AUGUST'S SEASONAL RECIPE #1

Cornbread

Makes 12 Servings

Ingredients

- 135g plain flour
- 125g cornmeal or polenta
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2-1 teaspoon sea salt
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- Cracked black pepper
- 150g fresh sweetcorn kernels
- 100g strong cheddar cheese
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 1-2 Jalapeno peppers, chopped (or a pinch of chilli flakes)
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon runny honey
- 140 ml buttermilk
- 140 ml full fat milk
- 30g unsalted butter, melted, plus a little more for greasing

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How to Do It

- 1. Preheat the oven to 220C/425F/ gas mark 7.
- 2. Grease a 23cm x 23cm x 4cm baking tin with butter and dust with flour, shaking out any excess.
- 3. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, polenta, baking powder, salt, bicarbonate of soda and pepper.
- 4. Stir in the sweetcorn, cheddar, onions and jalapeño.
- 5. Pour the eggs into a jug with the honey, buttermilk, milk and melted butter, and stir.
- 6. Pour into the dry ingredients, stirring, until everything is just combined. Don't over-mix a few lumps in the batter is fine.
- 7. Get this into the oven as quickly as possible once the bicarbonate of soda and buttermilk start reacting.
- 8. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, and bake until the top is golden and the edges have slightly pulled away from the sides, about 20-25 minutes.
- 9. Transfer to a wire rack to cool for a few minutes before cutting into squares. Serve warm.

Chef's Tip

Great with tomato soup or fill with hot roast chicken and pickles.

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