















### Foreword

I am delighted to welcome a reprint of "101+ Square Meals" which has proven a wonderful and valuable resource for individuals and families in the home and also for those delivering home management educational programmes in the community. The presentation and layout is innovative and appeals to new as well as seasoned cooks.

This book was designed to accommodate two considerations i.e. budget and nutrition. Irish healthy eating guidelines encourage people to eat a wide variety of foods based around the Irish Food Pyramid. Research shows that on average people are eating too many high fat foods and not taking enough fruit and vegetables. The cook book provides clear and simple-to-follow recipes which encourage people to reduce fat in their everyday meals and support the philosophy of affordable good nutrition. In this context it is great to see Limerick MABS continuing in its pioneering role of producing materials dealing with money management.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Limerick MABS, Limerick Community Dietitians (HSE West), and *safe*food for updating and expanding this valuable resource under the new title of '101+ Square Meals'.

Happy and healthy cooking for you and your families.

battiering Murphy

Catherine Murphy Assistant National Director Population Health-Health Promotion Health Service Executive (HSE)







### Introduction

This publication recognises a critical aspect of domestic budget management, i.e. purchasing and preparing nutritious food. It is a response to a need identified by the Limerick Money Advice and Budgeting Service and the Health Promotion Unit of the HSE West as part of their remit to produce resource materials relating to money management and healthy eating.

The aim of this cookery book is to provide easy-to-prepare, low-budget, yet highly nutritious meals. It also contains useful tips on shopping, home freezing and food safety. Hopefully this will result in healthier, more balanced diets for families and individuals and a reduction in their food bills.

In this edition, you will find sections on



A guide to Healthy Eating, Keep a Well Stocked Food Cupboard and Cooking for One. There is also a new section, which provides a practical guide and creative ideas on healthy eating for young people. These welcome additions ensure that the book continues to offer the best and most up-to-date advice, and that it will be a valuable support in the national campaign against obesity.

The '101+' recipes offer variety for every age and circumstance.

Compiled by Norah Bourke, with contributions from Community Dietitians HSE West. 30169 Contents Jan 08.qxd:30169 Contents May 07.qxd 08/02/2808 14:08 Page 3



Acknowledgements	
Foreword	
Introduction	
Recipe Symbols	1
Measurements / Weights	2
Oven Temperatures	3
A Guide to Healthy Eating	4
Keep a Well Stocked Food Cupboard	6

# contents





### Breakfasts

Breakfasts	9
Suggestions for Cooked Breakfa	sts 10
French Toast	11
Omelette	12
Poached Eggs	13
Scrambled Eggs	14





Sauces and Soups	Sauces	and	Soups
------------------	--------	-----	-------

White Pouring Sauce	16
Sauces - Various	17
Chicken Soup	18
Cream of Mushroom Soup	19
Farmhouse Vegetable Soup	20





### Mince Dishes

Beef Loaf	22
Burgers - Quick	23
Chilli Con Carne	24
Hot Pot - Creamy	25
Lasagne	26
Minced Beef and Vegetable Pie	27
Spaghetti Bolognese	28
Spicy Meatballs	29





### Beef/Lamb/Pork

31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39

### Fish

Baked Stuffed Fish	41
Chip Shop Fish Supper	42
Crispy Baked Cod in Tomato Sauce	43
Family Fish Pie	44
Fish Cakes	45
Fritter Batter	46
Golden Cod	47
Salmon Surprise	48
Tuna Quick Bake	49





69

70 71

72

73



## Chicken

American-Style Chicken	51
Chicken in Barbecue Sauce	52
Chicken and Broccoli Pie	53
Chicken Casserole in a Creamy Sauce	54
Chicken Casserole with Tomatoes	55
Chicken Curry	56
Chicken Hot-Pot	57
Chicken in Mushroom Sauce	58
Chicken, Mustard and Bacon Casserole	59
Chicken Risotto	60
Chicken & Vegetable Casserole	61





## Vegetarian

Cheese, Onion and Potato Pie	63	Vegetable Curry
Mushroom Bake	64	Vegetable Goulash
Spanish Omelette	65	Vegetable Lasagne
Stir-Fry Vegetables	66	Vegetable Pasta Bake
Veggie Burger	67	Vegetable Risotto
Vegetarian Casserole	68	

30169 Contents Jan 08.qxd:30169 Contents May 07.qxd 08/02/2008 14:08 Page 6

## Cakes





Apple Cake	75	Fruit Flan	86
Apple Crumble	76	Fruit Salad	87
Apple Tart	77	Irish Tea Brack	88
Banana Bread	78	Jam Swiss Roll	89
Bread and Butter Pudding	<b>79</b>	Porter Cake	90
Carrot Cake	80	Queen Cakes	91
Cheese Cake	81	Raspberry Buns	92
Christmas Cake	82	Sponge - basic all-in-one	93
Christmas Pudding	83	Tea Scones	94
Coffee Cake	84	Wholemeal Bread	95
Eve's Pudding	85	Wholemeal Scones	96





## Light Meals

Traditional Packed Lunch	98
Alternative suggestions for packed lunches	99
Bacon Surprise	100
Baked Potato with Fillings	101
French Bread Pizza	103
Macaroni Cheese	104
Pancakes	105
Pizza Baps	106
Pizza Quick	107
Potato Cakes	108
Quiches - Various	109 - 110
Tea-Time Scramble	111
Toasted Cheese	112



30169 Contents Jan 08.qxd:30169 Contents May 07.qxd 08/02/2008 14:08 Page 7







## Weaning

Suggested Guide to Weaning	114
Hints and Recipes for Baby Foods	115
Chicken and Rice	116
Fish Surprise	117
Mince and Cheese Pasta	118
Savoury Potatoes	119



## Young people

Benefits of Healthy Eating!	121
Just Do It!	121
Mix & Match for Meal Planning	122
Snack Attack!!!! & Quench It!	124
Fruit Smoothies	125
Tossed Green Salad	126
Pesto and Chicken with Pasta	127
Spicy Potato Wedges	128
Cheese Melties	129
Chicken Tortillas	130
Baked Apples	131
"A Graze Box"	132
Other meal & snack suggestions	133







## Cooking for One

Cooking for One	135
Stir-Fry	137
Baked Stuffed Fish	138
Spaghetti Bolognese	139
Farmhouse Vegetable Soup	140
Other meal & snack suggestions	141
for Cooking For One	

Food Safety in the Kitchen	142
General Freezing and Thawing	144
Shopping Guide	145

## Notes Sponsors



HEALTHY

V

OPTION

τ̈́τ

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}}$ 

氘抺

NUMBER OF SERVINGS

1 serving

2 servings

3 servings

4 servings

family



## **Recipe Symbols**





UTENSILS NEEDED TYPE OF UTENSILS NEEDED TO COOK THE RECIPE

### HANDY HINTS

Usually giving an alternative ingredient or serving suggestion.







## Measurements / Weights

Metric	Imperial	Metric	Imperial
5g 15g 25g 50g 85g 110g 140g 180g 200g 225g	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> oz/1 teaspoon <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> oz/1 dessertspoon 1oz 2oz 3oz 4oz 5oz 6oz 7oz 8oz	250g 280g 300g 340g 375g 400g 425g 450g	9oz 10oz 11oz 12oz 13oz 14oz 15oz 16oz/11b

Metric	Imperial	Metric	Imperial	
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pt	150ml	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pt	425ml	
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> pt	200ml	1 pt	575ml	
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt	275ml	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pts	1 litre	

	HAND	Y HINTS	
	5 1	ot measures	
	Use any standard shape yog	•	-
One pot is approximately:			
4oz	white flour	3oz	wholemeal flour
бoz	castor or granulated sugar	4oz	soft brown sugar
5 flui	d oz - liquid (e.g., water, milk)		-



## Oven Temperature Conversion Table

DESCRIPTION	DEG. C	DEG. F	GAS MARK
Cool	110	225	Quarter
Extremely low	120	250	Half
Very low	140	275	1
Low	150	300	2
Very moderate	160	325	3
Moderate	180	350	4
Moderately hot	190	375	5
Fairly hot	200	400	6
Hot	220	425	7
Very hot	230	450	8
Very very hot	240	475	9







### A guide to healthy eating based on the Irish Food Pyramid

Include plenty of fruit, vegetables and wholegrains in your diet for optimal health. Try to regularly choose wholegrain bread, rice and pasta in place of the white versions.

*Tip: wholegrain breadcrumbs work well in place of white breadcrumbs when baking.* 

Dairy products (like milk, cheese and yoghurts) are needed throughout life for strong bones and teeth. A healthy habit is to buy low-fat or skimmed milk, cheese and yoghurts which contain as much calcium as the full-fat varieties. Children under the age of two, however, should still drink whole milk. Skimmed milk should not be given to children under the age of 5.

A modest amount of protein should be included in the diet each day. For vegetarians, peas, beans and lentils are all excellent sources of vegetable protein. Fish, eggs and lean meat cuts are healthy sources of animal protein. Fish tinned in brine (salted water) can be rinsed gently under running water to remove some of the salt from it.



Steaming, grilling and baking are all healthy cooking methods. Remember that meat can be sealed and browned on a pan without using cooking oil, or using just a dribble of oil.



When it comes to drinks, water is the greatest thirst quencher. Pure unsweetened fruit juice and milk are nutritious drinks for children at mealtimes.

(Note: fizzy and sugary drinks should only be consumed occasionally and should be taken at the same time as meals to prevent damage to teeth.)

Food should be tasted before salt is added to it during cooking or at the table, and then salt should be added in moderation. *Why not experiment with flavouring your food with pepper, herbs or spices instead of salt?* 



6

Sugar adds calories to the diet so should only be added to foods if desired, and used sparingly. Sugar-free jellies work as well as standard jellies in baking.



When buying vegetable oils to use during cooking, go for the healthiest options – olive, sunflower or rapeseed oil – and use sparingly. When baking, standard margarines can be replaced with low-fat margarines.



Some of the recipes in this book contain nuts. If you are allergic to nuts or are cooking for a young child, remove the nuts from the recipe.







## Keep a Well Stocked Food Cupboard

- A well-stocked food cupboard means you will always have some ingredients to make a meal.
- Plan ahead by adding at least 1 or 2 cupboard foods to your shopping list each week. That way, over time you'll have a well-stocked cupboard.

Some suggestions based on the Irish Food Pyramid:

### Bread, Cereals & Potatoes

- Instant mashed potatoes
- Rice/pasta/noodles
- Breakfast cereals
- Porridge

### Fruit & Vegetables

- Canned vegetables e.g. sweetcorn, tomatoes
- Fruit tinned in its own juice
- Tinned or packet soups

### Milk, Cheese & Yoghurts

- Dried mild powder, evaporated or condensed milk (a good standby if you run out of fresh milk)
- Tinned milk puddings such as rice, sago or tapioca
- Ready-made or tinned custard



### Meat, Fish, Eggs, Peas & Beans

- Corned beef
- Tinned fish e.g. tuna, mackerel, sardines
- Baked beans/peas
- Tinned or dried pulses e.g. red kidney beans, butter beans, lentils, wholegrain chickpeas etc.

### Others

- Stock cubes and gravy granules
- Tomato sauce and puree
- Herbs and spices for flavouring e.g. dried mixed herbs, pepper
- Tea, coffee
- Sweetener or sugar
- Cocoa/drinking chocolate
- Complan
- Jelly
- Plain biscuits







## Breakfasts

	JUICE	Orange/Grapefruit		
2	FRUIT	U	Oranges/Mandarins, Grapefruit, Bananas Kiwis, Apples, Dried/Tinned Fruit, etc	
3	BREAD	Wholemeal, Wholeg	rain, White Bread	
4	CEREALS	High Fibre eg:	Porridge Wheat Biscuits Fruit & Fibre Muesli Shredded Wheat Common-Sense Oatflakes Bran Buds Sultana Bran	
		Low in Fibre eg:	Cornflakes Rice Krispies Special K	

Occasional Treats, (low in fibre) Eg: Coco Pops Sugar Puffs Crunchy Nut Cornflakes Honey Nut Loops Frosties







## Suggestions for Cooked Breakfasts

	French Toast	page 11
2	Omelette	page 12
3	Poached Eggs	page 13
4	Scrambled Eggs	page 14
5	Baked Beans on Toast	
6	Grilled Rashers and Tomato	)



## French Toast

	INGREDIENTS	
4 slices bread	3 dessertspoons milk	
1 egg	pinch of salt if desired	
a little vegetable oil	pepper	

Beat egg, milk, pepper and salt together in a shallow bowl.

Dip the slices of bread in the egg mixture.

Fry in hot oil until they are golden brown.

Drain on kitchen paper.

2

3







PREPARATION TIME	COOKING TIME
5	5
minutes	minutes



### HANDY HINTS

Serve with grilled sausage and tomato or grilled rasher and tomato.

Omit salt & pepper and serve with a little jam or castor sugar.







NUMBER OF SERVINGS
*





### **HANDY HINTS**

If more than one omelette is required increase the eggs and onion. Fry the mixture and complete cooking under the grill.

Serve with toast.

Could also include vegetables such as sweetcorn, peas, peppers or tomatoes.





## Omelette

	INGREDIENTS	
2 eggs 1 dessertspoon oil pinch of salt if desired	pepper 1 small onion, finely chopped	2 dessertspoons water/milk





1

Beat the eggs, add the water/milk, salt and pepper and pour into the pan over the onion.



Spread the mixture around the frying pan and cook until the eggs are set and come away from the edge of the frying pan.



Turn the omelette carefully to cook on the other side.



## Poached Eggs

INGREDIENTS	
pinch of salt if desired	
pepper <sup>1</sup> /2 pt/250ml water	
	pinch of salt if desired pepper

Put the water into a saucepan or frying pan, add the salt, pepper and vinegar. Bring to the boil.



1

Break the eggs into the boiling salted water. Simmer gently until the eggs are set (this takes about 2 - 3 minutes).



Serve with toast and beans.











### HANDY HINTS

The vinegar prevents the egg yoke from breaking.













### HANDY HINTS

Add grated cheese, parsley, ham etc.



## Scrambled Eggs

	INGREDIENTS	
3 eggs a little vegetable oil pinch of salt if desired	pepper 4 dessertspoons milk	

- Break the eggs into a shallow bowl and beat well with a fork.
- Heat the oil in a saucepan then add the milk, pepper and salt.
- Add the beaten eggs and stir over a moderate heat until mixture is thick and creamy.
- Do not cook for too long or it will curdle.
- Serve on hot toast.

1

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 



## Sauces & Soups

Sauces & soups Jan 08.qxd:Sauces & soups May 05.qxd 05/02/2008 10:28 Page 1

2

3

4

5

6











### HANDY HINTS

If the sauce becomes lumpy, place it in a sieve over a pot. Work the sauce through the sieve into the pot below. Always use a wooden spoon when preparing sauces.





## White Pouring Sauce

	INGREDIENTS	
1oz/25g margarine	pinch of salt if desired	
1oz/25g flour	pepper	
³/₄ pt/425ml milk		

- Melt the margarine in a saucepan.
  - Add the flour and cook over a low heat for 1 minute, stirring all the time.
  - Remove from the heat and cool slightly.
  - Add the milk, salt and pepper beating all the time.
- Return to the heat and bring to the boil. Keep stirring.
- Reduce heat and cook slowly for 5 minutes.



### Sauces - Various









UTENSILS NEEDED

WOODEN SPOON SAUCEPAN

### HANDY HINTS

If the sauce is too thick add a little milk.

If the sauce is too thin blend in a little flour.



### White Coating Sauce

as for pouring sauce but using 1/2 pt/275ml milk.



### **Onion Sauce**

as for white sauce but fry one finely chopped onion in margarine before adding the flour.



### **Cheese Sauce**

as for white pouring sauce but add 2oz/50g grated cheese 2 minutes before the end of the cooking time.



### **Parsley Sauce**

as for white pouring sauce but add 1-2 teaspoons of finely chopped parsley 2 minutes before the end of the cooking time.





