



# FINE DINING

## à La Maison

Talented chef Neil Robinson talks to *Cathy Riley* about bringing his exciting new restaurant service straight to your very own dining table

Neil Robinson is a gifted chef with strong Ribbles Valley roots and ties. He was born in Wilpshire and educated in Clitheroe, subsequently attending Lancaster and Morecambe College where he won a catering award for his culinary flair.

'Nelly' as he is universally known, has an enviable grounding in the industry. His apprenticeship was served under the gastronomic brilliance of Nigel Haworth at Northcote Manor. Here Neil learnt his creative haute cuisine over five years. Neil was part of the team that launched The Three Fishes at Mitton and Northcote Offsite, (the outside catering arm of the Northcote business).

This first class grounding gave Neil the confidence and expertise to spread his wings and, at the tender age of 22, become head chef at the prestigious Stanley House Hotel in Mellor where his clientele included many celebrity names!

All this knowledge and experience have provided the main ingredients for Neil's present

catering business specialising in all aspects of catering offsite. All types of function can be catered for, including buffets and hot food combinations. Neil can design and create menus and homemade, delicious dishes to suit every occasion, invariably using quality fresh ingredients from a range of local suppliers.

What is more, you can hire Neil and his team to bring all the elegance and exclusivity of a superb restaurant to your own home for a modest fee of £50 per head. This unique service is available to cater for up to 22 guests.

Just imagine your own intimate dinner party with a gourmet personal chef on hand! His presence alone should guarantee that your guests will be impressed. You, in turn, will be impressed by the fact that all the shopping, preparation and cooking are taken care of by Neil and his team of professional staff. Neil will create a menu with your input, and then you can simply leave the rest to him, he will provide all the plates and cutlery. Best of all the team clear up afterwards so that the only thing you

need worry about, ladies, is how to tell your partner how much your new outfit cost!

Neil takes the hassle out of organising any function by providing an experience of delicious, distinctive dining with a first class service; all you have to do is buy the wine and dust off the emergency chairs!

Neil concludes: "Whether you are planning a romantic evening for two, or a larger gathering of friends or business associates, let us make the evening perfect for you". ■

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