

# **MONKTON NEWS**

**MAY 2023**



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## MONKTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY FOR MAY

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Sunday	11.00-13.00	Ballroom, Latin American and Tea Dance	Gordon and Pauline
Monday	09.00-10.00 13.00-15.00 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of each month) 19.00	Dance exercise Gardening Club  Dog agility and behaviour training	Maggie Sue Northrop 07759390223  Chris Paris Brown 01227 365381
Tuesday	19.30 19.30 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of each month)	Adult table tennis WI	Gilly Brown Lynn Turner 07526993768
Wednesday	10.00-12.00  19.00-21.00	Retired villagers' social morning  Line Dancing	Sara Archer 821989  Theo Loyla 833643

Thursday 4th May – Local Elections – Voting in Hall

Saturday 6th May – Coronation of King Charles III (see information on p ?)

### Monkton Village Hall Hire Charges 2023

<b><u>Children's Party</u></b>	£50
Four Hours before 18.00	
<b><u>Hourly rate for clubs etc. before 18.00</u></b>	£12.50 per hour
<b><u>All Day Hire 8.00-18.00</u></b>	£100
Includes Ten Complete Hours	
<b><u>One dance couple 2 HOURS</u></b>	£25
<b><u>All Day and Evening Wedding etc.</u></b>	£180
From 08.00- 23.00	
<b><u>Club Evening Hire from 19.00</u></b>	£25
<b><u>Quiz, Craft, Dance, etc. Evening Hire from 19.00</u></b>	£50
<b><u>Party Night 19.00-23.00</u></b>	£70
Extra Hours charged at £12.50 per hour	

## **EDITORIAL**

I can't believe that we are a third of the way through 2023 already! With Coronation Day and all these Bank holidays, May should be a lot of fun! I've included the Coronation Quiche Recipe on p.19 that you may like to make for any of your parties. Please note that if you are going along to the Coronation Fireworks Display on the 7<sup>th</sup> May at the Rec, you must take along the ticket that you can find in this newsletter (on p.17). Also, if you want to see the Coronation televised in the Village Hall, you must book a place (see p.5)

### Bank Holidays

Bank holidays began in 1871 when banker and MP Sir John Lubbock instigated giving the working classes an extra four days a year when they could rest on top of the existing holidays of Christmas and Good Friday. Hence, Easter Monday, the first Monday in August, Whit Monday and Boxing Day were declared the first bank holidays, so called simply because the Bank of England shut on those days. In the Sixties, the August holiday was moved from the first Monday to the last. In the Seventies, New Year's Day and May Day were also designated bank holidays. There is a theory that John Lubbock picked the dates of the first bank holidays because, as a cricket fan, those were the days when village matches were played in his home county!

It may feel like we have a lot of public holidays but compared to the rest of the world we have very few – England enjoys 8 public holidays a year, Nepal has 30 and Sri Lanka has 25! Mexico is the only country to have fewer public holidays with just 7. Let's all move to Nepal!!!

### Love is in the Air

Britain's only egg-laying snake, the grass snake, emerges from its hibernation in May to start looking for a mate, so you're more likely to see them out and about. Look out for their olive green or grey top with regular small black markings along the side, with the real tell-tale sign being a yellow and black 'collar' around their neck. They'll lay 30-40 eggs in June or July, with the young emerging (about the size of a pencil) in late summer.

Bats are also looking to start raising families at this time of year. The females start forming 'maternity colonies', seeking out warm dry places with other pregnant females to have their babies.

Maybugs (or doodlebugs) come out in force around late April or May. These flying beetles can be identified by their lovely fan-shaped antennae. The more official name for this beetle is 'cockchafer'. There are reports that in 1574, cockchafers came out in such numbers in the Severn Valley that the sheer volume of their carcasses disabled watermills!

# CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Further to our plans to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in our Village Hall, the Friends of the Hall will be providing refreshments at Lunchtime. In the afternoon you are welcome to provide your own refreshments.

## **This is to be a free event**

We have a large television to use which will be adequately visible to the limited number we are able to have attending. As we advised previously, we do not wish any Parishoners, on what should be a 'Happy Day', to be alone, but to share the day with others. On the last Coronation in 1953 of Queen Elizabeth II, most people around then managed to view it on neighbours televisions, if they did not possess one themselves.