COST	HEALTHY
	Ŭ







WOODEN SPOON SAUCEPAN

### HANDY HINTS

\*To make chicken stock, simply add a couple of chicken wings or a carcass of a chicken and an onion to 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pts/1 litre of water and boil for 1 hour.

18



## Chicken Soup

INGREDIENTS		
1 teaspoon vegetable oil 2oz/50g flour <sup>1</sup> /2 pt/275ml milk	1 pt/575ml of chicken stock* or 2 stock cubes dissolved in 1pt/575ml of boiling water pinch of salt if desired	pepper 1 finely chopped onion

Heat the oil in a saucepan.

2

3

4

5

- Add the finely chopped onion and fry for 1 minute.
- Add in the flour and cook for 2 minutes, stirring all the time.
- Gradually stir in the stock with salt and pepper.
- Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes, keep stirring until thickened.



## Cream of Mushroom Soup

INGREDIENTS	
1 pt/575ml stock or 2	

1 teaspoon vegetable	
oil	
10 mushrooms chopped	
50g/2oz flour	

3

### opped stock cubes dissolved in 1 pt/575ml of boiling water <sup>3</sup>/4 pt/425ml milk

pinch of salt if desired pepper 1 finely chopped onion

Heat the oil in a saucepan. Add the mushrooms and onion and fry, stirring continually for 5 minutes.

Add the flour and stir well. Cook for another 2 minutes.

Gradually stir in the stock and milk and bring to the boil. Keep stirring.

Simmer for 20 minutes, until thickened.

Add salt and pepper to taste.











### HANDY HINTS

Corn may be added to this soup.







NUMBER OF SERVINGS





### HANDY HINTS

Not all vegetables here need to be used. Select according to availability, choice and cost.





## Farmhouse Vegetable Soup

### **INGREDIENTS** <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pt/150ml milk 3 carrots 8 mushrooms 1 turnip 3 tomatoes/tin of pinch of salt if desired tomatoes 1 parsnip pepper 1 teaspoon vegetable 1-2 leeks 2 vegetable stock cubes oil 1 onion dissolved in 2oz/50g flour 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pts/1 litre of water

- Wash, peel and dice carrots, turnips and parsnips.Wash and chop leeks, chop onion and slice mushrooms.Skin and chop tomatoes.
- 2 F

Heat the oil in a large saucepan, and gently fry onion and mushrooms.

- Add carrots, turnips, parsnips and leeks and fry gently.
- Stir in the flour to absorb fat, gradually stir in the milk.
- Add stock and bring to boil, stirring continuously.
- Add tomatoes, pepper and a pinch of salt if desired.
- Cover saucepan and simmer gently for about 45 minutes.



## Mince



COST	HEALTHY
	Ŭ







### HANDY HINTS

Serve hot with vegetables. Serve cold with salad.



## Beef Loaf

INGREDIENTS		
1lb/450g minced beef 1 large onion, very finely chopped	pepper 2 dessertspoons tomato sauce	1 egg, beaten
4oz/110g fresh brown breadcrumbs (4 slices) pinch of salt if desired	2 beef cubes crumbled and dissolved in 1/4 pt/150ml hot water	



Place all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl and mix thoroughly together.



Brush a large loaf tin with oil and fill with the mixture.

Smooth the top with a palette knife and place in the fridge for 1 hour.

(4)

5

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Cook in the pre-heated oven for  $1^{1/4}$ - $1^{1/2}$  hours.





## Burgers - Quick

### **INGREDIENTS**

1lb/450g minced beef/lamb 4oz/110g breadcrumbs (4 slices)

### pinch mixed herbs 1 small onion - finely chopped a little beaten egg

pinch of salt if desired pepper a little flour

 $\begin{array}{c}
1\\
2\\
3\\
4\\
5
\end{array}$ 

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl.

Bind with a little beaten egg.

Shape mixture into round shapes with a little flour.

Fry or grill gently on both sides over a low heat until well cooked.

Serve in bread buns or with mashed potato and salad.









### UTENSILS NEEDED

MIXING BOWL FRYING PAN

### HANDY HINTS

Add a few drops of Tabasco Sauce to the minced beef mixture for extra flavour.

To ensure that burgers are cooked in the centre, cover the pan with a lid and lower the heat.

Delicious served in pitta breads.



Mince May 07 Pgs 19-27:Mince May 07 Pgs 19-27 05/02/2008











### HANDY HINTS

Use a saucepan if frying pan is too small.

Serve with boiled rice or potatoes.

Could use more beans and less meat for a cheaper but equally satisfying meal.





## Chilli Con Carne

INGREDIENTS			
1lb/450g of minced beef/lamb 1 onion, finely chopped carrots, peas, peppers, mushrooms etc	1 beef cube 1 teaspoon chilli powder 2 dessertspoons tomato sauce	1 clove of garlic (crushed) <sup>1</sup> /2 tin of kidney beans or 1 tin of baked beans 1 dessertspoon of flour	
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> tin tomatoes			

Chop onion and garlic. Dissolve beef cube in a 1/4 pt/150ml of boiling water.



Put minced beef/lamb in dry frying pan. There is sufficient fat in mince for frying. Cook for 20-25 minutes over a low heat until well browned, stirring all the time.



Add onions and garlic to the pan and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Sprinkle on the flour and chilli powder and cook for 1-2 minutes, stirring all the time.



Add beef stock, tomato sauce and tinned tomatoes. Bring to the boil.



Add kidney beans/baked beans to mince. Simmer for 20 minutes.



## Hot Pot - Creamy

INGREDIENTS		
1lb/450g minced beef	pepper	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275ml milk
1 medium onion, finely chopped	1 can of cream of celery soup	4 potatoes peeled and thinly sliced
2 carrots, sliced	1 tablespoon	
pinch of salt if desired	worcestershire sauce	

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Put minced beef and finely chopped onion into a large frying pan and fry until the meat is browned and onion is cooked (about 5 minutes). Keep stirring.

Stir in the soup mixture, milk and worcestershire sauce. Simmer gently for 10 minutes. Add pepper and salt, if desired.

Spoon mixture into casserole dish and top with sliced potatoes and carrots.

Bake for 30 minutes until the potatoes are tender.

3











### HANDY HINTS

Leek and potato soup can also be used.







NUMBER OF SERVINGS



UTENSILS NEEDED

SAUCEPAN CASSEROLE DISH

### HANDY HINTS

Double the ingredients and make in a large roasting dish.

When cooked divide into individual portions and freeze.

Use a medium sized box of easi-cook lasagne sheets.





## Lasagne

INGREDIENTS			
1lb/450g mince	1 tin chopped tomatoes	1 clove garlic	
beef/lamb	2 dessertspoons of	cheese sauce (see page	
1 onion	tomato sauce	17)	
1 green or red pepper	pinch of salt if desired	10 sheets of easi-cook	
8 mushrooms	pepper	lasagne sheets	

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

### TO MAKE MEAT SAUCE:

Chop onions, peppers, mushrooms and garlic. Put mince into a large pan and fry until completely brown, stirring all the time with a wooden spoon. Add onions and garlic to mince and cook for 3-4 minutes. Add chopped peppers, chopped mushrooms, tin of tomatoes and tomato sauce to the mince mixture. Bring to the boil and leave to simmer on a low heat for 15-20 minutes.

## 3

TO MAKE THE CHEESE SAUCE: see page 17.

### FINAL PREPARATION:

Put layer of meat sauce in the bottom of casserole dish, cover with easi-cook lasagne sheets. Make 1 or 2 more layers as above finishing with a layer of lasagne sheets. Cover with cheese sauce. Sprinkle with remainder of cheese and bake for 30 to 40 minutes.

Serve with salad or vegetables.



## Minced Beef and Vegetable Pie

INGREDIENTS			
1lb/450g minced beef	1 packet of beef and	pepper	
1 onion	vegetable soup	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pt/425ml of cold water	
2 carrots	5 potatoes cooked		
(optional: peas, broccoli,	a little low fat milk		
mushrooms etc)	pinch of salt if desired		

Place the minced beef in a frying pan. Add pepper and salt if

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 4.

Peel the onion and the carrots and chop them finely.

Mix the packet of soup powder with 3/4 pt/425ml of cold

Fry until the meat is browned (approx. 15 mins).













### **HANDY HINTS**

Use a packet of oxtail soup instead of beef and vegetable soup for tasty shepherd's pie.



Bring to the boil, stirring all the time.

water and add to the minced meat.



Add to the minced beef.

desired.

Mash the potatoes and add a little milk and seasoning.

Spoon on top of meat mixture and smooth gently with a knife or fork to form a pattern on top.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 45 minutes.
Mince May 07 Pgs 19-27:Mince May 07 Pgs 19-27 05/02/2008 20:30 Page 7











Any leftover bolognese sauce can be used to fill pancakes or as a topping for baked potatoes.





## Spaghetti Bolognese

#### **INGREDIENTS** 1lb/450g mince 1 dessertspoon tomato 1 tin of tomatoes beef/lamb sauce (optional: 6 mushrooms pinch of salt if desired 1 onion finely chopped chopped, peppers, broccoli, sweetcorn, beef cube pepper carrots 1 dessertspoon flour 1/2 pt/275ml of water 8oz spaghetti

Cook the mince beef/lamb, onions and mushrooms on a dry pan (low heat) for 15 minutes. (Sufficient fat in mince for frying).

### Add flour and stir well.

Add the water and before it comes to the boil add the crushed beef cube, tin of tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt and pepper. Cook gently for 45 minutes.



Cook the spaghetti for 10-15 minutes in boiling salted water. Strain.



Serve with the bolognese sauce on top.



## Spicy Meatballs

### **INGREDIENTS**

1lb/450g minced lamb/beef 1 large onion, finely chopped

finely chopped 1 teaspoon ginger (optional)

2-3 cloves of garlic

### 2 dessertspoons curry powder 1 dessertspoon cornflour/flour

Place the minced meat in a large bowl.



Fry the onion and garlic until golden brown.

Mix the curry powder, ginger and cornflour/flour with a little water and add to the pan. Cook for a few minutes.

4

Add this mixture to the mince meat and mix well.

Shape into meatballs with damp hands.

Fry gently for 15-20 minutes, turning occasionally.











### HANDY HINTS

Omit the curry powder and ginger from the ingredients and make up curry sauce separately and cook the meatballs in it.

Use tomato sauce instaed of curry sauce.

Serve with pasta or rice.







## Beef / Lamb / Pork



### **Beef Casserole**

INGREDIENTS		
1 <sup>1/2</sup> lb / 675g round beef steak/rib steak 1 dessertspoon cooking oil 1 large onion, peeled and chopped	1oz / 25g cornflour 7 mushrooms, sliced 3 carrots, sliced pinch of salt if desired pepper	1 pt/575ml beef stock (2 stock cubes dissolved in 1pt/575ml of warm water) 1 tablespoon tomato puree

Pre-heat the oven to 170°C / 325°F / Gas Mark 3.

Trim the beef and cut it into thin strips about 2 inches in length.

- Heat the oil and fry the chopped onion, mushrooms and carrots for 2-3 minutes. Place in casserole dish.

Fry the beef strips until brown.

Place in the casserole dish.

Mix the cornflour with the juice in the pan and cook for 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the stock.

- Bring to the boil, add the tomato puree, salt and pepper.
- Add to the casserole dish and cook for  $1^{1/2}$  hours.











### **HANDY HINTS**

Add 4oz/110g of beef kidney washed and dried for beef and kidney casserole.







NUMBER OF SERVINGS





CASSEROLE DISH

#### **HANDY HINTS**

This can be cooked on top of the cooker in a saucepan over a low heat for 1-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours until the meat is tender.

Serve with boiled rice or boiled potatoes.





## Beef/Lamb Curry

### **INGREDIENTS**

1lb/450g stewing beef/lamb 1 large onion chopped

1 clove of garlic

chopped

### 2 dessertspoons curry powder

1oz/25g flour

1 apple, peeled and grated

1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pts/1 litre stock (2 beef cubes dissolved in 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pts/1 litre warm water)

1

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Cut meat into one-inch pieces. Fry the meat, onion and garlic over a low heat until the meat is brown on all sides.

Then place in a casserole dish.

Add flour and curry powder to the juices remaining in the pan.

Cook for 2-3 minutes.

Add the stock and grated apple. Stir continuously to avoid lumps.

Bring to the boil and add to the meat mixture in casserole.

Cook in the pre-heated oven for  $1^{1/2}$  hours until meat is tender.



## Beef Goulash

INGREDIENTS		
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb/675g stewing beef 1 dessertspoon cooking oil 3 onions, peeled and sliced	pinch of salt if desired pepper tin of chopped tomatoes <sup>1</sup> /2 dessertspoon paprika	1 dessertspoon tomato puree 1 pt/575ml water 6-8 potatoes, peeled and sliced 1 clove garlic crushed



Heat the oil in a large frying pan. Add the cubes of beef a few at a time and fry them until they are brown on all sides.

Transfer the browned meat to a saucepan.

Fry the onions in the pan until they are golden brown.

Stir in the tomatoes, garlic, paprika, tomato puree, salt and pepper.

Add this to the browned meat. Then add the water. Bring to boil, stirring all the time.

7

4

5

Cover with a lid and cook slowly for 1 hour.

Add the sliced potatoes and simmer for another 30 minutes approximately.











### HANDY HINTS

Stir in 2 dessertspoons of natural yoghurt before serving.













#### **HANDY HINTS**

Add washed and peeled potatoes to the stew, 30 minutes before the end of cooking time.

This may also be cooked in a casserole in the oven.





### **Beef Stew**

### **INGREDIENTS** 2 beef stock cube pinch of salt if desired

1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb/675g stewing	2 beef stock cube	pinch of salt if desired
beef	dissolved in 1pt/ 575mls	pepper
1 dessertspoon	water	5 carrots
vegetable oil	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> oz/40g flour	
		1 onion

Fry the meat on both sides until browned.

Remove from the frying pan and place in a saucepan.

Chop the onions and carrots and fry lightly.

Remove from the frying pan and place with the meat in the saucepan.



1

3

4

Sprinkle the flour into the frying pan and stir well.

Add the stock cubes, water and seasoning. Continue stirring.

Add this to the meat and vegetables and cook gently over a low heat for  $1-1^{1/2}$  hours until the meat is tender.



### Lamb Cutlet Casserole

	INGREDIENTS	
1 dessertspoon oil 8 lamb cutlets 2 large onions peeled and sliced thickly into rings	5 potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275mls vegetable stock 1 dessertspoon plain flour	2 dessertspoons worcestershire sauce 1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs (optional) pinch of salt if desired pepper

- 1) Pre-heat the oven to 160°C / 325°F / Gas Mark 3.
  - Partially cook the potatoes in boiling salted water for 5 minutes, then slice thinly.
  - Cook cutlets in a frying pan over a low heat for 5-10 mins until browned, turning once. Put on a warm plate.
  - Add the onions to the pan and cook gently for 2-3 minutes until browned.
  - ) Drain off all but 1 tablespoon of juice from the pan.
  - ) Scatter the flour in the pan and cook for 1 minute stirring constantly.
- Add the stock, worcestershire sauce and mixed herbs. Cook until thickened. Add the salt and pepper to taste.
- 9 To assemble: lightly grease a casserole dish. Lay half the potatoes on the base, then top with lamb cutlets. Pour over the thickened stock and onions. Lay the rest of the potatoes on top.
- 10 Cook in the oven for 45 minutes until cutlets are tender and the potatoes on the surface are golden.











### HANDY HINTS

Leftover potatoes could be used.

Pork chops could also be used.











#### **HANDY HINTS**

Place flour and seasoning in a small plastic bag. Place liver in the bag and shake well, coating the liver pieces.





