



## THE FLEUR BAR AND BISTRO

When an eating or drinking establishment is taken over by new management it can sometimes take a while for the word to spread that changes have taken place. At The Fleur Bar and Bistro you simply have to walk through the door to realise that this is a place utterly transformed in every respect from its previous incarnation.

Before being taken over in the middle of 2007, this fine old building on the corner of Queen Elizabeth Way and Humberstone Road was known as a flamboyant party pub, complete with disco nights and a raucous atmosphere. Now when you step inside The Fleur you are greeted by a sleek, contemporary restaurant and bar, where real thought and attention to detail has gone into the décor, the food and the ambience. This is a place of stripped wooden floors, shiny chrome bar areas, high legged black leather seating, large mirrors and dark wooden tables, all making an immediate impression. Only a solitary disco ball acts as a reminder of the Fleur's recent past.

Since its extensive refurbishment and re-opening, The Fleur has drawn in a brand new clientele, from the local residential neighbourhoods and nearby businesses, and from people who have hired it for private functions. Besides its fresh and appealing new look, the bistro-style food being served up by head chef Sebastian Budin and the dedicated team of chefs has also done much to sway any preconceptions about The Fleur. The emphasis is very much on variety, simplicity and informality: familiar dishes served up with a signature flourish. These range from mixed meze plates to share (choose six from a long list of items like artichokes, olives, parma ham, cheeses and so on), to smaller plates (for example stuffed flat mushrooms or pan-fried scallops) and substantial salads. Larger plates include a special pasta of the day dish, a succulent Angus beef burger and even a rack of lamb, while sandwiches and wraps are also available around the clock.

This is the kind of modern eating and drinking that fits in with people's lifestyles – eat what you feel like, whenever you feel like it, whether that's a leisurely Sunday brunch, a lunch with colleagues, a glass or two of wine after work, or a meal out with some friends. And it fits in with the whole ethos of the new-look Fleur: smart and stylish certainly, but welcoming and informal as well.

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