



Reading restaurateur receives MBE

Bob Walton a restaurateur from Reading has been made an MBE in the Queen's New Year honours list.

Mr Walton who has managed Trunkwell House since 1990, has transformed it into a sought after location for weddings and corporate events. He will receive his honour for his services to the hospitality industry.

Trunkwell House can cater for off-site business meetings, team building days, seminars, and conferences as well as summer balls, weddings and family fun days.

Bob Walton also runs a marquee business from Trunkwell House, which is associated with the upmarket Langan's Brasserie.

Mr Walton and his wife, Debra also own Beech Hill's only pub, The Elm Tree.

The entrepreneur, who was taught in the kitchens of The Savoy in London at the age of 16, will also take over as chairman of the Restaurant Association which represents 12,000 restaurants across the UK.

The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire is a British order of chivalry established on 4 June 1917 by King George V. The Order includes five classes in civil and military divisions; in decreasing order of seniority, these are:

Knight Grand Cross or Dame Grand Cross (GBE)
Knight Commander (KBE) or Dame Commander (DBE)
Commander (CBE)
Officer (OBE)
Member (MBE)

Only the two highest ranks entail admission into knighthood, an honour allowing the recipient to use the title 'Sir' (male) or 'Dame' (female) before their name.

For more information on the new year honours list, please click on the link below:

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