### Liver Hot-Pot

INGREDIENTS		
1lb/450g liver	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pt/150ml milk	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pt/150ml stock
1oz/25g flour pinch of salt if desired	1 dessertspoon cooking oil	2 dessertspoons tomato sauce
pepper	2 onions 6 mushrooms	3 cooked potatoes

- Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 5.
- Wash the liver, dry with kitchen paper. Cut liver into small pieces.
- Peel and chop onions, wash and slice mushrooms.
- Season flour with the salt and pepper. Coat liver on all sides with seasoned flour.
- Heat the oil in pan and fry onions until tender. Add mushrooms and fry for a few minutes. Add liver and brown.
- Gradually add in stock, milk and tomato sauce. Bring to the boil stirring continuously. Season well.
- (7)
- Pour into casserole dish. Cover with the sliced potato.
- Bake in the pre-heated oven for approx. 30 minutes.



### Pork Casserole

### **INGREDIENTS**

Pre-heat the oven to 160°C / 325°F / Gas Mark 3.

Remove stalks and seeds from the pepper and chop it up.

Heat the oil and fry the onion, pepper and mushrooms for 3 minutes. Transfer to a casserole dish.

Add the curry powder, salt and pepper to the flour, and coat the pork in this mixture.

Fry the coated pork for 5 minutes and then put into the casserole dish with the vegetables. Add tomatoes, herbs and vegetable stock.

Cover tightly and cook in the pre-heated oven for  $1^{1/2}$  hours.











### HANDY HINTS

This dish is delicious served with baked potatoes (page 101), boiled potatoes or boiled noodles and carrots or broccoli.











#### **UTENSILS NEEDED**

**FRYING PAN** 

#### **HANDY HINTS**

Chicken, beef or lamb can be used instead of pork. A variety of ingredients can be added to fried rice chopped onion or garlic can be fried with the rice. Add spring onions, frozen peas, peeled prawns or diced cooked chicken halfway through cooking. Serve with noodles.



### **Pork Stir-Fry**

INGREDIENTS		
1lb/450g pork pieces	1 pepper	1 dessertspoon oil
1 clove garlic	2 carrots	1 chicken stock cube
1 onion	2 dessertspoons soy	dissolved in <sup>1</sup> /₄pt/150mls of boiling
6 mushrooms	sauce	vater
	2 teaspoons cornflour	

- Cut pork into thin slices.
  - Cut onions into thin slices and chop garlic.
  - Slice mushrooms and cut carrots and pepper into thin strips.
  - Mix the 1/4 pt/150mls chicken stock with the soy sauce.

Blend in the cornflour and mix to a smooth paste.

- (5)Heat the oil in a large frying pan.
  - Add the pork and fry until well browned.
- 67 Add onion and carrot to the pan and fry for 2-3 minutes.
  - Then add mushrooms and pepper to pork mixture and continue frying for 2-3 minutes.
- (8) Pour the stock mixture into the pan and bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Simmer for 5 minutes.

Serve immediately with fried rice.

### TO MAKE FRIED RICE:

Beat an egg in a cup. Fry in a little oil. Place on a plate and chop finely. Add the cooked rice to the frying pan. Mix in the chopped egg. Stir until well heated.



## Stuffed Pork Chops in Foil

INGREDIENTS		
4 thick pork chops	pinch of mixed herbs	1 dessertspoon flour
pinch of salt if desired	6-8 mushrooms	1 dessertspoon lemon
pepper	chopped	juice

- Pre-heat the oven to 160°C / 325°F / Gas Mark 3.
- 2 T
  - Trim the chops and season on both sides with salt and pepper.
  - Fry chops in a little oil to seal in the juices. Remove from the pan.
  - Cook mushrooms for a few minutes until soft. Stir in lemon juice.
  - Sprinkle the flour and mixed herbs over mushrooms and cook for a few minutes. Remove from heat.
  - Cut four pieces of tin foil large enough to completely cover each chop.
  - Place a chop in the centre of each piece of foil.
  - Cover with the mushroom mixture.
- 9 F
  - Fold the foil over loosely and seal completely.
  - Place on a baking sheet and cook in a pre-heated oven for 35-40 minutes.











### HANDY HINTS

This dish is delicious served with baked potatoes (page 101).

Onions can also be used with the mushrooms.







## Baked Stuffed Fish

INGREDIENTS		
8 small fillets of fish 2 ozs brown breadcrumbs (2 slices) 1 onion finely chopped pinch of salt if desired	pepper 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley (or 1 tablespoon dried parsley) or <sup>1</sup> /4 teaspoon mixed herbs	1 teaspoon of vegetable oil a little lemon juice (or grated rind)

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Clean and prepare fish. Dry in kitchen paper.

Mix breadcrumbs, chopped onion, parsley/mixed herbs, salt and pepper, in a small bowl.

Heat oil and stir into crumb mixture. Finally add a little lemon rind or juice.

Lay 4 fillets on a greased dish, skin side down and spoon stuffing carefully onto each fillet. Flatten well down and cover with the other four fillets. Cover with foil.



3

5

Bake for 20-30 minutes, depending on size and thickness of fish.

Lift fish carefully on to a warmed serving dish and surround with cooked peas, lemon wedges and parsley.











### HANDY HINTS

Fish suitable for baking: cod, haddock, mackerel, herrings, trout.



Fish 037-045 may 07:Fish 037-045 may 07 08/02/2008 14:09 Rage 2













## Chip Shop Fish Supper

### **INGREDIENTS** <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pint (150ml) fritter 4 fillets white fish 2 dessertspoons flour pinch of salt if desired pepper

batter (see recipe page 46)



Make the batter (page 46).

Mix the flour, salt and pepper together.

Coat the fish with the seasoned flour.



5

Dip the fish in the batter and place in deep fat fryer for about 10 minutes according to thickness of the fish.



Serve with spicy potato wedges (see page 128) and salad.





## Crispy Baked Fish in Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS		
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb/675g cod or haddock (filleted and skinned)	TOMATO SAUCE: 1 small onion 1 clove garlic 1-2 celery sticks 1 tin tomatoes pinch of salt if desired pepper 1 level teaspoon sugar 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil	TOPPING: 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil 2oz/50g white or brown breadcrumbs (2 slices) 1oz/25g cheddar cheese grated

- Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.
- Wash and dry the fish, then cut into neat pieces. Place in a lightly greased shallow ovenproof dish.
- (3) TOMATO SAUCE:

Heat oil in a small saucepan. Stir in the finely chopped onions, garlic and celery. Cook for 2-3 minutes until the vegetables soften but have not become coloured. Add the tomatoes, sugar, salt and pepper and bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

- (4) Meanwhile prepare the topping. Heat oil in a small saucepan. Remove from the heat. Using a fork, stir in the breadcrumbs, then mix in the grated cheese.
- 5 Pour the tomato sauce over the fish. Sprinkle the topping evenly all over.
- (6) Cook for 30 minutes until the topping is crisp and brown.







PREPARATION TIME	COOKING TIME
30	30
minutes	minutes



### HANDY HINTS

Fish suitable for baking: haddock, mackerel, cod, herring, and trout.













CASSEROLE DISH SAUCEPAN

### HANDY HINTS

Add 8oz/225g of frozen vegetable, to the fish before cooking for 10 minutes. (Point 2)

Fish suitable for this dish include cod, herring, trout, mackerel and salmon.

This tasty dish is a great opportunity to try out new fish.





## Family Fish Pie

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb/675g filleted fish	few drops of lemon	1oz/25g margarine
1 onion finely chopped	juice	1 dessertspoon of flour
pinch of salt if desired	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pt/150mls water	8 potatoes (cooked and
pepper	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275mls milk	mashed)



Skin the fish and cut into 4 pieces. Wash in cold water.

Place in a saucepan with onion and lemon juice. Add the water and milk. Cover and cook gently for 10 minutes.



Melt the margarine in a saucepan. Add the flour and cook for 2 minutes until it forms a soft ball. Remove from heat and add the fish stock gradually.

Bring to the boil, reduce heat and cook for another 2 minutes.

Grease a pie dish and add a little sauce. Place fish in dish and cover with the seasoning and remaining sauce.



Using a piping bag with a rose nozzle, pipe the mashed potatoes around edge of dish or spoon the potatoes around the edge.

Brown under the grill or in the oven.



## Fish Cakes

INGREDIENTS		
12oz/350g cooked white fish (cod or whiting) 6 potatoes mashed pinch of salt if desired	pepper 1oz/25g melted butter 2 dessertspoons chopped parsley vegetable oil	2 beaten eggs 3oz/75g brown breadcrumbs - (3 slices) 2 dessertspoons flour

Place the flaked fish, potatoes, butter, parsley, salt and pepper and 1 beaten egg in a bowl and mix gently with a fork. Place in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Roll into a long 'snake' on a floured surface. Cut into 8 portions and shape each into a flat round.

1

2

3

- Dip the cakes into the second beaten egg and coat in breadcrumbs.
- Fry or grill the fish cakes until golden brown on each side.
- Serve with Tossed Green Salad. (page 126).











### HANDY HINTS

Tinned salmon may be used instead of white fish if preferred.

Use a plastic bag to hold breadcrumbs.



Fish 037-045 may 07:Fish 037-045 may 07 08/02/2008 14:09 Rage 6









### HANDY HINTS

Could try using other toppings for the fish like crushed cornflakes or breadcrumbs.

To reduce the fat content cook in a frying pan.





### Fritter Batter

INGREDIENTS		
<sup>1</sup> /₄ teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon of	¹/₄ pt/150mls milk	
1	/4 teaspoon salt	

- Sieve the flour, salt and breadsoda into a bowl.
- Make a well in the centre of the bowl, add the egg and a little of the milk.
- 3)

Stir briskly, gradually adding the rest of the milk beating well all the time.

- (4)
  - Leave batter mixture in the fridge until ready to use.
  - This batter could be used for fish, banana, and pineapple fritters.



## Golden Cod

INGREDIENTS		
1 <sup>1</sup> /2lbs/675g cod, cut	1 dessertspoon water	1 carrot peeled and
into 6 pieces	1 onion peeled and	grated
pinch of salt if desired	chopped	4oz/120g cheese grated
pepper	1 teaspoon vegetable	4 potatoes cooked
juice of a lemon	oil	peeled and sliced

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

- Place fish in oven-proof dish, sprinkle with salt, pepper and juice of lemon. Add water.
- Heat oil in a pan, fry onion and carrot for 2-3 minutes. Then spread over fish.
- Put a layer of cooked potato slices on top of vegetables.
- Bake in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes or until fish is cooked.
- After 20 minutes of cooking time, sprinkle with grated cheese.









### **UTENSILS NEEDED**

FRYING PAN OVEN-PROOF DISH

### HANDY HINTS

Any white fish may be used, eg whiting

Brown breadcrumbs may be used instead of potatoes.













SAUCEPAN CASSEROLE DISH

### HANDY HINTS

8oz of flaked cooked fish, without bones or skin (cod or whiting) may be used instead of tinned salmon.

Tinned tuna could also be used.





## Salmon Surprise

### INGREDIENTS

1 packet of cream of	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275mls cold water	2oz/50g grated cheese
mushroom soup	1 tin of peas	pinch of salt if desired
1 level dessertspoon flour	5 potatoes (boiled)	pepper
	1 large tin of salmon	a little milk



Empty contents of packet of soup into saucepan and add flour. Gradually blend in the cold water and mix well. Bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.



Empty tin of salmon, including juices into soup mixture, add the strained peas and mix gently. Pour mixture into a casserole dish.



Mash potatoes adding the milk, salt and pepper, then pipe or spoon around salmon mixture.

4

Sprinkle salmon mixture with grated cheese and brown lightly under a grill or bake in a pre-heated oven 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4 for 20 minutes.



## Tuna Quick Bake

INGREDIENTS		
2 cans tuna, drained (198g/7oz) 1 onion, chopped 1 can of mushroom soup	1 teaspoon worcestershire sauce pinch of salt if desired pepper	knob of margarine 8oz/225g fresh brown breadcrumbs (6 slices)

### FISH SAUCE:



Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Flake the tuna and mix together with the onion, soup, worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper.

- Pour some of the fish sauce into a casserole dish. Add a layer of breadcrumbs, followed by a layer of sauce.
- (4)

Continue layering in this way until all the ingredients have been used up.

Finish with a layer of breadcrumbs on the top, dot the surface with the margarine and bake in the pre-heated oven for 20-25 minutes.



Serve immediately.









### UTENSILS NEEDED

CASSEROLE DISH

### HANDY HINTS

Add a little grated cheese to the brown breadcrumbs for the top of the dish.

Tinned fish can be gently rinsed under running water to make it less salty.







## American-Style Chicken

INGREDIENTS		
3ozs/75g corn flakes (crushed) 1 egg (beaten)	1 teaspoon mixed herbs pinch of salt if desired pepper	4 chicken legs











**CASSEROLE DISH** 

### **HANDY HINTS**

Use a plastic bag to hold crushed cornflakes when coating the chicken.



- Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 5.
- Mix the crushed corn flakes, salt, pepper and mixed herbs together in a bowl.



- Beat the egg in a separate bowl.
- Dip the chicken pieces in the egg and then in the seasoned cornflake crumbs, pressing on well.
- Place in a casserole dish, lined with tin foil. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 1 hour or until chicken is cooked.
- Serve hot or cold with salad.



Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd :Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd

1

2

3

5

05/02/2008 10:33 Page 2



COST	HEALTHY
	Ŭ







### **HANDY HINTS**

Serve with baked potato (page 101) or salad.



### Chicken in Barbecue Sauce

### **INGREDIENTS**

8 chicken thighs/legs	pepper	1 c
2 medium onions thinly	1 green pepper thinly	wo
sliced	sliced	1 t
pinch of salt if desired	6 dessertspoons tomato	ро
	sauce	

dessertspoon orcestershire sauce

teaspoon chilli

owder

Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 5.

Mix all ingredients except the chicken to make the sauce.

Arrange the chicken in a single layer in the casserole dish.

Spoon sauce over the chicken.

Cover and bake for 55-60 minutes, until the chicken is tender.



## Chicken and Broccoli Pie

INGREDIENTS		
1 teaspoon vegetable oil 4 chicken fillets chopped 1 onion 1lb/450g broccoli	1 tin of chicken or mushroom soup 1 dessertspoon of curry powder <sup>1</sup> /4 pt/150mls milk	pinch of salt if desired pepper 2oz/50g brown breadcrumbs (2 slices) 2oz/50g grated cheese

- Pre-heat the oven to 220°C / 425°F / Gas Mark 7.
- Chop the onion finely and fry for 2-3 minutes.
- Add the chicken pieces. Cook for 10 minutes.
- Boil broccoli for 2-3 minutes.
- Mix the milk, soup, curry powder, salt and pepper together in a jug.
- Put the cooked chicken pieces, onion and broccoli into the casserole dish.
- Pour in the soup mixture and cover with the breadcrumbs and grated cheese.
  - Cook in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes.











#### HANDY HINTS



Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd :Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd 05/0

05/02/2008 10:33 Page 4













### Chicken Casserole - in a creamy sauce

INGREDIENTS		
6 chicken portions	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pt/425mls water	1 red pepper
pinch of salt if desired	2 sticks celery scrubbed	de-seeded and chopped
pepper	and chopped	(optional: peppers, carrots, mushrooms,
2ozs/50g margarine	1 packet broccoli and cauliflower soup	peas)



Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

 $\binom{2}{2}$ 

Season the chicken and fry it briefly on a dry pan (no oil) to seal it.



Drain well and transfer to a casserole dish.

### TO MAKE SAUCE:



Melt the margarine in a saucepan and fry the celery and red pepper gently until they soften, but do not colour.



Remove the pan from the heat, stir in the soup mix and then blend in the water. Bring to the boil, stirring all the time.



Simmer for 5 minutes.

Pour over the chicken pieces and cook on the middle shelf of a pre-heated oven for 55-60 minutes until light golden brown.





## Chicken Casserole with Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS		
8 small chicken portions	pinch of chilli powder	1 chicken stock cube
2 teaspoons oil	1 teaspoon mixed herbs	dissolved in
4 carrots (peeled and	2 cans of tomatoes	<sup>1/2</sup> pt/275mls of boiling
sliced)	pinch of salt if desired	water
4 celery sticks trimmed	pepper	chopped fresh parsley to
and sliced	1 medium onion	garnish (optional)

Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 5.

