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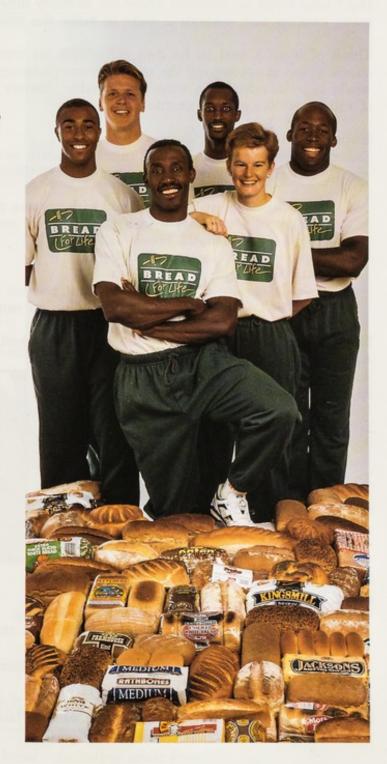


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GREAT BRITISH BREADS

- Britain's top athletes know the importance of bread in their diets.
 - All bread is good for you.
 - The experts agree - We all need to eat more bread.





"A loaf of bread", the Walrus said "Is chiefly what we need".

This timeless quote from Alice in Wonderland introduces us to the wonderful variety of breads available in Britain.

YOUR DAILY BREAD

Wholemeal, Farmhouse,
Bap, Scone,
Bless the Bread
That I lay on.

Pumpernickel, Farmhouse, Rye, Malt Loaf, Tin Loaf, Split tin, try...

Cottage, Coburg, White and Brown, Soda Bread and Cob and Crown.

Chapatti, Croissant, Pitta, Plait, Barrel (what the Cholla's that?)

> Danish Bloomer Turns me on, French stick too, Vienna, Naan.

Sliced, especially Good for toast, Can't think which I like the most.











"Before training or a race,

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I eat around six or more

slices of bread - any type
white or wholemeal.

"It tastes good and boosts my

olympic Gold Medal Winner.

Expert Advice

The experts agree too. Government and expert advice on nutrition urges all of us to reduce fat and sugar in our diet and increase the amount of bread, pasta, rice, potatoes, fruit and vegetables we eat to replace them. Bread itself need not be fattening - but what we spread on it can be, so slice it thick and spread it thin.

There are plenty of low-fat spreads and toppings available.

The Importance of Bread

Bread, like potatoes, rice and pasta is one of the most important foods we have. Its basic ingredients are flour, water, yeast and salt.

The great variety of breads available today all contain protein, vitamins, minerals, starchy (complex) carbohydrate and dietary fibre......In other words, one of the best convenience foods around for a healthy diet.

In the average diet, bread provides:

Source: National Food Survey - 1986

Protein: 15% of the protein we need for growth and repair

Vitamins: 24% of thiamin 10% of niacin for vitality

Minerals: 22% of iron for healthy blood

14% of calcium for strong bones and teeth

Starchy (complex)

carbohydrate: 14% for energy

Dietary fibre: for a healthy digestive system. Bread accounts for

30% of fibre in the diet.

USE YOUR LOAF!

Go Continental

Don't take bread for granted! There are so many different types of bread with many exciting and innovative ways to make the most of it

Think of it as a food in its own right with its own delicious qualities and choose bread to accompany the meal you are planning with the same care you would take in selecting a wine or vegetable. Always serve bread or a basket of rolls, just like our continental cousins.

Experiment

Experiment with bread by trying different loaves or buy more than one type when you visit your local baker's shop and try these tasty tips:

Thick slices of crusty white bread with prawns, garlic or lemon juice Wedges of wholemeal with a healthy lentil soup Italian style ciabatta bread with pasta Italian style clabatta bread with pasta
A ploughman's using walnut bread
Pitta bread with a low fat dip
Serve a variety of bread for different courses when entertaining
And don't forget it's great for mopping up sauces and gravies!

