

DYLAN'S NEPALESE & INDIAN.

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DYLAN'S NEPALESE & INDIAN, A NEW ESTABLISHMENT HAVING OPENED IN 2022 HAS EMERGED AS ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED RESTAURANTS IN MEDWAY, EARNING A NUMBER OF ACCOLADES DURING ITS SHORT TIME ON THE OLD HIGH STREET INTRA.

Owners of Dylan's Nepalese and Indian, and chefs at the restaurant, Raju Kandel and Keshav Kandel are childhood friends who grew up in the small village of Bihunkot in central Nepal. When establishing their restaurant, the goal was to create unique and carefully crafted dishes that embrace authentic homestyle cooking, using only the best ingredients.

Raju said: "Our decision to open our restaurant on the Old High Street Intra was driven by its great links to London and neighbouring Medway towns and cities.

"The excellent location has not only given us a steady influx of potential customers but has also amplified the impact of word-of-mouth recommendations, which has contributed substantially to our snowballing success over the past year.

"The welcoming and supportive nature of fellow business owners we have felt since arriving really does show a strong community spirit along the High Street. The recent success of community events like Intra Spring and the Light Nights festival has further enhanced this lively and harmonious atmosphere.

Dylan's, along with other restaurants on the High Street, actively participates in these events throughout the year, setting up street food stands to introduce the Intra's diverse culinary offerings to new audiences. This collaborative approach markets the area as a whole, showcasing its diverse and welcoming character.

"Since joining the area, the HSHAZ cultural programme has been in place, and it has meant that we have received brilliant support from Medway Council which has been instrumental for us when establishing the restaurant.

"The support hasn't stopped there. We have won a number of awards thanks to our customers, including 'Best Indian Restaurant in Kent' through the KentLive poll and have received hundreds of five-star reviews on our social platforms.

"Along with the growth of our reputation our footfall has also increased. When we first opened in June 2022, we managed with just ourselves and one other part time member of staff, but thanks to the huge support we have had and the popularity of our food and service we have grown into a very busy restaurant, now requiring 11 members of staff to help us run the business.

"The success of Dylan's Indian and Nepalese has encouraged us to open a second venue, Ghurka Fire, which we hope to open in February 2024, also situated in Chatham where the council has invested in the refurbishment of the area.

"We are confident that our success will continue thanks to the support of locals and the council. We are hiring new chefs from India and Nepal who have fantastic knowledge of the local cuisine to help us with our new venture as well as bringing new dishes to Dylan's. Our homestyle, authentic cooking is already proving popular, and we are excited to bring more of this to our customers.

"The majority of footfall to the Old High Street Intra is due to the well-known restaurants and bars, but I think it would be beneficial for the area to have a better range of businesses, expanding the High Streets offerings to customers and attracting a broader audience.

"The ongoing construction of residential properties around the Intra area will be a great asset to the small businesses on the High Street, providing additional footfall and contributing to the bustling atmosphere.

"As Dylan's Indian and Nepalese thrives, backed by local support and council assistance, we're excited about the future. With our team growing, our menu expanding, and positive community response, we're confident in our ongoing success and we are delighted to be a vital part of Chatham's diverse business scene."

