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Beautifully moist, crunchy and not too sweet, this is a simple yet delicious way to use up overripe bananas. It also makes a lovely lunchbox treat.

Serves 8-10 Preparation 25-30 minutes Cooking time 40-50 minutes plus cooling



Ingredients

- · 4 large ripe bananas, peeled
- 50ml Borderfields Gold Cold Pressed Rapeseed Oil
- 100g light brown sugar
- · 2 tbsp tahini
- · 200g self-raising flour
- · 25g ground almonds
- 1 heaped tsp baking powder
- · 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- · 2 tsp vanilla extract
- · 50g dates, stoned and chopped
- 50g pecans, chopped, plus a few extra halves for decoration
- Toasted sesame seeds, plus extra to decorate

For the icing

- · 50g icing sugar, sieved
- · 2 tbsp tahini

Method

- Preheat the oven to 200°C, fan 180°C, gas mark 6. Grease a 900g/2lb non-stick loaf tin and line the base with baking parchment.
- Put 3 bananas into the bowl of a food processor along with the oil, sugar and tahini, and blitz until smooth.
- Transfer the mixture into the bowl of a stand mixer. Add the flour, almonds, baking powder, cinnamon, mixed spice, vanilla extract, dates and pecans, and mix until combined.
- 4. Tip the mixture into the prepared loaf tin.
- 5. Slice the remaining banana in half lengthways and place, cut side up, along the top of the cake. Place some pecan halves on top of the cake, scatter over some sesame seeds and bake in the preheated oven for around 40-50 minutes until cooked and golden. (If the loaf starts to brown too quickly, cover loosely with some foil.)
- Whilst the cake is cooking, make the icing.
 Put the icing sugar and tahini into a bowl, and mix with 2 tbsp of water, adding a little more water if necessary.
- Remove the cake from the oven and leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely.
- Drizzle the icing over the top of the cake, allowing it to drip down the sides, and sprinkle with some sesame seeds.

For more recipe inspiration using the Borderfields range of Cold Pressed Rapeseed Oils, visit www.borderfields.co.uk.

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Bathroom bliss

By Katherine Sorrell

How to create a space that functions brilliantly and reflects your unique style.

1 Your vision

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2 Careful planning

It's a good idea to sketch out a scaled floor plan showing where everything will go. Try not to move too many fixtures, as this will add to the time and cost. That said, if the current layout isn't working for you, now's the time to alter it. You could also create a mood board to inspire you. Pull together images of bathrooms you love, showing individual elements, colour schemes and accessories.

3 Versatile lighting

Always factor in a lighting plan at the earliest opportunity. You'll need bright lighting for practical purposes, such as shaving or applying makeup, but – ideally – some ambient lighting too. Swap your switch for a dimmer or fit smart bulbs for versatility. Bear in mind most bathroom light fittings need to conform to safety standards.

4 Combine form and function

Research high-quality fittings that will stand the test of time. You're best off choosing the best-quality simple pieces you can afford. But now's the time to upgrade if you wish. Smart features these days include mirrors with a Bluetooth speaker or WCs with a hands-free flush.

5 Surfaces matter

A bathroom floor needs to be non-slip and resistant to water and humidity, easy to clean and comfortable underfoot, while shower walls and splashbacks behind baths and basins must be protected. Walls and floors are large areas that create a strong visual effect, and it's important to combine practicality and durability with attractive colours and textures. This is your chance to inject your personal style.

6 Don't forget storage

Design storage space from the start. If possible, build in niches with floating shelves, and add a vanity unit. Tall thin shelving units can be highly useful, as can caddies, baskets and even a row of hooks on the back of the door.

