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Kebabs have become a Great British institution. And they're big business, with an estimated 1.3m kebabs sold by vendors every day in the UK. Over 20,000 kebab outlets in the UK selling around 2,500 tonnes of lamb and chicken doner a week.

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British Kebab Awards (2016) in its fourth year have received thousands of nominations across Great Britain. Thousands of kebab businesses across UK have kindly been nominated by kebab eaters of Britain. Nominations in 16 categories have been meticulously assessed for the final shortlist. More and more kebab businesses are recognised for their good food and hard work.

The British Kebab Awards, founded by the Centre for Turkey Studies (www.ceftus.org), aims to shed light on this established industry, to recognise the cultural and economic contributions that

the various restaurants, suppliers and workers make to the UK.

The British Kebab Awards honour the dedication, hard work and commitment of individuals in the catering and restaurant industry who has helped the love of kebab to spread throughout the UK and contributed to make the kebab industry to become the growing, thriving sector that it is today.

These awards are the first steps toward evaluating the kebab industry's contribution to the UK; to research, measure and represent findings in statistical form. This is the norm in other catering sectors. We have worked towards continually measuring the size of the market while also analysing the economic and social impacts that the industry has on the UK. The object of the awards is to highlight and acknowledge the best of the kebab industry from all over Britain, including local producers, restaurants, chefs, restaurateurs, and takeaways.

Our judging panel is comprised of experts from the industry and members of parliament, and our judges are a vital component of the validity and robustness of the results. Our judges take every aspect of a product into consideration-rewarding great flavours, high-quality ingredients, value for money and customer service which increases the retail success of a product and the nominees are awarded under 16 different categories.

Special Thanks

We would like to say a special thank you to JUST EAT, our main sponsor, and Nadhim Zahawi MP, Keith Vaz MP, Jonathan Reynolds MP, Mustafa Topkaya, Serpil Ersan, Ali Matur, Altan Kemal, Rami Ranger, Shany Gupta, Samson Sohail, Metin Pekin, Onder Sahan, Rami Ranger, Big K, Andy Woods, Nigel Dickens, Mustafa Demir, Isbankasi, Hakan Topkaya, Bektas Kurt, The Meze Turkish Grill, Erol Coban, Kemal Has, Sabri Barackilic, Alp Ceylan, Tony Manconi, Halil Zurnacioglu, Ibrahim Uzun, Total Shopfitting Solutions, Turkish Bank, Asset Management, Ashok Sodha, Samsun's Specialty Kebab and Pizza House, Dylon Hunt, Kemal Gondas, Pegasus Airlines, Savas Hurman, AV Media Arts Limited, Last Man Multimedia and Madhu's for their great support. We would like to thank our team Buket Bora, Timur Ekingen, Merve Akansel, Leyla Aksakal and our volunteers Aa'la Rajput, Azize Cay, Ozge Kaya, Basak Demirkol, Edward Rowe, Alexander Segall, Iva Spahiu and Conor Macgregor for their great work and support to organise the 4th British Kebab Awards. Finally, we also would like to thank all the Members of the Houses of Parliament who have taken the time out to vote towards these awards and for recognising the contribution that the kebab outlets and workers have made to their constituencies.

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Ibrahim Dogus

Founder and

Director Centre for Turkey Studies

British Kebab Awards and its official magazine, British Kebab, is proud to be celebrating a great British institution-the kebab.

The cuisine of this country reflects the changing population over many centuries.

Chips-brought by French Huguenots [HU-GO-KNOWS].

Curry-brought by Bangladeshis, Pakistanis and Indians.

And of course kebabs, brought by people from across the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean.

When he was Foreign Secretary, the late, great Robin Cook suggested that chicken tikka massala was the UK's national dish, a combination of spicy chicken and gravy.

But dare I say that the kebab is also a great British institution.

The first kebab shop opened in North London in 1960s and there are now estimated over 20,000 kebab outlets in the UK. Their popularity slowly increased in the 1970s and 1980s with the influx of Turkish and Greek Cypriots and Kurdish communities.

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The entrepreneurs behind British Kebab industry are the ones who run their businesses with old-fashioned hard-work. They are the best of British-the risk-takers and job creators.

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A Great British Institution.

From the biggest city to the smallest village, from Cardiff to Carlisle, from Aberdeen to Southampton, from Belfast to Brighton, and of course not forgetting Green Lanes in Haringey, there is a kebab shop, filled with hard-working staff, serving people a hot, filling meal.

So we celebrate the cultural contribution of the kebab.

As authors Sami Zubaida and Richard Tipper have written: 'There is a lot more to food than eating and cooking. Behind every dish lies a world, a culture, a history. Dishes have social meaning, they have emotional and symbolic significance. Food is about power. It is an expression of identity and ideology. It touches on issues of class, gender, race and ethnicity. It is a clue to history. It has a language'.

But it's about more than culture. In these harsh economic times, we have to consider the pounds, shillings and pence. Kebab shops, vans and restaurants are major players in the UK economy, with an estimated 1.3m kebabs sold by vendors every day in the UK.

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A panel of judges including MPs Nadhim Zahawi, Jonathan Reynolds and Keith Vaz, helped to decide the winners of each category. I know it wasn't an easy job for them, the competition was fierce.

Finally, we must thank the people whose generous support has enabled these awards to go ahead. The 2015 awards are sponsored by Just EAT, the world's leading online takeaway ordering service, Also: Big K, Xpo-online, Cobra Beer Alton & Co, Bulldog Energy Drinks and Paragon Qualities Food.

I must acknowledge too the support of Ceffus, the Centre for Turkey Studies, And the staff and volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the British Kebab Awards a success.

Congratulations to all the businesses nominated. You are all winners.

The Kebab-part of our culture, cuisine and community.

Truly A Great British Institution.



**Rt Hon
David Cameron**
*Prime Minister and Leader of the
Conservative Party*

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The UK's food and drink sector makes an important contribution to the British economy, with over 1.4 million working in the catering sector alone.

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“I am delighted to offer my congratulations on behalf of the Government, to everyone being honoured. The UK's food and drink sector makes an important contribution to the British economy, with over 1.4 million working in the catering sector alone. The Kebab has an ever growing role in British social life and its popularity as a food is owed in no small part to the talented restaurants and chefs

who are being nominated for awards this year. I would like to thank you very much for British culture and hope you have a great evening.”



**Rt Hon
Jeremy Corbyn MP**
Labour Leader

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The British Kebab industry continues to grow year after year and contributes over £2.2 billion to Britain's economy every year.

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I am delighted to send this message of support for the 4th British Kebab Awards. The British Kebab industry continues to grow year after year and contributes over £2.2 billion to Britain's economy every year. Kebabs are now a firm favourite in many British households.

they recognise the hard work that restauranteurs and chefs do. I wish you all my best wishes, for another superb awards ceremony in 2016.

Workers and SME's in British Kebab industry have worked incredibly hard to get where they are today. British Kebab Awards are now an important part of the food awards in Britain, because



Graham Corfield

UK Managing Director
at JUST EAT

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Together, we'll continue to help our restaurant partners flourish, and generate even more success stories like the ones you'll hear tonight.

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Tonight we're celebrating the hard work and success of kebab restaurants across the UK.

JUST EAT is proud to sponsor the fourth annual British Kebab Awards, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of tonight's nominated restaurants and applaud their passion, quality and dedication.

The kebab industry has a special place in the nation's hearts, yet let's not forget the phenomenal economic contribution it makes to the UK as well. The thriving businesses we celebrate tonight are the lifeblood of many of our high streets.

I'd also like to commend our assembled restaurateurs on their continued innovation when it comes to recognising growing trends. With more and more consumers craving choice and healthy options, the kebab industry has continued to deliver.

We're proud to work alongside restaurants in the kebab industry, and help them build on generations of hard work and passion. Together, we'll continue to help our restaurant partners flourish, and generate even more success stories like the ones you'll hear tonight.

So here's to a wonderful evening and another year of continued growth and prosperity in 2016.



Boris Johnson

Mayor of London

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That this Awards is now in its fourth year shows clearly how well the sector is thriving, and how many Londoners enjoy the occasional kebab.

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“As Mayor of the gastronomic capital that is London, I am delighted to congratulate the many small businesses and restaurants who contribute a great treat to this scene - the kebab! That this Awards is now in its fourth year shows clearly how well the sector is thriving, and how many Londoners enjoy the occasional kebab.

Yours ever.”



Nadhim Zahawi

*Conservative MP
for Stratford on Avon*

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The British Kebab Awards celebrates the uniquely British twist on an eastern dish and the contribution it makes to our national gastronomy.

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“Britain has a diverse food culture and a national obsession with kebabs reflects that fantastically. The British Kebab Awards celebrates the uniquely British twist on an eastern dish and the contribution it makes to our national gastronomy. We should also recognise that Kebab houses are usually small, family businesses where everyone works extremely hard and with trying hours. We should praise them for having what it takes to succeed in a competitive market where taste, quality and service really matters.”

