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The hounds of love

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.....IF someone had told me that one of the best nights out I would have in Leeds would involve a burger bar and karaoke, I would have told them in no uncertain terms to burger off.

My first point would be that as a vegetarian with a penchant for fine dining, a burger bar would not be my eatery of choice.

And as my idea of a perfect night out is getting glammed-up and dancing til I drop with my girlfriends, there'd be about as much chance of me hogging a microphone in a packed-out pub as buying a Katie Melua album.

But this stance was before I discovered Gourmet Burger Kitchen and OK Karaoke, now my two most favourite venues in Leeds. GBK, as it is known to its devotees, has a mouthwatering menu of around 20 burgers – including around five veggie options – so huge and delicious you don't need to eat again all day.

And across the road is OK Karaoke, with seven private booths for hire. So there's no need to humiliate yourself in front of hundreds with your tone-deaf rendition of Kate Bush's Wuthering Heights – now you can give it your all, safe in the knowledge you will only pierce the eardrums of your nearest and dearest. I won't claim that our (very) merry band of six looked quite as cool as Scarlett, Bill et al in Lost in Translation, but we definitely felt it.

Stars in Their Eyes, here I come.