1

(3)

Heat the oil in a pan and brown half the chicken pieces thoroughly on all sides. This will take about 10 minutes. Remove with a spoon, then fry the remaining pieces. Remove and set aside.

Fry the onion, carrots and celery over a medium heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until soft but not brown.Stir in the chilli powder, herbs, tomatoes and stock.

Return the chicken to the pan, season to taste and bring to the boil. Place in a casserole dish.

Cover and cook in the centre of the oven for 1 hour.

Remove the lid and continue cooking for a further 15-30 minutes until the meat is very tender.

To serve: Sprinkle with the chopped fresh parsley.









UTENSILS NEEDED FRYING PAN CASSEROLE DISH

### HANDY HINTS

Not all vegetables here need to be used. Select according to availability, choice and cost.



Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd :Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd 05/02/20

05/02/2008 10:33 Page 6





NUMBER OF SERVINGS





CASSEROLE DISH

#### **HANDY HINTS**



Fresh chicken fillets can be used. Fry gently before adding vegetables.





## Chicken Curry

INGREDIENTS		
(optional: corn, carrots, peas, broccoli) 1 clove of garlic 2 dessertspoons medium curry powder	1 teaspoon vegetable oil 1 chicken stock cube 1 dessertspoon flour	
	(optional: corn, carrots, peas, broccoli) 1 clove of garlic	

- Remove the chicken off the bone.
- Slice vegetables and garlic.

1

3

4

5

6

- Dissolve the stock cube in 1/2 pt/275mls of boiling water.
- Heat the oil in a frying pan and gently fry the onions and garlic.
- Add mushrooms and pepper to the frying pan and cook for 2 to 3 minutes.
  - Add curry powder and flour to the pan and cook for one minute stirring all the time.
- Stir in the stock and chicken pieces.
- Reduce heat, cook slowly for 10 minutes without stirring.
- Serve with boiled brown or white rice.



## Chicken Hot-Pot

INGREDIENTS

$\mathcal{P}$	<b>O</b> •
FRY	OVEN











#### **HANDY HINTS**

Use a variety of vegetables. These may be cooked in a saucepan on the top of the cooker.

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

- Heat the oil in the frying pan, add the chicken and cook until brown on all sides.
- - Place chicken in a casserole dish.
  - Add the onion, salt, pepper, celery and potatoes to the juices in the frying pan and cook for 5 minutes. Drain off the fat.
  - Add the tomatoes and stock. Bring to the boil.
  - Pour this over chicken pieces in the casserole dish.
  - Cover and cook for 45 to 50 minutes.
  - Add sweetcorn and/or peas and cook for another 15 minutes.
  - Serve with rice or a baked potato.

Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd :Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd

05/02/2008 10:33 Page 8





NUMBER OF SERVINGS





HANDY HINTS









## Chicken in Mushroom Sauce

INGREDIENTS		
6 chicken portions pinch of salt if desired	1 dessertspoon oil SAUCE:	6 mushrooms (sliced) 1 packet chicken soup
pepper 1 chicken stock cube dissolved in 6 dessertspoons of water	1 dessertspoon vegetable oil	1 level teaspoon flour <sup>3</sup> /4 pt/425ml water

- (1)Trim chicken joints and remove all fat and skin, then season with salt and pepper.
- (2)Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the chicken portions on each side until golden brown.
- 3 Transfer the chicken portions to a casserole dish.
- (4)Pour the stock into the pan and stir, using a wooden spoon. Mix any crispy pieces from the sides of the pan. Boil for a few minutes. Keep for sauce.

### TO MAKE SAUCE:

- (1)Heat the oil in a saucepan, add the mushrooms and cook over a low heat until the mushrooms soften.
- Stir in the soup mix and the flour, then blend in the water.
- 23456 Bring to the boil and simmer for 5 minutes.
- Stir in the juices from the frying pan.
- Pour the sauce over the chicken joints.
- Cook in a pre-heated oven 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 5 for 50-60 minutes until the chicken is fully cooked.



## Chicken, Mustard & Bacon Casserole

INGREDIENTS		
8 chicken portions skinned 8 back rashers trimmed pepper 1 dessertspoon mustard powder	3 dessertspoons plain flour 2 chicken stock cubes (dissolve in 1pt/575ml of boiling water)	2 dessertspoons lemon juice (optional: carrots, onions, leeks)

Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 5.

Wrap the chicken pieces in the bacon rashers and secure each one with a cocktail stick.

3

Cook until brown on all sides in a dry pan.

Remove from the pan with a spoon and put to one side.

Add the mustard powder, flour and pepper into the pan and cook, stirring for 1 minute.

Add the stock and the lemon juice and bring to the boil stirring continuously.

Place the chicken pieces in a casserole dish, add the stock from the frying pan and cover. Cook in pre-heated oven for  $1-1^{1/2}$  hours.











Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd :Chicken 47-057 may 07.qxd

05/02/2008 10:33 Page 10





NUMBER OF SERVINGS





### HANDY HINTS

Stir frequently to prevent the risotto from sticking to the bottom of the pan.





### Chicken Risotto

### **INGREDIENTS**

10oz/280g long grain rice	
1 onion	
1 clove of garlic	
1 green or red pepper	
5 mushrooms	

### 1 small packet (or 1 small tin) of frozen corn pinch of salt if desired pepper 3 or 4 chicken fillets 1 teaspoon oil

1 chicken stock cube dissolved in <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pt /425ml of boiling water (optional: carrots, onions, leeks)

- - Boil rice for approx. 5 mins, and drain.
  - Chop onion, pepper and mushrooms.
  - Cut chicken fillets into cubes.
  - Crush the garlic or chop into fine pieces.
- 345678 Fry chicken pieces in vegetable oil.
  - Add garlic, onions, peppers and mushrooms. Fry gently.
  - Add rice to pan.
  - Stir in stock, add corn, salt and pepper.
  - Bring to boil and cook gently for 30 minutes, or until all the liquid has been absorbed.



2

Season to taste.



## Chicken & Vegetable Casserole

INGREDIENTS		
4 chicken portions 3 large carrots	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275ml chicken stock or (2 stock cubes dissolved in <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 dessertspoons lemon juice <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> dessertspoon mixed
2 onions 6 mushrooms	pt/275ml boiling water)	herbs pinch of salt if desired
		pepper

- Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.
- Wash, peel and chop carrots, onion and mushrooms.
- Place chicken portions in a casserole dish with carrots, onion and mushrooms.
- Pour in chicken stock, lemon juice, mixed herbs, salt and pepper.
- Bake for  $1-1^{1/2}$  hours or until chicken is cooked.
- Serve with baked potatoes (page 101) or rice.











### HANDY HINTS

This is a basic recipe for a tasty casserole. Any vegetables can be used instead of mushrooms and carrots. Use vegetables in season.





# Vegetarian



## Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie

INGREDIENTS		
8 large potatoes	4oz/100g grated cheese	pepper
1 onion, grated	pinch of salt if desired	

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Boil the potatoes, strain and mash.

Add onion, grated cheese, salt and pepper to the potatoes.

Place in a casserole dish.

5

Put under the grill for a few minutes to form a crust on the potato, or bake in a pre-heated oven for 20 minutes.











### HANDY HINTS

Serve with baked beans or salad.


8











### HANDY HINTS

Serve with side salad and/or potatoes.



## Mushroom Bake

### INGREDIENTS

a little cooking oil breadcrumbs
----------------------------------

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Heat the oil in the frying pan.

Add the onions and peppers and cook for 5 minutes. Keep covered during cooking.

Add mushrooms. Cook for another 5 minutes, with the lid on.

Add 6oz/180g of breadcrumbs and 4oz/110g cheese.

Mix well together and place in casserole dish.

Top with grated cheese and breadcrumbs mixed together.

Bake in a pre-heated oven for 20 minutes.





## Spanish Omelette

$\mathbf{C}$ $\mathbf{D}$		NTS

1 dessertspoon vegetable oil 2 onions, chopped 1 red pepper, cored and chopped	pinch of salt if desired pepper 4 eggs 2 large potatoes boiled and chopped	1 dessertspoon chopped parsley
--	--	-----------------------------------

Heat 1 dessertspoon of oil in a frying pan.

Add the onions and cook until soft.

Add the red pepper, cook for 5 minutes.

Beat the eggs in a bowl. Add salt and pepper.

Stir the potatoes, parsley and fried vegetables into the egg mixture.

Pour the egg mixture into the heated frying pan and spread evenly to the edge.

Cook for 5 minutes until the egg mixture comes away from the side of the pan.

Place the pan under a pre-heated moderate grill for about 3 minutes to cook the top of the omelette.









**UTENSILS NEEDED FRYING PAN** 

### **HANDY HINTS**

A good way of using leftover potato.

Serve with tossed green salad (page 126)



Vege 059-069 may 07:Vege 059-069 may 07 08/02/2008 14:11 Rage 4



COST	HEALTHY
	Ŭ

NUMBER OF SERVINGS





#### HANDY HINTS

A little soya sauce can be added for extra flavour.

Sweet and sour sauce can also be used.





# Stir-Fry Vegetables

## **INGREDIENTS**

1 green pepper	1 dessertspoon oil	pepper
1 yellow pepper	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> pt/150ml stock (1	3 carrots
10 mushrooms 1 onion	stock cube dissolved in water)	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb/225g french peas / string beans

Peel and slice the carrots.

Slice the peppers, onion and mushrooms thinly.

Heat the oil in a frying pan. Add the mixed vegetables and stir well.

Add the stock. Keep stirring.

Cover the vegetables and cook gently for 10-15 minutes, until the vegetables are tender but still crisp. Add the peas/beans and cook for a further 3-5 minutes.



Serve with boiled rice, pasta or potatoes.



# Veggie Burger

INGREDIENTS		
1 leek or onion, finely	2 dessertspoons	pepper
chopped	chopped parsley	wholemeal
1 clove garlic, crushed	5 potatoes, cooked and	breadcrumbs
5 mushrooms, chopped	mashed	1 dessertspoon of
1 carrot finely, chopped	pinch of salt if desired	vegetable oil

Heat the vegetable oil, add the onion and/or leek and fry until softened.

Add mushrooms, carrot and garlic and fry for 5 minutes.

Strain off any liquid.

4

5

Add vegetables and parsley to the mashed potato.

Season with salt and pepper.

Divide mixture into 8 portions and shape into rounds.

Coat with breadcrumbs. Grill or fry for two minutes on both sides until golden.











### HANDY HINTS

Serve with a crunchy mixed salad.

For extra protein include some lentils.



Vege 059-069 may 07:Vege 059-069 may 07 08/02/2008 14:11 Rage 6



COST	HEALTHY
	Ŏ

NUMBER OF SERVINGS





CASSEROLE DISH

#### HANDY HINTS

Instead of a vegetable stock cube cook the vegetables for 1hr in salted water, drain and add 1pt /575mls of white sauce (page 16). Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and cheese and return to the oven for 30 mins.





## Vegetarian Casserole

## **INGREDIENTS** pinch of salt if desired

2lbs/900g vegetable mix: potatoes, carrots, onions, turnips, peas, lentils, etc.

pepper 1pt/575mls vegetable stock (2 vegetable stock cubes)

1 P1

3

5

Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 5.

- Slice potatoes and put a layer in the bottom of the casserole dish.
- Layer vegetables etc., over the potatoes.

Repeat layering until the dish is full. Season between the layers.

Finish with a layer of potatoes.

Add vegetable stock.

Cover and cook in the pre-heated oven for  $1^{1/2}$  hours.



# Vegetable Curry

INGREDIENTS			
1 dessertspoon	pepper	1 dessertspoon	
vegetable oil	1pt/575ml stock (2 stock	dessicated coconut	
1 chopped onion	cubes dissolved in	(optional)	
1 or 2 apples, cored and	1pt/575ml boiling	2ozs/50g sultanas	
peeled	water)	1 teaspoon brown sugar	
2 dessertspoons curry	2lbs/900g mixed	1 teaspoon lemon juice	
powder	vegetables	1 tin peas/beans	
1 dessertspoon flour	(mushrooms, carrots	1 dessertspoon chutney	
pinch of salt if desired	celery etc.)	(optional)	

Prepare the mixture of vegetables. Wash them and chop into cubes. Place in a saucepan.

Add the apple, lentils, lemon juice, coconut, sultanas, brown sugar and chutney. Add <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pt/425ml of stock and boil for 20 mins.

(3)

6

Heat the oil and fry the onion until it is soft.

Stir in the curry powder, flour and remainder of stock.

- Bring to the boil. Add this to the mixed vegetables and season.
- Simmer for 10 minutes. Reduce heat and cook slowly for another 20 minutes.















Vege 059-069 may 07:Vege 059-069 may 07 08/02/2008 14:11 Rage 8



COST	HEALTHY
	Ŭ

NUMBER OF SERVINGS





#### HANDY HINTS

For extra protein include some lentils/beans/barley.



## Vegetable Goulash

### **INGREDIENTS**

2lb/900g mixed vegetables i.e., carrots, potatoes, mushrooms, corn, courgettes, etc. 2 onions, finely

chopped

1 clove of garlic, finely chopped

### 1 dessertspoon cooking oil 14oz/400g can of chopped tomatoes

1 red and green pepper 4 dessertspoons tomato

puree

2 dessertspoons paprika

## pinch of salt if desired pepper

Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 5.

Cut the vegetables into bite-sized pieces.

Heat the oil and fry the onions and garlic in the oil for 5 minutes.

Mix in the chopped vegetables, tomatoes, tomato puree, paprika and seasoning. Fry for another 5 minutes.



3

Transfer to a casserole dish. Bake in the oven until the vegetables are cooked for about 40 minutes.





# Vegetable Lasagne

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 large onion, sliced	1 can tomatoes	pinch of salt if desired
1 green pepper, sliced	2 dessertspoons tomato	pepper
1 yellow pepper, sliced	sauce	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275ml vegetable
10 mushrooms, sliced	8oz/225g lasagne or	stock
3 carrots, finely	medium box of easi -	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275ml white sauce
chopped	cook lasagne	(page 16)
1 can kidney beans	grated cheddar cheese	mixed herbs

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Fry the onions, peppers, mushrooms and carrots for 3-5 mins.

Add the tomato sauce, kidney beans, tomatoes and vegetable stock. Season with salt and pepper.

Layer the sheets of lasagne and vegetables in a casserole dish: starting with a layer of vegetables and finishing with a layer of lasagne.

Make the white sauce (see sauces page 16) and pour on top.

Sprinkle with mixed herbs and grated cheddar cheese.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 20 to 25 minutes.











### HANDY HINTS

Serve with crunchy side salad or garlic bread. **GARLIC BREAD** Slice a french loaf in thick slices (do not cut through). Mix soft margarine/butter with crushed garlic. Spread on each slice of the loaf. Roll in tin foil and heat in a moderate oven for 10 minutes.



Vege 059-069 may 07:Vege 059-069 may 07 08/02/2008 14:11 Rage 10





NUMBER OF SERVINGS





#### HANDY HINTS

Try different shapes and colours of pasta for variety.





## Vegetable Pasta Bake

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 dessertspoon vegetable oil 1 onion, chopped 1 green pepper, sliced 8 mushrooms, sliced 1 tin tomatoes

### 2 dessertspoons tomato sauce 1 or 2 cloves of garlic mixed herbs pepper 200g/8oz pasta

1 pt/575ml cheese sauce (page 17) 3 dessertspoons

wholemeal breadcrumbs

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Heat the oil, fry the onion, pepper, mushrooms and crushed garlic for 5 minutes.

- Add the tomatoes, tomatoe sauce, mixed herbs and a little pepper.
- Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.
- Cook the pasta in boiling water for 12-15 minutes until it is soft. Drain the pasta and add to the vegetable mix.
- Stir and cook gently for 2-3 minutes.
- Put the pasta and vegetable mix into and a casserole dish and cover with a thick cheese sauce. (page 17).
- Sprinkle with grated cheese and breadcrumbs.
- Bake in the pre-heated oven for 10-15 minutes.