We are advised that the procession from Buckingham Palace will take place around 10.30 am. I am sure the TV coverage will start long before then, so the Hall will be open from 9.30am. Tea and coffee will be readily available and we will give you a mid-morning snack and beverages when you need them.

The Ceremony and return to the Palace should be complete around 1.30/2pm and we plan to provide you a Ploughman's Lunch then.

The Balcony Appearance is scheduled for 4.30/5pm. We realise that the extended day might be too much for some and we expect you to leave as and when you wish.

**If you wish to book a place, it is imperative to contact Del or Pete on their home telephone number – 01843 821439. This will allow us to cater for specific numbers.**

To be fair to everyone, we need to limit this event to people actually residing in the Parish of Monkton, as I am sure you will understand.



**GOD SAVE THE KING**

**Pete Mitchell**

## MEMORIES OF MONKTON

### School Holidays Part 2

In the 1960's, by the age of 12 during the school holidays we were out of the house and doing our own thing without our parents worrying if it was safe or where we were. We always came home at the right time. To be late meant your dinner was put in a cooling oven or put over a pan of hot water on the stove with a saucepan lid over the plate, which kept it warm, but it did not look very appetising after half an hour (well before the age of microwave ovens).

In the Summer holidays, most of us boys went to work on the local farms. At the age of 12 I spent a week and a half working on Clary Daws farm (I will write more about Clary at a later date), pulling up young cauliflower plants. There would be four or five of us of a similar age doing this under the watchful eye of Frank (Bunny) Ireland. The plants would be taken by Clary to be planted in the main field. Four more experienced boys would be on the planter behind Clary's Nuffield tractor, the most senior boy driving said tractor. This week and a half was enough for me! I think I earnt about £5.50. This was enough to get a bus to Ramsgate and back to buy myself a small rod and reel, line, hooks and lead weights. Then, with quite a few other lads and my elder brother, I would spend most of the rest of the holidays fishing in the River Stour, catching mainly eels. This is how, over the two years my Summer holidays went. Each year I worked a bit long at Clary's, as older boys left school but never more than about three weeks of the holidays.

Easter holidays could sometimes be hard for us to find things to do at the age of 12 to 14. We may get a couple of days work at Clary's. Fishing was not allowed as it was closed season. One thing that nearly all village boys, for generations had, was a 'catapult'. Days were spent in Monkton Court or Willetts Chalk Pits shooting at cans and bottles that were dumped there. A supply of small stones was always hard to find with the exception of the year when Seamark Close was built, as they dumped loads of ballast on the edge of the road at the bottom of Willetts Hill, which was full of the perfect sized pebbles.

During the Winter holidays, when we could get out, we would often spend time in one of the various small woods that were in the Parish (before Dutch Elm Disease wiped out most of them). Someone would have a box of matches and we would make a small fire out of dead wood and sit around it for hours. We must of stank of smoke when we went home but nobody seemed to mind. Something that we never did when we had a fire, was to break new branches of trees. Unfortunately, on farms now, it is seen too often people have hacked branches of trees to make a fire, which doesn't work as the wood is too green.

*Next month School Holidays 15 years +*

**Terry Marsh**



Malcolm Gunton has sent in this poster



### **A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CONSTABLE BETH NINNIM**

I would like to introduce myself as the interim ward officer of the Thanet villages, which includes Monkton. I know Thanet well, having previously lived in Thanet and worked here as a PC for the past six years. My work has seen me answering 999 calls and, for the last 3 years, making up part of the Thanet Community Safety Unit. I already have been fortunate enough to meet some of you at the Wednesday Morning Club at the Village Hall and was warmly welcomed! I am really looking forward to getting stuck in, meeting everyone and listening to any concerns or ideas you may have in keeping the community safe.

You can contact PC Beth Ninnim by email: [14331@kent.police.uk](mailto:14331@kent.police.uk)

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton**

We are part of the **Wantsum Benefice** which comprises the Church of England Parishes of **Minster, Monkton, St. Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre, & Chislet**. (Together with All Saints, Birchington, Minnis Bay, Acol & St. Saviour's, Westgate we form the Seamarsh Group of Parishes).

