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COFFEE & CREAM BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING - Serves 4

This week we have a 'wicked' dessert from Brian Turner Celebrity Chef and Restauranteur, who has this to say:

"As a young lad growing up in Yorkshire, I had the opportunity of working regularly in my father's transport café. Not only did I enjoy such wonderful northern delights as bacon, sausage and egg sandwiches, I just loved to pick the caramelised bits of the bread and butter pudding left in the tray – they were divine! As an older person I have been privileged to obtain a source of coffee from the Bangalore region of India, even setting up a foundation to help the villagers picking the coffee in that region. So it seems obvious that I should give this recipe where coffee, bread and butter pudding and decadence are so well combined".

INGREDIENTS

6 x 1 day old croissants
4oz unsalted butter
6oz Californian raisins
2 eggs
5 egg yolks
2oz unrefined caste sugar
1/4 pint milk
3/4 pint double cream
1 expresso cup of strong coffee
1 vanilla pod

Topping:

1/4 pt whipped cream2oz grated dark chocolateIcing sugar to dust

METHOD

- 1. Put the milk, double cream, coffee and opened vanilla pod into a saucepan and bring to the boil.
- 2. Whisk the eggs yolks and caster sugar together.
- 3. Meanwhile slice the croissants in half lengthwise.
- 4. Use 1oz butter to grease an ovenproof dish.
- 5. Using 3oz butter, spread this on the cut sides of the croissants.
- 6. Lay half of them on the base of the dish, butter side up.
- 7. Sprinkle with raisins and lay croissants on top.
- 8. Let the boiled cream cool a little, pour onto the egg mixture stirring all the time.
- 9. Put back onto heat and stir to start to thicken, take off immediately.

- 10. Strain half over the croissants mixture and allow to soak in for 15 minutes gradually straining over the rest of the mix until all is in the dish.
- 11. Cook "an Bain Marie" until set.
- 12. Take out and allow to cool for 10 minutes.
- 13. Pipe a line of whipped cream up the middle of the pudding, sprinkle the grated chocolate over the cream and dust the whole thing with icing sugar, serve.

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