

# Local chef wins top competition

A local chef has triumphed in a top culinary challenge, it has emerged.

**R**ob Davis of Bracknell claimed the National Salon Culinaire 2007 prize after a head-to-head cook-off, the Bracknell News reports.

Mr Davis told the publication that he had a strategy to help him win.

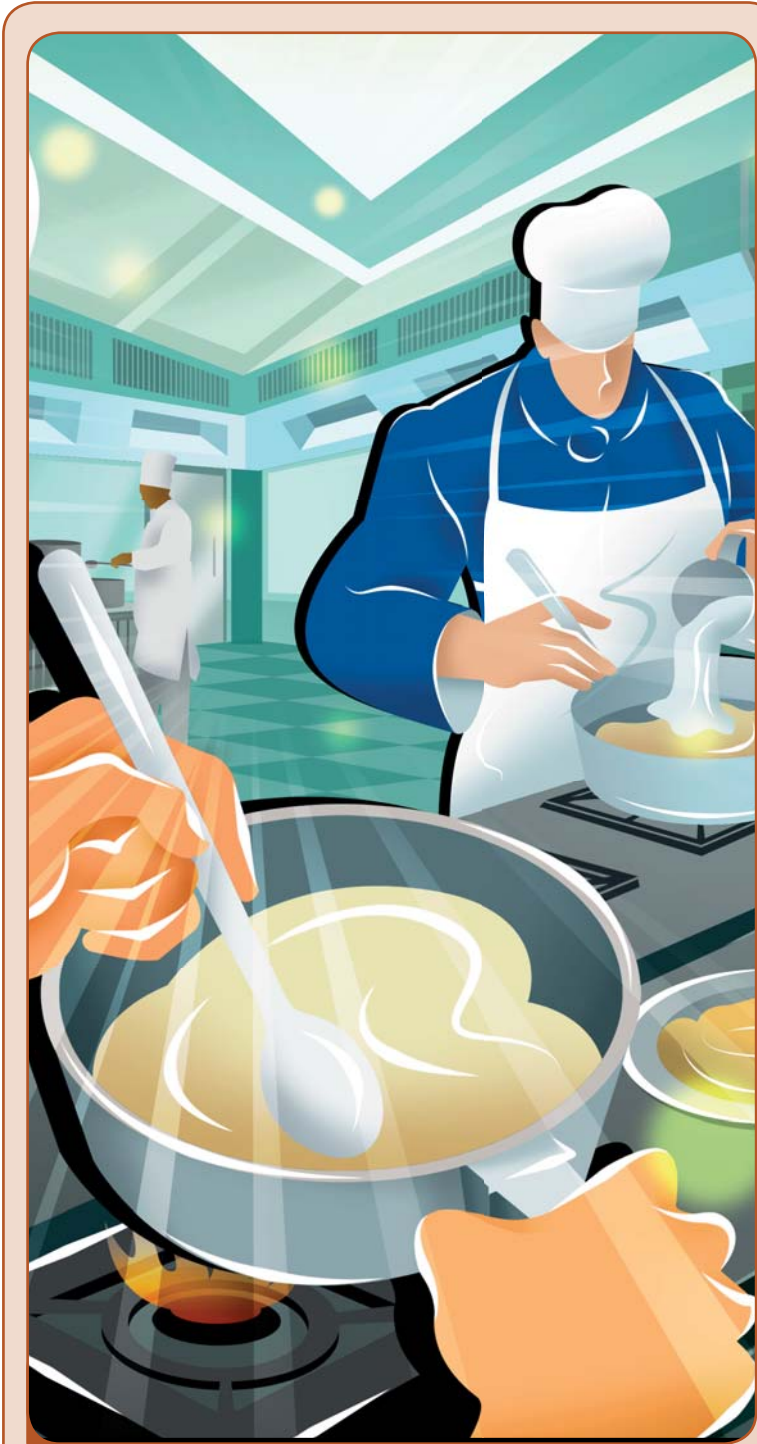
"We had a few practice cook-off rounds. My inspiration was to use the finest fresh foods and keep things simple," he said.

"It amazes me how British cooking has progressed recently and I thought, let's take it up to another level."

Mr Davis currently works for Charlton House Catering Services as head chef for Independent News & Media.

Berkshire is no stranger to fine foods, with the celebrated venue The Fat Duck located in Bray and run by top culinary wizard Heston Blumenthal.

Blumenthal was raised in Berkshire and still lives in the area now with his wife and children.



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