



# Who are the couple at window who took us home?



## Israeli visitors ask for help in solving 45-year-old riddle

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IN August 1975 both collars and flares were nearing their extreme, Harold Wilson was holding on to number 10, a pint cost 20p and a certain local band called the Bay City Rollers were on top of the charts.

And for one young Israeli couple tramping the street of Edinburgh looking for a cheap B&B it was their lucky day.

Now, 45 years later, Eitan Ravid, now 76 and his wife Sima, now 75, want to track down the good Samaritan couple who gave them a proper Scottish welcome.

But with just a sliver of old cine film and a smudgy image of their mystery hosts to go on, the couple are hoping the sleuth readers of the Evening News will help them.

Eitan and Sima had been looking for somewhere to spend the night during their trip to the city when luck intervened.

The couple had been walking around Morningside trying to find a B&B and flagged down a car to ask whether there was any accommodation nearby.

Mrs Ravid said: "We asked them if there was anywhere to stay and out of the blue, they said 'well, why don't you come stay with us?' We just looked at each other in shock."

They were well looked after during their stay with breakfast and supper made for them but

**MEMORIES:** Top left and centre, the mystery couple who offered hospitality; top right, Eitan and Sima Ravid back in 1975; above, Eitan and Sima pictured today; below, tenements in Belhaven Terrace, Morningside, where they stayed

what Mrs Ravid remembers most was throwing up because of her pregnancy and everyone cleaning up together.

The couple had met as students in London where they studied and worked for over five years but had never been to Scotland and decided to visit a year after returning home.

A lecturer in Human Behaviour at the Bar-Ilan University in Tel Aviv, Mrs Ravid added: "We have wonderful memories from this journey, it was only one visit but the memories stayed forever."

Throughout the years, the Ravids have been trying to get in touch with their hosts and even sent them a necklace as a thank you and letters thereaf-

ter but did not receive a reply. They also posted a picture on Facebook last year to help in their search but have been unsuccessful in garnering a response so far. Although the couple can't remember all of the details, they do remember that the gentleman who took them in was named Bill who had a brother-in-law of Arab origin.

Video footage reveals the couple had been staying in the Belhaven Terrace tenements in Morningside but they have not been tracked down as of yet.

Mr Ravid, a retired music teacher who studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London said: "It will be most interesting to know what



happened to them after so many years – are they well, healthy and happy? It's simply curiosity."

■ *If you have any idea who the waving couple are please contact the Evening News newsdesk on [newsen@edinburghnews.com](mailto:newsen@edinburghnews.com)*

## Change of channel for BBC cookery show

**MASTERCHEF:** The Professionals is making the move from BBC Two to BBC One.

The long-running show – which features Gregg Wallace, pictured, Marcus Wareing and Monica Galetti as judges – will debut on the channel with its 13th series this autumn.

It will join the original MasterChef show, which features amateur chefs, and its celeb-

rity spin-off on the flagship TV channel.

The Professionals has been BBC Two's highest-rating cookery series for the past three years. Some 3.55 million viewers tuned in to see Stu Deeley raise the coveted trophy in the series 12 finale last December.

Charlotte Moore, director



of BBC Content, suggested the move had been partly prompted by the coronavirus pandemic's impact on the TV industry.

She said: "MasterChef is one of the channel's biggest brands and following the impact of Covid on the production of original programming it feels like the time to move and find a wider audience."

## Queen announce release of live album

**QUEEN** and Adam Lambert have announced their first live album together.

Live Around The World will feature highlights from the rock band's decade-long collaboration with American Idol star Lambert.

It will include performances from festivals including Lisbon's Rock in Rio, Isle Of Wight Festival and Summer Sonic in Japan.

There is also a recording of their 22-minute performance at the Fire Fight Australia benefit show, where they performed Queen's original 1985 Live Aid set in full.

The 20 tracks include Queen favourites like Don't Stop Me Now and I Want To Break Free as well as lesser-known tracks such as Freddie Mercury's Love Kills.

Guitarist Brian May said:

"As we all grapple with the challenge of creating live shows in a world dominated by a formidable viral enemy, it seemed the perfect time for us to create a collection of hand-picked live highlights from our Queen shows over the last seven years with our brother Adam Lambert.

"It's a first! As you watch and listen you'll be journeying all around the world with us."