



Baked Alaska – A Random Recipe Challenge

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This month for his [random recipe challenge](#) Dom asked us to delve into our cupboards and pull out an ingredient that had been lurking there for some time. Fellow random recipe-ites, I have a confession. I don't have anything lurking in my cupboards. What? Is that really true? I hear you ask.

OK, if I'm honest, its not true. I have a few jars of chutney and a box of waffle ice cream cones – but random recipes isn't about listing recent cheeses I have eaten and I don't have an ice cream machine (hint hint Santa). For a while I thought I'd be sitting out this month – until one morning I found myself taking stock of my freezers. Yes, you heard correctly – taking stock of my freezers (plural).

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Feast

- noun

1. a rich or abundant meal
 2. a sumptuous entertainment or meal for many guests
 3. something highly agreeable
- verb
4. to have or partake of a feast; eat sumptuously
 5. to dwell with gratification or delight
- idiom
6. feast one's eyes: to gaze with great joy, admiration or relish

About me



Hi, I'm Nicola and thank you for reading my blog. I have been cooking for friends and family for many years but this is my first step into writing about it. My husband is an experienced food taster and pot washer; our daughter Jessica loves to mix, beat and stir. To read more what inspires me, please click on 'About this blog'

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Autumn – season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. Of winter coats, socks in boots, and hunting for missing gloves. Pulling the curtains earlier and earlier, putting on the central heating. Shaking out the heavy duvet – then a blanket – and another. Looking out a nightlight for the toddler and explaining for the umpteenth time that she’s going to bed in the dark because the days are shorter.

Of roasting a chicken on Saturday, making stock on Sunday and throwing together a risotto on Monday.

Autumn is welcomed to no 41 with risotto. Standing, stirring and usually slurping (wine) is a common occurrence on Monday evenings as the weekend’s leftovers are transformed into a dish of comfort food. This week it was chicken, mushrooms and, somewhat randomly, mangetout.

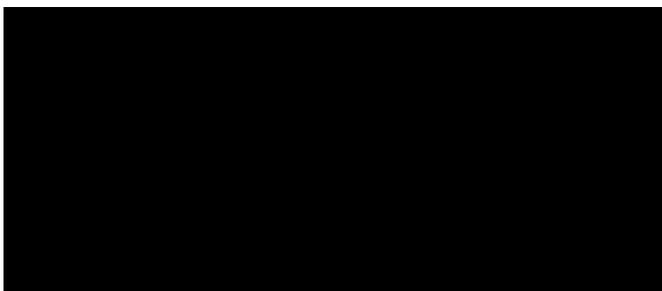
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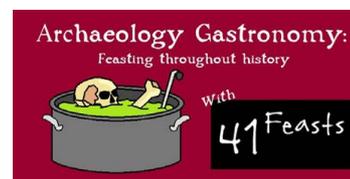
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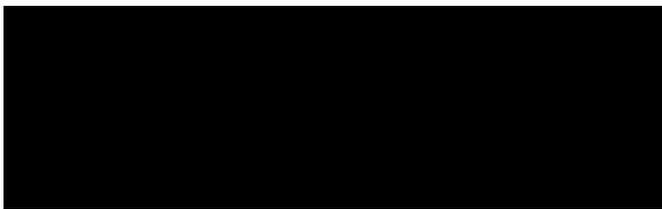
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