

Old flames

» Barbecue winners

When Nicky and Ronnie Smith planned a garden party for their 20th wedding anniversary, they didn't know it would end up one of the hottest tickets in town.

Mr and Mrs Smith, of Walters Ash, near High Wycombe, were named the first winner of Weber's national Come On Over competition, earning them a barbecue masterclass party for friends and family last month, as well as a top-of-the-range barbecue and accessories.

Nicky said: "We've always been big fans of Weber, in fact we were given a classic Weber barbecue as a wedding present, so to win this and have a big party with our friends and family is the perfect way to celebrate.

"We had such a fantastic time. Seeing everything come together in our garden was amazing and having a Weber chef on site for this fantastic barbecue has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We'll be a lot more adventurous with the barbecue from now on; Ronnie's vowed to cook the whole Christmas dinner on our new Weber this year!" Keen barbecue chef Ronnie added: "I'm amazed you can cook such a feast on a barbecue. My favourite dishes have to be the tarte tatin and the scotch eggs; both incredibly simple to make but look fantastic!"

The couple were chosen for their Outstanding Moment for devoting their lives and careers to the Armed Forces. As Ronnie toured over Afghanistan with the British Air Force, Nicky kept the troops informed and entertained over the British Forces Radio. Having served their Queen and country for many years, the happy couple gathered their own friends and family, including their two children, to serve them a great British barbecue.

Planning your own barbecue this month? "The real secret to great grilling, no matter what type of barbecue you choose, is to *always* cook with the lid on and master the use of direct or indirect heat," says Jamie Foy, Weber Grill Academy assistant manager, who was chef at the party. "With these simple tricks you can get the best out of your grill and extend your repertoire of dishes."

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