

Dinner and Date Disasters

We've all had one and all been subject to one! Here are few we've pulled together from round the office – let us know your disasters on our FaceBook page.

- **AGA Nightmare**

My boyfriend and I had decided to double date with some friends one Friday night, obviously cooking duties were left to me! I thought it was best to make something I could make in the morning before I went to work and then there's no hassle when everyone comes round, so I made a casserole. Cooking the casserole in the AGA wasn't a problem and I'd seen my mum heat things up on the hot plate all time, so when our guests arrived I popped the casserole dish on the hot plate and left it to warm up. When everyone was seated at the table, I carried the casserole dish over to the table while the bottom of the dish fell out and casserole went all over me and the floor. It was Indian take away for dinner that night!

- **Fiery Night In**

One lucky member of staff in the office went home one Valentine's day to find her boyfriend hard at work in the kitchen, cooking a romantic meal. As the meal wasn't quite ready, he had drawn a bath and surrounded it with candles for her. Lucky girl!! Her boyfriend realised that the candles on the floor made getting in the bath quite difficult so pushed them closer to the bath panel. He then returned to the kitchen to continue cooking the meal. During her relaxing bath she noticed smoke rising up and discovered the bath panel had been set on fire by the candles! After screaming for her boyfriend, they managed to put the fire out using the bath water – not quite the romantic night he was hoping for.

- **Oblivious to Quantities**

Another member of staff in the office was planning a romantic meal for their partner. She had chosen the recipe – something she hadn't cooked before (not advised!) Tried and tested recipes are the way forward. She was cooking the meal before her partner came home from work so it would be all ready and on the table for when he walked through the door. The recipe called for a clove of garlic; not knowing what a clove was, she proceeded to peel and chop a whole bulb and throw it in the pan. You can imagine their reaction when they both tucked into dinner – watering eyes, a burning throat and garlic breath is a real mood killer!

- **Pasta Problems**

I have always been the one that does the cooking, my boyfriend will give it a go but he's not that confident after his first unfortunate experience. He wanted to cook a meal for me as I'd always be the one to cook romantic meals for the two of us. We decided it would be best for him to cook something simple and foolproof - pasta! I came home from work that night to find my boyfriend pan frying seabass!!! I was shocked and slightly concerned. He announced he was making seabass fillets with pesto linguine. I left him to it and was soon presented with a beautiful looking plate of food. The problem was he'd bought fresh pasta from the supermarket, thinking it didn't need any cooking. He had just mixed the raw pasta with pesto and served! How is it possible that he could perfectly pan fry seabass but not know that pasta needed cooking in boiling water?