Hake, Spiced Chickpeas, Masala Butter

Serves 4 people



For the Chickpeas

Ingredients:

1 jar Medium Curry Sauce Green Saffron's

1 tin chick peas

A couple tsp of GREEN SAFFRON Garam Masala (optional)

Method:

- 1. Pour the ghee sauce into a heavy bottomed saucepan or casserole dish and heat on a medium flame (temperature)
- 2. Open the tin, drain the chick peas in a sieve. Discard the salty water you're not going to need it. Pour the chick peas into the pan, turn up the heat and gently stir.
- 3. Heat the mixture until it just starts to bubble, then turn the heat down and simmer for a few minutes to reduce the sauce to your required consistency, 8 or 10 minutes will do.
- 4. Then, turn the heat off, sprinkle with GREEN SAFFRON Garam Masala and set aside, keeping it warm.

For the Masala butter

Ingredients:

200g butter, at room temperature 1½ tsp Green Saffron 'Garam Masala' spice mix ½ tsp lemon zest, finely grated 1tblsp flat leaf parsley, finely chopped

Method:

1. Take a small bowl, mix all the ingredients together and pop in the fridge for later.

NB If you like, you could at this point take a square of cling-film, lay it out on your counter-top, place the butter mix at one, then carefully roll it up into a 'sausage-shape'. Twist each end like a 'Quality Street' sweet and pop into the fridge for later. When you need it, simply slice a disc shape off the end, thickness of a Euro or Pound coin, remove the cling film and off you go!

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For the Fish (Sea Bream, Hake, Whiting or Salmon (pan-fried))

Serves 4 people

Ingredients:

4 fillets of your chosen fish a little (cold-pressed) Rapeseed oil a little sea salt to season 2 'rondelles' or knobs of 'Masala Butter' (see above)



Method:

- 1. Grab a large thick-bottomed frying pan or skillet, place on a medium heat, add a glug of oil and allow to heat up for a minute or two. Ideally the pan should be hot, but not quite at smoking point.
- 2. Sprinkle a pinch of salt onto the fillets of fish, then using a fish slice or pallet knife, carefully place the fillets into the pan, skin side down
- 3. Allow to cook until the white flesh starts to just turn opaque and milky, approx. 3 to 4 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillet
- 4. Take the pan off the heat, turn the fillets over so the skin side is facing up and add the Masala Butter
- 5. Gently swirl the pan around once or twice making the butter slide around, then set the pan down.

TIP: have a small jug of water to hand and add the smallest bit to the pan if the butter looks like it's a little too hot.

To Serve:

1. Take a generous couple of tablespoons of the Chick peas, place in the centre of each dinner plate, pop a fillet of fish on top, then, using a tablespoon, spoon some of the buttery juices from the pan around the fish onto the plate and serve immediately. Ta dah! Enjoy...