

Father and son's disaster appeal



David and Tajwar are seen at the restaurant. Picture: Simon Devey

A Bridgnorth restaurant proprietor and his nine-year-old son have kick-started a fundraising drive to help the ill and starving people of Bangladesh.

St Mary's Bluecoat School pupil Tajwar Ahmed has donated £255 of his savings.

And his father, David Miah, who owns the Himalaya Tandoori Restaurant in Whitburn Street, is laying on special Bangladeshi meals on Monday nights to raise money to help.

"I am hoping that the meals will raise £10,000," said David, who was born in Bangladesh.

"A two-course meal will cost £10 and I am hoping that as many people as possible will be able to come along, because the people of Bangladesh desperately need our help."

David will also be putting £1,500 of his own money into the cause.

Although he was born here, Tajwar regularly returns to Bangladesh to see family and friends and is acutely aware of the horrendous conditions of its residents, having also seen the situation on TV.

"We have seen people crying, including children and old people," said David. "It is

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a terrible situation - half a million of the people in Bangladesh have cholera and they have no water, food or sheltering.

"I have been back to Bangladesh regularly as well and it was bad when I last went, but it has since got worse," he added.

David was born and raised in Bangladesh and came to England almost 40 years, living in London where he had a restaurant, before moving to Bridgnorth.

He is well-known for his fundraising efforts and in 2005 organised a menu for the tsunami disaster appeal, starting that appeal with a £500 donation.

Anyone who wants to book a Bangladeshi meal at the Himalaya Tandoori Restaurant and wants more details should phone (01746) 765239 in the day or (01746) 763464 or 766522 in the evening.

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Grainger & Worrall Limited based at Stanmore Industrial Estate, which produces specialist components for the automotive and aerospace industries, is among the major winners in the Green Apple Environment Awards.

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