



Harvest Souffle

From Nel's kitchen

A delicious dinner dish which celebrates the best of the harvest - and great for showing off the fruits of your allotment or vegetable patch.

Don't be put off by the thought of making "soufflé" – just make sure you have a deep enough dish, and that it is well greased.

- 450g courgettes, peeled and diced
- 450ml milk
- salt and pepper
- pinch of grated nutmeg
- 3 eggs

- about 1kg of a mix of your favourite root vegetables and/or squashes – carrot, swede, sweet potato, squash, peeled and chopped into 2-3cm chunks
 - 3-4 oz pearl barley, soaked and cooked according to the instructions on the packet
 - 2 vegetable stock cubes
- Pre-heat oven to gas mark 6, 200 electric or 190 fan)

First, prepare the pearl barley – it usually needs soaking and cooking for at least an hour and a half.

Lightly cook the vegetables for around 10 minutes, and then place with the barley in the bottom of the soufflé dish. Warm 150 ml of the milk and melt the stock cubes into it – pour over the vegetables

Cook the courgettes in half a pint of milk with salt, pepper and nutmeg over a low heat until very soft, and then pour off half the remaining milk in the pan. Puree the courgettes with a whisk, blender or by mashing it and then pushing it through a sieve with a spoon. Allow to cool and check the seasoning – it often needs a little extra salt and pepper.

Separate the eggs and stir the yolks into the courgette puree. Whisk the egg whites until they are firm, and stir a tablespoon or two into the puree. Then add the rest of the whites and fold them in with a figure of eight shape (don't beat them as the air will come out and you will get scrambled eggs!)

Pile the mix on top of the vegetables and reduce oven heat to 170 (150 fan) or gas mark 3, and bake for around 40 minutes. Do try not to peep! You can keep it longer in the oven if it still seems a little runny - just cover the top with some greaseproof paper to prevent it burning.

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