

THERE ARE FOUR KEY CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE CARE HOME POPULATION

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Providing complete food solutions for care homes is not just about the right dishes and menus for residents...

Catering in care homes means providing the best options for residents, staff and, increasingly, visitors. Consider the following...

STAFF

A focus on variety, price and healthier choices.

RESIDENTS

The requirement for specialist diets, food uptake and nutrition.

VISITORS

Focus on quality and high street trends.



Challenges & considerations

RESIDENT, VISITOR &

FOR CARE

UPTAKE OF FOOD, OUT MEAL TIMES

STAFF & TRAINING

- → Understanding dietary requirements and being able to deliver different versions of the same dish to ensure residents are treated the same
- → The age demographic has changed, people are living longer, residents are often well travelled and have developed varied taste palates
- > Social activity is key to a healthy mind and wellness
- Residents should be at the top of everything you do, ask them what their favourite foods are and encourage them to join in
- -> Residents may not want to eat, understanding why can create solutions for your teams to support the resident - training is key to success
- → Taste buds diminish with age so stronger flavours are required
- → Kitchen and care staff need to understand each other and work together as one team. The Home Manager needs to bring everyone together to make a warm & friendly environment



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ON HAND TO HELP

Residents moving to a care home who have previously lived by themselves may have stopped preparing some of their favourite dishes and will have developed different eating patterns.

From this a chef will be able to accommodate any requirements

t's not just about the food, think about



Regardless of dietary needs we all take that first bite with our eyes, take the time to make all of your dishes look special

Development Chef

Danny Silcock, Care Home

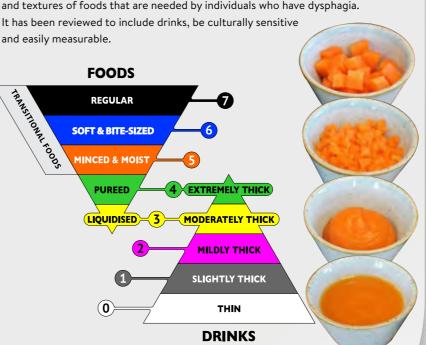
Danny suggests these simple ideas...

- → Encourage sociability
- → All the comforts of home
- → Attractive eating areas, inviting and well lit
- Laid tables and drinks for every resident to encourage fluid intake and digestion
- Provide the right utensils for each resident
- Menu cards with colourfu images to encourage appetit and help communication
- Cooking aromas coming through from the kitche











NEW

INSTANT FOOD THICKENER

Ideal for modifying the texture of food

Brakes are delighted to bring to market this modified maize starch instant food thickener, suitable for hot and cold foods.

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- Great application in the healthcare and fine dining sector for texture modified foods
- → Disperses quickly & evenly in hot & cold food
- > Screw top lid for easy use





The right tools

To help you to create great dishes we

A 86406 Migi Blue 18" Piping Bags 1 x 100 and from Brakes Catering Equipment

566858 Steel Mousse Rings 7cm x 3cm

for the job

We run training days aimed at helping you to understand dysphagia and what it's like to live with the condition. We'll share our simple menu ideas to help you cut down on the number of different dishes you need to cook every day. The day concludes with a hands-on session so that chefs can explore and create without the time pressures of their busy work environment.

The four key conditions...

DYSPHAGIA IS THE MEDICAL TERM

Some people with dysphagia have problems swallowing certain foods or drinks, whereas others aren't able to swallow at all.

Dysphagia usually occurs as a result of having a stroke, Parkinson's disease, head and neck cancers or motor neurone disease. Changing the consistency of food

and drinks makes them safer for people with dysphagia to swallow.

FOR SWALLOWING DIFFICULTIES

DYSPHAGIA

DID YOU KNOW?

Care Home Development Chef

Danny Silcock

The four key conditions... MALNUTRITON

MALNUTRITION LITERALLY TRANSLATES AS 'POOR NUTRITION'

Malnutrition in the healthcare sector, generally refers to residents not getting enough of the nutrients they need.

Small, high energy, protein-based meals and snacks will deliver good results and will help residents to enjoy their food.

Signs of malnutrition

Some of the common signs of malnutrition include unintentional weight loss, general lack of interest in food with a loss of appetite, low body weight (body mass index of less than 18.5) weakness, tiredness and regularly being ill but taking longer to recover than usual.

Why does it happen?