<b>Vicar of the Benefice</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>Benefice Administrator</b>	<b>Mrs Sheila Greenstreet</b>	<b>077887 91468</b>
<b>Licensed Lay Minister</b>	<b>Mrs Sally Willins</b>	<b>822428</b>
<b>Churchwarden (Monkton)</b>	<b>Mr David Mairs</b>	<b>079604 17493</b>
<b>Retired Priest (assisting)</b>	<b>Canon Peter Gausden</b>	<b>825374</b>
<b>Reader Emeritus</b>	<b>Mrs Diana Davies</b>	<b>823017</b>
<b>On Line Contact: <a href="mailto:info@wantsumchurches.org">info@wantsumchurches.org</a> <a href="http://www.wantsumchurches.org">www.wantsumchurches.org</a></b>		

*To make any general enquiries, or to arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Mrs Sheila Greenstreet (077887 91468 or [info@wantsumchurches.org](mailto:info@wantsumchurches.org)).*

**If you wish to talk to someone, need support or would welcome prayer please contact: Mrs Sally Willins Telephone: 822428**

### **Wantsum Benefice Services – MAY/JUNE 2023**

	<b>Monkton</b>	<b>Minster</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>Chislet</b>
Sun 7 May Easter 5	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion		
Sun 14 May Rogation Sunday	Rogation Walk – see p.14 for details of services			
Sun 21 May Sunday after Ascension	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 May		10.30 Holy Communion		
Sun 28 May Pentecost	10.30 Discussion Group	10.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Praise
Sun 4 June Trinity Sunday	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion		

Please check Village notice boards and/or the Benefice web site for any developments and changes.

# CHURCH NEWS - continued

## Sunday Bible Readings in May

7 May	Easter 5	Acts 7, 55 – end; John 14, 1 - 14
14 May	Rogation Sunday	Acts 17, 22 - 31; John 14, 15 - 21
21 May	Sunday after Ascension	Acts 1, 6 - 14; John 17, 1 - 11
28 May	Pentecost/Whitsunday	Acts 2, 1 - 21; John 20, 19 - 23
4 June	Trinity Sunday	2 Corinthians 13, 11–end; Matthew 28,16-end

## Breath of Fresh Air!

Our next Discussion Session is on

**Sunday, 28 May, at 10.30 am in the Church, and it lasts an hour.**

This is Whitsunday – or Pentecost – or the Festival of the Holy Spirit, but what are we really talking about? This should be one of the most important days in the church's calendar but in the minds of most people it comes a poor third after Christmas and Easter.

This day ought to be an exciting occasion when we celebrate the presence of the living God in our midst, but we don't seem to be able to find a properly expressive name for it!

People who don't go to church are often perplexed by the language we use, so we offer this opportunity for you to come and ask questions – church people might be grateful for some answers, too!

This is an informal occasion, with refreshments available from the start and a warm welcome awaits you – why not give it a whirl?

## Church Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April saw Mr David Blackwell elected a churchwarden, to serve with Churchwarden David Mairs who was re-elected.

Mrs Eileen Brackstone stood down as a council member, after many years of valued service, and two new members were elected – Mrs Rosie Arlet and Mrs Debra Read who we warmly welcome.

## **CHURCH NEWS - continued**

### **Thoughts on The Coronation**

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May will be a novel experience for most people – one has to be the King's age to have any memory of the last one.

When Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in 1953 the Service was very much in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England. Today, it has to be said that the Anglican Church, alongside other Churches today, is smaller and less influential whilst a wide range of non-Christian Faiths have become strongly established in these islands.

It is well known that many years back the King, when Prince of Wales, acknowledged the way life was changing. Referring to one of the monarch's titles, Defender of the Faith, he expressed the view that, were he king, he would prefer to be a Defender of Faiths.

How far these sentiments will be reflected in the Coronation ceremonies we have yet to discover, but I find myself much in sympathy with the King's views.

