

Cafetina brews up success after winning YEP award



TOP OF THE SHOPS: Yasin Mohammadi from Cafetina celebrates after it was named the YEP's Cafe of the Year.

CAFE OF THE YEAR

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THEY ARE firmly rooted in the heart of communities across Leeds.

And today the *Yorkshire Evening Post* can name the city's favourite cafe.

Thousands of readers cast their vote to name their favourite spot in their community that serves up the best teas or coffees.

And Armley's Cafetina came out on top after being named the YEP's Cafe of the Year.

The cafe, which is based in Armley and has been in business for over 30 years, was named as the top spot to catch up with family and friends.

Owner Yasin Mohammadi, 31, said he was thrilled to be crowned the winner in the competition.

He said: "It feels very nice to be voted as the best cafe in Leeds.

"Cafes play a very important roles in their communities.

"People get to know me and this cafe is very well-known in the local community."

The runner's up for this year's awards include Cafe Nicole's in Morley, and Sue's Kitchen, which is also in Morley.

Nicola, 39, opened Cafe

Nicole's six years ago after previously working for the Royal Bank of Scotland.

She dedicated the award to her stepsister Debbie Madin who died suddenly this year.

Nicola told the YEP: "It's absolutely fantastic to be voted as the runner-up.

"I think my success is down to the fact that I have got a really good team at work that are really friendly towards customers.

"They are the reason this cafe is so successful.

"Both I and the team would also like to dedicate this award to Debbie Madin, my stepsister who died suddenly this year.

"She worked at the cafe for two years before she passed away and contributed to the success of this cafe."

Sue's Kitchen, which was also named as a runner-up, is run by Ian Swain 55, and his wife Susan, 52.

He praised his customers and said: "Our number one priority is our customers.

"They are the most important people in the cafe.

"We pride ourselves in the fact that we do proper, home-cooked food and we have got a good set of staff.

"Our success is down to the fact that we provide a friendly service to our customers."

And he praised the roles of cafes in the heart of



RUNNERS UP: Staff from Nicoles and Sue's Kitchen with YEP editor Jeremy Clifford.

communities across the city. He added: "Cafes like ours play a really big role in the local community.

"We are based at the quiet end in Morley and we feel that we have brought more people

down to this part of the town and the other traders down here probably benefit from that as well."

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