



# Café Gnosh

A glamorous new venue has opened in Rugby offering wine and cocktails alongside modern European cuisine

**A** new bar, café and restaurant is bringing “a bit of glamour” to the Warwickshire town of Rugby, according to its designer Tony Matters. “With an affluent population, particularly given the presence of the historic Rugby school, the client felt that Rugby was ready for something a little more special,” he says. Tony, who is managing director of Leicester-based interior design practice Heterarchy, worked with the owners to come up with the stylish Café Gnosh, which starts the day as a café but evolves into more of a restaurant in the evening.

The new venue is co-owned by Tony Singh who has a breadth of experience in the trade, operating two outlets in Coventry: Indian restaurant Bombay Joe’s and café Get Stuffed. At Café Gnosh, the cuisine is modern European, open from 10am to 10pm Mondays to Saturdays and from 10am to 3pm on Sundays. While the emphasis is on food, it encourages people to come just for drinks and to snack on the sharing platters.

There is a good selection of wines,

particularly sparkling ones such as Dom Pérignon 1993, Louis Roederer Cristal and Armand de Brignac. The bar has an emphasis on premium spirits, including 25 different whiskies and 12 brandies, and serves up twists on the classics such as a Jam Mojito. The recipes were created by the owners themselves who were partly inspired by visits to bars in New York City and Dubai.

The bar itself is a focal point for the venue, Tony adds, particularly the rear shelving. “The high-gloss white cubic units, with sparkling illuminated back panels, provide back-lighting for bottles and give the bar a presence that works both day and night,” he explains. The front of the bar features sculpted Muraspec Croc panels, lit from the underside of the counter to emphasise the relief pattern. The counter itself uses a laminate with a textured metallic edge, with blue glass and perforated metal pendant lights above.

“This project is proof that creating a bar that lifts the entire look and feel of a space has nothing to do with how much money



## Where to find it

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## Who did it

Design: Heterarchy  
Bar manufacture: Leicester Barfitting Company  
Laminate surfaces: Formica  
Front bar panels: Muraspec  
Pendant lights: Lighting Styles

you spend,” Tony points out. “By balancing lighting, texture and the reflectivity of materials, we’ve achieved a great deal within a very tight budget.”