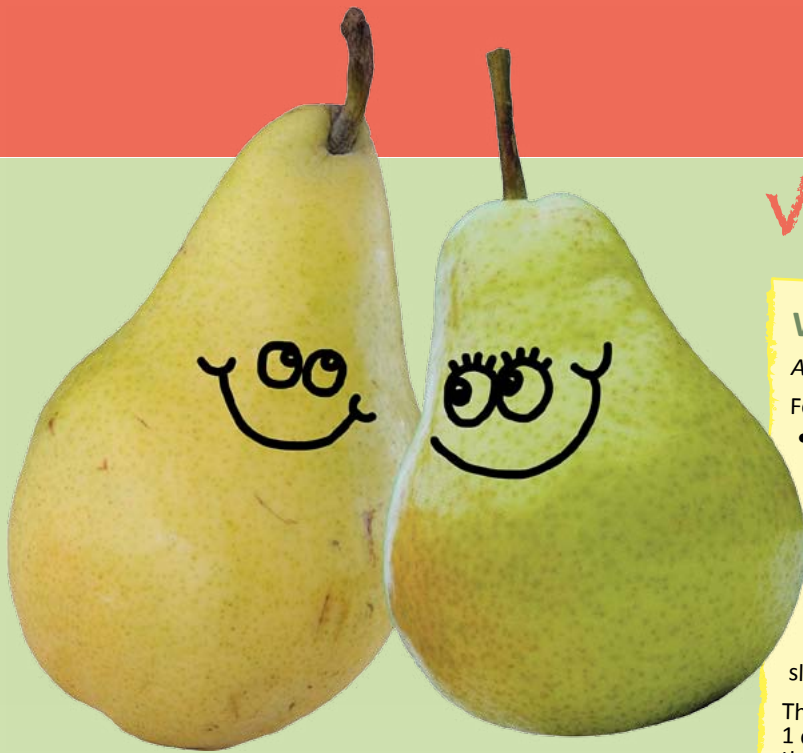




Vegetarian Delights

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Warm Pear Chevre and Blue Fans

A simple fresh starter which works well at any time of year.

For 4 people you will need:

- two large firm pears
- 150g goats cheese
- 100g blue Camembert cheese (or similar).

Cut the pears in half long ways and remove any 'woody' core parts and pips. Then, using a fine bladed sharp knife, carefully cut a number of lines from the base to about 1 ½ or 2 cm from the top of the pear. Carefully slip alternate slices of goats and blue cheese between the lines and spread slightly to create a fan.

The easiest way to cook these is individually, in a microwave for 1 or 2 minutes, depending on power rating (ie 600 watts), until the pear is warmed and the cheese melted. Serve with fresh crusty bread.

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Filo Spinach and Feta Pie

- 1 pack of Filo or brick pastry leaves
- 600g frozen chopped
- creamed spinach
- 150-200g feta cheese.
- a little very soft butter.

Firstly prepare the spinach as per the instructions but continue cooking and stirring until a little drier than normal.

Place four of the fine pastry leaves in a flan or pie dish. Evenly spoon the spinach onto this and then roughly break or slice the feta cheese over it in a layer. Cover with another four pastry leaves and spread the very soft butter over the top one to glaze the pastry in cooking.

Cook in a 180° oven for 25 to 30 minutes until the pastry is gold and lightly crisped. Serve with tiny boiled new potatoes.

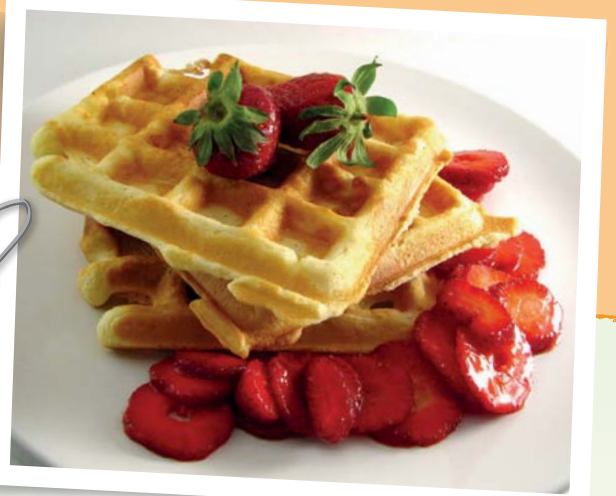
To make a delicious non vegetarian version, poach a salmon fillet of around 160 - 200 grams for around 10 -12 minutes. Drain and leave to cool whilst following the above adding the roughly flaked salmon with the feta cheese. Continue as before.

Simple Tippy Fruit Waffles

- 1 pack of liege waffles (chocolate or natural as you wish)
- seasonal fruit eg cherries or nectarines
- alcohol to make the fruit tippy ! Kirsch is good with cherries, cognac with nectarines, or rum with bananas.)
- 1 aerosol of sweetened cream

Stone and slice the fruit and place in a single layer on top of each waffle, sprinkle over a dessert spoonful of your chosen alcohol, chill for a little while and just before serving cover with a generous swirl of the cream. Also nice to add a sprinkling of sieved cocoa powder, chopped or flaked nuts or caramel sauce.

Quick and easy, and a good reason to keep a pack of waffles in your store cupboard and a can of cream in your fridge - ready for emergencies!



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