

Chef celebrates three decades in the kitchen

The Red House Hotel in Coupar Angus is celebrating another employee's long-term service.

Front of house Carol Anne Keys celebrated thirty years' service last year at the family run Hotel, and this time it is Chef George Arnott who has also reached the milestone of thirty years service.

Originally from Crieff, fifty-nine year old father of three George trained as a chef at Perth College, remaining in the career ever since.

His first cheffing job was at the Murray Park Hotel, in Crieff, where he crossed paths with a young, as yet undiscovered, Ewan McGregor who was a kitchen porter at the same time. Spending ten years at Murray Park, he then moved to the Belmont Arms, along the road in Meigle, where he spent two and a half years, before coming to the Red House hotel in 1994.

George has a lifelong passion for all types of Scottish game. He loves cleaning, preparing, and cooking for the Red House Hotel's many shooting parties. But when pressed on his own favourite meal, George plumps for mince and tatties, good old-fashioned Scottish comfort food.

As a collector of whisky decanters, George was delighted to receive one as his long service gift from Red House Hotel owner, Alan Bannerman.

"I'm delighted to be celebrating thirty years here at the Red

House Hotel,” said George. “I very much enjoy working here. We have a great team of people, and yes, we are known for being loyal and sticking around as the Bannerman family are fantastic employers.”

“I’m really pleased with my new decanter. I love to collect them and have nine different ones now. I also enjoy making airfix models in my spare time, military ones such as planes and so on – I’ve been doing this since I was a boy. That’s when I’m not cooking of course!” added George.

Red House Hotel owner, Alan Bannerman said: “George is another stalwart of the Hotel – he’s in with the fixtures and fittings now, just like many of my other long-term staff members, such as Carol Anne, and my Assistant Manager Sarah Cooper, who is just behind them both in terms of time worked here.”

“They really are fantastic employees, and I’m so grateful to them all for the loyal service. George is someone who is always smiling, and never lets us down with his enthusiasm and hard work ethic. My congratulations go to him from all of the family. We are delighted to award him this decanter to mark his 30 years. We are very pleased to hear that he says he has no plans to retire yet either! That is very good news for everybody who enjoys his food.”

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