# Vegetable Risotto

### **INGREDIENTS**

10oz/280g rice 1/2 pt/275ml stock (2 vegetable stock cubes dissolved in

## <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pt/275ml boiling water)

### 1 dessertspoon of cooking oil <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>lb/225g bag of frozen peas 6 mushrooms, chopped

1 finely chopped onion 1 can of kidney beans 1 green pepper, finely chopped 1lb/450g tin tomatoes

3

Rinse rice and cook in stock for 10 minutes.

Heat the oil. Fry the chopped onion, mushrooms and pepper in the oil for 5 minutes.

Add the frozen peas, kidney beans and tomatoes to the fried vegetables and heat gently.

Stir in the rice and cook for 10 minutes until the liquid has been absorbed.



Serve with side salad.









**UTENSILS NEEDED** SAUCEPAN **FRYING PAN** 



Cakes



# Apple Cake

INGREDIENTS		
8oz/225g flour	2 cooking apples	a little salt
3oz/85g margarine	1 egg, beaten	
4oz/110g sugar	a little milk	

- Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 6.
- Sieve flour and salt into a bowl.

3

4

5

6

- Rub in margarine until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.
- Peel and chop the apples and add to the flour mixture. Add the sugar and mix well. Add the beaten egg.
- If mixture is too dry, add a little milk to make a stiff dough.
- Put the mixture into a greased sandwich tin and sprinkle with granulated sugar.
- Bake in the pre-heated oven for about 40 minutes until golden brown.



Add a few sultanas for variety.

Serve hot or cold.



Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd:Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd 05/02/208 10:35 Page 2





NUMBER OF SERVINGS



UTENSILS NEEDED PIE DISH BOWL

#### HANDY HINTS

Rhubarb can be used.



Fresh or tinned pears can also be used.





# Apple (Rhubarb) Crumble

INGREDIENTS		
3 cooking apples or 6 stalks of rhubarb 2oz/50g sugar 3 dessertspoons water	TOPPING: 6oz/180g flour 2oz/50g caster sugar 2oz/50g margarine	



Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.



Put sliced apples (rhubarb), sugar and water in a saucepan and cook gently until they are soft. Place cooked fruit mixture in a pie dish.



Sieve flour into a bowl. Rub in margarine. Add sugar and mix thoroughly.



Sprinkle crumble mixture over fruit mixture.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes.



# Apple (Rhubarb) Tart

INGREDIENTS		
PASTRY INGREDIENTS:	FILLING:	
12oz/340g plain flour	2 or 3 medium cooking	
6oz/180g hard margarine	apples (4 stalks of rhubarb)	
a little milk or water	2 oz sugar	



Pre-heat the oven to 220°C / 425°F / Gas Mark 7.

Sieve the flour and salt into a baking bowl. Cut the margarine and rub into flour with fingertips until the mixture resembles fine bread crumbs.



Add the water or milk to the flour mixture and mix to a stiff dough.



Divide the pastry in to 1/3 and 2/3 portions.

Roll the larger piece  $(^{2}/_{3})$  into a circle and use to line the base of a large greased plate/pie dish. Slice apples (rhubarb) and arrange on the base of the plate. Sprinkle with sugar.

Roll out the second piece (1/3) of pastry to cover tart. Wet edges of pastry and press the pastry top in place.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes.



#### HANDY HINTS

This pastry can be used for mince pies. Just add 2oz of caster sugar to the flour before rubbing in the margarine.

Cloves may be added to the apple.



Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd:Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd 05/02/2008 10:35 Page 4





NUMBER OF SERVINGS





#### HANDY HINTS

Serve with hot custard.

The mixture can also be split into muffin cases to make 8 good size muffins great for a great for a quick breakfast.

78



## Banana Bread

### INGREDIENTS

10oz/280g self-raising flour
5oz/140g brown sugar
3 eggs, beaten
3 bananas, mashed

## <sup>1</sup>/2 teaspoon baking powder 4oz/110g walnuts chopped

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 7oz/200g melted
 margarine

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Mix the dry ingredients in one bowl.

Mix the wet ingredients in another bowl.

Mix the wet mixture and the dry mixture together.

Put into well greased loaf tin.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for  $1^{1/2}$  hours.



# Bread and Butter Pudding

INGREDIENTS		
6 slices of bread	a little milk	pinch of nutmeg
2oz/50g butter	sugar	
1 egg	sultanas	



Cut crusts off the bread, (if preferred) butter it and cut into fingers.

Grease the dish. Then put a layer of bread fingers on the base of the dish. Sprinkle with sultanas and sugar. Continue the layers, finishing with a layer of bread.

Beat egg and milk together and pour over the bread.

Sprinkle nutmeg on top.

3

6

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes.

OVEN			
COST	COSTHEALTHYImage: Cost image: Cost		
	NUMBER OF SERVINGS		
PREPARATION TIME			
10 minutes	<b>30</b> minutes		
UTENSIL	S NEEDED		
PIE	PIE DISH		
A good way	A good way of using up		
Stale cake or	stale bread. Stale cake or scone crumbs may also be used.		
Serve with hot custard.			



Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd:Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd 05/02/208 10:35 Page 6











#### HANDY HINTS

Sultanas can be added to the cake mixture.

The cake may be iced with a butter icing.





## Carrot Cake

INGREDIENTS		
8ozs/225g caster sugar <sup>1</sup> /2 cup cooking oil	8oz/225g grated carrots, raw 2 eggs	9oz/250g white self-raising flour

- Pre-heat the oven to 190°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 4.
  - Mix sugar, grated carrots, eggs and oil together. Fold in flour and mix well.



Turn into an 8" round tin lined with greaseproof paper, and bake in the pre-heated oven.

- Check after 50 minutes, by which time the centre of the cake should have risen.
- 5) Place on a wire tray to cool, with the greaseproof paper removed.



## Cheese Cake

INGREDIENTS		
1 pkt. digestive biscuits (9ozs/250g) tub of creamed cheese (5ozs/140g)	'/₄ pt/150ml cream 1 packet of lemon jelly 1 lemon	2ozs/50g low-fat margarine 1 cup of water

### BASE:

Melt the margarine over a low heat and add the crushed biscuits and mix well. Press the mixture into a loose-bottomed 9" cake tin and place in the fridge.

### FILLING:

2

3

5

Melt the jelly in 1 cup of water. Allow to cool but not set.

Add the juice of the lemon and the lemon rind to the jelly.

Whisk together the cream cheese and cream.

Add this mixture to the jelly and blend well together.

Pour on top of the biscuit base. Place in fridge until it is firm and set.









### HANDY HINTS

Any flavoured jelly can be used.

Low-fat cream cheese can be used.

Decorate with fresh fruit.



Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd:Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd 05/02/2008 10:35 Page 8





NUMBER OF SERVINGS

PREPARATION	COOKING
TIME	TIME
45	<b>5-6</b>
minutes	hours



9"/23CM SQUARE TIN

#### **HANDY HINTS**

The whiskey may be poured over the prepared fruit and left overnight. Alternatively, the whiskey could be poured evenly over the cake about 30-40 minutes after it is removed from the oven, while the cake is still warm. To do this, first make a few holes in the top, with a fine skewer or darning needle.





## Christmas Cake All-In-One

### INGREDIENTS

12oz/340g margarine	grated apple	4oz/110g cherries, washed,
12oz/340g dark brown	1lb currants	dried and halved
sugar	12oz/340g sultanas	14oz/400g plain white flour
7 eggs (Size 1)	12oz/340g raisins	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> teaspoon mixed spice
3 tablespoons whiskey	4oz/110g chopped	1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
grated rind of 1 lemon	almonds	4oz/110g ground almonds
grated rind of 1 orange	4oz/110g mixed peel	



5

6

Pre-heat the oven to 140°C / 275°F / Gas Mark 1.

Prepare the tin. For the bottom of the tin: cut either circles or squares of double-thickness greaseproof paper. For the sides: Cut a strip of double greaseproof paper about 1 inch higher than the depth of the tin. (Grease well).

Weigh all the ingredients carefully.

Place all the cake ingredients together in a very large mixing bowl or basin and beat with a wooden spoon until well mixed (4-6 minutes).

Place this mixture in the prepared tin and smooth the top with the back of a wet dessertspoon.

Bake in the pre-heated oven on the middle shelf for approx 5-6 hours. Check at intervals after  $2^{1/2}$  hours as ovens tend to vary. Cover the cake with double greaseproof paper or foil for about the last 1-2 hours, to prevent the top of the cake from becoming too brown.

Test the cake carefully before removing it from the oven.

Leave the cake to cool in the tin overnight. Turn out and remove papers, then store.



## **Christmas Pudding**

INGREDIENTS		
3oz/85 g self-raising flour	and cooled	MIX TOGETHER:
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> level teaspoon mixed spice	grated apple	2 large eggs
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> level teaspoon ground	8oz/225g currants	1 dessertspoon
nutmeg	4oz/110g raisins	brandy/rum/whiskey
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> level teaspoon ground	4oz/110g sultanas	<sup>1</sup> /4 pint/150ml guinness
cinnamon	2oz/50g cut mixed peel	juice and grated rind of 1
4oz/110g white breadcrumbs	2oz/50g cherries, halved,	orange
6oz/150g dark brown sugar	washed and dried	juice and grated rind of 1
4oz/110g margarine melted	1oz/25g chopped almonds	lemon

### **PREPARATION:**

3

4

5

Have ready 1 greased 2 pint/1.1 litre pudding bowl. Cut a large circle of double greaseproof paper for the top of the pudding and grease well. Cut a large circle of tin foil, place over the double circle of greaseproof paper on top of the pudding.

### TO MAKE PUDDING:

Sieve the flour and spices into a large bowl.

Add the breadcrumbs, sugar, prepared fruit, nuts, orange and lemon rind, make sure the rind is finely grated. Then mix thoroughly.

Make a well in the centre. Pour in the melted margarine, beaten eggs, spirits and guinness mixture. Mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon.

Cover and leave to stand overnight. The mixture is slack in the beginning but thickens overnight. Mix well again before filling the bowl.

Place the pudding bowl in a saucepan of water and boil for 2-3 hours. Keep the water topped up in the saucepan.























### **UTENSILS NEEDED**

2 x 6 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> or 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch (16 or 19 cm) sandwich tins.

#### **HANDY HINTS**

Ideal for birthday cakes.

To make a chocolate cake substitute 4 oz flour and 2oz drinking chocolate for 6oz flour. (Omit coffee essence).

Grease tins and put circle of greaseproof paper at base of each tin.





# Coffee Cake

INGREDIENTS		
6oz/180g margarine (at	6oz/180g self-raising	COFFEE ICING:
room temp.)	flour, sieved	8oz/225g icing sugar
6oz/180g caster sugar	1 dessertspoon coffee	1 teaspoon coffee
3 large eggs	essence	essence
		1 dessertspoon milk



Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

### ALL-IN-ONE METHOD:



Place all the ingredients for the cake in a mixing bowl and beat with a wooden spoon until well mixed (2-3 minutes). Place half the mixture in each of the prepared tins. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 25-35 minutes. When cooked remove from tins and allow to cool on a wire tray.

### TO MAKE ICING:



Place all the ingredients together in a mixing bowl and beat with a wooden spoon until smooth.

### TO FINISH CAKE:



Sandwich the two cakes with a little of the icing.

Pipe the remaining icing on top of the cake.



# Eve's Pudding

INGREDIENTS		
4oz/110g sugar	1 beaten egg	3 large cooking apples
4oz/110g butter	4oz/110g flour	sugar to sweeten

- Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.
- Melt the sugar and butter together in a saucepan and allow to cool.
- Add the beaten egg. Then add all the flour and mix.
- Stew the apples very lightly.

3

4

5

6

- Add some sugar to sweeten the stewed apples.
- Put the apples into a pyrex dish. Pour the cake mixture over the apples.
- Cook in the pre-heated oven for 1 hour.







**UTENSILS NEEDED** 

#### **HANDY HINTS**

Decorate with flaked almonds.

Serve with fresh cream, hot custard or ice cream.















Fresh fruit in season can also be used.



# Fruit Flan

INGREDIENTS		
3oz/85g flour	FILLING:	small carton of cream
3oz/85g caster sugar	1 small tin of fruit	
3 eggs	1 quick-set jel or jelly	



3

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Place sugar in a bowl and whisk together with eggs over a pan of hot water for 10 minutes. Remove and continue whisking for 5 minutes on table.

- Gently fold in sieved flour, in about 4 lots.
- Pour sponge-cake mixture into a greased and floured flan tin.
- Bake in a pre-heated oven for approx. 20 minutes.
- 4
  5
  6
  7
  8 Dissolve jelly and leave in a cool place. Do not allow to set.

Drain the tin of fruit.

- When flan case is cooled, arrange fruit on top and cover with jelly.
- 9 Allow jelly to set and decorate with piped cream.



# Fruit Salad

INGREDIENTS		
FRUIT:	2 bananas	
2 apples	2 kiwi fruit	
2 pears	green and black grapes	
2 oranges		
	FRUIT: 2 apples 2 pears	

Dissolve the sugar in the water, bring to the boil and add the lemon juice. Pour into a bowl and allow to cool.

Wash the apples. Cut in thin slices and put into the syrup. Peel the pears and kiwi fruit and place them in the syrup also.

Peel the oranges and cut into segments and add to the bowl.

Slice the grapes in half and remove pips before adding them to the syrup.

Mix all the fruit carefully.

1

3

Cover the bowl with cling film and place in the fridge for 1-2 hours.

Peel the bananas, slice them, sprinkle with lemon juice and add to the salad shortly before serving.



Use a little orange juice with a few teaspoons of lemon juice added to it instead of syrup.



Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd:Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd 05/02/2008 10:35 Page 14















## Irish Tea Brack

## INGREDIENTS

1 cup of strong tea 6oz/180g brown sugar	1lb/450g mixed dried fruit 1 egg (lightly beaten)	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> level teaspoon breadsoda
9ozs/250g plain flour	1 egg (lightly beaten)	

1) P

3

4

5

6

7

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Put tea, sugar and dried fruit in a bowl, cover and leave to soak overnight.

Grease a 2lb loaf tin.

Add the lightly beaten egg to the fruit mixture.

Sieve the flour and breadsoda together and fold into mixture.

Turn into the prepared tin. Place in the pre-heated oven and bake for  $1^{1/2}$  to  $1^{3/4}$  hours.

Cool on a wire tray and serve sliced with butter.





# Jam Swiss Roll

### **INGREDIENTS**

4oz/110g margarine (at room temp.) 6oz/180g caster sugar 4 large eggs

6oz/180g self-raising	FILLING & DECORATION:
flour, sieved	warmed jam
	caster and icing sugar
	6oz/180g self-raising flour, sieved

- Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.
- Place all the ingredients for the cake in a mixing bowl and beat with a wooden spoon until well mixed. (2 3 minutes).
- Prepare the tin, by lining it with greaseproof paper.
- Put the mixture in the greased and lined swiss roll tin.
- Bake in the middle of the pre-heated oven for 10 12 minutes.

### WHEN BAKED

7 8 9

(10)

- Place a sheet of greaseproof paper on top of a damp tea-towel.
- Sprinkle lightly with caster sugar.
- Turn the Swiss roll out onto the sugared paper.
- Remove the paper from the bottom of the cake and trim the edges of the cake.
- Spread quickly with warmed jam and roll up using the greaseproof paper as a guide.
  - When cold unwrap and sprinkle with icing sugar.
- If liked, mark the top with diagonal lines, using a hot skewer.



Try using low-fat creme fraiche with fresh strawberries chopped on top as a healthy treat!













## Porter Cake

### INGREDIENTS

5oz/140g margarine 5oz/140g brown sugar	3oz/85g candied peel 14oz/400g flour	<sup>1</sup> /2 teaspoon of bread soda
1 cup of guinness 1lb/450g sultanas	2 eggs beaten	1 <sup>1</sup> /2 teaspoons cinnamon



Pre-heat the oven to 160°C / 325°F / Gas Mark 3.