There are a number of reasons that people become malnourished:

- → Poor appetite
- → As a result of an illness
- → Poor sense of taste and smell
- → Food poorly presented
- → Meals served at unsuitable times
- → There is no choice of portion size
- → Food is served at an inappropriate temperature

Food comes first

Although nutritional supplements can play a useful role for some people, using the 'food first' approach is advised.

Use every day ingredients to fortify meals and snacks with extra calories and protein. Increasing the energy content of meals without increasing the portion size is particularly beneficial to people with smaller appetites.

Food fortification can be more practical and cheaper than using nutritional supplements. Offering fortified small snacks, meals and drinks regularly throughout the day should help to stimulate appetite. Find out your residents' favourite foods and aim to fortify them with extra nutrients, there are plenty of easy ways to achieve higher-calorie dishes; we've shown a selection here:









custard, soup and mashed potato

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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: HYDRATION

Improving HYDRATION

IN CARE HOME RESIDENTS



Improving hydration reduces anxiety and improves quality of life for both residents and staff.

Brakes and Tetley have teamed up to create the Hydration Kit - designed to spark conversation and encourage care home residents to reminisce about the past.

The kit includes recipe inspiration, activity sheets, nostalgic games and POS all designed to help you plan your activity calendars - and most importantly, keep residents healthy and well hydrated!

Visit tetleyteaacademy.co.uk to find out more and register if you haven't

travel in time

TO...THE 1940S



> Offer drinks to residents at all meal occasions > Use a clear glass so the contents are visible to residents, or a brightly coloured cup to draw attention to the drink

> Offer a variety of drinks (both hot and cold)

throughout the day such as tea, coffee, water, squash, fruit juice, milk, etc. - all fluids count! > Offer the cup or glass directly to your resident or place it in their eye line. Tell them where the drink is and what it is

Make sure the cup or glass is suitable for the resident not too heavy with the appropriate size handles

> Foods provide fluid too. Fruits, vegetables, soups, stews, jelly etc. all have high water contents and all contribute towards fluid intake

Ruth O'Sullivan, Nutritionist

Nutritional expertise

Our Associate Registered Nutritionist, Ruth O'Sullivan is also an Affiliate member of the British Dietetic Association.

She's on hand to provide support and advice to help you produce meals and snacks to meet the dietary needs of your residents.

Contact Ruth at nutrition@brake.co.uk for... General menu and recipe advice, help with special dietary needs

The four key conditions... DEMENTIA

DEMENTIA IS A GROUP OF SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH A DECLINE IN BRAIN **FUNCTION**

Due to an aging population dementia is one of the fastest growing conditions in care.

It can bring about a number of symptoms including memory loss and a decline in mental agility, thinking speed and language and can also affect mood, movement and the ability to carry out daily activities.

People with dementia have very individual habits, some may...

- → Have unusual food choices
- → Hold food in the mouth but not swallow it
- → Be unable to recognise food
- → Forget to eat
- Have dysphagia



The general advice is to provide...

- → Regular small meals & snacks
- Energy dense or fortified meals & snacks
- Help for residents when eating
- Hand held/finger foods for those unable to use cutlery



LESS THAN HALF OF PEOPLE IN THE UK WITH DEMENTIA RECEIVE **A DIAGNOSIS**

ONE THIRD OF PEOPLE OVER 95 HAVE DEMENTIA

TWO THIRDS **OF PEOPLE** WITH DEMENTIA **ARE WOMEN**



A GUIDE TO THE CARE SECTOR

Hand-held food – for residents with dementia

Many people with dementia have problems with eating and drinking and can find social situations challenging.

Hand-held foods play a really useful role for those who have difficulty with co-ordination and for those can't hold or don't recognise cutlery any longer

There's a variety of ways to create some appetising hand-held food from sweet and savoury pastries to filled pasta, flavoured pittas, potato skins and stuffed Yorkshire puddings. Have a look at our breakfast quiches recipe and the carrier ideas below to get you started



Pastry

Sweet, Savoury, Filo, Spring Roll, Vol au Vents and Choux. An ideal carrier for hand-held food as they can be moulded into a range of shapes and will hold fillings very well. Using an all butter pastry will ensure a good mixture of textures. Pastry fillings can comprise almost anything you have in the store cupboard or fridge. Choux buns can also be filled with savoury fillings such as smoked salmon pâté, cream cheese and sun-blushed tomatoes.