As a priest of the Church of England I hold fast to my Christian beliefs but I have always regretted the way in which, in earlier generations, Christian missionaries sought to sideline other faiths and introduce Christian beliefs and practices without proper regard to the values and beliefs of indigenous communities. I believe that all human beings the world over are in one way or another religious beings; we all have the capacity to reach out to someone or something beyond ourselves and ask: Where do we come from? Why are we here? What is our purpose? Why is life unfair? What happens when we die? Inevitably, different societies come up with different answers.

Whatever religion we may belong to, we are all on a journey of exploration and I believe we should travel together in mutual respect. Whilst I believe in a creator God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, I also believe we can learn from those who follow a different path.

At the end of the day, whatever our belief or non belief, we human beings are neighbours together on a planet which is now in increasing danger. If we don't soon learn to look after it properly, it may not matter so much which religious path we follow!

God save the King and, yes, let him stick to his wider vision and be for all of us a 'Defender of Faiths.'

**Peter Gausden**

## VIEWPOINT

*Pastoral Reflection from Diana Davies: Reader Emeritus to the Wantsum Benefice*

### CORONATION MEMORIES AND THOUGHTS

Some 70 years ago, on a rainy grey June day we celebrated the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. As ours was one of the few homes in our road to possess a TV, my parents invited friends and neighbours to come and watch the day's events on the then state of the art tiny 9 inch screen (not much bigger than the I pad on which I am writing today!!) Dressed in their Sunday best, they sat crowded around the little black and white picture, as the procession made its way from the palace to the Abbey. All along the route bands struck up the national anthem as the Queen passed by and as it was played each time, the assembled company all rose to their feet, stood to attention and sang heartily! This month brings another Coronation Day – now most homes have at least one large TV and many other screens at their disposal. Much of the mystique which surrounded the royal family in times past has been lost as the media has presented us with revelation and speculation of every public and sometimes most private intimate details of their lives. Our new king has certainly had his share of personal failures and mistakes, lived out in the full glare of the public gaze. Perhaps, we might do well to instead give thanks for all his positive achievements: his long-held, and in the past often derided, care and concern for the natural world and the threat of climate change. The creation of the Prince's Trust, helping young people, especially the poor and under privileged, to live fulfilled and productive lives. As we pray for our King amidst all the pomp and pageantry of the Coronation, that he may have as his exemplar, another King whose Coronation the Church celebrates later this month at Ascensiontide. Jesus, the servant King, yet King of Kings, whose head once crowned with thorns, is now crowned with glory. With every blessing, Diana

YOUR  
MONKTON METHODIST CHURCH

Situated at 113 Monkton Street.

We have a Service on

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7-8pm

There will be light refreshments  
afterwards

Further Information Pete 821439

# VILLAGE GROUPS

## MONKTON WI

This year is flying past for Monkton WI. Already into the spring months and looking ahead for our finalised programme through to February 2024. We started off the year with our AGM as reported, with our new committee members settling into their roles and getting their heads around the work that is done behind the scenes. March saw us enjoy an inspirational talk by Wayne Atwell on sustainable gardening, even encouraging myself into the garden to try out his suggestions for supporting wildlife back into our environments, a miracle for one whose sum gardening experience was at least ten years ago and now is now confined to pots and mowing the grass!

April brings us a mystery evening of games to get to know each other better and hopefully producing a fun evening where we learn about each other. May will bring our Resolutions meeting, one that is shared over the WI community, where we can educate ourselves on the new campaign that the WI will be promoting over the coming twelve months. An interesting fact is that over the past decades the WI has promoted such campaigns as equal pay, women in the police force, keep Britain tidy, fairtrade, HIV and AIDS awareness and more midwives, so not just jam and cakes!

**Save the date!** We are happy to announce that we will be holding a quiz night on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June at 7.30 at the village hall with our Quiz Master Extraordinaire Rachel. Please look out for further advertising to book your place on this fun filled evening.

Don't forget our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month if you would like to come along.

**Lynn Turner (President Monkton WI)**

## MONKTON BELL TOWER

### RINGING IN THE NEW KING!

Our very own Monkton Change Ringers will be ringing the bells of St Mary Magdalene for the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. This will be on 6th May at 10 am to coincide with the procession to Westminster Abbey.

