RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Hot Salmon Salad

Ingredients Method

350 g salmon fillet 225 g thin french beans, tails trimmed, tops left on 50 g flaked almonds 200 g pack of rocket leaves 1 tablespoon of black peppercorns

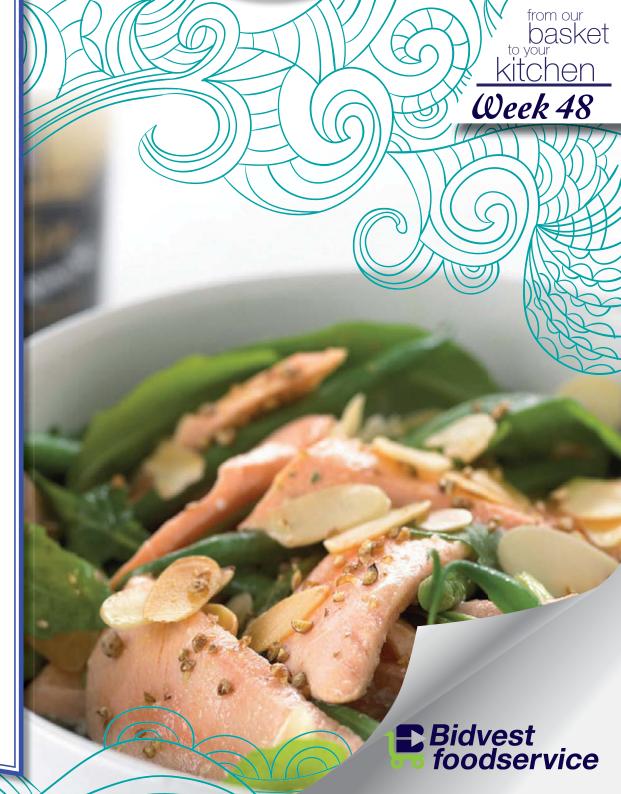
dressing

1 heaped teaspoon of mustard 1 heaped teaspoon of honev ½ a lemon, juice and zest 4 tablespoons of olive oil

sea salt & cracked black

pepper to taste

Gently poach the salmon in lightly salted water. At the same time, cook the beans in lightly salted boiling water until tender. Drain and reserve with the salmon, keeping both warm. Lightly toast the flaked almonds in a dry nonstick pan. Peel the skin from the salmon, carefully flake the flesh into large pieces and place in a bowl with the rocket leaves and cooked french beans. Add the coarse black peppercorns. Mix the dressing ingredients together and pour over the salad. Toss lightly. Transfer to serving bowls or plates. Scatter with the toasted almonds and cracked black pepper.





Pita Pockets

with Sweet and Sour Chicken Mayonnaise

Ingredients Method

600 g chicken, cooked and shredded
200 ml tangy mayonnaise
30 ml sweet chilli sauce
50 ml pineapple juice
20 ml white sugar
30 ml lemon juice
50 ml pineapple, finely chopped
rocket for pitas
salt and pepper for

seasoning

Combine the shredded chicken and mayonnaise. Mix well and season. In a pan bring the sweet chilli, pineapple juice, sugar, lemon juice and pineapple to the boil and boil until thickened. Allow to cool and then fold into the chicken mayonnaise. Mix well. Cut the pita pockets open and fill with the rocket leaves and the chicken mayonnaise.



Le Week Nougat Cake

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Ingredients

180 g margarine 200 ml castor sugar 45 ml runny honey 5 ml almond essence 4 large whole eggs 2 egg yolks (reserve the 2 whites for the topping) 625 ml cake flour pinch of salt

> 15 ml baking powder 190 ml milk 75 g mixed glace cherries, roughly chopped

nougat topping

2 reserved egg whites pinch of salt 30 ml hot water 10 ml runny honey 1 ml almond essence 60 ml castor sugar 50 g flaked or slivered almonds, lightly toasted

Method

Preheat the oven to 160°C. Grease a ring-form cake pan. Beat the margarine, castor sugar and honey together until fluffy. Beat in the essence, whole eggs and yolks. Gently blend in the cherries tossed in the flour first, along with the salt, baking powder and milk, to achieve a firm dropping consistency. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan, and bake in a preheated oven for 45-50 minutes. While the cake is baking, prepare the topping. Using a hand or electric whisk, beat together the egg whites, salt, hot water, honey and essence in a bowl fitting snugly into a pot with enough simmering water in it, to touch the bowl base. When the egg whites are just beginning to change from foam to soft peak stage, gradually beat in the sugar in small amounts at a time, over the hot water, until a glossy stiff meringue forms. Remove from the stove and add most of the toasted almonds. Spread onto the cooled cake and sprinkle the reserved almonds on top. If you are not serving the cake soon, it may be best to store the topping separately until required.



Ingredients

3 large egg yolks

420 g tin of pitted black cherries, drained 400 ml milk 250 ml mascarpone 45 ml castor sugar

Method

Mix the egg yolks and cherries together and set aside. Place the milk and mascarpone in a saucepan and bring to the boil, whisking continuously. Remove the milk mixture from the heat and whisk in the egg mixture until well combined. Return the saucepan to the heat and cook on medium heat until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of a wooden spoon. Pour the mixture into ramekins and refrigerate for about 2 hours until set. To serve, sprinkle the sugar over the top and caramelise with a blowtorch.



Garamelised Bnion Tarts with butternut, leta and rocket

Ingredients

caramelised onion

80 ml butter 6 onions, sliced

tarts

1 egg 15 ml water 400 g cheese and herb puff pastry olive oil

topping

300 g roasted butternut cubes
100 g feta cheese
rocket leaves
salt and ground black pepper
to taste



Method

Heat the butter in a large saucepan. Slice the onions thickly and sauté until soft and caramelised. Season to taste. Thaw the pastry completely at room temperature. Roll out the puff pastry on a lightly floured surface. Cut into 6 x 10 cm x 8 cm rectangles. Preheat the oven to 180°C. Make a light 1 cm indent with the back of a butter knife, 1 cm from the edge of the pastry. Scatter the caramelised onions over the inside of the pastries. Drizzle olive oil over the top. Combine the egg and the water and brush the rim of each tart. Bake for 20 minutes until golden brown. For the topping: Mix the butternut cubes with the feta. Serve with rocket leaves on top. Season with salt and ground black pepper.