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**Rt Hon Theresa May
MP**

*Secretary of State for the Home
Department*

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Kebab businesses make a key contribution to the UK economy; and particularly to the hundreds of high streets that benefit from a thriving kebab restaurant.

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“Thank you for your recent communication regarding the British Kebab Awards on 7th January 2015. I am sorry that I am not able to be with you for this event, but I would like to send my best wishes and to congratulate you on the success of the Awards in celebrating the British kebab industry. Kebab businesses make a key contribution to the UK economy; and particularly to the hundreds of high

streets that benefit from a thriving kebab restaurant. It is important to recognise the hard work that many people have put into building up these successful businesses across the country. Best wishes once again for the Awards.”



**Rt Hon John
Whittingdale MP**

Culture Secretary

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The UK's cultural diversity brings a wealth of benefits, including to our cuisine.

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“The UK's cultural diversity brings a wealth of benefits, including to our cuisine. Our catering and restaurant industry is thriving, and it's great to see the Kebab Awards recognise the entrepreneurial spirit and hard work of these businesses up and down the country.”



**Rt Hon Chris Grayling
MP**

*Lord Chancellor and Secretary of
State for Justice*

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Kebab businesses make a key contribution to the UK economy; and particularly to the hundreds of high streets that benefit from a thriving kebab restaurant.

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“The kebab shop is a staple of most high streets across the UK. And there can’t be many people – particularly former students – who haven’t stopped for a few late night kebabs in their time.

But of course there is much more to the kebab than simply a light night snack after an evening out. There is some really high quality cooking in the sector, and kebab restaurants offer some of the tastiest meals out.

Tonight is a celebration of the best of the kebab industry, of the quality cuisine to be found in kebab restaurants, and of course of the enjoyment that we have all had of a tasty kebab.

My best wishes to everyone involved, and congratulations to the winners.”



Alok Sharma MP

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I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to all those that have been nominated for awards this evening.

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“Best wishes to everyone attending the 4th British Kebab Awards in London. I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to all those that have been nominated for awards this evening. The kebab industry is an important part of the food sector in the UK and many of those work within it are hard-working entrepreneurs who deserve admiration and thanks.”



Neil Coyle MP

“I think the British Kebab Awards are a fantastic way of recognising the contribution the kebab industry makes to every local community. The kebab industry contributes millions to the British economy every year and employs thousands of people across the country. Kebabs

are a triumph of British multiculturalism and it is now almost impossible to find a high street in my constituency or elsewhere where the kebab aren't present! It is great to see the industry thriving and I hope that it continues to do so – providing jobs, food and a vital injection to UK plc.”



Andrew Mitchell MP

“I wish the Centre for Turkey Studies every success with the 4th British Kebab Award, celebrating the contribution of the UK's kebab businesses to the British Economy. The

Turkish community makes a huge contribution to life in Britain and I am delighted that this award will underline that.”



Jonathan Reynolds *Labour and Co-operative MP for Stalybridge and Hyde*

“The British Kebab Awards are a brilliant way to celebrate the success of so many fantastic small businesses in the UK, and the contribution made by Turkish, Kurdish and many

other communities to Britain. Kebabs have become part of our national way of life, and it is superb to see the British Kebab Awards going from strength to strength too.’



Lord Sheikh

“I am very happy to send this message of support to the 4th British Kebab Awards. In United Kingdom we live in a diverse community and the kebabs cater for the culinary needs of a large number of people. The Awards will certainly recognise the various individuals and establishments who have excelled in the flourishing Kebab Industry. The Kebab Industry contributes more

than 2.2 billion pounds to British economy every year and provides employment to many persons. As someone who loves kebabs I would like to offer my congratulations to all the winners. I am sure that the Kebab Industry and the Awards will go forward from strength to strength and continue to provide enjoyment to numerous customers.”



Baroness Hussein-Ece

“These are important awards in recognition of the significance of the kebab industry in the United Kingdom and the contribution it has made both culturally and economically.

There are thousands of people employed in this industry and kebabs have now become a huge success story which has become a part of the British Institution.”



Angela Rayner MP

“The kebab industry is now a staple of the British High Street, which is a testament to the hard work of hundreds of small businesses serving our communities. “



Shabana Mahmood MP

Birmingham Ladywood

"I am delighted to attend the 4th British Kebab Awards 2016. Kebabs still prove to be ever popular in Britain today and it is nice to be

able to honour those in the industry for their hard work and contribution to the British economy."



Roger Mullin MP

"The British Kebab Awards are a wonderful and inspiring way of recognising outstanding contributions

within the industry. I wish everyone attending the awards ceremony a very enjoyable evening."



Virendra Sharma MP

"The quality of British cuisine has an unfair reputation for being boring and tasteless. The restaurants and producers we see recognised today are proof that British food and Britain has only benefitted from migration. The quality before us is staggering, and the contribution made to the economy by the kebab industry is incredibly important not just to my

constituency but the entire country. From small family run restaurants to large national companies the kebab industry is a driver of our economy and employs thousands up and down the country. I can think of no better way to honour their contribution than the fantastic National Kebab Awards organised by the irrepressible Ibrahim Dogus."



Andrew Percy MP

"The annual British Kebab Awards are a great way to showcase this important industry. Those who follow me on Twitter will know all about my appetite for a good kebab. I often find myself in a conundrum when I'm travelling back up to the constituency late on a Thursday night: should I cook, or shall I grab a delicious kebab from my local? I don't have to tell you...the kebab wins this contest more often than not. But that's one of the reasons why I love the humble British

kebab shop: they're often open very late, sometimes being the last places open at night, and they provide a great option for those who work unsociable hours – like MPs. Also, as a big fan of the NFL, I sometimes stay up all night watching televised games from the States – to which a kebab is the perfect accompaniment. And everyone knows that a kebab is the perfect way to round off a great night out. No matter the occasion, you can always find a good reason to have a kebab."



Andrew Stephenson MP

"Kebabs have become as much a part of the UK's food tradition as the Sunday roast and it is great that there are well-respected, firmly established annual awards for the best in the business. The kebab industry makes a vital contributing to our national economy and brings communities together locally. I am pleased to support the British Kebab Awards."



Alan Brown MP

"I think it a great idea to celebrate the quality and choice of kebab and grilled meats in the UK. We know that kebabs are much more than a takeaway after a few drinks so the industry highlighting quality and successful businesses helps combat such thoughts. Congratulations to those who have made the shortlist and I look forward to trying some of the establishments."



Baroness Jenny Jones AM

“I wish you a very successful award ceremony. Remember to support your local growers and British farmers, source as much of your meat from free range and high animal welfare suppliers and reduce meat portions to help protect our environment.”



Michael Dugher MP
Member of Parliament for Barnsley East

“The British Kebab Awards are an excellent way to recognise good practice and quality within the UK kebab industry, not only by celebrating excellence but also by raising standards. They also allow us to celebrate the contribution that kebab shops make to our economy

and reflects the multicultural diversity within our local communities.”



Rt Hon Sir Eric Pickles MP
Brentwood and Ongar



Iain McNicol
General Secretary of Labour Party

Congratulations to the founders, CEFTUS, and nominees at the British Kebab Awards 2016. On behalf of the Labour Party I am delighted to be part of this event to acknowledge the cultural and economic contribution that everyone involved in this industry makes to our country.

to recognise the suppliers, restaurants and culinary wizards that put it on my plate. Good luck to everyone and have a wonderful celebration.

I am a particular fan of this delicious food and it is a wonderful opportunity



Mike Theodorou
Big K

“It is fantastic to see the British Kebab Awards as well as the kebab industry going from strength to strength. We

wish you all a successful and enjoyable evening.”

“I am delighted to offer a message of support for the 3rd British Kebab Awards ceremony. The British kebab industry makes an important contribution to this country, both economy, and is going from strength. More importantly, the social and cultural fabric of our communities wouldn't be the same without the people who

run the kebab restaurants and takeaways on high streets up and down the country. So it is right that we recognise and celebrate the achievements of all parts of the industry and those who work in it. It therefore gives me great pleasure to wish you every success for your event and for the future of the industry.”

