

9 things to live today



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1 COOK

Oh yes,
it's British
PIE WEEK!



Chunky chicken pie

Serves four
Prep: 15 mins
Cooking: 25 mins

200g mushrooms
15g butter
15ml oil
4 chicken breasts,
cubed
1 tbsp flour
350ml chicken stock,
warm
250g butternut
squash, cooked
3 feta cubes,
crumbled
1 roll puff pastry
1 egg

- Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Fry the mushrooms in butter and oil until brown. Roll the chicken in the flour and add to the pan.
- Fry until the chicken is just cooked. Stir in the stock and simmer for a minute or two until it makes a sauce. Add the butternut squash and feta and season with salt, pepper and fresh herbs.
- Spoon the chicken mixture into a pie dish. Cut the puff pastry just bigger than the dish, brush it with egg and cover the filling with it.
- Brush the finished pie with egg, make a hole for the steam and bake the pie for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through.

2 GO

Cars and cooking make unlikely bedfellows, but they unite at James Martin's Plates, Mates and Automobiles show. On his first ever UK tour the TV chef's cooking live on stage and is joined by 'special guests' (celebrity-shaped, we'd imagine, not just his mum). See at glickets.com to book.



3 BUY

Tell your special someone that they're your cup of tea with this glass teacup, which can be emblazoned with a name of your choosing. If the lady in your life happens to be called Christina then you're in luck as that one's ready to go. Buy it for £14.99 from GettingPersonal.co.uk



4 SEE

For the casting of their latest film, *Hail, Caesar!* the Coen Brothers have plucked Brodin, Clooney, Fiennes, Johansson, Swinton and Tatum from their long list of celebrity friends. Indeed their address book must be very confusing because most of their friends are in the 'A list'. Expect gags as good as that (okay, maybe better) and souped-up old-school Hollywood glamour in this flamboyant screwball comedy which pokes fun at the movie industry and its eccentric stars. In cinemas now.



5 LISTEN

Every Monday, author and journalist Grace Dent tells an "untold" 21st Century story in her sultry and friendly voice (think "This is M&S food" but with a soft Cumbrian accent). From how David Bowie's death affected a tribute artist to a woman being harassed by her 80-year-old ex-husband, the topic is as varied as her tone. Listen now at bbc.co.uk/podcasts



6 TRY

The idea of a Handbag Spa conjures up ridiculous images of women sitting alongside their Mulberry – donning a customised dressing gown – while they get their wrinkles Botoxed together. But it's actually a pretty practical service: when your arm candy starts looking tired, The Handbag Spa will make it look new again – not with Botox, though. Packages start at £59.95, thehandbagspa.com.



8 DREAM

Located in Morocco, you would think part of the new L'Amandier hotel's package might be to send a magic carpet to our doors so we could hop on and get there. Like, now. In lieu of that it does offer utter tranquillity with stunning views over the majestic Atlas mountains and miles of olive, citrus and almond trees. To fill your action quota, the hustle and bustle of Marrakech is an hour away, or you can fish, hike, kayak, jet ski, horse ride and mountain bike in the surrounding national park. Get up to £65 per night off if you book before Easter, when the private villas are set to open their doors. lamandierhotel.com



7 BOOK IT

There's no denying that the British are barking mad over their dogs – pun intended – and nowhere is this more apparent than in the polished and prancing madness that is Crufts. But it's clearly in our blood as the famous dog show has been going for 125 years now. It takes place this weekend and tickets go fast, so best make like a dog and 'Fetch!'. There's a good human. crufts.org.uk

