

This city is No1 for curry, so how do we make the awards judges realise it?

The queen of Indian cooking herself, Madhur Jaffrey, has said Leicester is the best place in the UK for curry.

That is why we must now all get together as a city and work together to not only bring the Curry Capital title back next year, but to make sure it stays here every year.

We are proud to see Leicester in the news for historic achievements such as the discovery of the remains of Richard III and City winning the Premier League.

Such achievements will be spoken about long into the future in the same manner as Leicester being the foremost multi-cultural city in the UK, serving as a beacon of community cohesion admired throughout the UK and beyond.

And central to this is curry.

Curry has brought people together in Leicester ever since the first Indian opened its doors in 1960.

Many happy memories have been shared and many wonderful friendships have been created by the magic of Leicester's curry houses.

These restaurants have also been used as platforms from which to do work in support of community cohesion.

For example, I have used my two restaurants to raise money

Leicester has once again been beaten to the title of Curry Capital of Britain, finishing second to Bradford, which claimed its seventh consecutive victory. We asked **SYED RAHMAN**, owner of Chef and Spice and Cuisine of India restaurants, what needs to be done to knock Bradford off its perch in 2017

Leicester is blessed to have the widest variety of Indian restaurants in the UK, serving amazing cuisine from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Gujarat, Punjab, Delhi and South India.

The people of Leicester are well and truly spoiled.

But we must turn this enjoyment of our great curry cuisine



ries to one side for the sake of the city and working with the Leicester City Council to help us win the award.

The council already does some outstanding community cohesion work. It can do more by helping us win the Curry Capital title.

There are several ways in which the council can help, all

The most important thing that can be done is for the council to build up a dossier and make a submission on why Leicester should win based on what the ethnic community does for the city and what the city does for them and the importance of their curry community with an accent on "community cohesion through

curry in the UK. We need to turn this into a recognised award.

We need to work as a team to realise our collective ambition.

We must work closely with the council to realise our aim.

We need to do all of this to bring more smiles to the wonderful people who call Leicester home.

'We require more organ donors like selfless Tony'

A NEW campaign to encourage more organ donation in ethnic communities will be officially launched today.

Called Sikh's Embrace Organ Donation Campaign, it aims to promote awareness of organ donation and encourage more members of the community to join the donor register.

The launch will also mark a year since the death of Leicester businessman, music promoter and journalist Tony Singh Pabla.

Tony, an organ donor, died after a brain aneurysm at the age of 46.

His family are organising a tribute night with help from news and music website Punjab 2000 and Kirit Mistry, co-chairman of the National Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority Transplant Alliance.

Tejinder Singh, from Punjab 2000, said: "Tony was a great inspiration who gave selfless service to help others."

"The charity night is supported by a host of leading artists and friends from the Bhangra music world to remember the great work of Tony."

Proceeds from this event will go to Leicester's hospitals and Loros.

Tony's brother, Manmohan Singh Pabla, said: "It has been a painful year for us all not having Tony with us, but we are keen to continue his good work on promoting organ donation."

"We are fully behind supporting the Sikh's Embrace Organ Donation Campaign which we hope will enable more people from our communities to help save lives like Tony by donating their organs."

Karamjit Singh, chairman of Leicester's hospitals, will attend the event, at the Ramgar-