1st British Kebab Awards Winners



The Best Turkish Kebab, 125 Stoke Newington Rd, London N16 8BT

The Alternative Takeaway, 35 High Street, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 9NJ

Best Kebab, 73-75 Town Centre, Middle Street, Consett County Durham DH8 5QG

The Family Kebab House, 1 Kingsway House, Smithfield Street, Salisbury Wiltshire SP4 7AL

Turkish Delight, 573 Barlow Moor Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester M21 8AE

Archway Kebab, 26 Junction Road, Upper Holloway London N19 5RE

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Mazlum & Serdar Demir Brothers of Skewd Kitchen, 12 Cockfosters Parade, London EN4 0BX

Ali Dirik of Mangal 2, 4 Stoke Newington Road, London N16 8BH

Haydar Polat of Troia, 3F Belvedere Rd, London SE1 7GQ

Quik Cut, 73 Thurlstone Road, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 9EF

Vatan Catering, Mill Mead Road Unit 37-43 Mill Mead Industrial Centre N17 9QU

Tees Ltd, Efes House, Unit 65, Cromwell Industrial Estate, Staffa Road E10 7QZ

Efes Navstar Ltd, 76 Kilbirnie Street, Glasgow G5 8JD

Likya Ocakbasi Restaurant, 68-70 Golders Green Rd, London NW11 8LN

Bull Ring Chippy, 4 St Johns, Worcester WR2 5AH

Best Kebab, 5 West St, Southend on Sea, Essex SS2 6HH

The Best Turkish Kebab, 125 Stoke Newington Road N16 8BT

The Charcoal Grill, 12 Chase Side, Southgate, London N14 5PA

Capital Restaurant, 271 Fore St, London N9 0PD

Kazan Restaurant, 93-94 Wilton Rd, London SW1V 1DW

Sheesh Restaurant, Ye Olde Kings Head, High Rd, Chigwell, Essex IG7 6QA

Hazev Restaurant, Discovery Dock West, 2 S Quay Square, Greater London E14 9RT



Centre for Turkey Studies

Building bridges between Turkey and the UK

The Centre for Turkey Studies (CEFTUS)
is an independent and non partisan organisation inaugurated in April 2011.



CEFTUS is a civil society organisation and we would like to do more of what we have done so far; organise debates and community gatherings with keynote speakers from Turkey and the UK, nevertheless, we would like to organise them better and we do need your support to carry on our work.

Our audience has been a mixture of communities with different backgrounds. We brought keynote speakers of politicians, academics, journalists and business people from Turkey, Britain and beyond together with their counterparts.

CEFTUS received cross-party support as several MPs and Lords and Baronesses have kindly hosted and participated in our debates in British Parliament.

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Thanks to our non-partisan and objective approach, people from diverse political views have come together to meet and discuss issues.

CEFTUS welcomed MPs and members of all major parties in Turkey including the Justice and Development Party (AKP), Republican People's Party (CHP) and Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), over the last years.

CEFTUS believes that only establishing dialogue between individuals, ethnic and religious groups, political ideologies and countries would bring ideas together to seek solutions for domestic and international problems.

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3rd British Kebab Awards Winners



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Super Kebab Ocakbasi, 107 Stoke Newington Road, Stoke Newington, London N16 8BX

Archway Kebab House, 26A Junction Rd, London N19 5RE

Botan Kebab House, 24 Berry St. Liverpool, Merseyside L1 4JF

The Kebab Shop, 159 Dudley Road. Birmingham B18 7QY

Selale Restaurant, Salisbury Promenade, Green Lanes, Haringey N8 0RX

Stone Cave, 111 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, London E8 2PB

Wood Oven Potters Bar, 27-29 High St. Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 5AJ

Sheesh, Ye Olde Kings Head High Road Chigwell, Essex IG7 6QA

Sarastro, 126 Dury Ln, TheatreLand, London WC2B 5SU

Durum Ocakbasi, 38 North end road, Golders Green NW11 7PT

Mezze Ocakbasi, 2 Johnstone Road, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0XA

Baran Meat, 12 Chase Side, London N14 5PA

Veli's Doner Kebab Manufacturers, Anderstaff Ind Est/Hawkins La, Burton-on-Trent DE14 1QH

Edmonton Meat, 7 Stacey Avenue, London, N18 3PP

Pivaz, 34 Chatsworth Rd. Hackney, London E5 0LP

Diyarbakir Kitchen, 52-53 Grand Parade, London N4 1AG

Hill Bistro, 6 Market Hill, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE29 3NR

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Interviews from the 3rd British Kebab Awards in 2015



Sharon Hodgson

*Labour MP for
Washington and
Sunderland West*

This is the third year of the British Kebab Awards and it is now huge, catching up with the British Curry Awards very quickly. There are twelve hundred people here this year and last year it was five hundred. It is just going from strength to strength and I'm thrilled to be a part of it. The atmosphere was outstanding. It was really, really good to see the winners and the joy on their face as they collected

their awards. Makes you realise how much this means to them and it's really great to see, it really is.



Steve Reed

*Labour MP for Croydon
North*

I think it's incredibly important to get an industry together like this to celebrate excellence and to reward the people that have achieved special things in the sector. This is a multi-billion pound industry, a very important contributor to the economy. We have all eaten this kind of food and we all know a good kebab from a bad one and it's a great way to drive up standards in the sector. Also to celebrate the contribution these people make to the law

and business in this country. The first thing that struck me was the size of it, I walked in and didn't expect it to be anything like this big. There are a lot of people who work in the sector, there are those who support the sector and industry. There's a real buzz in here and people meeting people they have not met before. We are looking forward to seeing what's going to happen later on.



Stephen Kinnock

Labour MP for Aberavon

It's fantastic to be here, it's a great atmosphere. Twelve hundred people. It is amazing what's been built up over three years. I have been really fascinated to hear what contribution the kebab business makes to the British economy and how many people the industry employs. I think it's a tribute

to all the hard working people in those restaurants getting great food to our tables. I'm really enjoying the awards ceremony, it's been a great evening.



Wayne David

Labour MP for Caerphilly

Absolutely fantastic, I've been really bald over to see so many people here, so much enthusiasm and basically people celebrating the best of British kebabs. The atmosphere is tremendous. Kebabs are part of the British cuisine and there's

great support from other communities as well. For example, I am sitting on a table with Bangladeshis and they are celebrating curry but are also recognising the kebab.

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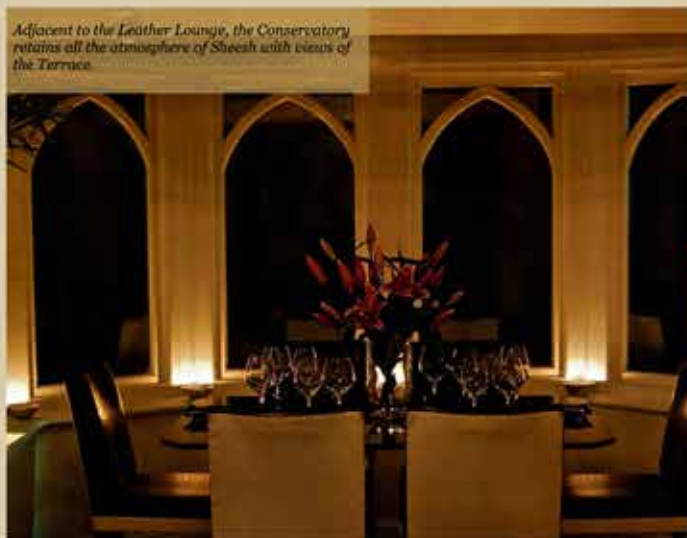


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Michelle Gildernew
*former MP for Fermanagh
and South Tyrone*

I am delighted to be here by the invitation of Ibrahim Dogus, Centre for Turkey Studies and the British Kebab Awards. It's great to see the celebration of diversity and the cultural mixes in Britain

and Ireland. I'm delighted to see how many people there are here and the fantastic atmosphere. I'm looking forward to seeing who's going to be winning the awards.



Lord Roy Kennedy
of Southwark

I think the ceremony is fantastic. It's my first time here and there are fifteen hundred people in there. It's absolutely wonderful and all credit to the organisers. It's

electric tonight. There's all people here to see if they won the awards and there's people for the community here too. It's absolutely wonderful.



The Lord Rogan
(Dennis Robert David Rogan)

I think the British Kebab Awards are especially wonderful and I'm really enjoying tonight. This is the third occasion I've been here and it's getting better year

after year. I'm looking forward to next year. The ambiance is wonderful, we're all enjoying ourselves. The food is good, the wine is terrific and the company is fantastic.



Lord Ahmad
Baron of Wimbledon

The awards are a testament to the industry and how phenomenally it has grown in Britain. The history of kebabs go back a long time and people are always competing as to where it all started. I think the incredible thing is, it's very much part of what constitutes Britain today, who we are, what we are and what we eat. The saying is that food bring people together and I believe this industry fundamentally shows this. Going into a kebab restaurant

you will always be greeted by old friends, familiar faces, new faces and people from across the political divide.



Matt Simpkin
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people with real energy. Great venue and great atmosphere and some Kebab Shop owners winning great prizes.

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Interviews with the Winners of the 3rd British Kebab Awards (2015)



Irfan Khalil

Kebabalicious

"Thank you to everyone that voted for us. We are really happy to have won an award this year. We had a very nice night and we would like to thank the British Kebab Awards team for making this possible."



Hakan Topkaya

Archway Kebab

"I would like to thank the British Kebab Awards team for the great event. I would also like to thank my customers who voted for us. I have been working in this industry for 30 years and I'm very proud of my company for having won 'Best Take Away Kebab in London.'"



Bakir Bagmaci

Botan Kebab House

"The organisation was really successful and attractive. I was very happy when my kebab restaurant was announced as the Best Kebab Restaurant Outside of London. Thank you to British Kebab Awards team and sponsors for this great night."