Breads

Available in many shapes, sizes and flavours. Bread can be baked as croûtes (a small round of toasted bread on which a savoury mixture is served); hollowed out and filled, rolled and wrapped. For an Eastern feel why not try flavoured Pitta Breads, Naan Bread or Khobez Breads or go for a European twist with Croissants, Focaccia or Petit Pans.



Pasta

THE KEY CONDITIONS: DEMENTIA

Our favourite is filled pasta (such as ravioli or tortellini) coated in a crumb and deep fried or baked! These can be filled with both sweet and savoury fillings. A light crispy coating gives strong texture on the outer layer and silky soft pasta underneath. Good fillings to use include cream cheese, spinach and pine nuts, smoked chicken and tarragon or three cheese and onion. Try chocolate and orange as your sweet filling!



Potato

Boiled, roasted, baked or new - we love them all! Simply scoop out the middle, fill with your favourite fillings, top with cheese and bake in the oven for those crispy style potato skins. Ideal for snacks or as a side dish. Mix your flavours up with ingredients such as cheese and chive, bacon, olives and feta.



Batter

Yorkshire Puddings, pancakes, beer batter, tempura batter and bhajis - all of these can be adapted with new flavours to stimulate taste buds. Add herbs and spices to them or fold in meats or vegetables. A few ideas to get you started: Toad in the Hole, Stuffed Yorkshire Puddings with Pulled Ham, Rolled Pancake with Chicken Strips, Spinach and Cream Cheese.



Sweets

Brandy Snaps, Tuile Baskets, Sponge and Meringues - all have a varied texture so they can be enjoyed by everyone. Ideal fillings for these are freshly whipped cream, crème patisserie, chocolate ganache and



The four key conditions... DIABETES

A SERIOUS, LIFELONG CONDITION **CONCERNING INSULIN PRODUCTION**

Diabetes is a serious, lifelong condition where the body either doesn't make enough insulin or the insulin it does make doesn't work properly. If left untreated, high levels of sugar in the blood can cause serious health complications.

The dietary advice for people with diabetes is to reach and maintain a healthy weight and to follow a healthy balanced diet which is the same advice given to the rest of the population. Having diabetes doesn't mean sugar has to be completely avoided, it can be included as part of a balanced diet.

Choose healthier cooking methods such as steaming rather than boiling and grilling instead of deep frying. Microwaving can be a healthier option too as food is cooked much quicker therefore vitamin retention is maximised.

Avoid 'diabetic foods', they offer no benefit to people with diabetes. Since July 2016, it is no longer possible to label foods as 'diabetic'. This is because:

- These foods can be expensive
- They can also be as high in fat and calories as standard products
- Some diabetic foods can have a laxative effect if eaten in excess
- They can still raise blood sugar levels
- They contradict general healthy eating advice, which is to eat foods high in sugar and/or fat less often and in small amounts

Catering tips for residents with diabetes

- Offer regular and evenly spaced meals and snacks throughout the day
- Provide starchy carbohydrates such as bread, rice, potatoes and pasta with every meal. Include a variety of wholegrain options to increase fibre
- > Although some fat is needed in the diet, limit the amount of saturated fat from foods like butter, cheese, processed meats, cakes and biscuits. Too much saturated fat can increase the risk of heart disease
- → Offer at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables each day. Serve as accompaniments at each meal time and offer as snacks too

- Offer at least 2 portions of oily fish each week such as salmon, mackerel and sardines. Oily fish contains omega 3 fats which can help reduce the risk of heart disease
- Beans, pulses and lentils are good sources of protein so add kidney beans, chickpeas and lentils to your dishes. They are also high in fibre, low in fat and can help control blood fat levels
- Sugary foods don't need to be totally excluded, small and occasional portions of cakes, desserts and biscuits are acceptable. Look out for reduced sugar or sugar-free products and try using artificial sweeteners instead of sugar in foods and drinks
- > Keep your residents hydrated, offer them at least 6-8 drinks each day. They should be available with every meal and regularly in between meals too. Water, milk, squash, fruit juice (no more than 150ml) tea and coffee all count towards fluid intake
- Limit the amount of salt. Don't add salt during cooking, your residents can add it to their meals if they choose to

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THE KEY CONDITIONS: DIABETES

Always try to EATWELL

THE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The Eatwell Guide shows how much of what we eat overall should come from each food group to achieve a healthy, balanced diet. You do not need to achieve this balance with every meal, but try to get the balance right over a day or even a week.



