



Mr S I Azad Ali

Place of Residence: **Dartford**

Sector: **Catering**

Mr Ali moved to the UK in April 1969, and studied at the London Hampstead College of Business Management.

After working in a Bangladeshi restaurant for almost eight years, Mr Ali felt that he had gained enough experience to open his first restaurant. This restaurant, called the Shapla Tandoori, was based in Canvey Island, Essex, and was soon to become the first of many restaurants that fell under the ownership of S I Azad Ali.

The Milaad Tandoori in Hullbridge (Essex) as well as Deal Kent, and Snodland Kent, the Shalima Tandoori in West Drayton (Middlesex), and Bengal Diners Walmer and Paprika both in Dover (Kent) soon followed, and Mr Ali quickly gained a reputation as a successful restaurateur.

He is now the owner of three very successful restaurants: La Cantina

in Orpington, and the Colyer Arms and Spice Garden, both of which are based in Southfleet.

Mr Ali has not always been involved solely in the catering industry however. He is the sole proprietor of the Whitecliff group of companies and also Sami Grille and he is the Director of the British Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce.

This latter position is something Mr Ali has gained experience for over an extended number of years. In the past, he was the Director at Front Air Service Ltd, Homeland Life Insurance Company and also the Bondon Housing Development Company. In addition to this, he held the position of Secretary for Public Relations for the BCA for two terms and was also a board member for the Dover Chamber of Commerce and Industries. He was the founder and former treasurer of Jagannath Pur British – Bangla

Education Trust and was also the founder and co-ordinator of Jagannath Pur Probashi Kollayan Trust UK. Furthermore, he is the Treasurer of the advisory committee in the UK for the National Heart Foundation Sylhet.

Mr Ali is happily married to Lilufa Begum Ali, and they have four children – three daughters and one son. Their eldest daughter – Shalimar Aktar Ali – graduated from the University of Westminster having completed a degree in Business, Accountancy and Information. Their next daughter – Shamima Aktar Ali – completed an LLB from the London Law College after having graduated from the University of Greenwich. Their youngest daughter is still at sixth form college studying her A Levels. Their son – Miladun Islam Ali – graduated from the London School of Economics.