Halil Ahmet

Veli's Doner Kebab Manufacturers

Best related business in the kebab sector as a producer. In a such that minimum 2500 portions of kebab are sold of our products a week. Absolutely tremendous from the beginning. From the concept (of having British Kebab Awards) to where we are now. It's phenomenal. I'm really pleased to be part of it and pleased for the kebab industry. We need to thank you for the British Kebab Awards team to help the Kebab industry became very popular in England.



Nihat Aricioglu

Mezze Ocakbasi

Last year, I attended this event as my friends guest and I really enjoyed it. This year our customers nominated our restaurants in the highly recommended category and we won the award. We are very happy to learn that our customers are very satisfied with our service. The event was very well organised, which clearly shows the great effort put in with great potential for a bigger event in the coming year.



Ergun Binbay

Edmonton Meat

The 4th British Kebab Awards was wonderful. The venue and the food and drinks were organised perfectly. My team and I have worked very hard to make our company the best, so I think we deserved the award for 'Best Contributor'. I would like to say thank you to the team and to everyone who voted for us. We hope to continue to do our best for the future in order to continue to satisfy our customers.



Abdullah Sahiner

Super Kebab Ocakbasi

We are a family run business. I would like to thank our customers for voting for us as best takeaway. I would also like to thank the British Kebab Awards team as they organized such a wonderful night for the kebab industry. In general, this event provided our business with increased sales and attracted

publicity as well as new customers who stated that it was important for that our restaurant won an award as they are now assured they made the right choice in dining with us. I believe we provide quality and customer satisfaction and we have proved this by winning this award.

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Savas Hurman
Stone Cave

This is my first time winning this award. I am very proud of my restaurant and my staff for winning an award in the category of 'The Best Value in General'. The event was very productive and provided our business with great positive feedback from customers and the general public.



Murat Magden
Sarastro

I was not expecting to win an award but am very happy to have won. We would like to thank the British Kebab Awards for this fantastic event. I do believe the event provided us with a great opportunity, coupled with inspirational talks and I need to thank all our customers who voted for us.



Fethi Nam
Wood Oven Potters

We were honoured to achieved an award from the British Kebab Awards, which has definitely had a positive impact on our business in general. I also want to congratulate all the other nominated restaurants as well as the team for being sponsored by a very well known company, Just Eat which added an extra spark and meaning to the event.



Bektas Kurt
Durum Ocakbasi

In general, the event was very productive, providing our business with great feedback from our customers and the general public. My team and I would like to thank Mr Dogus and the British Kebab Awards team for the fantastic evening. We are all very proud of our restaurant and our staff and would like to give a huge thank you to our customers without whom this would not have been possible.



Mustafa Topalca
Hill Bistro

It was a great evening, well organised and had a very good atmosphere. We would like to thank the British Kebab Awards for giving us the opportunity to network and make connections with people in the trade. I would also like to thank our customers for voting for us as with their support we won 'Best Newcomer outside London'.



Sabri Barackilic
Selale Restaurant

Achieving an award from this event has proved our success and displayed our reputation once again. The night offered us a fantastic opportunity to meet other tradesmen in the industry who have similar interests. It has enabled us to make valuable connections with them and I would like to thank the team organising this event as everything was very well presented and organised.



Dylan Hunt
Sheesh

I would like to thank everyone who voted for us. I am very privileged to have won the award for best fine dining. I keep my standards high and hopefully this will be reflected in the next awards. I am pleased the wider community has taken an interest and I am immensely proud of my restaurant and staff.



Erkan Aksu
Diyarbakir Kitchen

It was a fantastic evening with a great aura which generated great deals for us as a company. We are very happy to have won the 'Best newcomer' award this year and we hope our customers will nominate our restaurant next year too. Thank you to everybody for their votes.



Garip Demirci
Pizza Choice

I would first like to thank the team behind the British Kebab Awards and it's director Mr Ibrahim Dogus. It's a great event and fantastic opportunity for individuals in the kebab industry to come together in the same environment and celebrate our industry.

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3rd British Kebab Awards (2015)

The 3rd British Awards held in January 2014 was a great success with distinguished guests. Over 100 cross party MPs and Peers including Nadhim Zawahi MP, Keith Vaz MP, Baroness Benjamin, Lord Paul, John Reynolds MP, Sharon Hodgson MP, Ben Gummer MP, Toby Perkinson MP and Robert Halfon MP attended the event. Business people and representatives of the community and kebab enthusiasts were there to celebrate the success of the kebab industry.



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British Kebab Awards in the Media

The Telegraph

Is this the best kebab shop in Britain?

Super Kebab in Stoke Newington won a coveted award for best takeaway this week at the British Kebab Awards. Sophie Denning stops by for a late-night meal

By Sophie Denning

There is so much more to the kebab than its popular incarnation as a late-night booze sponge.

For years, I've remained faithful to Omar and the boys at Kuzu Sis on Well Street in Hackney. But the clamour of the third British Kebab Awards, which took place in London on Wednesday night, has turned my head, and here I am on Stoke Newington High Street, intrigued, hungry, and offering congratulations to the happy winners.

Super Kebab, a family-owned business established eight years ago, took the coveted national award for best takeaway on Wednesday, sharing it with sibling site Super Ocakbasi, a five-minute walk away. At DOM's Place in Clapton, a traditional Turkish grill, or mangal, has been revamped by younger members of the family, who are wise details such as quality coffee, craft beer and branding. The late-night kebab culture represents only a fraction of what the industry, which employs 200,000 people in the UK, brings to our culture and our economy, points out Ibrahim Dogus, the man (and kebab-shop entrepreneur) behind the British Kebab Awards. "What is great is that, with new businesses opening all the time, we are now seeing some fine-dining takes on kebab cuisine, as well as everyday takeaways and family restaurants."

The awards are getting bigger every year, and the outlook is looking healthy for the humble kebab. Food writer and

wine consultant Zeren Wilson says: "The kebab scene has been ripe for a reassessment in the UK for some time now. There has always been big love for Turkish food among restaurant lovers, and meat grilled over charcoal will never go out of fashion, yet this is a cuisine that has remained untouched by trends-until now.

"I think we will begin to see more styled Turkish concepts, and more attention to styling and branding. The proliferation of casual dining restaurants and street food has probably helped Turkish food manoeuvre itself into a position where it can make some more noise."

On the way home, my black cab driver agrees that, on the whole, kebabs are far nicer than they used to be. But he still says: "I'd never have let you get in my cab with a doner."

THE AWARDS IN FULL

Best takeaway in London:

Super Kebab Ocakbasi,
Stoke Newington

Best takeaway outside of London:

Botan Kebab, Burger and
Pizza House, Liverpool

Best fine dining:

Sheesh restaurant, Chigwell, Essex

Best value:

Selale Restaurant, Haringay, London

Just Eat best delivery restaurant:

Kebabalicious, Manchester

Best newcomer kebab restaurant:

Pivaz Restaurant, Hackney

Best in Northern Ireland:

The Sphinx, Belfast

Best in Wales:

Pizza Choice, Cardiff

Best in Scotland:

Javits, Edinburgh

Best young chef:

Murat Poyraz and Mazlum Demi

Best chef award of the year:

Haci Akdogan

HACKNEY CITIZEN

Super Kebab in Stoke Newington wins best takeaway in London

Hackney performs well at annual British Kebab Awards as Pivaz in Chatsworth Road wins Best Newcomer gong.

A local kebab house has won the coveted prize of 'London's Best Takeaway' at the annual British Kebab Awards.

Super Kebab on Stoke Newington Road and its sister restaurant Super Ocakbasi scooped the award whilst Pivaz on Chatsworth Road was also recognised with a 'Best Newcomer' gong.

Kebab restaurants and suppliers from across the UK attended the ceremony in central London last week, which celebrated their contribution to the industry.

Owner of Super Kebab, Abdullah Sahiner, whose favourite kebab dish was a lamb doner, said: "We are trying to change the way people see kebab shops, as for a long time kebabs were considered a meal for drunks.

We are trying our best to serve quality and healthy food and to change people's view of kebabs."

Mr Abdullah said the key to the perfect kebab was in the "magic hands" of his chefs.

Zerdu Kara, owner of Pivaz which only opened six months ago and serves Mediterranean and Turkish dishes said he was "very happy and very proud" to win the 'Best Newcomer' prize.

Ibrahim Dogus, Director Founder of the British Kebab Awards, said: "Many congratulations to all the winners and nominees. These awards are a true celebration of kebabs as a Great British institution, and recognise the contribution of the industry throughout the country.

"There was a very high standard of nominees for every category, and I am delighted that we have been able to honour some of the leaders in the industry for the third year running."

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Restaurants triumph in British Kebab Awards

Three restaurants have triumphed in the British Kebab Awards.

Selale Restaurant in Green Lanes won the best value category, Best Catering on Garman Road won an award for an outstanding contribution to the kebab industry, and Diyarbakir Kitchen in Grand Parade was highly recommended in the best newcomer category.

