

Allotment gardeners are honored

The International Office du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux, the federations and the associations grant diplomas and honor members.

The aim thereof is not only to reward members, but also to stimulate others to undertake similar steps.

On 23rd August 2014 the allotment garden prize of the town of Vienna 2014 was granted to the winners in the town hall of Vienna. The subject was: Taste from my allotment – Herbs, vegetables and co.

On 22nd November 2014 in Berlin the diplomas will be given to the winners of the federal competition: "Allotments in the town development: The subject of the competition was: "Gardening together, growing together". (www.kleingarten-bundeswettbewerb.de)

Recently the Leeds allotment gardeners were honored as you can see from the appendix.

A Great Evening with local Celebrity Chef

At the Leeds & District Allotment Gardeners Federation, Social and Presentation Evening, a great time was had by all present despite the difficulties being encountered by Leeds allotment groups at the moment.

Tim Bilton, Chef/Restauranter & Gardener, Spiced Pear, Holmfirth, Nr. Huddersfield came to present the awards to the winners of the Leeds Allotment Competition. He started by giving a brief factual and amusing talk about his restaurant and adjacent four acre garden which supplies most of the fresh vegetables for his restaurant. All those present thoroughly enjoyed his talk and were even given some recipe's afterwards to take home.

Awards were then presented for

'Best Leeds allotment plot', 1st, Brian Jenner, Haleys Field Allotments;



Tim presenting to Brian Jenner, "Best Leeds Plot"

'Best Leeds allotment site', 1st, Meanwood Parkside Allotments;



Adele looking at shield for “best site” with Jeff Lythe

'Best newcomer', 1st, A Broughton, Meanwood Parkside Allotments



Tim presenting to Adele Broughton “Best Newcomer”

'Best Leeds schools plot', St Anthony's Primary School.

Full list of prize winners on the website www.ldgf.org.uk

Congratulations all who received awards.

A slight break for a buffet was then taken.

A raffle was held plus the popular auction of donated gifts which raised a splendid total of £350.00 to be donated to this year's chosen charity the Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre. Thanks go to all who donated gifts and special thanks to the generosity of the allotment gardeners present who made this goal achievable.

Unexpectedly we were also able to celebrate the 86th birthday of plot holder John McCormack, Greenthorpe Allotments. It's a good health activity this allotment gardening.



John celebrates 86th birthday. "Grow you own" is good for you

Phil Gomersall, Publicity Officer