

Ashiana best Indian in the south east - and that's official!

ITS customers have known it for a long time but now it's official - the Ashiana Tandoori in Colchester is the best Indian restaurant in the south east of England. The classy Magdalen Street restaurant beat off competition from hundreds of other restaurants to scoop the top award as voted for by the public in the 2012 Asian Curry Awards.

Members of the Ashiana team picked up the award at a glittering presentation evening at London's Grosvenor Hotel. Ahmed (or Bob to his many friends) said: "We are thrilled to have won such a prestigious award. It's a great tribute to all the staff, both in the kitchen and front of house. In 2011 we were voted best Indian restaurant in Colchester. Now we've been voted best in the south east so in 2013 we've got to try and go for best in the country!"

"I'd like to sincerely thank our army of customers who voted for us. We have customers who regularly come from as far away as Chelmsford, Southend, Basildon and Ipswich so our fame is clearly spreading."

Not wishing to rest on their laurels, the Ashiana team is looking to make the customer experience an even more enjoyable one from next week. As well as the usual awardwinning menu, there will be on offer two 'specials' which will change on a weekly basis, offering an authentic taste of the Indian continent.

Abdul Raheem, one of the most well-known and regarded Indian waiters, is delighted the Ashiana will be offering what more and more regular customers have been suggesting. "Increasing numbers of people are now travelling to the Far East and sampling authentic Indian cuisine. They come back and ask us why they can't have it here. Well, now they will be able to.

"One of the first dishes going on the specials board will be a dish recommended by the top chef, Rick Stein, whilst he was travelling throughout Bangladesh. It's called beef shatkora, a rich spicy tangy

curry made using the shatkora citrus fruit, which is native to Bangladesh. He said you must ask your local restaurant for it back in the UK. Well, now we will be able to offer it!"

The Ashiana - which translated means place of love - offers a cool and relaxing contemporary styling, Ahmed added: "When we designed the restaurant, we went for a cool, contemporary look with particular attention to the lighting, but the real emphasis is on the food. The menu has been created using our years of experience, with firm favourites complemented by more unusual items including a number offish dishes."



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