It's not just about THEFOOD

CROCKERY & CUTLERY

Of course, what you put on the plate is vital, but it also needs to be accessible and attractively served to encourage appetites and enjoyment of mealtimes.

Many people with dementia experience difficulties with their sight, which may cause them to misinterpret their surroundings. It's been proven that the colour blue is one of the last colours to remain in the memory and is a popular choice for care home tableware.

Many Trusts now choose to use crockery that is either entirely blue or has a blue rim. Further reasoning behind this change is there are no blue coloured foods, so there will always be a contrast between the food and the plate or dish.

Crockery

Brakes Catering Equipment can supply ranges of crockery that have been designed for the health care market and are suitable for care homes, hospitals, retirement homes and care villages. These specialist ceramics have been manufactured to assist independence and support wellbeing and are an innovative solution to eating and drinking for those dealing with impaired mental and physical health.

To promote independent feeding, plates have a slight lip and a heavier base to stop movement. This design can be especially helpful for residents who may only have use of one arm

Have a look at our wide range of products, including cups, saucers and plates from the Future Care and Simplicity Freedom ranges.

Cutlery

Specially designed cutlery is also available to help residents remain independent.

This includes adapted knives, forks and spoons. The curved handle bends away from the hand enabling the holder to scoop the food towards themselves. Ideal for those with restricted wrist or finger movement.

Safer drinking

As well as problems with eating, residents can also experience issues with holding and using glasses and cups. Suitable for use lying down, moving around or at the table, the Safe Sip cover is a reusable drinks cover that fits virtually any glass, mug, cup or can. It's also 100% food grade silicone and can go in the dishwasher, microwave and freezer.

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Increasing TRAINING

FOR CHEFS, BY CHEFS

Working with your chefs, exchanging ideas for menu development and using new ingredients as part of our ongoing support and training.

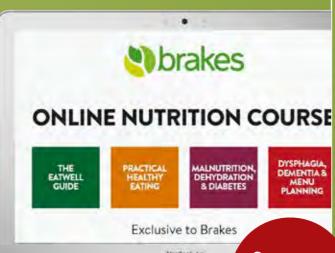
Our healthcare development chef Danny has created courses to hone your chefs' skills and

Online nutrition training course

Designed for both you and your staff to gain a deeper understanding of how to cater for people with special dietary needs.

Developed in partnership with Nestlé Professional, our course Introduction to Eating Well in Healthcare' is exclusive to Brakes.

Contact nutrition@brake.co.uk to access the online course





We offer training in the following areas





Catering for residents



derstanding cuts and varieties ilable, dish ideas and garnishes



Hand held fortification

Often necessary for residents with dementia, but also can be a great way of serving high-tea. The session focuses on creating full flavour bite sized foods that are easy to eat, exploring various carriers to bring foods to life and show innovation





Innovation kitchen training days

Christine Hamilton, Group Chief Executive/Food Safety Manager from Four Seasons took part in a recent care home catering session and gave us her feedback on the experience.

diabetes but mainly dysphagic diets,

We learned about the physical aspects of 3, 4, 5 & 6. Through a series of tasting, we learned how dependent we are on a fully functioning tongue and the difficulties that arise when this function is impaired.

We discussed the importance of offering choice with modified textured meals and on this, such as how to modify toast to level 4. This will allow so much more choice at breakfast and supper times we had gained earlier. This was a very valuable part of the day and one that v

Group Chief Executive/Food Safety Manager, Four Seasons

We've also had positive feedback from our other attendees:

THIS HAS CHANGED MY VISION OF MY KITCHEN AND THIS WILL CERTAINLY **IMPACT IN MY FOOD DELIVERY**

BEING ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE **QUALITY OF FOOD PRODUCED WAS** VISIBLE IN EVERYONE'S **EYES**

PRODUCING SOMETHING WITHIN THAT SHORT **PERIOD OF TIME MADE** ME REALISE THAT THE **SKY IS THE LIMIT**



OUR CHEFS ARE TO HELP

Zoe Gill Food Development Chef

CONTACT YOUR ACCOUNT MANAGER TO TALK ABOUT YOUR TRAINING NEEDS

Simply-take store CUPBOARD

STAPLES

When catering for a wide range of tastes and special dietary needs it can be quite challenging to provide menu options for residents and staff, especially when it's a request on the day. With that in mind we have come up with some great ideas using store cupboard staples for some tasty solutions.