As part of the ring we shall be performing the Orb and sceptre method which has been specially composed for the occasion.



**Rachel Horsburgh**

## **VILLAGE GROUPS - continued**

### **GOSPEL CHOIR**

We are still enjoying ourselves at Gospel Choir on a Wednesday evening. By the time you read this we will have performed our debut at the Spring Fête at Quex. Hopefully it will have gone amazingly!

We meet regularly to practice and make a joyful noise in Monkton Church on Wednesdays from 7.15 pm, with refreshments, laughs and chats at 7pm. New members always very welcome!

You can contact either:

Tammy on 07871 156 204 or Sarah on 07450 214 650.

### **MONKTON GARDEN GROUP**

Dan Cooper came in April and brought his range of garden gifts, tools etc. Dan is a very busy man. He and his beautiful garden in Broadstairs is often featured in books and magazines. He has been on Radio Kent and television.



We are representing the club on 29<sup>th</sup> April at the Spring Fare at Quex by holding a plant sale. Please donate any plants seeds etc. either by bringing them on the day or dropping them off to me.

Next month Eileen and Penny are doing a quiz and plant sale (people can bring their own plants to sell). There will be home-made scones and cream - £3.50 for entry and refreshments. It will be at the usual time, 1pm at the Village Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Visit our Facebook group "Monkton Garden Club" for up to date information.

**Sue Northrop**

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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Stuart Horsburgh who has been selected to play for Kent County Tennis Team (over 65's). What an achievement! He is playing his first match for them shortly against Dorset. Good luck!

## **'Walk the Walk'**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

The programme for the 2023 annual Rogation  
Walk between our four churches as listed below.

All are welcome!

The total distance is approx. 8 miles.

Dip in and out where you wish ...

### **At Chislet**

9am - Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate with biscuits and croissants.

9.30am - Holy Communion (with hymns!)

### **At St Nicholas**

12.30pm – 'Bring your own lunch' - drinks provided. A pause for thought on  
'The Road to Emmaus' narrative.

### **At Monkton**

2.30pm Arrive at Monkton where we will enjoy a short Rogation Prayer  
session.

Drinks and snack bars on offer to share ...

### **At Minster**

4.45pm Evening Prayer in the church

5.30pm Soup and crusty bread in the Old Schools

It would help to know rough numbers,  
so please contact Sally Willins

01843 822428/[sal.ly13@aol.co.uk](mailto:sal.ly13@aol.co.uk)

or your church warden.



# MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP



## **SPRING COVID BOOSTER CAMPAIGN**

NHS England are launching a campaign starting shortly to offer the Booster Vaccination to:

- all patients aged 75 and over
- patients who have a low immunity system (immune suppressed)
- patients with long-term health conditions

Eligible Patients will be contacted directly by either the Surgery or NHS Direct to be offered the booster Vaccination.

If you have not yet received your invitation, please contact the surgery direct for an appointment.

Please note that all vaccinations will be carried out at the Surgery on days and dates to be advised.

For further information, search [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

## **REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS**

Many of our patients will be aware that there is a shortage of certain medications and are becoming frustrated by this, but unfortunately it is completely out of our control . To overcome this, we must stress that patients submit their prescription requests at **least 72 hours in advance** to allow our pharmacies sufficient time to prepare the prescriptions and to reorder certain medications where necessary.

Please also do not forget that the Pharmacist can give you help and advice on minor ailments as well as your medication.

Thank you for your help and understanding at this difficult time.

## **SURGERY MAY BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE DATES**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Early Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Celebration

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Bank Holiday

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you through the Bank Holiday weekends and most importantly remember that your pharmacy may also be closed throughout the Bank Holiday weekends, so make sure you submit your prescription request in good time as already stated above!

Useful contact numbers:

- call **111** for non-urgent and confidential advice for you/your family
- call **119** for covid help and advice
- call **999** - for urgent and life threatening cases

## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

A full list of all Committee Members with their contact information is shown on our Notice board in the Waiting Room.

