Sweet and Savoury Scones

Each batch makes 6 large scones

Equipment needed:

Baking trays x 2
Greaseproof Paper
Large Bowls
Jug
3.5" round or fluted Cutter

Ingredients: Fruit Scones

250g self-raising flour1 tsp baking powder25g caster sugar

40g butter, softened, cut into pieces

1 large eggs 225ml whole milk

25g sultanas (optional)

<u>Ingredients: Cheese Scones</u>

225g self-raising flour1 tsp baking powder

1/2tsp salt

1/2tsp dry mustard powder 1/4tsp cayenne powder

2 tbs cold butter

150g grated mature cheddar cheese

1 large free range egg

150ml whole milk

Notes:

- ** Scones are best if the dough is quite sticky
- ** Don't handle the dough too much
- ** Bench rest for 10mins before baking
- ** Cover with a tea towel when baked, keeps them moist.

Method: for the fruit scones.

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200C Fan. Lightly grease two baking trays.
- 2. Put the flour, baking powder and sugar in a large bowl. Add the butter and rub in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
- 3. Crack the eggs into a measuring jug, then add enough milk to make the total liquid 150ml (for a sticky mix) or 120ml (for a not easy to use mix) Stir the egg and milk, and the raisins into the flour and mix to a soft, sticky dough.
- 4. Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface, knead lightly and work in the sultanas, if using. Roll out to a rectangle about 1inch thick.
- 5. Cut into as many rounds as possible with a 9cm/ 3.5" cutter and place them on the prepared baking trays. Brush the tops of the scones with a little extra milk, or any egg and milk left in the jug.
- 6. Leave on the baking tray for 10mins before baking
- 7. Bake for 12–15 minutes, or until the scones are well risen and a pale, golden-brown colour. Lift onto a wire rack to cool.

Method: for the cheese scones.

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200C Fan. Lightly grease two baking trays.
- 2. Sift the flour into a bowl along with the salt, mustard powder, cayenne pepper and baking powder. Drop in the butter and rub it into the flour mixture until the mixture resembles bread crumbs. Stir in 2/3 of the cheese.
- Break the egg into a measuring jug and add milk to give you the equivalent of 150ml. Stir this into the dry mixture and mix to a soft but not sticky dough. Turn out onto a floured board and knead lightly for a few turns. Pat out into a 1 inch thick round.
- 4. Stamp out into rounds using a 9cm/ 3.5" cutter and place onto the baking sheet. Brush the tops with a bit more milk and sprinkle with the remaining cheese.
- 5. Leave on the baking tray for 10mins before baking
- 6. Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven for 15 minutes unil well risen and golden. Slip onto a wire rack to cool. Best eaten on the day.