want a copy please contact any committee member.

Copies of Allotment & Leisure Gardener Issues 2 and 3 are currently circulating among members. When read please tick attached sheet on each magazine and pass on.

SUMMER BBQ 16:8:15

By all accounts this first ever allotments BBQ was a great success enjoyed by everyone who attended. In view of this it has been decided to make this an annual event with plot holders bringing their own drinks from now on. Let's hope we get the same type of weather next year.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed and or brought stuff and to those who set up and then cleared away at night. Details of the costs of the BBQ are on the notice board. There was a surprise, but welcome appearance, of "Billy" who was introduced to everyone by Tommy.

Now for the chefs – both of whom run Michelin star establishments following their successful appearances on Master Chef. They both gave their services for free. Let's hope we can get them back next year for the same price!

BBQ Chefs

Vic Hartley is originally from West Sussex. As a young man he took up copper smithing working for among other the Queen before deciding on a career in catering. He began working at Conran Group's restaurants in the 1990s. After first appearing on television on ITV1's This Morning, he won Master Chef in 2001.

Vic is known as the *bête noir* of the cooking world, a perfectionist who doesn't suffer fools gladly (as you will see from first photo).



Ian joined the famous Maxim's restaurant in London as Chef de partie, eventually followed by a year at 'Harvey's' Marco Pierre White's south London restaurant. Still only in his twenties, Ian moved to Le Gavroche to work alongside the eminent Albert Roux.

Ian then took a year off to cook on the yacht of a media tycoon. A year later, he was back in London as chef of the newly opened Aubergine. Within three years of opening he was awarded two Michelin stars. He now lives and works in Tillicoultry



Vic with Assistant



Rogues Gallery of Allotment Holders at BBQ











GARDENING/GROWING TIPS

Hopefully we will get some tips from members for our 2016 newsletter

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

- (1) All members should be aware that they are expected to take their turn cutting the grass but, don't worry, there is still just time for this for all those who have yet to participate in this community activity to take a turn. The lawn mower is in the community hut and if you don't know the combinations for the padlocks just ask any committee member.
- (2) It has been proposed that we should consider opening a bank account for the funds, getting our annual accounts audited by an accountant and then applying for charitable status which would then allow us to apply for grants to improve the allotments. For discussion at AGM.

WAITING LIST (in order of priority for allocation of a plot)

Mr & Mrs Ogston

Frank Hunter

Debbie Straighton

CURRENT COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Sandy Mc Kenzie (Secretary)

Sandy Harley (ex – officio) Treasurer

Peter

Danny

Ian

Vacancy

COMING EVENTS

AGM 10:30 am November 29th 2015 at the Allotments.

How about the best scarecrow or sunflower or pumpkin competition next year? We can discuss at AGM.

Your Editorial team - Vic, Clare and Ian S - will welcome any contributions to our next newsletter (March 2016) growing hints/ tips, humorous stories and what you think could improve our allotments would be especially welcome.