Please don't forget **we are always here to help and support you** and you can contact us anytime, by phone or email at [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May and if you have any questions on any of the above or concerns and suggestions you would like to raise at our meeting, please contact: Ken Self on 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **CORONATION FIREWORKS**

**Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> Gates open 7.30pm, fireworks display at 9pm.**

Please see our main advert for further information about this exciting event! Unfortunately, due to access & parking restrictions, plus the limitations of our event permit, we are required to limit the number of people attending. For this reason, we have had to make it a **TICKET ONLY EVENT**.

**Our advert in this magazine acts as your entry ticket!**

So please do tear it out .... and remember to bring it with you!  
The ticket is for your household & family, all of whom are very welcome.

Hot and cold snacks, plus wine, beer and soft drinks will be available.

Please note there is **NO PARKING** at the Rec Ground other than for Blue Badge holders and Villagers with mobility issues.

**EVERYONE MUST ENTER VIA THE MAIN CONCRETE TRACK ENTRANCE.**

### **FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS**

District and Parish Council elections are due to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember that Voter ID will be required for the first time in order to vote.

The most common examples of which are:

- passport / photographic driver's licence / EEA photographic ID card / Blue Badge / concessionary travel pass funded by the Government or Local Authority

#### ***Parish Council Elections***

Along with many other Parish Councils, Monkton Parish Council will not be contested by election due to insufficient candidates standing. The vacant positions will be filled by co-option, details of which will be published in due course.

Cllrs Gilly Brown, Davina Ransom and Jason Button have therefore been re-elected uncontested.

### **HEYHILL ROAD SCHEME**

There has not yet been an update on the progress of the scheme. The Parish Council and Resident's Association are continuing to monitor the situation.

***NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MON. 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 7PM,  
MONKTON METHODIST CHURCH, all are very welcome to come along!***

**To contact the Parish Council: Sara Archer –  
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# CORONATION QUICHE

In celebration of Coronation Big Lunches taking place over the Coronation weekend, Their Majesties have shared a recipe for a Coronation Quiche - featuring spinach, broad beans and tarragon.

A deep quiche with a crisp, light pastry case and delicate flavours of Spinach, Broad Beans and fresh Tarragon. Eat hot or cold with a green salad and boiled new potatoes - perfect for a Coronation Big Lunch!

## Ingredients

### For the Pastry

- 125g plain flour
- Pinch of salt
- 25g cold butter, diced
- 25g lard
- 2 tablespoons milk
- Or 1 x 250g block of ready-made shortcrust pastry



### For the Filling

- 125ml milk
- 175ml double cream
- 2 medium eggs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon,
- Salt and pepper
- 100g grated cheddar cheese,
- 180g cooked spinach, lightly chopped
- 60g cooked broad beans or soya beans

## **20cm Flan Tin**

### **Serves 6**

## Method

1. To make the pastry...
  - a) Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl; add the fats and rub the mixture together using your finger tips until you get a sandy, breadcrumb like texture.
  - b) Add the milk a little at a time and bring the ingredients together into a dough.
  - c) Cover and allow to rest in the fridge for 30-45 minutes.
2. Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the pastry to a circle a little larger than the top of the tin and approximately 5mm thick.
3. Line the tin with the pastry, taking care not to have any holes or the mixture could leak. Cover and rest for a further 30 minutes in the fridge.
4. Preheat the oven to 190°C.
5. Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes, before removing the greaseproof paper and baking beans.
6. Reduce the oven temperature to 160°C.
7. Beat together the milk, cream, eggs, herbs and seasoning.
8. Scatter 1/2 of the grated cheese in the blind-baked base, top with the chopped spinach and beans and herbs, then pour over the liquid mixture.
9. If required gently give the mixture a delicate stir to ensure the filling is evenly dispersed but be careful not to damage the pastry case.
10. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Place into the oven and bake for 20-25 minutes until set and lightly golden.

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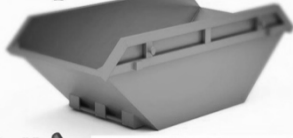


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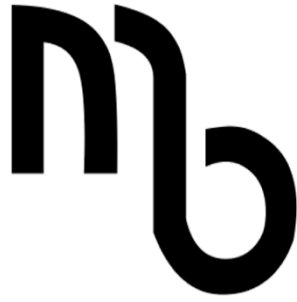


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