Makes 4 koftas

MINTED KOFTAS IN PITTA

Koftas 225g (8oz) minced lean British lamb/beef 25g (1oz) breadcrumbs 1 small onion, very finely chopped

1 clove garlic, crushed 30ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh mint

1 small egg, beaten. Yoghurt dressing

150ml (1/4pt) low fat natural yoghurt 5ml (1 tsp) chopped fresh mint

pitta bread or 2 naan bread, 4 skewers Shredded lettuce, sliced cucumber and tomato

Method

Combine all ingredients for koftas, except egg.

Add enough beaten egg to bind and form into 16 small "sausage" shapes. Thread 4 onto each skewer.

Grill under a medium/high heat for about 15 minutes, turning once, until

brown and cooked through.

Meanwhile combine all ingredients for yoghurt dressing.

Split pittas lengthways and fill with salad. Place grilled koftas in pittas and serve with the minted yoghurt dressing.

SPICY LEMON CHICKEN

25g (1oz) sunflower margarine 1.25ml (½ tsp) each cumin, coriander, turmeric 15ml (1 tbsp) fresh coriander, chopped (optional) good pinch ground ginger

4 chicken breasts, skinned, boned and sliced 4 spring onions, chopped

1 red and 1 yellow pepper, de-seeded and sliced

20ml (4 tsp) crunchy peanut butter 20ml (4 tsp) lemon juice

15ml (1 tbsp) mango chutney (optional)

120ml (8 tbsp) low fat yoghurt/fromage frais



Method

- Mix margarine with the spices and herbs, heat 3/4 in a frying pan, add the spring onion, peppers and chicken. Fry quickly for 2-3 minutes. Add peanut butter, lemon juice, chutney and season to taste. Simmer for
- a further 5 minutes until chicken is cooked. Add yoghurt and heat without
- Toast bread on one side. Spread untoasted side with reserved spiced margarine and grill until brown. Cut into triangles and arrange around chicken. Serve with a salad and crusty bread.

CRUSTY PIZZA Makes 6

1 French-style stick

or 3 large baps 1 clove garlic

12 button mushrooms, sliced

100g (4oz) Stilton cheese/half fat hard cheese 75g (3oz) lean British bacon, chopped

Tomato salad

Method

- Cut French stick into 3 and halve each piece lengthways or cut baps in half
- Cut clove of garlic in half and rub surface of bread with the cut side.
- Place mushrooms on the bread, slice cheese and arrange on top.

 Sprinkle with bacon pieces and cook under a medium grill for about 10
- minutes, until the cheese has melted and the bacon is crisp. Serve with tomato salad.



BREAD FOR LIFE

KNOW YOUR BREAD AT A GLANCE



VIENNA White loaf, light with a very crisp crust



WHEATGERM TIN
Wheatgerm loaf baked in a rectangular open tin



COBURG White loaf, the cross on the top dates back to medieval times



ROLLS Wide variety of shapes & sizes



FARMHOUSE White loaf, baked in a special tin



Many different varieties and thicknesses



DANISH
White, crisp crust sprinkled with flour before baking



CRUMPETS, PYKELETS & MUFFINS
Usually white, cooked on a hot plate



WHOLEMEAL COB Loaf topped with cracked wheat, can be brown, white or malted wheatgrain



BLOOMER
White, excellent crust, bread blooms out of the cuts



BROWN SANDWICH Can also be white or malted wheatgrain, baked in a lidded square tin



FACT FILE......FACT FILE......FACT FILE......FACT FILE

You don't need to reduce the amount of bread you eat when you go on a diet.

True: People often wrongly believe bread to be fattening. The fact is that bread, pasta and potatoes are medium calorie foods. Just go easy on the spread.

All bread is good for you.

True: All varieties of bread provide essential starchy (complex) carbohydrates, protein, vitamins and minerals. White bread contains twice as much calcium as most types of wholemeal though not as much fibre and a little less iron and B vitamins.

Bread is one of our oldest and most important foods.

True: It is a big part of the diet in almost every country in the world, and has been an important food for thousands of years. The experts agree - we need to eat more bread.



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