A panel of judges including MPs Nadhim Zahawi, Jonathan Reynolds, Andy Love and Keith Vaz, as well as Baroness Hussein-Ece, helped decide the winners of each category-although anyone could vote for their favourite kebab outlet from a shortlist.

Tottenham MP David Lammy congratulated the winners, and said he was “delighted” to see the restaurants winning awards.

Ibrahim Dogus, director and founder of

the awards, said: “Many congratulations to Selale Restaurant, Best Catering and Diyarbakir Kitchen.

“These awards are a true celebration of kebabs as a Great British institution, and recognise the contribution of the industry throughout the country.

“There was a very high standard of nominees for every category, and I am delighted that we have been able to honour some of the leaders in the industry for the third year running.”

The British kebab industry contributes over £2.2 billion annually to the British economy, supporting around 200,000 jobs across restaurants, suppliers and the food industry in the UK

There are also around 200 doner kebab manufacturers in the UK, with a turnover in excess of £750m.

The first kebab shop opened in North London in 1966 and there are now over 20,000 kebab outlets in the UK selling an estimated 1.3m kebabs every day.

HENDON & FINCHLEY TIMES

Golders Green and Finchley restaurants win prize at British Kebab Awards

Keeping its customers satisfied has landed a kebab shop an award.

Durum Ocakbasi, which has two restaurants - in North End Road, Golders Green, and Ballards Lane, Finchley-was announced the winner of the best customer satisfaction award at the British Kebab Awards in London last night.

Prizes were presented for a total of 14 categories at the third annual awards, which were attended by more than 1,200 people.

A panel of judges, which included MPs Nadhim Zahawi, Jonathan Reynolds, Andy Love and Keith Vaz, as well as Baroness Hussein-Ece, helped decide the winners.

Ibrahim Dogus, founder of the British Kebab Awards, said: “Many congratulations to Durum Ocakbasi for winning best customer satisfaction. These awards are a true celebration of kebabs as a Great British institution, and recognise the contribution of the industry throughout the country.

“There was a very high standard of nominees for every category, and I am delighted that we have been able to honour some of the leaders in the industry for the third year running.”

EDINBURGH is set to dominate the Scottish category of the British Kebab Awards after bagging nearly every spot on the shortlist.

A total of eight restaurants across the city netted a place in the final ten vying to win one of the industry’s top gongs-Best Scottish Kebab Restaurant.

They are last year’s winner Javit’s Takeaway in Granton Rd, Samsun’s Speciality Kebab and Pizza House in Ferry Rd, Hanam’s Restaurant in Johnston Terrace, Nawroz Restaurant in Potterrow, Pera Turkish Restaurant in Elm Row, Hanedan Turkish Restaurant in Preston St, Verdo Turkish BBQ in Newington Rd and Yeni Restaurant in

Hanover St. Only two Glasgow-based restaurants made the shortlist.

Kebab houses around the country are vying for the industry’s top culinary accolades as hordes of kebab cravers vote for the most delectable doners. Voting closes on March 10 and votes can be cast on the British Kebab Awards website at www.britishkebabawards.co.uk.

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West London Restaurants vying for glory in British Kebab Awards

TChnarok, in Hounslow, which has the seal of approval from Ruth Cadbury MP, is among those competing for your votes. A restaurant in Hounslow has been shortlisted for the British Kebab Awards.

Chnarok, in Hanworth Road, Hounslow, made the cut in the best customer satisfaction category of the annual competition.

The Iraqi and Kurdish restaurant is up against nine other restaurants in the category vying for your vote online, including the following west London diners:

- Marmara Restaurant, Earls Court Road, Earls Court
- Maroush, Edgware Rd, Paddington
- Best Mangal, North End Rd, Kensington

Chnarok, situated just off Hounslow High Street, has been given the seal of approval by Brentford & Isleworth MP Ruth Cadbury.

"I can certainly see why they have been nominated. The Kofta kebab was melt-in-the-mouth delicious, the accompanying salad was fresh and the bread straight from the oven," she said. "The smells and taste took me straight to the shores of the Mediterranean. It is well worth a visit!"

There are 16 categories this year in the contest, which was founded by the Centre for Turkey Studies, and members of the public can vote for their favourite contenders here.

The winners are due to be announced on March 23 in a ceremony at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge Hotel.

Keith Vaz MP Website Member of Parliament for Leicester East

Keith attended the 3rd British Kebab Awards on Wednesday 7th January. It was a major event that brought together a thousand people.

Keith presented the Outstanding Contribution to the Kebab Industry Award.



Kebabs aren't just for 3am on a Saturday as you wind your way home from The Red Lion.

Now worth an annual £2.2 billion to the British economy, kebabs are no longer just a drunken late night snack. They want to be taken seriously.

Last night's British Kebab Awards were the third of their kind. They were established in 2013, in a bid to 'highlight and acknowledge the best of the kebab industry from all over Britain.'

A panel of 19, including Labour MP Keith Vaz, the Tories' Nadhim Zahawi and restaurateur James Breslaw, reviewed more than 2000 nominees across 14 categories.

And here's the results-for all you crazy roisserie junkies out there.

Best newcomer:

Pivaz restaurant, Hackney

Best takeaway in London:

Super Ocakbasi, Stoke Newington

Best takeaway outside London:

Botan Kebab House, Liverpool

Best delivery:

Kebabalicious, Manchester

Best value:

Selale Restaurant, London

Best fine dining:

Sheesh, Chigwell, Essex

Best in Northern Ireland:

The Sphinx, Belfast

Best in Wales:

Pizza Choice, Cardiff

Best in Scotland:

Javits, Edinburgh

David Amess MP Website Southend Kebab and Pizza House shortlisted for the British Kebab Awards 2015

David Amess MP was delighted to hear the news that Southend Kebab and Pizza in Leigh-on-Sea has been shortlisted for the 3rd British Kebab Awards. Nominations have now been closed and shortlisted kebab businesses are on www.britishkebabawards.co.uk for the final vote until Sunday, 4 January 2015. The Panel of Judges will subsequently make the final decision and winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Wednesday, 7 January.

The British Kebab Awards, now in their third year, have become a fixture in the annual food awards calendar.

Nominations were sought across a variety of categories including best value restaurant, best takeaway, best new restaurant and chef of the year. The awards honour the classic takeaway through to the growing number of family restaurants serving kebab style food.

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A grey lunchtime in Stoke Newington, north-east London, and I'm standing in the entrance to Super Kebab, an unexceptional-looking takeaway. For all of January's belt-tightening, there is a queue. I wait for four others to order before opting for a lamb doner and tucking in. It delivers: freshly minced, juicy lamb shoulder seasoned to perfection, offset by crisp salad, all comfortably swaddled in pitta.

It is no surprise that on Wednesday, Super Kebab (and its sister restaurant Super Ocakbasi, a few minutes down the road) was named best takeaway in London at the British Kebab awards. Competition was stiff – there were more than 500 nominations for the top London slot, and more than 2,000 businesses around the country were nominated across 14 categories. As well as Super Kebab, the winners – judged by a panel of 19, Labour MP Keith Vaz, the Tories' Nadhim Zahawi and restaurateur James Breslaw among them – included Kebabalicious in Manchester (best delivery), Sheesh in Chigwell, Essex (best fine dining) and Haci Akdogan of Haz, London (best chef).

The awards were established in 2013 and, says their founder, 34-year-old Ibrahim Dogus of the Centre for Turkey Studies, aim "to help the industry and the community to realise its potential". But they hint at something else: a growing appreciation of the kebab as more than a late-night, drunken snack. "Our customers pass 100 kebab shops and come to us," says Abdullah Sahiner, Super Kebab's 40-year-old manager, who opened the takeaway 10 years ago with four partners. "Why? Because they know our food is homemade, and they know the quality."

According to the award organisers, kebab businesses contribute more than £2.2bn to the British economy each year. The first is said to have opened here, in Stoke Newington, in 1966. It's not clear how and when kebabs became the late-night reveller's snack of choice but, somewhere along the line, they did – accompanied by horror stories (a 2009 study by food standards officers found some kebabs containing up

to 1,990 calories, 70g of fat and 16.5g of salt, as well as lamb kebabs testing positive for beef).

For restaurateurs, this stereotype is frustrating. "The association doesn't do justice to the quality and range of food that we have," says Ali Dirik, 52, of Mangal 2 in Dalston, east London, who picked up chef of the year at the 2014 awards. "Our cuisine isn't just doner kebabs; we sell hundreds of dishes that have been developed by professionals over decades."

But still. A great kebab is a wonderful thing – a perfect marriage of succulent, subtly spiced meat, pillowy bread and fresh, crunchy salad. "You don't need anything else – it's the complete meal in a handful," says Sabrina Ghayour, author of *Persiana* (recently named best new cookbook at the Observer Food Monthly awards). They are centuries old: in medieval Persia, soldiers are said to have used their swords to cook meat over open fires. Ottoman travel books from the 18th century talk of layered meat being cooked vertically on a stick – an early incarnation of the doner.