Put the margarine, sugar and guinness into a saucepan and boil gently. Stir the mixture until the margarine is melted and sugar dissolved. Add the fruit and candied peel and let everything simmer for 5 minutes. Allow to cool.



Meanwhile sieve flour, bread soda and cinnamon into a bowl. Make a well in the centre and add the beaten eggs.



Add the cooled mixture from the saucepan and mix together quickly and well.



Turn into a lined and greased 9" cake tin. Bake in the pre-heated oven for  $1^{1}/_{2}$  - 2 hours.



# Queen Cakes

	INGREDIENTS	
4oz/115g soft margarine 2 eggs	8oz/225g self-raising flour 4oz/115g caster sugar	a little milk

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Sieve flour into bowl.

Cream the margarine and sugar together.

Beat the eggs.

Add the flour and eggs gradually to the creamed margarine and sugar, beating well to avoid curdling.

If the mixture is dry add a little milk.

Divide the mixture into bun cases.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 20 minutes.









UTENSILS NEEDED

**BUN TRAY** 

#### **HANDY HINTS**

Makes 2 dozen small buns. Add some sultanas or cherries to the mixture for variety.

These buns freeze well. If soft margarine is used all

the ingredients can be beaten together.















# Raspberry Buns

INGREDIENTS		
12ozs/340g self-raising	2 eggs	raspberry jam
flour	pinch of salt	2 dessertspoons water
4ozs/110g sugar	4 dessertspoons milk	1 teaspoon caster sugar
2ozs/50g margarine		for dusting



Pre-heat the oven to 230°C / 450°F / Gas Mark 8.

Sift the flour, salt and baking powder into a bowl. Rub in the margarine. Add the sugar and mix well.



Beat the eggs with the milk until light and lemon-coloured. Stir this into the flour mixture, mixing with a knife to get a smooth dough. (If dough seems slightly dry add cold water carefully a little at a time).

Roll dough on a lightly floured board into a thick roll, and divide in 12 equal portions.

Flour hands lightly and roll each portion into a ball. Place 2 inches apart on a greased baking sheet. Make a hole in the top of each bun and push in a little jam. Wet the edges of each hole and pinch together.



Brush with milk or egg and dust each bun over with caster sugar.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 15 to 20 minutes.



# Sponge Tray Bake - basic all-in-one

INGREDIENTS		
8oz/225g soft margarine 8oz/225g caster sugar	4 dessertspoons milk 12oz/300g self-raising flour	4 eggs

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Grease and base line a  $12 \times 9$  inch ( $30 \times 23$ cm) baking tray with greased greaseproof paper.

3

Measure all the ingredients into a large bowl and beat well for about 2 minutes until well blended. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin and level the top.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for about 35-40 minutes or until the cake has shrunk from the sides of the tin and springs back when pressed in the centre with your fingertips. Leave to cool in the tin.





### HANDY HINTS

For handy apple slices add some chopped apples to the mixture before baking.













**BAKING TRAY** 

#### **HANDY HINTS**

To make fruit scones add 2oz/50g mixed fruit to the mixture before adding the beaten eggs and water.





## Tea Scones

INGREDIENTS		
1lb/450g self-raising	2oz/50g sugar	1 egg
flour	4oz/110g margarine	water/milk

- Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 375°F / Gas Mark 6.
  - Put flour and sugar into a mixing bowl. Rub in the margarine.
- Add the beaten eggs with sufficient water/milk to make a nice soft dough.
- 4

2

- Put on a floured surface and roll to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut with a knife or pastry cutter, brush over with egg wash or a little milk and put on a floured baking tray.
- (5)

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 15-20 minutes.



## Wholemeal Bread

### **INGREDIENTS**

1lb/425g wholemeal	1 dessertspoon bran
flour	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275ml butter milk
1 dessertspoon wheatgerm	1 teaspoon breadsoda
2	1 teaspoon brown sugar

1 teaspoon brown sugar	i egg (optional)
1 teaspoon breadsoda	1 egg (optional)

1 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons polyunsaturated oil



Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Mix all the ingredients well together. Then pour the lot into a lightly oiled loaf tin.



Bake in the pre-heated oven for 15 minutes.

Reduce heat to  $150^{\circ}$ C /  $300^{\circ}$ F / Gas Mark 2 and bake for a further 40 minutes.



95

Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd:Cakes 071-092 Jan 05.qxd 05/02/2008 10:35 Page 22













## Wholemeal Scones

### INGREDIENTS

6ozs/180g wholemeal flour 7oz/200g plain flour	¹/₂ pt/275ml fresh milk 1 teaspoon baking powder	1 dessertspoon caster sugar (optional)
2oz/50g margarine	pinch of salt	



3

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Place wholemeal flour, plain flour and sugar in a mixing bowl. Sieve in the salt and baking powder and mix well.

Rub in the margarine.

Add enough milk to make a soft dough. Turn onto a lightly floured board and gently knead. Roll out dough to 1/2 inch in thickness. Using a 2 inch cutter, shape scones and place on a baking sheet which has been dusted with flour.



Bake in the pre-heated oven for approx. 20 minutes.







## Traditional Packed Lunch Choose one item from each box

### **1. FRUIT**

- One apple/orange/ banana/pear/peach
- Two plums/mandarins/ kiwis
- Handful of grapes strawberries/blackberries
- Any other fruit

### 2. BREAD

- Wholemeal or high-fibre bread
- Brown/white soda bread
- Brown/white bread
- French stick
- Pitta bread
- Scones
- Banana bread
- Wraps

### **3. FILLINGS**

- Tuna and sweetcorn
- Cold chicken mashed in natural yoghurt and cucumber
- Sliced ham and tomato sauce and lettuce
- Hard boiled eggs mixed with onion in natural yoghurt and lettuce
- Curried tuna and lettuce
- Grated low-fat cheese with tomato and lettuce
- Peanut butter and banana Sliced beef

### 4. DRINK

- Milk
- Yoghurt
- Flavoured milk\*
- Fruit juice\*
- Homemade soup
- Water

\*Should only be taken with meals due to the high sugar content



# Alternative suggestions for packed lunches



Salad Box Egg, lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, coleslaw



Pasta Dishes Pasta, tuna and sweetcorn Pasta, tomato and ham



Chicken drumsticks and salad

Cream crackers and low-fat cheese






NUMBER OF SERVINGS





### HANDY HINTS

Use brown bread for healthier option.

Add some grated onion for flavour.





# **Bacon Surprise**

### **INGREDIENTS**

4 slices white or brown 4oz/110g grated cheese bread small amount of butter or margarine

### 4 back rashers or 4 streaky rashers

Cut off crusts of bread. Roll out bread thinly.



Spread lightly with butter.

Put 10z/25g grated cheese on each slice of bread and roll up tightly.



Wrap each roll with a rasher and grill until golden brown or bake in the oven at 180°C.



# **Baked Potato with Fillings**

INGREDIENTS		
2 large potatoes scrubbed but not peeled		

Pre-heat the oven to 220°C / 425°F / Gas Mark 7.

Wash the potatoes, then prick them all over with a fork.



For the microwave method, follow the instructions given in the manual.

### FILLINGS FOR BAKED POTATO

### **BACON AND SWEETCORN FILLING:**

2 large baked potatoes 6 dessertspoons tinned sweetcorn

1

2

4 rashers pepper

- Grill the rashers and cut into small pieces. 1.
- 2. Cut the potato in half and carefully scoop the centre out of the potato.
- 3. Mix this potato with the sweetcorn, rashers and pepper.
- 4. Return the mixture to potato skin.
- 5. Place in a hot oven and bake until warmed through and golden.











### HANDY HINTS

Par-boil the potatoes in their skins for about 20 minutes, then prick them and cover them with oil and bake for 15 minutes in a conventional oven. 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Serve with natural yoghurt or salsa.







NUMBER OF SERVINGS	
**	



UTENSILS NEEDED

**OVEN TRAY** 



### Baked Potato with Fillings (continued)

### SAVOURY MINCED BEEF AND TOMATO FILLING

2 large baked potatoes	pepp
1 medium onion	1 des
pinch of salt if desired	4oz/1
1 1 1 1 1 1	• 1

pepper 1 dessertspoon tomato puree 4oz/110g minced beef tomato slices for garnish

- 1. Fry the minced beef, onion and tomato puree until well cooked.
- 2. Cut the potato in half and carefully scoop the centre out of the potato.
- 3. Mix this potato with the mince. Add the salt and pepper.
- 4. Return the mixture to the potato skins.
- 5. Place in a hot oven and bake until warmed through and slightly browned on top.
- 6. Garnish with tomato slices.

### TUNA AND POTATO FILLING

2 large baked potatoes7oz/200g can tuna fish, flakedpinch of salt if desired4oz/110g back bacon, grilled until crisp, crumbledpepper

- 1. Cut the potato in half and carefully scoop the centre out of the potato.
- 2. Mix this potato, tuna and chopped bacon together.
- 3. Add a little salt and pepper.
- 4. Return the mixture to the potato skins.
- 5. Place in a hot oven and bake until warmed through and slightly browned on top.

### TURKEY AND HAM TOPPING

2 large baked potatoes4oz/110g cooked turkey1 tsp mayonnaise4oz/110g cooked ham1 dessertspoon of peas

- 1. Cut the potato in half and carefully scoop the centre out of the potato.
- 2. Slice the turkey and ham and add to the mashed potato flesh.
- 3. Stir in peas and a little mayonnaise.
- 4. Add a little salt and pepper.
- 5. Return the mixture to the potato skins.
- 6. Place in a hot oven and bake until warmed through and slightly browned on top.





# French Bread Pizza

	INGREDIENTS	
1 french baguette, half black pepper	ut in 2 tomatoes, sliced 2 dessertspoons (30 ml tomato sauce	2oz/50g cheese, grated



Pre-heat the grill.

Spread the tomato sauce over the cut surfaces of the baguette.

Top with slices of tomato and season with black pepper.

Sprinkle with the cheese.

Grill for about 2 minutes until the cheese has melted and is beginning to bubble.







PREPARATION TIME	COOKING TIME
5	2
minutes	minutes



### HANDY HINTS

Cooked ham, peppers, mushrooms can also be used.















# Macaroni Cheese

### INGREDIENTS

6oz/180g quick-cooking macaroni cheese sauce (page 17) pinch of salt if desired

2

TOPPING: 2oz/50g grated cheddar cheese 2oz/50g brown breadcrumbs

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Cook macaroni in lightly salted boiling water and drain.

Make the cheese sauce. (See sauces, page 17).

Add cooked macaroni to cheese sauce and pour into a large pie dish. Top with grated cheese and breadcrumbs.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 20 mins.

Serve with tossed green salad (page 126).





# Pancakes

INGREDIENTS		
8oz/225g flour	³/₄ pt/425ml milk	
1 egg	pinch of salt if desired	

Sieve flour and salt into a bowl.

3

Make a hole in the centre of the flour and drop in the egg with  $^{1}/_{4}$  of the milk.

Stir the egg mixture in the centre of the bowl with a wooden spoon, allowing the flour to fall in gradually from the sides.

Add the rest of the milk slowly, beating well to avoid lumping.

To Cook: Pour a thin layer of the mixture onto a hot, non-stick pan. Use a spatula to turn the pancake over when bubbles start to appear on top.

SWEET FILLINGS:	SAVOURY FILLINGS:	OTHER:
Stewed fruit	Chopped cooked chicken	Mince cooked
Jam	Smoked haddock	in curry sauce
Fried bananas	Tinned salmon	Bolognese sauce
	Mushrooms	-
	Stirred in and cooked	
	in white sauce	











### HANDY HINTS

Serve with a little caster sugar & lemon juice.













106



# Pizza Baps

INGREDIENTS		
a brown or white bap	2oz/50g grated cheese	red/green pepper
1 tomato, thinly sliced	2 mushrooms (optional)	(optional)
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> onion, sliced	diced cubes of	

) Lightly brown the bap under the grill until softened and warm, then cut in half.



Cook 2 slices of onion in a little oil and add the sliced mushrooms and diced pepper if desired.



Slice a tomato thinly and arrange on the two sides of the bap and pop the onions and mushrooms on top.



Sprinkle the grated cheese on top.

Bake in a pre-heated oven 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4, or grill until golden brown for a few minutes.



# Pizza Quick

INGREDIENTS		
SCONE BASE:	1 dessertspoon milk	4 mushrooms
7oz/200g self-raising flour 3oz/85g margarine	1 dessertspoon oil 1 onion	6 tomatoes / 1 tin of tomatoes 2oz/50g grated cheese



Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Heat the oil in a frying pan, cook the chopped onion and mushrooms for 3-5 minutes. Add the chopped tomatoes. (If using tinned tomatoes add the juice as well). Simmer gently for 5 minutes.



Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl. Rub in the margarine.

Add the milk and mix to a stiff ball. Roll into a large round  $^{1}\!/^{2''}$  in thickness.



Place on a greased tin.

Spread the tomato mixture on the base and sprinkle cheese on top.

Bake in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes.









UTENSILS NEEDED BAKING TRAY

### HANDY HINTS

Any variety of vegetables or cooked meat can be used to top the pizza.

Serve with salad.



Light Meals 094-108 May 07:Light Meals 094-108 May 07

08/02/2008 14:14 Page 11





NUMBER OF SERVINGS





### HANDY HINTS

Serve with hot beans.



Mixed herbs and chopped onion can be added for variety.





# Potato Cakes

INGREDIENTS		
2oz/55g flour <sup>1</sup> /4 teaspoon baking	3 potatoes, cooked and mashed	vegetable oil for cooking
powder	<sup>1</sup> /2 <b>oz</b> /15g melted butter or margarine	

Sieve together flour and baking powder.

Add the mashed potatoes and melted butter.

Bind together, using milk if necessary.

Turn onto a floured board or clean table top. Knead until the mixture is smooth.

Divide in two equal parts.

Flatten each piece with your hand to form a circle and cut into eight triangles.

3

4

Cook on a well-oiled, hot pan until brown on both sides.

Serve with Tossed Green Salad (page 126) or baked beans.



# Quiches - Various

INGREDIENTS-PASTRY		
6oz/180g plain flour	pinch of salt if desired	or 1 packet of frozen
3oz/85g margarine	a little water	shortcrust pastry

### PASTRY:



Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl.

Rub in the chopped margarine until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Add the water and mix to a stiff dough.

Roll out the pastry and line a flan dish.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR FILLINGS:



Salmon and tomato

Bacon and mushroom

Quiche Lorraine







PREPARATION TIME	COOKING TIME
20	45
minutes	minutes



### HANDY HINTS

Use cooked vegetables for a quick filling.

For a special occasion replace a little milk with cream.

Serve with a tossed green salad (page 126).



Light Meals 094-108 May 07:Light Meals 094-108 May 07 08/02 (2008 14:14 Page 13

OVEN



NUMBER OF SERVINGS



**UTENSILS NEEDED** FLAN DISH **OVEN DISH** 

### HANDY HINTS

Serve with tossed green salad page 126.





# Quiche Fillings

### **BACON AND MUSHROOM:**

2 back rashers	4 mushrooms	pinch of
2 eggs	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> pt/200ml milk	2oz/50g

of salt if desired pepper g grated cheese

Mix the eggs, milk, pepper and salt together. Grill the bacon and mushrooms, and allow to cool. Then chop them roughly and arrange on base of the flan. Pour the egg mixture over the bacon and mushrooms. Sprinkle a little grated cheese on top. Bake in the oven.

### SALMON AND TOMATO:

1 tin of salmon pinch of salt if desired

pepper grated cheese 2 tomatoes <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> pt/200ml milk

2 eggs

Drain the salmon and remove the bones. Slice the tomatoes. Arrange salmon and tomato on base of the flan case. Mix together the eggs, milk, pepper and salt and pour over the salmon and tomatoes. Sprinkle a little grated cheese on the top. Bake in the oven.

### **QUICHE LORRAINE:**

4 back rashers	2oz/50g grated cheese	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> pt/200ml milk
2 eggs	pinch of salt if desired	pepper

Grill the bacon and chop roughly. Place in the flan case. Mix together the milk, eggs, pepper, salt and pour over the bacon. Sprinkle the grated cheese on top and bake in the oven.