A 120586 MILLAC GOLD (1 x 1ltr)

Can be stored ambient until used, cheaper than dairy cream, same uses as cream why not make a lemon posset, great as a small but well fortified dessert



A 4515 BRAKES CONDENSED MILK (1 x 397a)

Great to fortify sweet dishes, why not use to make a banana cake, homemade fudge or even banoffee pie



A 107536 AMBROSIA CUSTARD POT 12 x 120a

Great as a quick fix snack with chopped banana and toasted seeds or a fruit compote



A 28979 BRAKES MUSHY PEAS (1 x 850g) F 3465 COOKED HAM (5 x 500g)

Fake Guacamole! Using mushy peas, add a little garlic, cumin and either yoghurt or mayonnaise with a dash of lemon juice, great with baked tortillas or pea & ham soup - nice and hearty this can be made with mushy peas and our cooked ham



A 15136 BRAKES BAKED BEANS (1 x 840g)

Brakes beans hold in a heated trolley really well and taste tested against other brands come out on top. Use to create a quick tea on toast or add to soups, stews and casseroles for extra texture and taste



A 7290 BRAKES CHICK PEAS IN WATER (1 x 3kg)

Beans and pulses are a great way of adding protein. Add to curries, casseroles and tagines or make your own humous and serve with



A 115804 DE CECCO WHOLE WHEAT SPAGHETTI (12 x 500g) A 110749 SARDINES IN TOMATO SAUCE (1 x 120g) A 114976 PILCHARDS IN TOMATO SAUCE (12 x 425g)

Using wholemeal pasta will add fibre. It also holds better in hot trolleys. Take some whole wheat spaghetti, add either sardines or pilchards in tomato sauce and within minutes you will have a quick and tasty pasta dish for residents to enjoy. Great as a small snack alongside salad for tea



A 29448 BIRD'S ICE CREAM MIX (2 x 3kg)

This product offers great yield and can be fortified using whole milk. You can also add different ingredients to create delightful, nostalgic flavours and create seasonal favourites like Christmas pudding or strawberries & cream - great for a Wimbledon themed tea time treat



A 26642 BRAKES CORNED BEEF (1 x 340g)

Corned beef sandwich with brown sauce for a nostalgic touch or corned beef hash for lunch or fritters as a hand held buffet/snack

Let's not forget a little treat ALCOHOL

EVERYDAY, CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

If it's appropriate to offer alcoholic drinks to your residents, then we have a number of products below for you to choose from...



WINE

We stock a great range of red, white, rose and sparkling wines in both regular and individual bottles



BEER & CIDER

Whether it's a craft beer, cider, real ales or alcohol free varieties we can offer you a range to suit all occasions



SHERRY & SPIRITS

From miniatures to full bottles, all the favourite brand



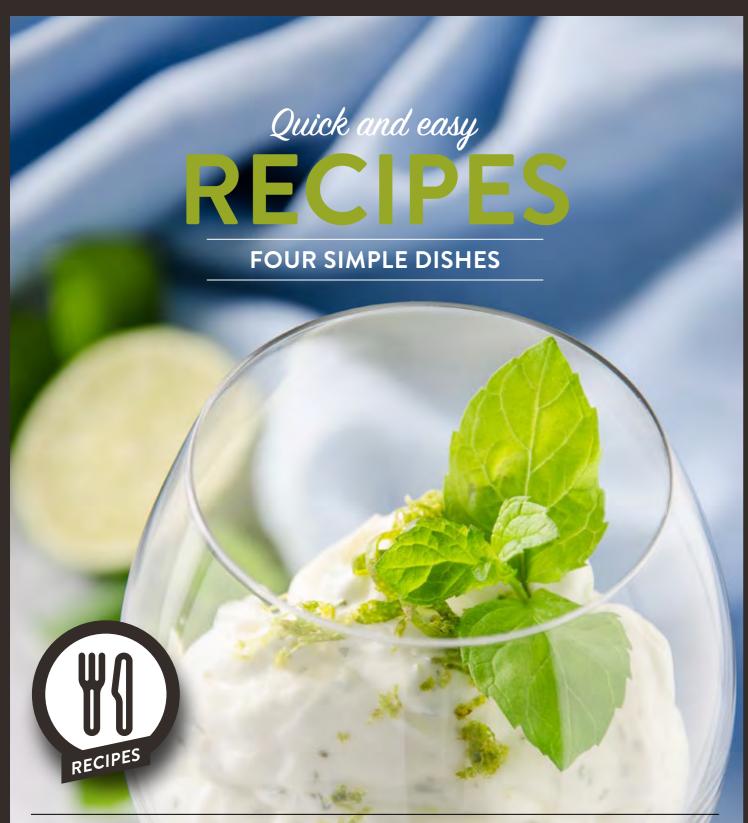
Government guidance says that men and women shouldn't Government guidance says that men and women shouldn't regularly drink more than 14 units a week. Alcoholic drinks regularly drink more than 14 units a week. Alcoholic drinks come in different strengths and size, but 14 units is equal to:











Lemon Syllabub

SERVES 10

INGREDIENTS

500ml Millac Gold A 114945

250g Lemon Curd A 34027

2 ea Lemons C 114218

C 113882

210g Premium Large Mint Bunch

PREPARATION

- Zest and juice one lemon; slice a second lemon
- Pick mint into sprigs

METHOD

- Whisk cream, curd, zest and juice into soft peaks
- Empty into a piping bag and pipe into desired serving dish
- · Garnish with sliced lemon and mint

All-Day-Breakfast Quiches



SERVES 10

INGREDIENTS

O SIICES	Willte Mediuili Loai A 430363
1 ea	Rindless Back Bacon C 70080
1 ea	Cumberland Pork Sausage Sixes C 15712
10g	Button Mushrooms C 10226
1 ea	Free Range Medium Eggs C 15322
30g	Cathedral City Grated Cheddar C 114407
100ml	Double Cream C 70215
10g	Sunblaze Tomatoes C 74705

PREPARATION

- Roll out your bread slices thinly & cut into discs to fit a muffin tray. Bake for 8 minutes
- Cook & slice the bacon & sausage

Chives C 113880

- Slice the mushrooms, chop the chives and tomatoes
- Mix together the cream with the eggs and chives

METHOD

- In your pre-cooked bread cases add the bacon, sausage & mushrooms
- Pour over the egg mix & top with grated cheese & tomatoes
- Bake at 180°C for approx. 10-12 minutes
- Allow to cool slightly before serving

Creamy Haddock Pie

SERVES 10

INGREDIENTS

	Haddock Fillet F 123334
1.5 ea	Large Onions C 10291
2 ea	Bay Leaves A 33588
2g	Whole Cloves A 84810
500ml	Fresh Semi Skimmed Milk C 7032
50g	Unsalted Butter C 74088
50g	Brakes Plain Flour A 114951
180ml	Single Cream C 70929
250g	Leeks C 10288
12g	Essential Cuisine Fish Stock A 11943
100g	Choice Garden Peas F 3205
18g	Flat Leaf Parsley C 450450

Rooster Potatoes C 10458

Grated Mild White Cheddar C 27544

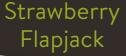
950g Diced MSC Natural Smoked

PREPARATION

- Dice onion
- Wash and dice leeks
- Defrost peas
- Chop parsley
- Peel and mash potato

METHOD

- Poach haddock in milk using bay leaves, clove and half the onion
- Strain milk and keep to make sauce
- Make a roux using butter and flour and add milk to make a béchamel sauce then stir in fish stock base
- Fold in flaked haddock, leeks, peas and parsley and pour into an oven proof dish
- Top with mash and grated cheese and bake at 180°C until golden





MAKES 50

INGREDIENTS

	100g	Unsalted Butter C 74088
	100g	Tate & Lyle Light Soft Brown Sugar A 114962
	80g	Brakes Squeezy Clear Blossom Honey A 350157
	200g	Brakes Oatflakes A 114868
	70g	Callebaut Dark Chocolate Calle A 85910
	400g	Strawberries C 74155
	15	Jainer Sugar A 106066

PREPARATION

- Melt plain chocolate drops
- Wash, hull, slice strawberries

METHOD

- Pre-heat oven to 180°C. Place butter, sugar and honey in a small pot and heat until sugar has dissolved into melted butter. Line a baking sheet with parchment
- Stir the oats into the mixture and mix well until all coated. Spoon mixture onto baking sheet, bake for 12 - 15 minutes until golden and allow to cool slightly. Turn out, slice into 50 small squares while still warm
- Top each square of flapjack with a slice of strawberry and drizzle a little chocolate on each one, dust with icing sugar and serve



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