

OUT & ABOUT



Meet the Chef

Richard Kirkwood & Andy Roberts, Co-owners, Fish Union,
Royal Parade, Chislehurst

Between them, Richard and Andy boast impressive CVs including stints at some of London's best-known restaurants and met whilst working at J Sheekey where Richard was Head Chef. Redundancy and a global pandemic hit bringing these two chefs to join forces and combine their passion, expertise and fulfil their dream... Fish Union was born!

What is Fish Union's Concept?

R: Fish Union was built out of a frustration at the lack of availability of fresh fish in the market, and fishmongers had disappeared from the High Street. As an island we should all be eating lots of fresh seafood, and Fish Union is on a mission to start the revival!

A: We have uniquely married up an upmarket wet fishmonger with a small seafood and champagne

restaurant and are very much led by the seasonal and sustainable produce that we source. Our seafood restaurant offers small plates and market fish with whatever we freshly source that day so our menu changes every service which makes for a fun, creative environment.

What is your signature dish?

A: Our 'chips' have become a bit of a talking point locally - they pretty much have their own cult following!

R: I have always believed that the guests decide the 'signature' dish of the restaurant due to popularity, which would mean our tuna tataki served with pickled radish, wasabi mayonnaise & ponzu would be it.

What's next for Fish Union?

R: We continue to be on our mission to make fresh fish accessible to all through more dishes, events and our At Home range.

A: We are working on some cracking new dishes for the Summer including a tuna burger. Watch this space...

If you had to pick a favourite fish, what would it be?

A: A John Dory. A super fresh sparkling dory with a simple side of samphire will do nicely for me!

R: Turbot. King of the ocean and very versatile. It's great poached, steamed, grilled or roasted and can work with many different textures and flavours. ■



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THE DETAILS

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