Bake in a pre-heated oven 200°C / 400°F/ Gas Mark 6 for 40-45 minutes.



## Tea-Time Scramble

### INGREDIENTS 20z/50g cooked ham,

chopped

2oz/50g cheddar

cheese, grated

pepper

2 slices hot toast

parsley to garnish

3 eggs	
2 dessertspoons of milk	
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> oz/5g butter or	
margarine	
1 tomato, chopped	

3

Beat eggs and milk together. Pour into a saucepan.

pinch of salt if desired

Add butter, chopped tomato and ham, grated cheese and seasoning.

Cook over a low heat until creamy, stirring all the time.

Spoon equal portions on to the toast.

Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve hot.

















COST	HEALTHY
	Ŏ







### HANDY HINTS

Use worcestershire sauce instead of mustard.



# **Toasted Cheese**

INGREDIENTS		
2 slices bread 2oz/50g grated cheese	2 teaspoons soft margarine or butter	1 teaspoon french mustard

- Pre-heat the grill. Toast the bread on one side.



Toast the other side until it crisps but has not turned brown.



Mix the grated cheese, margarine and mustard together and spread over the toast.



Grill for about 2 minutes until bubbling and starting to brown.

### **TOASTED CHEESE AND TOMATO:**

As above, but add 2 teaspoons tomato puree to the cheese mixture before toasting.

### TOASTED CHEESE AND PICKLE:

As in main recipe, but add 2 teaspoons of your favourite pickle to the cheese mixture before toasting.





# Weaning





\*Stage 1: 6mths for breastfeed babies 4-6mths for bottle-feed babies

# Suggested Guide to Weaning

	Stage 1* - Introducing complemenatry foods	Stage 2 Over 6 months	Stage 3 9-12 months
Cereal	Start with 1 teaspoon of baby rice. It should be of a thick liquid consistency and easy for the baby to swallow.	Mixed cereal based on wheat, oats, rye and barley.	Regular cereals, i.e., wheat biscuit. Avoid sugar-coated cereals.
Bread		Fingers of toast/bread, rusks.	Fingers of toast/bread, rusks.
Vegetables	Carrot, potato, cauliflower: simmer them and then liquidise or sieve them. (Avoid tinned vegetable).	Stronger flavoured vegetable: cabbage*, sprouts*, turnips. Simmer them, then mash or mince them.	Mash, mince or chop vegetables at this stage. Baked beans* can be introduced.
Fruit	Mash bananas, stew fresh fruit and liquidise or sieve them, i.e., apples, pears. Tinned fruit in juice can also be used.	Mash raw fruit.	Mince or chop fruit finely at this age.
Eggs		Scrambled or hard boiled eggs*. Add to vegetables or cereal.	Scrambled or hard boiled eggs*. Add to vegetables or cereal.
Yoghurt		Plain yoghurts with a little pureed fruit.	Plain yoghurts with a little pureed fruit.
Cheese		Soft cheese or grated mild cheese.	Soft cheese or grated mild cheese.
Meat Poultry		Finely chopped meat* without salt or spice. Moisten with home-made stock.	Mince* or chop*.
Fish		White fish grilled, baked or steamed. Always remove the bones.	Fish fingers or other frozen fish products. Tinned salmon or tuna could be tried. Remove bones.

\*Good sources of iron - important for babies over 6 months



# Hints & Recipes for Baby Foods

### **To Freeze**

Spoon the prepared food into plastic ice cube trays. Allow to cool. Freeze food cubes, pop out and put into freezer bags. Label and date. As the baby gets older use larger containers (e.g. yoghurt or margarine cartons).

### AVOID the following when preparing food for your baby

Salt Packet soups Packet sauce mixes Butter or margarine in large amounts Stock cubes, Gravy All savoury mixes with high salt content.

### To moisten baby foods use

UNDER 6 MONTHS: Breast milk or formula milk if not breast feeding Water Vegetable water Home-made stock 7 MONTHS ONWARDS: Breastmilk or formula Thin white sauce Thin custard Plain natural yoghurt



Weaning 110-115 may 07.qxd:Weaning 110-115 may 07.qxd 05/02/2008 10:38 Page 3











### HANDY HINTS

\* Vegetable water can also be used for moistening baby food.

Use liquidisers to puree vegetables and chicken.

Use remainder of stock for soup.





### Chicken and Rice (from 7 months)

INGREDIENTS		
75g/3oz chicken fillets <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup of rice	50g/2oz mixed vegetables e.g., carrots, parsnips, etc.	¹/₄ pt/150ml water

- Cut chicken fillets into small pieces.
- Wash, peel and chop mixed vegetables.
- Simmer the chicken and vegetables in the water for 20-30 minutes until tender. Save the stock.
- 4

Cook rice in boiling water for 10-12 minutes.

Strain the rice in the sieve and pour boiling water through to remove starch.

6

Mix the chicken, rice and vegetables together. Add a little stock to moisten\*. Mash or puree.



### Fish Surprise (from 7 months)

INGREDIENTS		
1oz/25g margarine/butter <sup>1</sup> /4 pt/150ml milk	1 dessertspoon plain flour 4oz/110g cooked white	2 dessertspoons frozen peas (cooked)
fish*		

Melt the margarine or butter in a saucepan, stir in the flour and cook for two minutes.

Gradually add the milk, stirring continuously.

1

2

 $\overline{3}$ 

4

Bring to the boil slowly. Remove from the heat.

Flake the fish and mash with the peas. Add in the white sauce gradually according to desired texture and flavour.







PREPARATION TIME	COOKING TIME
10	10
minutes	minutes



### HANDY HINTS

\*Tinned salmon or tuna may be used instead of the white fish. Always remove the bones and drain tinned fish.

Cook the fish on a plate over the saucepan in which the peas are cooking.













#### HANDY HINTS

Try different shapes and colours to add variety to dish.



### Mince and Cheese Pasta (from 7 months)

INGREDIENTS		
4oz/125g of cooked minced meat 8oz/250ml of milk	2 dessertspoon grated cheddar cheese 1 egg	1 cup of cooked pasta (e.g., macaroni)



Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Beat the egg. Add milk and cheese, mixing well. (A blender is ideal).



5

Add to the cooked pasta.

Pour into a lightly greased casserole dish.

Bake in the oven for about 30 minutes.





### Savoury Potatoes (from 7 months)

INGREDIENTS		
potatoes	cauliflower	cottage cheese or
vegetables	peas	grated cheese
carrot	broccoli	



Boil potatoes in their skins and peel afterwards.

Mash potato with a little milk, adding one or more of the following:

- mashed cooked vegetable like carrot, cauliflower, peas, broccoli;
- cottage cheese or grated cheese.







PREPARATION TIME	COOKING TIME
10	10
minutes	minutes



### HANDY HINTS

Ideal for children to make.

Use a microwave for cooking potatoes and vegetables.









# Benefits of Healthy Eating!

- Achieve a healthier body shape
- Clear, healthy skin
- Shiny, healthy hair
- Healthy happy heart
- Great smile and strong bones
- Be the best you can be at sports
- Concentrate better at work, school or college.

# Just Do It!

• Beat the morning blues! Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!



ast 2.





- When hunger attacks Strike back with a Healthy Snack!
- Thirsty Teenagers -Try Tasty Healthy Drinks!
- V Variety B Balance P Portions!

*Remember:* Use the following tables as a guide for choosing meals and snacks.







### Mix & Match for Meal Planning

Mix and match foods from the colour code below when planning your meals.

Green: = Go Foods - Eat to your hearts content!! Orange: = Caution Foods - Enjoy foods from here but don't go wild! Red: = Easy-Does-It - Enjoy these foods as a treat!



	Green	Orange	Red
Cereal	<ul><li>High fibre cereals</li><li>Porridge</li></ul>	• Plain cereals	• Chocolate/sugar coated cereals
Bread	Brown bread	• All white bread	<ul> <li>Bread with large amounts of spreads/jams/butter</li> </ul>
Potatoes	<ul> <li>Boiled/steamed or baked potatoes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Potatoes: roast/mashed</li> <li>Homemade spicy wedges</li> </ul>	• Chips
Rice	Brown boiled rice	• White boiled rice	• Fried rice
Pasta	• Brown boiled pasta	<ul> <li>White boiled pasta</li> <li>Plain pizza/with vegetables on</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pasta with creamy sauces and extra cheese</li> <li>Pepperoni pizza/extra cheese</li> </ul>
Vegetables	<ul> <li>Fresh/frozen vegetables</li> <li>Salad</li> <li>Homemade vegetable soup</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Salad with small amounts of regular dressing or low fat dressing</li> <li>Coleslaw-small amounts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Salad with lots of dressing/oils</li> <li>Potato salad</li> <li>Packet vegetable soup</li> </ul>
Fruit	<ul> <li>Fresh fruit e.g. apples, pears</li> <li>Tinned fruit in natural/ own juice</li> <li>Freshly squeezed juices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Raisins/dried fruits</li> <li>No added sugar/ unsweetened fruit juices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tinned fruit in syrup</li> <li>Squash/juice drinks</li> </ul>



### Mix & Match for Meal Planning cont'd

	Green	Orange	Red
Milk	<ul> <li>Low fat milk</li> <li>Skimmed milk</li> <li>Semi-skimmed milk</li> </ul>	• Full Fat milk	<ul> <li>Flavoured milk e.g. chocolate, strawberry</li> <li>Ice cream</li> </ul>
Yoghurt	<ul> <li>Natural yoghurts</li> <li>Diet yoghurts</li> <li>Yoghurt drinks</li> </ul>	• Yoghurt - Frozen - Full fat - Fruit	<ul> <li>Chocolate/toffee flavoured yoghurts</li> </ul>
Cheese	<ul><li> Low fat cheddar cheese</li><li> Cottage cheese</li><li> Edam/ mozzarella</li></ul>	• Cheese - Full fat - Mini round - Plain sticks	<ul><li>Cheese spreads</li><li>Processed cheese</li></ul>
Meat/Poultry Alternatives	• Beans* • Lentils	<ul> <li>Lean red meat*</li> <li>Chicken/turkey*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meat/chicken in batter or breadcrumbs</li> <li>Burgers/sausage rolls</li> <li>Sausages/rashers/pudding</li> </ul>
Fish	• Fresh fish	• Tinned - In brine Fish - Tomato sauce - Olive oil	• Fish in batter/ breadcrumbs
Eggs		Boiled/scrambled* poached	Fried

\* Good healthy sources of iron. Iron is important for teenagers.



# Snack Attack!!!!

Green	Orange	Red
<ul> <li>Fruit/Brown scones</li> <li>Crackers</li> <li>Brown bread</li> <li>High fibre breakfast cereals</li> <li>Plain popcorn</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plain biscuits</li> <li>Plain scones</li> <li>Pretzels</li> <li>Bagels</li> <li>Rolls</li> <li>Peanut butter/banana on brown bread</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sweet/chocolate biscuits</li> <li>Cookies/buns/muffins</li> <li>Cakes and tarts</li> <li>Ice-cream</li> <li>Chocolate</li> <li>Crisps</li> <li>Peanuts</li> <li>Chocolate spread</li> <li>Salted/butter/toffee coated popcorn</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>High fibre cereal bar (nuts and grains)</li> </ul>	• Cereal bars coated with sweet layer or chocolate
<ul> <li>Yoghurt</li> <li>1. Natural yoghurts</li> <li>2. Diet yoghurt</li> <li>3. Yoghurt drinks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Frozen yoghurt</li> <li>Full fat yoghurts</li> <li>Low fat custard</li> <li>Sugar free jelly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chocolate/toffee flavoured yoghurts</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Fresh fruit</li><li>Vegetable sticks e.g. carrots</li></ul>	• Raisins/dried fruit	
• Baked potato	<ul> <li>Pizza</li> <li>Brown bread with luncheon meat, tuna &amp; sweet corn</li> <li>Homemade oven chips</li> <li>Homemade spicy wedges</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chips</li> <li>Burgers</li> <li>Sausages/rashers/pudding</li> <li>Sausage rolls</li> </ul>

## Quench It! - Drinks

Green Orange		Red
• Water • Milk • Freshly squeezed juices • Homemade fruit smoothies	<ul> <li>Unsweetened fruit juice</li> <li>No added sugar drinks/squashes</li> <li>Diet/light minerals</li> <li>Fruit based milky drinks</li> <li>Flavoured waters</li> <li>Sports energy drinks if involved in training</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fizzy drinks</li> <li>Sugar drinks (squash &amp; juices)</li> <li>High-energy caffeine drinks.</li> </ul>



# Fruit Smoothies

### **INGREDIENTS**

1-2 pieces of large fruit (e.g. apple and pear) <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> carton of low fat diet yoghurt

1

2 3 4

5

1 cup of low fat milk <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup of freshly squeezed fruit juice 1 teaspoon of honey 4 ice cubes 2 marshmallows (optional)

Make sure all the ingredients are chilled before use.

Wash and peel fruit.

Blend fruit, yoghurt, milk and juice together until creamy.

Add honey and ice cubes and blend again.

Serve in a tall glass and place a marshmallow on top.







### **UTENSILS NEEDED**

LIQUIDISER/BLENDER JUICE SQUEEZER

### HANDY HINTS

Use a variety of fruit: apples, oranges, kiwi, seedless grapes, strawberry and bananas.

Use freshly squeezed orange or lemon juice.

Use low fat/diet yoghurt natural/ strawberry, orange, vanilla.



Health Promo Pages 116.qxd:Health Promo Pages 116.qxd 11/02 (2008 09:33 Page 6

DRESSING:

pepper

1

3 tablespoons olive oil

pinch of salt if desired

1 teaspoon honey

1 teaspoon whole grain mustard

1 tablespoon of lemon juice



NUMBER OF SERVINGS



### **UTENSILS NEEDED**

LARGE SERVING BOWL JAR WITH SECURE LID (JAM JAR)

#### HANDY HINTS

Try mange tout, peas, diced mushrooms, olives & nuts.

Spinach leaves are very tasty.

Complete the meal with wholemeal bread (P95) and hard boiled eggs, chopped ham steak or sliced chicken breast or Spaghetti Bolognese (P28)





# Tossed Green Salad

### **INGREDIENTS**

SALAD: 7oz/200g mixed lettuce leaves <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cucumber

- 3-4 tomatoes
- 1 medium carrot

### **DRESSING METHOD:**

- Place all ingredients in jar with a secure lid.
- Make sure lid is on tightly.
- Shake well to mix ingredients together.

### SALAD METHOD:

- Wash, drain and gently pat the lettuce leaves.
- Tear leaves into small pieces.
- Wash, dry and slice cucumber.
- Wash tomatoes and cut each into eight pieces.
- Wash, peel and grate carrot.
- Mix lettuce, cucumber and tomatoes in large bowl.

### WHEN READY TO SERVE:

- Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss to coat.
- Sprinkle grated carrot on top.



# Pesto and Chicken with Pasta

INGREDIENTS			
4 chicken fillets chopped	3 teaspoons green pesto	1 teaspoon vegetable oil	
12oz/340g pasta	pinch of salt if desired	1 small onion chopped	
1 pepper	pepper		

Cook the pasta as instructed on the pack.

Heat the olive oil in a frying pan. Add the chopped onion. Fry for 2 mins. Add the chopped chicken and fry for 8-10 mins, turning occasionally. Season with salt and pepper.



1

2

Chop the pepper.

Add the chopped pepper, pasta and pesto sauce to the chicken. Stir well. Cook for a further 5 mins.



Serve hot.



Health Promo Pages 116.qxd:Health Promo Pages 116.qxd 11/02/2008 09:33 Page 8



COST	HEALTHY
	Ŭ

NUMBER OF SERVINGS



**UTENSILS NEEDED PLASTIC CONTAINER BAKING TRAY 1 LARGE BOWL AND METAL SPOON** 

### HANDY HINTS

Serve with tossed green salad (page 126).

Cover with natural yoghurt, low fat grated cheese or salsa.

