Burley Model Allotments

Vegetable Bake

Ingredients

- A selection of prepared root vegetables to your own taste e.g. carrots, swedes and parsnips all cut into medium sized cubes.
- 2 sticks of celery chopped into small pieces
- 1 large handful of green beans cut into 2cm lengths
- 1 red onion roughly chopped
- 2 courgettes cut into medium cubes
- 1 red pepper cut into medium cubes
- 1 handful of broccoli florets, blanched in boiling water for a few minutes
- 1 handful of cauliflower florets, blanched in boiling water for a few minutes (other vegetables to suit e.g. baby sweet corn, mange tout, leeks)
- 250g bread crumbs
- 100g grated cheddar cheese
- 1 small bunch of fresh parsley chopped
- 1 packet of pine nuts
- 1 x 500ml tub of half fat crème fraiche
- 1 large oven proof dish
- Oil and butter
- Black pepper
- Paprika pepper

Method

- 1. Use a large shallow pan for cooking
- 2. Combine 2 tablespoons oil and 10g butter in pan and heat gently
- 3. Stir fry your root vegetables until just beginning to colour and then set them aside
- 4. Put the onions, courgettes and peppers in the pan and stir fry for 1 minute before adding the remaining the vegetables and cook for 1 minute
- 5. Return the root vegetables to the pan and stir over a high heat to just caramelize slightly
- 6. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the crème fraiche, sufficient to coat the vegetables, then season
- 7. Place the coated vegetables in a large pie dish
- 8. In a separate bowl mix together the breadcrumbs, cheese, parsley and nuts. Then arrange the breadcrumb topping over the vegetables – dust lightly with paprika
- 9. Reheat in a hot oven (200 C) for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown and gently bubbling