Much of their enduring appeal lies in their simplicity. As the Observer's Jay Rayner puts it: "It's a piece of meat on a stick – there's very little space to hide. So if you do them badly it immediately becomes very, very obvious." There are myriad regional incarnations, from the Pakistani seekh kebab (minced meat, skewered and cooked in a tandoor) to the Persian kabab barg (flat, pounded, marinated lamb fillet).

Yet they work across the spectrum, from down-and-dirty (for all the shame that accompanies the late-night takeaway, there's no denying its potency) to, increasingly, high(ish)-end. This year, Yotam Ottolenghi's business partner, Noam Bar, will launch a fast-food business with kebabs at the centre. Alan Yau, the legendary restaurateur behind the Wagamama chain and Hakkasan in London, has just opened Babaji Pide, also in London, which sells beef and lamb kofta kebabs cooked over charcoal alongside the Turkish-style pizzas it is named after. "My wife is from Istanbul, so I felt compelled

to offer a gesture of fond respect," says Yau of the new venture. "I have eaten my share of kebabs – the good, the bad and the potentially lethal. The perfect one, lovingly made with the finest fresh ingredients, is a timeless, irresistible culinary prize."

With food this good, there is no shortage of high-profile fans. As well as Yau and Ghayour, Heston Blumenthal and Ottolenghi have spoken of their fondness for the kebab. The artists Gilbert & George famously eat nightly at Mangal 2. Vaz says he has been a devotee all his life: "I think we should honour the kebab for being an extremely simple food that's very tasty and perfectly shaped to go straight into your mouth." He has one a fortnight, a lamb doner with salad, tomatoes and hummus, from Kebabish in his Leicester East constituency.

Those behind the awards hope that they will further raise the kebab's profile. Mustafa Demir, manager of The Best Turkish Kebab, another Stoke Newington joint, says business increased 10% after they picked up last year's best takeaway in London gong. For kebab lovers everywhere, that can only be a good thing.

THE WINNERS

Best takeaway

Super Kebab/Super Ocakbasi, Stoke Newington, London

Botan Kebab House, Liverpool

Runner-up: Archway Kebab House, London

Runner-up: The Kebab Shop, Birmingham

Best delivery

Kebabalicious, Manchester

Runner-up: Istanbulblue, Rochdale

Fine dining

Sheesh, Chigwell, Essex

Runner-up: Sarastro, Covent Garden, London

Best value

Selale Restaurant, Harringay, London

Wood Oven BBQ, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire

Runner-up: Stone Cave, Dalston

Best newcomer

Pivaz, Hackney, London

Hill Café and Bistro, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

Runner-up: Diyarbakir Kitchen, Harringay

Best in Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland

The Sphinx, Belfast

Pizza Choice, Cardiff

Javits, Edinburgh



Kebabalicious wins JUST EAT Best Delivery Restaurant at the British Kebab Awards 2015

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The British Kebab Awards, now in their third year, are the work of the Centre for Turkey Studies. The ceremony, which took place on Wednesday 7th January at the Westminster Park Plaza Westminister Bridge Hotel, London, was attended by over a thousand guests, including over 200 MPs and Peers such as Lord Neil Kinnock, Nadhim Zahawi MP, Keith Vaz MP, Lord Ahmed of Wimbledon, Jonathan Reynolds and Andy Love.

Kebabalicious will receive £1,500 of JUST EAT customer vouchers, to give away as they see fit to further drive orders.

Restaurant owner Irfan Khalil comments on the award: "We are hugely proud to have been awarded this prestigious prize. We have worked very hard to deliver the best kebabs consistently and this award is testament

to all the hard work that the team has put in."

As the UK's main showcase for the £2.2bn a year industry, the British Kebab Awards recognise the best in the business. They celebrate the stories behind the nation's favorite kebab houses, from the important contribution that restaurants, suppliers and workers make to the UK economy, to the cultural significance of the kebab as one of Britain's best-loved foods.

Since JUST EAT first launched in the UK in 2006, 13 million kebabs have been ordered online from the company's Turkish and Kurdish restaurant partners -placed end-to-end, which stretches from London to Turkey! In 2014 alone, nearly six and a half million were ordered online, 70% more than 2013.

The award was presented to Kebabalicious by Graham Corfield (@corfers), UK Managing Director of JUST EAT, who comments: "I am delighted that takeaway restaurants such as Kebabalicious are being recognised for their excellence. The kebab is a main staple in the British takeaway industry, and these awards showcase the important economic and cultural contribution made by Turkish restaurants and food to this country. As the UK's leading online takeaway ordering service, we are honored to celebrate this success."

Ibrahim Dogus, Director of the Centre for Turkey Studies, said: "Congratulations must go to Kebabalicious for providing such

a great service. No doubt they will go from strength to strength in the months and years to come. The awards are about applauding the contribution made to Britain by the kebab industry, and continuing to raise standards. With partners such as JUST EAT, this should not be too difficult."

Corfield continues: "It's important to remember that takeaway restaurants are a crucial part of our local economies. At JUST EAT we want to champion these thriving small businesses. Our focus is helping our restaurant partners be as successful as possible, by providing them with more customers and orders, helping the local high-street thrive and encouraging and rewarding local commerce across the UK."

JUST EAT, the world's leading online takeaway delivery service, are official sponsors of the British Kebab Awards, for the second year running.

Kebabalicious can be found at 195 Hollyhedge Road, Wythenshawe M22 8UE.

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- Cypriana Greek Restaurant (20 Lark Lane, Liverpool, L17 8US)
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Mayor of Redbridge Blog, British Kebab Awards

The Mayoress and I attended the 3rd Annual British Kebab Awards Ceremony at the Westminster Park Plaza Hotel.

On arrival we were greeted by the Director of the British Kebab Awards. There were

many people including several Mayors from other London Boroughs. During the dinner the Award Ceremony commenced with various categories with several nominations for each category.

I am pleased to say that Nick Arcioglu owner of Mezze Ocakbasi of Woodford Green won the Highly Recommended Award for Best Customer Satisfaction. Over 1,000 people attended this function.

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Winners of 2015 British Kebab Awards announced

Best kebab shops and restaurants lauded at third edition of annual awards.

Kebabs are often associated with late-night snacking, particularly after a few drinks. But there's more to them than their existence as a post-pub treat, and the British Kebab Awards want to make sure everyone knows that by honouring the top kebab houses across the land.

The winners

The inclusion of a 'Fine Dining' category among the awards is telling in terms of the competition's aims of improving the public image of the kebab industry. That image has previously been damaged by accusations of misleading practices, with shops selling 'lamb' kebabs which are actually mixed cuts to save money.

But the awards, which are only in their third year, might help to turn things around. Let's just hope that they don't encourage the good shops to lose the essential qualities that make a good kebab the original street food, or worse go the way of the hipster burger.

Right now, the awards are more than a little London-centric, but it is still early days, and hopefully more businesses from further afield will be up for nomination as the competition develops in the future.

The winners are as follows.

Best Delivery

- Winner: Kebabalicious, Manchester
- Highly Recommended: Istanbul, Rochdale

Best Takeaway in London

- Winner: Super Kebab/Ocakbasi, Stoke Newington, London
- Highly Recommended: Archway Kebab House, Archway, London

Best Takeaway Outside London

- Winner: Botan Kebab House, Liverpool
- Highly Recommended: The Kebab Shop, Birmingham

Best Value

- Winner: Selale Restaurant, Harringay, London
- Winner (outside London): Wood Oven, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire
- Highly Recommended: Stone Cave, Dalston, London

Fine Dining

- Winner: Sheesh, Chigwell, Essex
- Highly Recommended: Sarastro, Drury Lane, London

Best Newcomer Kebab Restaurant

- Winner: Pivaz, Hackney, London
- Highly Recommended: Diyarbakir, Haringey, London

Best Kebab House in Northern Ireland

- The Sphinx, Belfast

Best Kebab House in Wales

- Pizza Choice, Cardiff

Best Kebab House in Scotland

- Javit's, Edinburgh

Where's your favourite kebab shop?

Personally, the best kebabs I have ever had were from a takeaway in central Exeter called Raj India. When I lived in the city, the shop was open until the early hours of the morning, and I found that after a long shift, there was no better comfort food than juicy kebab meat smothered in garlic yoghurt sauce, a sting of extra hot chilli and crispy lettuce, all wrapped up in soft pitta bread.

The thought of the first bite of tender meat and creamy sauce that a top kebab offers is making me crave one as I write this.

But what do you think of takeaway kebabs? Comfort food or to be avoided? Do you have a favourite shop? Let us know your thoughts in the Comments below.

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The nation's best: the winners from British Kebab Awards 2015

Some one thousand people attended the British Kebab Awards last night, where they were bizarrely treated to curry along with kebabs as they heard this year's winners. Now in its third year, the British Kebab Awards (BKA), organised by the Centre for Turkey Studies (CEFTUS) threw up a range of new and familiar names in the business, with a host of surprise winners too.

