

Turning the tables in Croydon

Budding entrepreneurs Jane Rawlings and Joby Wells have set their sights on Croydon to launch their new restaurant with the aim of bringing affordable fine dining to the borough.

"We want to encourage customers to rediscover great, British produce by creating mouth-watering menus that make the best of local, seasonal and organic produce," said Jane.

And with their menus split equally between meat, fish and vegetarian dishes, there is something for everyone.

Meanwhile, to end the debate over whether to have red, white or rose, the restaurant will offer wines from around the world by the glass, the half carafe and by the bottle.

So why should someone visit Albert's Table? "We want to fill the gap in the Croydon area for a great restaurant that delivers stunning dishes from British produce, without the formality of a fine dining restaurant and without the price tag," added Jane.

Jane and co-owner and head chef Joby, aim to run the restaurant as a place

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where they would like to fine themselves.

Jane explained: "I think many people enjoy good food, yet find starched white tablecloths and several waiters a bit over the top or intimidating. We want to offer top quality food in a relaxed atmosphere and at an affordable price."

Joby Wells has worked at some of the best Michelin starred restaurants in London, including La Trompette in Chiswick and The Square in Mayfair. He wants customers to have more say in what goes on the menu, so they will be holding regular tasting nights, where customers will get the opportunity to learn about and taste the upcoming menus and

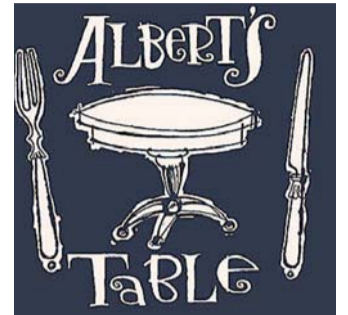
wines, and give direct feedback to Joby and Jane.

And how would he like to earn his reputation? "Simple - I'm aiming to serve the best Sunday lunch in London."

Albert's Table will open on Tuesday, July 29. It will be open for lunch from Tuesday to Sunday, and for dinner from Tuesday to Saturday.

As a special opening offer, readers of this paper can enjoy a free glass of bubbly when dining, on production of this feature. For reservations call 020 680 2010.

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