7 The final touches

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Ingredients

- 1kg diced braising steak (or chuck steak)
- · Sea salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper
- · 2 tbsp plain flour, seasoned
- 4 tbsp Borderfields Gold Infusions Aromatic Thyme Cold Pressed Rapeseed Oil
- 200g smoked streaky bacon lardons
- · 6 small shallots, peeled and diced
- · 2 leeks, trimmed, washed and diced
- · 6 cloves garlic, crushed
- · Half a bulb of garlic, cut in half horizontally
- · Half a 750ml bottle of Merlot red wine
- · 2 tbsp tomato purée
- · 750ml rich beef stock
- · 1 sprig of fresh rosemary and thyme, leaves finely chopped
- · 2 bay leaves
- · 2 star anise
- 200g wild and chestnut mushrooms, roughly chopped

To serve

- · Chopped fresh parsley
- · Creamy mashed potato

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 170°C, fan 150°C, gas mark 3.
- Season the beef well with salt and pepper and toss in the seasoned flour.
- Heat half the oil in a frying pan and fry the beef in batches over a medium-high heat until browned on all sides, turning now and then. Once browned, using a slotted spoon, transfer to a large flameproof casserole.
- Add a little more oil to the pan and fry the bacon lardons for 2-3 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to the casserole.
- Add a splash more oil to the pan and cook the shallots and leeks over a low heat for 3-4 minutes, stirring until softened. Add the garlic and half garlic bulb (face-side down) and cook for a further minute.
- Transfer to the casserole, pour over the wine and stir in the tomato purée, stock, herbs and star anise. Bring to a simmer, stir well, cover with a lid and cook in the oven for 1½-1¾ hours.
- Add the remaining oil and mushrooms to the frying pan and cook for 2-3 minutes over a high heat until golden brown, turning often.
- Remove the casserole from the oven, stir in the mushrooms, return to the oven and cook for 25-30 minutes more until the sauce has thickened and the beef is completely tender. (If the sauce is too thin, add a little cornflour paste and simmer for another couple of minutes.)
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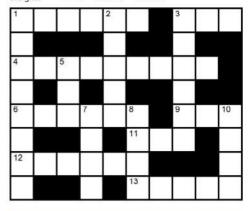
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What is it?

The Chinese firm BYD only arrived in the UK in 2023 and has previously focused on big saloons and SUVs. However, with its smallest car, the Dolphin Surf, it's chasing after the Dacia Spring and Leapmotor TO3 at the budget end of the EV market.

What's new?

The Dolphin Surf has a new body and interior, and sits on BYD's e-Platform 3.0 architecture, allowing a choice of battery packs.

The firm's Blade Battery technology uses fewer precious metals and is claimed to be stronger and tougher than standard lithium-ion units.

What's under the bonnet?

This compact city car comes with either a 30kWh or a larger 43.2kWh battery pack. Our test car has the latter, plus an electric motor that pumps out 154bhp and 220Nm of torque. The car manages 0-60mph in 11.9 seconds and 93mph.

What's it like to drive?

The Dolphin Surf slips through gaps in traffic, while the tight turning circle makes manoeuvring a doddle.

The steering is nicely weighted and the electric motor is peppy enough. It's also very efficient, with our test car averaging 4.9 miles per kWh.

It's only let down by a fidgety ride and ineffectiveseeming regenerative braking.

How does it look?

The rather tall and boxy design is accompanied by sharp lines and edges that run down the side profile, with black plastic wheel arch mouldings and more black plastic across the front bumper.

At the back, the C-pillars feature black trim that runs seamlessly into the back window, creating a floating roof effect.

What's it like inside?

The interior is more than acceptable. All cars come with a rotatable touchscreen, which is easy to use on the move; it's a pity the climate control settings are buried within the screen.

The hard plastics feel cheap, but it still feels more upmarket than a Dacia Spring.

Space in the back is where this little car excels, with lots of head- and legroom. However, the two rear seat belts make it a strict four-seater.

Boot space stands at 308 litres or 1,037 litres with the rear seats folded down – roomier than a Leapmotor TO3 and on par with the Spring.

What's the spec like?

It has three trim levels and all models come with a decent amount of standard equipment. The entry-level Active model is priced from £18,650 and there's a 10.1-inch rotatable touchscreen infotainment system and rearview camera.

The Boost starts at £21,950 and boasts extras such as 16-inch alloy wheels and rain-sensing windscreen wipers.

Flagship Comfort models come in at £23,950, with toys such as a 360-degree camera, wireless smartphone charger and heated front seats.

