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Restaurant aims to spice up village businesses



Bolly good: Guests enjoy Samsara's opening night in Cheam Village

Bollywood dancers performed moves from the hit movie *Bollywood Nights* to herald the opening of a new restaurant in Cheam.

The mayor and mayoress of Sutton, Dr Brendan Hudson and wife Jane unveiled Samsara, a new Indian restaurant in Cheam High Street on Monday.

More than 100 guests tucked into traditional Indian canapés and enjoyed cuisine including grilled salmon tikkas with fresh mint, authentic curries and traditional naan breads, washed down with plenty of champagne and strawberries.

Guests enjoyed entertainment from Bollywood

dancers and a live drum troupe.

Samsara Indian Restaurant takes over the former La Luna Rossa Italian restaurant.

The restaurant interior has been given a £250,000 facelift. New owner Shaf Rafman said: "We felt Cheam deserved something a bit different."

He added: "The event was a great success. Feedback has been very positive and everyone is very excited about the new restaurant opening."

In his speech, Coun Hudson said: "It's wonderful when a new business invests in Sutton. This is something new for the community to enjoy."