Try other spices to alter flavours -Cajun, Indian or Mexican, garlic.





# Spicy Potato Wedges

INGREDIENTS		
4 medium size potatoes 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil	1 teaspoon cayenne pepper black pepper	

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6.



Wash and cut potatoes into 8 wedges (leave skin on).



Place in a container and pour vegetable oil over them. Close container and shake.



Sprinkle wedges with cayenne pepper and pepper and close container and shake again.



6

Place wedges on baking tray.

Cook for 35 minutes until golden brown.



# Cheese Melties

INGREDIENTS		
2 soft flour tortillas 2oz/50g grated cheese 1 slice of ham	1 teaspoon wholegrain mustard 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil	

Heat the vegetable oil in a frying pan.

Place 1 tortilla on a dinner plate. Spread 1 teaspoon of wholegrain mustard evenly on one side.

Sprinkle the grated cheese on top.

Chop the ham into small pieces and place on top of the cheese.

Place the second tortilla on top, making a sandwich.

Put the sandwich into the hot frying pan. Using a spatula turn the sandwich immediately.

Cook on the reverse side for 1 minute and turn again.

Cut into 6 pieces. Serve with a tossed green salad (pg 126).







PREPARATION TIME	COOKING TIME
5	2
minutes	minutes



### HANDY HINTS

If you are having a second meltie heat 1 teaspoon of oil between each sandwich.

The melties burn very easily. Take care when cooking them.

Very, very filling.



Health Promo Pages 116.qxd:Health Promo Pages 116.qxd 11/02 2008 09:33 Page 10





NUMBER OF SERVINGS





#### HANDY HINTS

For a healthy option add grated carrot and/or mushrooms.

Serve with low fat natural yoghurt or sour cream.

8 chicken nuggets baked in oven instead of chicken fillets.





# Chicken Tortillas

### INGREDIENTS

2 chicken fillets 1 green pepper 1 red pepper 4oz/100g grated cheese 4 tortilla wraps chicken fajita seasoning/sauce/salsa 1 teaspoon vegetable oil

- Cut the chicken into small strips.
- Slice the peppers and onions into thin strips.
- Fry the chicken in the olive oil over a medium heat for 8-10 minutes.
- Add the fajita spice mix and vegetables.
- Stir fry for a further 3 minutes until the seasoning mix coats them thoroughly to make a juicy filling.
- 6 Heat Oven

or

Heat the tortillas in either:

n Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / Gas Mark 4. Wrap in tin foil and heat for 15 minutes.

Microwave Place on a plate, cover with cling film and heat for 1 minute on full power.

(7)

3

4 5

> Place the chicken mix on top of the wrap, sprinkle cheese on top and roll the tortilla around the filling to make a fajita.



Serve with tossed green salad (pg 126).



# **Baked Apples**

INGREDIENTS		
3 cooking apples	3 teaspoons of butter	
50ml water	low fat natural yoghurt	
brown sugar		

Pre-heat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas Mark 6.

Wash apples and remove the core.

Place in a baking dish.

Pour the water around the apples.

Fill each apple with sugar and top with 1 teaspoon of butter.

Bake in the oven till the apples are soft - about 30 minutes.

Remove from baking dish and drizzle with low-fat natural yoghurt.







PREPARATION TIME	COOKING TIME
10	30
minutes	minutes

UTENSILS NEEDED BAKING DISH

### HANDY HINTS

Use mincemeat (jar) instead of sugar.

Stuff the apples with currants, sultanas, raisins or any dried fruit.

Mix grated orange rind or cloves with the brown sugar.

Can be cooked in the Microwave.



Health Promo Pages 116.qxd:Health Promo Pages 116.qxd 11/02/2008 09:33 Page 12



NUMBER OF SERVINGS	
*	





#### HANDY HINTS

You can make enough for a week or according to your budget.

Buy the broken nuts in the Health shops as they are cheaper.





# "A Graze Box"

INGREDIENTS		
100g of dried fruit - raisins, sultanas, apricots etc	100g of nuts - sunflower seeds, almonds, shelled nuts, cashews,	hazelnuts



Place ingredients into an airtight container.



Put on lid and shake well mixing all the flavours of the nuts and dried fruit together.



Store in a cool dry place.

Eat within 14 days of preparation.

Ideal to munch on looking at TV, studying or just grazing!

CAUTION: This is not suitable for children under 5 years of age.

Health Promo Pages 116.qxd:Health Promo Pages 116.qxd 11/02/2008 09:33 Page 13



# Other meal & snack suggestions

# Meals



Chilli Con Carne Page 24



**Snacks** 

Baked Potato Page 101



Spanish Omelette Page 65



Pizza Baps Page 106



Stir-Fry Vegetables Page 66



Tea-Time scramble Page 111



Veggie Burger Page 67



Toasted Cheese Page 112





# Cooking for One



# Cooking for One

A common dilemma for many people living on their own is how to prepare and enjoy healthy meals in a way that is worth the effort, cost and time. Whether you are a younger student or an older person living on your own, the following section provides some helpful ideas on how to plan and cook meals in smaller amounts.

Smart Shopping

- Make a list and stick to it.
- Never shop on an empty stomach you may buy food you wouldn't normally buy.
- Own brands are often just as nutritious as big name brands and are generally cheaper.

Bread, Cereals & Potatoes

- Buy smalls loaves of bread.
- Fresh bread and bread rolls, scones and bagels can all be frozen.
- Par-baked bread rolls are ideal as they can be baked when needed.
- Choose loose potatoes rather than a large heavy bag.
- Whole wheat pasta and brown rice are great alternatives to potatoes.






Fruit & Vegetables

- Buy fresh fruit and vegetables when in season as they are cheaper and tastier.
- Frozen vegetables are just as nutritious as fresh vegetables and require little preparation (do not over cook). They are also very economical as there is no waste.
- Fruit tinned in natural juice is a handy alternative to fresh fruit.

Milk, Cheese & Yoghurts

• Supermarket own brands are often cheaper than big name brands and are available in a variety of sizes.

Meat, Fish, Eggs, Peas & Beans

- Butcher's counters are ideal places to buy meat in smaller amounts.
- Large packets of meat or fish on special offer, can be broken into smaller amounts and frozen for later use.
- Tinned fish is economical, comes in small tins ideal for one and requires no cooking.
- Frozen fish or fish fingers are good alternatives to fresh fish.



Stir-Fry

	INGREDIENTS	
150g chicken, beef, pork or lamb pieces 1 clove garlic 1 small onion 2 mushrooms 1 small pepper	1 carrot 1 dessertspoon soy sauce 1 teaspoon cornflour 1 teaspoon vegetable oil	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> stock cube dissolved in 90mls of boiling water <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> dessertspoon cornflour or flour

- Cut pork into thin slices.
- Cut onions into thin slices and chop garlic.
- Slice mushrooms and cut carrots and pepper into thin strips.
- Mix the 90mls chicken stock with the soy sauce.
  - Blend in the cornflour and mix to a smooth paste.
- $(\mathbf{5})$ Heat the oil in a large frying pan.
  - Add the pork and fry until well browned.
  - Add onion and carrot to the pan and fry for 2-3 minutes.
  - Then add mushrooms and pepper to pork mixture and continue frying for 2-3 minutes.
- (8) Pour the stock mixture into the pan and bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Simmer for 5 minutes. Serve immediately with fried rice.

#### TO MAKE FRIED RICE:

6 7

Beat an egg in a cup. Fry in a little oil. Place on a plate and chop finely. Add the cooked rice to the frying pan. Mix in the chopped egg. Stir until well heated.











**FRYING PAN** 

#### **HANDY HINTS**

Chicken, beef or lamb can be used instead of pork. A variety of ingredients can be added to fried rice chopped onion or garlic can be fried with the rice. Add spring onions, frozen peas, peeled prawns or diced cooked chicken halfway through cooking. Serve with noodles.





NUMBER OF SERVINGS







herrings, trout.





#### **Baked Stuffed Fish**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- Pre-heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.
- Clean and prepare fish. Dry in kitchen paper.
  - Mix breadcrumbs, chopped onion, parsley/mixed herbs, salt and pepper, in a small bowl.

Heat oil and stir into crumb mixture. Finally add a little lemon rind or juice.

Lay 1 fillet on a greased dish, skin side down and spoon stuffing carefully onto each fillet. Flatten well down and cover with the other fillet. Cover with foil.



Bake for 20-30 minutes, depending on size and thickness of fish.

Lift fish carefully on to a warmed serving dish and surround with cooked peas, lemon wedges and parsley.



### Spaghetti Bolognese

INGREDIENTS				
1lb/450g mince beef/lamb 1 onion finely chopped beef cube <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pt/275ml of water	1 dessertspoon tomato sauce pinch of salt if desired pepper 1 dessertspoon flour	1 tin of tomatoes (optional: 6 mushrooms chopped, peppers, broccoli, sweetcorn, carrots 8oz spaghetti		

Cook the mince beef/lamb, onions and mushrooms on a dry pan (low heat) for 15 minutes. (Sufficient fat in mince for frying).



Add flour and stir well.

Add the water and before it comes to the boil add the crushed beef cube, tin of tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt and pepper. Cook gently for 45 minutes.



Cook the spaghetti for 10-15 minutes in boiling salted water. Strain.

Serve with the bolognese sauce on top.











#### HANDY HINTS

Any leftover bolognese sauce can be used to fill pancakes or as a topping for baked potatoes.





COST	HEALTHY
	Ŭ







#### Farmhouse Vegetable Soup

#### **INGREDIENTS** 1 carrot 1 tomato pinch of salt if desired <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> turnip <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> teaspoon vegetable 1 chicken stock cube oil dissolved in 3/4 pint 1 parsnip water 1oz/25g flour 1 leek parsley to garnish pt/75ml milk 1 onion pepper 2 mushrooms

Wash, peel and dice carrots, turnips and parsnips. Wash and chop leeks, chop onion and slice mushrooms. Skin and chop tomatoes.



Heat the oil in a large saucepan, and gently fry onion and mushrooms.

- Add carrots, turnips, parsnips and leeks and fry gently.
- Stir in the flour to absorb fat, gradually stir in the milk.
- Add stock and bring to boil, stirring continuously.
- Add tomatoes, pepper and a pinch of salt if desired.
- Cover saucepan and simmer gently for about 45 minutes.

Cooking for one:Cooking for one 11/02/2008 09:40 Page 7



## Other meal & snack suggestions for Cooking for One



Omelette





Quiches \* Page 109-110



Tea Time Scramble Page 111



Chicken Casserole \* Page 54



Pizza Baps Page 106



Toasted Cheese Page 112





Kitchen Hygiene May 07:Kitchen Hygiene May 07 05/02/2008 Ag:41 Page 1

1

3

5

8

9





### Food Safety in the Kitchen

- Purchase food from a reliable source. Check the "sell by", "use by" and "best before" dates.
- Put refrigerated foods and frozen foods into your fridge or freezer as soon as possible after buying.
- Do not overload your fridge or freezer.
- Do not store raw and cooked foods on the same shelf. Place cooked and ready-to-eat foods on a shelf higher than uncooked foods to prevent juices from raw meat coming into contact with other food.
- Do not handle food unnecessarily.
- Wash raw fruit and vegetables thoroughly before eating.
- Cook food thoroughly. Cooked food should be kept clean and covered.
- When re-heating food ensure that it is piping hot all the way through before eating. Food should never be re-heated more than once.
- Surfaces and utensils should be cleaned with hot water and detergent before being used.



### Food Safety in the Kitchen

All kitchen cloths should be washed frequently and replaced regularly. Use carefully, remembering where they were last used. Tea towels should not be used as hand towels or wipe cloths.

Keep family pets outside the kitchen. Their food should be kept separate from family food and different utensils and dishes should be used to feed them.

(12)

10

11

All rubbish should be stored in a rubbish bag or bin and sealed tightly when full. Waste should always be kept covered and rubbish bags should be removed daily to an outdoor bin.



Wash your hands thoroughly:

- Before preparing food,
- After handling raw meat and vegetables,
- After coughing, sneezing or using a handkerchief,
- After handling a baby's nappy,
- After handling pets.

Cover cuts and scars with water-proof dressing.







# General Freezing and Thawing

- All frozen foods should be properly sealed.
- The freezer should be maintained at a temperature of -18°C or less, check that the freezer is in good working order.
- Frozen food must not be stored for longer than recommended by the manufacturer as the quality gradually deteriorates.
- Never use hot water or other artificial means to thaw frozen food.
- Always make sure that frozen foods are completely thawed especially chicken before cooking (unless the instructions specifically state "cook from frozen", e.g., frozen vegetables).
- Frozen foods should be defrosted in a fridge.
- The freezer should be defrosted on a regular basis to prevent the build-up of ice.
- Label food with food type, date and weight.
- Never refreeze food unless it has first been cooked.
- Avoid putting hot food in a freezer.

1

3

5

6



### Shopping Guide

Set aside the amount of money you can spend on food each week.

Write out a shopping list. Plan menus for a few days ahead; it will save money as you are less likely to buy food on impulse.

The more expensive brands are usually displayed at eye level; check the top and bottom shelves for special offers and cheaper brands.

Supermarkets' own brands are cheaper. They are often made by the same company as the 'advertised' brands.

Pound for pound, potatoes are cheaper than ready-made chips but they take time to prepare.

Fruit and vegetables tend to be cheaper in grocery shops than in the supermarkets.



#### Kitchen Hygiene May 07:Kitchen Hygiene May 07 05/02/2008 240:41 Page 5





### Shopping Guide



Cheapest vegetables are usually cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, mixed vegetables (frozen) and frozen peas.



When fresh vegetables are not in season frozen or tinned ones will be cheaper and are just as good.



Eggs are easy to cook and full of nourishment. Healthy cooking options include boiled, poaching or scrambled.



Meat is cheaper in a butcher's shop than the supermarket and you can choose the exact amount you want.



Mince is low in cost and it has no waste from bone and gristle. Mince may be high in fat. It is better to buy a smaller quantity of leaner mince.



Fish is quick to prepare and very nutritious. Different varieties of fish, such as mackerel, coley, herrings, fish fingers and tinned fish, are good value for money.

Kitchen	Hygiene	May	07:Kitchen	Hygiene	May	07	05/02/2008	10:41	Page 6
								$\Psi^{-}$	

Notes	
	Carlo and
	5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1



Notes

Kitchen	Hygiene	May	07:Kitchen	Hygiene	May	07	05/02/2008	10:41	Page 8
								$\Psi^{-}$	

Notes	
	and the second second
	States of
	-
	_
	and the second

and the second



Ť
Notes
 -



Notes	
	TETRE



Notes
$\rightarrow$





#### Acknowledgements

The HSE West and PAUL Partnership acknowledges the initiative of Norah Bourke, (Limerick MABS) who compiled the book, with contributions from her colleagues Sheila King, Christine Gurnett and Marie Barrett, Community Dietitians, (HSE) and Marie Flanagan, Tutor, (Limerick VEC) in the development of '101+ Square Meals'.

Further, they wish to thank the members of the original 1998 Project Steering Committee for their advice and guidance in completing this publication:

> Mr. Seamus Woods Ms. Anne Kavanagh Ms. Tina O'Donnell Ms. Anita Kilgallon Ms. Dorothy Brislane

HSE West PAUL Partnership Limerick MABS Limerick MABS National Adult Literacy Agency

A special thanks to *safefood* for their input into Food Safety in the Kitchen.

Similarly a note of appreciation is extended to Avril Cairns from AViD Graphic Design for her excellent work in the design of the publication and Niav Murphy for her humorous illustrations.

Many thanks to family and friends for donating their favourite recipes and hints to our recipe book.

ISBN: 1 874075 14 X First published in December 1998 © Limerick Money Advice & Budgeting Services 1998 © Mid-Western Health Board 1998

#### Many thanks to our sponsors











LIMERICK CITY V.E.C.

Population Health, HSE West Money Advice and Budgeting Service PAUL Partnership Limerick Limerick City V.E.C. *safe*food