The brainchild of İbrahim Doğuş (restaurateur – Troia), Mustafa Topkaya (pioneering kebab restaurateur), and Timur Ekingen (editor of Londra Gazete), BKA was set up with the aim of helping to promote kebabs, both as a tasty and nutritious meal, and also for its important contribution to the British economy.

The sector is annually worth £2.2 billion to

the British economy. There are an estimated 17,000 businesses involved in the kebab chain - from suppliers to restaurants and takeaways - which collectively employ over 70,000 people.

Kebabs are on an upward trajectory. While kebabs are the staple fodder of countries from Greece through to India and all nations in between and many beyond, at the forefront of the UK industry are Turks and Kurds. They have taken what was traditionally a late-night drunken snack and presented it in a totally new light, using top quality ingredients and traditional cooking methods, some even opting for fine dining environments.

The humble kebab is on an upward trajectory that will continue to grow with the likes of Alan Yau (of Hakkasan and Wagamama fame) joining the party with his newly opened West End eatery Babaji Pide and other leading chefs set to do the same in 2015.

Of course, standards continue to vary and the industry is plagued by rogues. Only last week a kebab eatery in Havering,

near Romford, was fined £7,500 after a 3-inch drill bit was found in a customer's döner kebab! However, the positive profile of kebabs continues to grow, aided significantly by events such as these.

So on to the BKA winners.

There were 14 categories, among them Best Takeaway, Best Value, Fine Dining, Best Newcomer, and Best Chef. Local politicians and people were asked to nominate the best ones in their area, and of course outlets and businesses could nominate themselves. Their local council score on aspects such as hygiene and environment get included into the scoring mix, along with how many local votes each outlet amasses. From these, a shortlist is drawn up – see here for the BKA 2015 Shortlist.

The BKA judges, who this year included Baroness Meral Ece-Hussein, restaurateur James Breslaw and Önder Şahin – owner of Ev and the Tas chain – then visit all those on the shortlist to judge them on a range of criteria, while the public continues to cast their vote for their favourite kebab joints. The two verdicts are then combined and the winners determined.



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4th British Kebab Awards (2016)

Judging Panel



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Samson Sohail

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Rami Ranger

CBE - Entrepreneur & Social
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Nadhim Zahawi

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Mustafa Topkaya

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Metin Pekin

Paragon Quality Foods



Keith Vaz

Labour Member of Parliament
for Leicester



Jonathan Reynolds

Labour Co Op MP for
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4th British Kebab Awards (2016) Shortlist

