

## **Letter From The Owners**

43 Walmsley and I have been close friends for over fifty years. My wife and I were just twenty-nine when we bought it in 1970 from a talented young architect, Harold Bexton, who had reconstructed the house before moving on to a fine career in California. He had eliminated the interior walls, devised a drop ceiling and installed hardwood flooring to create a full, open-plan, ground-floor living space before that concept became fashionable.

In about 2000 it was time to upgrade the house and we followed one of my wife's guiding principles: "Go for the best - you often regret an economy, but never regret an extravagance". So we hired the imaginative architect, Andrew Volgyesi, and Downsvie Kitchens, picked top-brand appliances, and installed rich dark-green marble in the vestibule, the kitchen and the bathroom.

We extended the back of the house to create a brilliantly bright dining room, another bedroom, and a spectacularly expanded bathroom. The wood shelving in the main room and the built-in closets upstairs came just five years ago. Along the way the house was featured in a few magazines, notably about the remarkable landscaping by Stefan Bolliger, and the kitchen.

I have always loved the house, but I can no longer do stairs comfortably. It is time for a younger couple to enjoy the magic of this little gem.