TURKEY & CRANBERRY PIE WITH CAULIFLOWER, SPROUT & CHESTNUT BON BON'S

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MAKES 20 pies & 20 bon bons

Banish those post-Christmas Day blues and make the most of your roast dinner leftovers in this hearty, zero-waste dish. Freeze any leftover pastry for the next time you need to whip up a sweet or savoury tart.

INGREDIENTS

CAULIFLOWER, SPROUT AND CHESTNUT BON BON WITH SEEDED CRUMB

125g leftover cauliflower

125g leftover sprouts

75g leftover chestnuts

1/2 onion

Vegetable oil

Butter

Seasoning

200g flour

4 eggs

200g breadcrumbs

Various seeds (nigella, sesame, carraway)

TURKEY, CRANBERRY AND BACON PIE

100g leftover turkey

75g leftover bacon and/or pigs in blankets 1/2 onion

1 tsp leftover cranberry sauce

Leftover gravy or make a simple white sauce (to bind)

Shortcrust pastry cases (homemade ideally) or ready prepared

1 small packet of puff pastry or mashed potato (2-3 large potatoes)

Vegetable oil

Salt and pepper

METHOD

FOR THE BON BON

- 1. Finely chop 1 onion and fry until soft in a dash of oil. Put this to one side in a bowl.
- 2. Next, chop up equal quantities of leftover cauliflower and sprouts. These need to be fine enough that you can shape them into balls.
- 3. Add the cauliflower and sprouts to the onion and season with salt and pepper.
- 4. Blend any leftover chestnuts to form a paste. Add this to the mix.
- 5. Next, add a knob of melted butter.
- 6. Shape the mixture into small balls and leave to chill in the fridge for about 30 minutes.
- 7. Whilst they are setting, prepare 3 trays 1 with plain flour, 1 with beaten egg and 1 with breadcrumbs mixed with a good amount of seeds. Any leftover crusts are perfect to use for the breadcrumbs.
- 8. Pass the balls through each tray in the above order flour, then egg, then breadcrumbs. Leave in the fridge overnight then deep fry until golden.

FOR THE PIE

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas 5.
- Finely chop the onion and fry in vegetable oil until it is soft. Set to one side.
- 3. Finely chop the leftover turkey and bacon and add them to the onion.
- 4. Gradually add cranberry sauce and leftover gravy to the meat and onion mixture until the pie filling is bound together.
- 5. Add seasoning to your preference.
- 6. Place the mixture into pastry cases and set aside.
- 7. Cover each pastry case with either puff pastry or mashed potato. Bake in the oven at 160°C/gas 3 for 10 minutes.

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