Customer Satisfaction

Chnarok Restaurant

2B Hanworth Rd, London,
Hounslow TW3 1UA

Meze Mangal Lewisham

245 Lewisham Way,
London SE4 1XF

Selale Restaurant Harringay

1-2, Salisbury Promenade,
Haringey N8 0RX

Cappadocia Restaurant

2, Station Buildings, Fife Rd,
Kingston KT1 1SW

Istanbul Restaurant Finchley

880 - 882 High Rd, London N12 9RH

Best Mangal

266 North End Rd, London W14 9EP

Hasan Meze Mangal

14 Stoke Newington Rd,
London N16 7XN

Maroush

21 Edgware Rd, London W2 2JE

Olive's Meze

3131 Clapham High St,
London SW4 7SS

Marmaris Restaurant

Unit 1 Ferry Quays, Ferry Lane,
Brentford, London TW8 0BD

Best Value Restaurant

Cappadocia Restaurant

2 Station Buildings, Fife Rd,
Kingston KT1 1SW

Kervan Restaurant Southgate

107 Chase Side, London N14 5QD

Gem Restaurant

264-265 Upper St, London N1 2UQ

Deja Vu Garden

52C, 52 High St, London E17 7LD

Ephesus Restaurant Leeds

4 Rodley Ln, Leeds LS13 1HU

Selale Restaurant

1-2, Salisbury Promenade,
Haringay N8 0RX

Sahan Restaurant

Ilford Unit 3, I-Scene Complex,
Clements Road IG1 1BP

Istanbul Barbecue & Bistro

39B Allerton Rd, Liverpool L25 7RE

Meze Mangal

81 High Rd, Bushey Heath WD23 1EL

Slemani Restaurant

130 Edgware Rd, London W2

Fine Dining

Sheesh Chigwell

High Rd, Chigwell IG7 6QA

Kazan Victoria

93-94 Wilton Rd,
London SW1V 1DW

Ishtar Restaurant

10-12 Crawford St,
London W1U 6AZ

Hazev

Discovery Dock West, 2 South Quay
Square E14 9RT

Haz Restaurant

9 Cutler St, London E1 7DJ

Noura Lebanese

12 William St, London SW1X 9HL

Mirage Restaurant

740 Eastern Ave, Ilford IG2 7HU

Kenza Restaurant & Lounge

10 Devonshire Square,
London EC2M 4YP

Fora Restaurant

34-36 Houndsditch,
London EC3A 7DB

Sofra Mayfair

18 Shepherd St, London W1J 7JG

Best Kebab Restaurant in North and West London

Antepliler Restaurant

43 - 47 Green Lanes,
London N4 1AG

Durum-Golders Green

119 Ballards Ln, London N3 1LJ

Mangal 2 Stoke Newington

4 Stoke Newington Rd,
London N16 8BH

Efes Restaurant Brick Lane

1 Whitechapel Rd,
London E1 6TY

Mezze Restaurant Woodford

24 The Broadway,
Woodford Green IG8 0HQ

Selale Restaurant Haringey

1-2, Salisbury Promenade,
Haringey N8 0RX

Pivaz Restaurant

34 Chatsworth Rd, London E5 0LP

Aksular Restaurant

510B Hertford Rd, Enfield,
London EN3 5SS

Berber & Q

338 Acton Mews, London E8 4EA

Best Kebab Restaurant in South London

Meze Mangal Restaurant

245 Lewisham Way,
London SE4 1XF

Turkuaz Restaurant Catford

163 Bromley Rd, London SE6 2NZ

Havet Restaurant

195-197 High St, Bromley,
Kent BR1 1NN

Hisar Restaurant Dulwich

51 Lordship Ln, London SE22 8EP

Istanbul Meze Mangal

222 High Street,
London SW19 2BH

Aya Lebanese

193-197 Merton Rd,
London SW19 1EE

Best Mangal Fulham

619 Fulham Rd, London SW6 5UQ

Cappadocia Restaurant

2 Station Buildings, Fife Rd,
Kingston KT1 1SW

Kazan Restaurant

93 Wilton Road London, SW1V 1DW

Cyprus Mangal

45 Warwick Way,
London SW1V 1QS

Best Kebab Restaurant Outside London

Irmak Grill

28A Chapel St, Luton LU1 2SE

Divan Restaurant

2 Shenley Rd,
Borehamwood WD6 1DL

The Meze Turkish Grill

269 Broadway, Bexleyheath,
Kent DA6 8DB

Mevan Restaurant

11 Sun Street, Hitchin SG5 1AE

Bodrum Kebab House

242 Cowley Rd,
Oxford OX4 1UH

Turkish Delight

573 Barlow Moor Rd,
Manchester M21 8AE

Gzing Restaurant

2 Lincoln Rd, Leeds LS9 7NP

Akdeniz Turkish Restaurant

50 Hamlet Ct Rd, Southend-on-Sea,
Westcliff-on-Sea SSO 7LX

Best Takeaway in London

The Best Turkish Kebab

125 Stoke Newington Rd,
London N16 8BT

Kebab Kid

90 New King's Rd, Fulham,
London SW6 4LU

Capital Kebab

63 The Cut, Southwark,
London SE1 8LL

Aya Lebanese

193-197 Merton Rd,
London SW19 1EE

The Woody Grill 1

Camden Rd, London,
Camden NW1 9LG

Salamis Kebab House

402A Crambrook Rd,
London IG2 6HW

Neo's Kebab House

405 Hornsey Rd,
London N19 4DX

Petts Wood Kebab House

13 Chatsworth Parade,
Orpington BR5 1DF

Best Kebab Restaurant Outside London

Ellesmere Port Kebab

Arcade, Regent St,
Ellesmere Port CH65 8DX

Food Stop Takeaway

Coppice Side Swadlincote
Derbyshire DE11 9AE

Harlow Kebab

23 Clifton Hatch,
Harlow CM18 7FF

Armenian Kebab House

29 Harrowside,
Blackpool FY4 1QH

Curipza Takeaway

3 Southmill Rd, Bishop's
Stortford CM23 3DH

The Caterham Charcoal Grill

75 High St,
Caterham CR3 5UF

Medo Kebab House

71 East Bank St,
Southport PR8 1EJ

Kebabalicious

95 Hollyhedge Rd, Manchester,
Lancashire M22 8UE

4th British Kebab Awards (2016) Shortlist

Best New Comer Restaurant in London/Outside London

Mevan Restaurant

11 Sun Street,
Hitchin, SG5 1AE

Kebub, White Swan

34 Bromford Ln,
West Bromwich B70 7HW

Deraliye

98 Cockfosters Road, EN4 ODP

Antepliler Doner

43 Grand Parade, Green Lanes,
Haringey N4 1AG

Gokyuzu Restaurant Chingford

Southend Road, Chingford,
London, E4 8TA

Lefke Turkish Charcoal Grill Restaurant & Meze House

30 Corbets Tey Rd,
Upminster RM14 2AD

Istanbul Finchley

880-882 High Road,
North Finchley, N12 9RH

Mez-opotamia Restaurant

84-86 High Road,
South Woodford, E18 2NA

Yasmeen Restaurant

1 Blenheim Terrace,
London NW8 0EH

Aksular Restaurant Finsbury Park

145 Stroud Green Road,
Finsbury Park, London N4 3PZ

Best in Wales

Jemos Kebabs & Pizza

993 Upper Newtownards Rd,
Dundonald, Belfast BT16 1RN

The Sphinx

74 Stranmillis Rd, Belfast,
County Antrim BT9 5AD

Lydia's Pizzeria & Kebab House

38 Belmont Rd, Belfast,
County Antrim BT4 2AN

Guccii Chip

133-137 Lisburn Rd, Belfast,
County Antrim BT9 7AG

Turkish Kebab & Pizza House

112 Andersontown Road,
Belfast BT11 9BX

Just Eat Best Delivery Restaurant

Urfa Ocakbasi

Turkish Restaurant
18-20 St James Street, E17 7PF

Station Kebab

3 Queens Parade,
Bounds Green, N11 2DN

Istanbul BBQ House

94 Shackerdale Road,
Leicester LE2 6HS

Milano Kebab

430 Downham Way,
Bromley BR1 5HR

Golden BBQ

112 Caerphilly Rd,
Cardiff CF14 4QG

Mega Charcoal Grill

11 High St, Cheshunt,
Waltham Cross EN8 0BX

Charcoal Grill Hainhault

168 Fencepiece Rd,
Ilford IG6 2LB

Kebab World

67 Old Church Rd, London E4 6ST

Torquay Charcoal Grill

35 Abbey Rd, Torquay TQ2 5NQ

Kurdistan Restaurant

181-183 Spring Bank,
Hull HU3 1LP

Curipza

3 Southmill Rd,
Bishop's Stortford CM23 3DH

The Best Chef

Onder Sahan

Sami Ozkuzucu

Servet Cavli

Ali Dirik

Huseyin Celik

Sahin Gok

Yusuf Ozkan

Hasan Eksi

Ali Kepez

Besnik Hajdari

Outstanding Contribution to the Kebab Industry

Ace 4 Kebabs

4 Tuscany Way
Blackbushe Business Pk,
Yateley GU46 6GF

Easy Cut Ltd

Centre of Excellence Hope Park,
Trevor Foster Way, Bradford, West
Yorkshire BD5 8HH

Vatan Catering

Mill Mead Road, Unit 37-43,
Mill Mead Industrial Centre,
Tottenham Hale, London

Istanbul Meats Ltd

First Ave, Drum Industrial Estate,
Chester le Street DH2 1AG

Total Shopfitting Solutions Ltd

Unit B, Watkins House,
Pegamoid Rd,
London N18 2NG

Easy Shelf

17 Wellington Road,
Leyton E10 7QF

Veli's Kebab & Meat Supplies Ltd

Anderstaff Industrial Estate,
Hawkins Lane, Burton Upon Trent,
Staffordshire, DE14 1QH

Anatolian Foods

Unit 3, Langhedge Ln,
London N18 2TQ

J.J Food Service

7 Solar Way, Enfield, EN3 7XY

Kismet Kebabs

Milton House, Maldon Road,
Latchingdon, Essex CM3 6LF

Best Young Chef

Tolga Ozkan

Mazlum Demir

Sinan Toguz

Mumin Arabaci

Haydar Polat

Huseyin doldur

Ali Ekber Doymaz

Best in Scotland

Javit's Takeaway

207 W Granton Rd,
Edinburgh EH5 1PD

Samsun's Speciality Kebab & Pizza House

651 Ferry Rd, Edinburgh EH4

Hanam's Restaurant

3 Johnston Terrace,
Edinburgh EH1 2PW

Nawroz Restaurant

26-30 Potterrow,
Edinburgh EH8 9BT

Pera Turkish Restaurant

57 Elm Row, Edinburgh EH7 4AQ

Hanedan Turkish Restaurant

41 W Preston St, Edinburgh EH8 9PY

Verdo Turkish BBQ

21 Newington Rd,
Edinburgh EH9 1QS

Yeni Restaurant

73 Hanover St, Edinburgh EH2 1EE

Alla - Turca

192 Pitt Street, Glasgow G2 4DY

Kervan Palace

61 Bridge St, Glasgow,
Lanarkshire G5 9JB

Best in Wales

Corfu Kebab House

36 Water St, Rhyl, Clwyd LL18 1SS

Al-Des Kebab

90 Rheidol Ave, Clase,
Swansea SA6 7JS

Khyber Kebab

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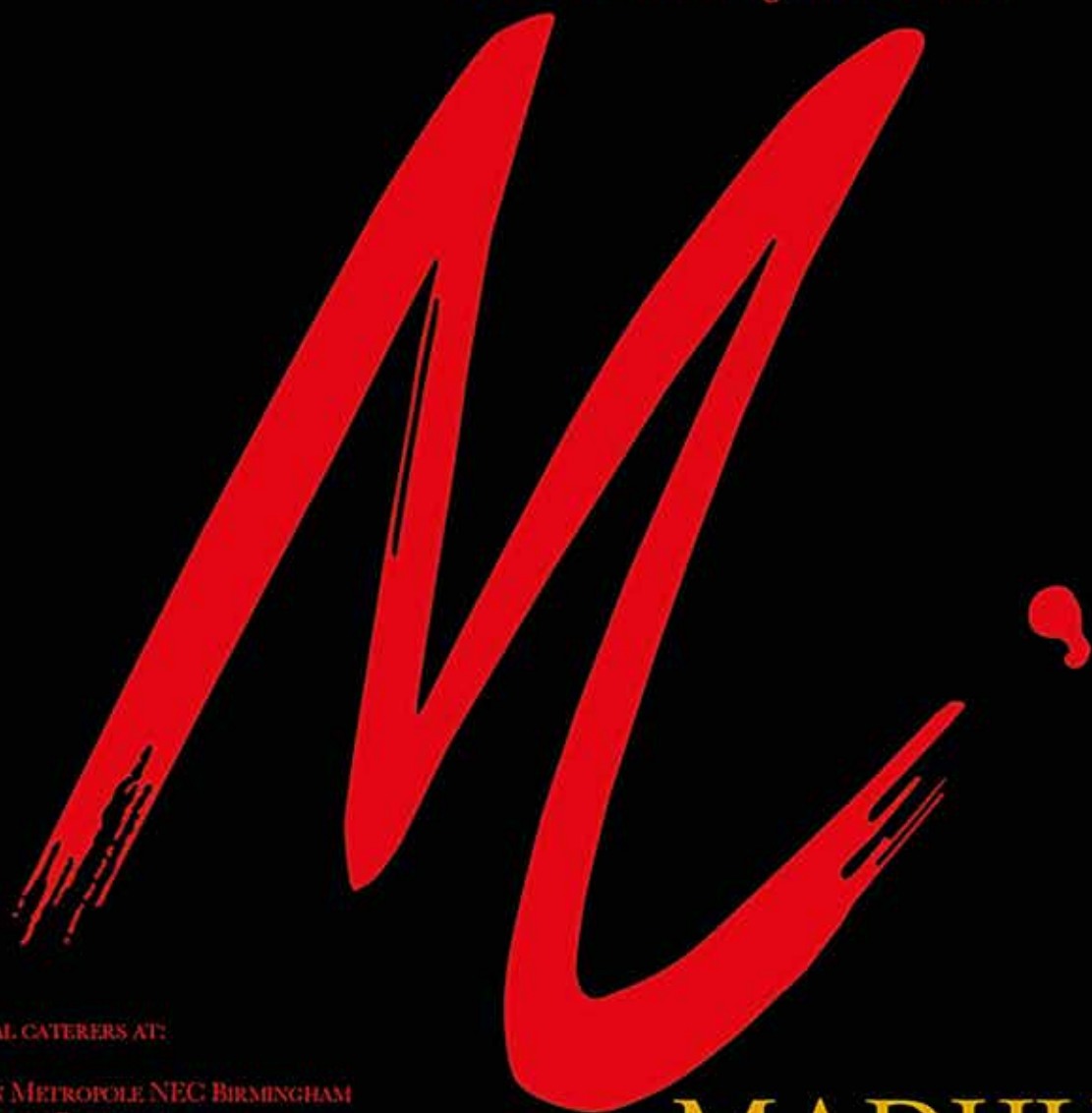
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