Verdict

Judging by the Dolphin Surf's upsides – good around town, funky exterior, efficiency and ample interior space – BYD has undoubtedly cracked the budget EV market.









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However, there are no mileage conditions and there's no large final payment, because, once you've paid off the sum of the agreement, you'll own the car.



Leasing (Personal Contract Hire)

Leasing a car is a little like a long-term car rental. You'll pay a sum initially, followed by monthly payments. Once the payment term is over (you'll agree this with the dealer), you won't own the car, nor will you be able to purchase it via a final payment.

You'll also have to stipulate how many miles you'll cover, as well as the amount you'll pay each month. When it comes to the deposit, this is more rigid than with other finance plans – it's usually determined by adding together three, six or nine months' worth of payments. If you like to change cars regularly, leasing could be for you.

Bank loan

A traditional bank loan could make getting the keys to a brand-new car a little easier compared with a PCP or lease deal. It will also mean that you'll own the car outright from the start, so you could sell it whenever you wanted without having to pay charges for leaving a finance agreement.

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Families Face Inheritance Tax Grab (The Guardian headline 12.08.25)

In addition to applying inheritance tax (IHT) to farms, the government has also confirmed that it will press ahead with plans that mean unused pension funds (that is the amount remaining within the pension fund at the date of death) will also be subject to IHT from April 2027. How you are affected will depend on the value of your pension when you die, any other assets you have and who you leave them to. We don't know what else may be in store, but IHT considerations are climbing up the priority list for many of our clients.

In last months' Money Corner, we considered how using Lifetime Trusts could help pass your assets to loved ones in the most tax-efficient and timely manner. This month, we build on the estate planning topic by considering life assurance as an additional defence against inheritance tax (IHT).

What is IHT?

IHT is a tax on the estate of someone who has died It includes all assets, your home, car, savings, investments, all personal belongings and could include life insurance payouts. An amount up to £325,000 is known as the 'nil rate band' because the inheritance tax you pay is 0% if your estate is below it, with amounts over the threshold being taxed at 40%. You can also pass on up to £175,000 more, free from inheritance tax, if you leave your share of your main home to your children or grandchildren. This amount is known as the 'residence nil rate band'. Together, these two nil rate bands add up to £500,000 per person.

IHT must be paid within six months of the date the person died.

What is estate planning?

Estate planning focuses on passing on your assets in line with your wishes in the most taxefficient manner both during your lifetime and after you die. Management of an IHT liability is a large part of estate planning. The earlier you start planning the better your plans are and the more you can minimise the impact of IHT.

Using life assurance to pay IHT

When the value of an estate is known we can calculate the amount of IHT to be paid. You can take life cover on the whole liability, some of it, or even add a margin for future growth.

The key is to put the life assurance into a Trust, a legal entity in its' own right, which is managed by Trustees and therefore it falls outside of your estate. Without a Trust, the life cover is included in the estate and is also subject to 40% IHT!

One of the main benefits of covering IHT with life assurance is that the sum assured can be paid out to the Trustees very quickly, free of all taxes and without waiting for probate. The Trustees then use the payout to meet the IHT charge in full or in part. If there is an excess over the IHT liability amount, this is payable to your Trustees to distribute amongst beneficiaries according to your wishes. Statistically, very often the sum assured can be far higher than the premiums to be paid during the policyholders' lifetime. This is obviously a no-brainer!

This article is produced in association with Estate Planning Solutions, a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Planners (STEP) and the Institute of Professional Willwriters (IPW).



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As the cost-of-living spirals and more of our children struggle to get a footing on the property ladder it is now more important than ever to plan our family's inheritance. The team at Sanctuary Tax & Trust explain how many families find themselves victims of avoidable losses and why simply writing a will does not guarantee our family will inherit as we wish.

For the vast majority of people, we spend all our lives working to build up wealth, through property, savings and pensions we look at providing financial security for our families and when our final day arrives, we hope these assets will pass to the people we care about the most, partners, children, relatives and friends. Traditionally, people have chosen wills to document their wishes and while writing a will is important, it does not provide any protection for the assets within it.

Considerations when planning Inheritance

Care Fees – As we live longer the likelihood of needing care becomes greater and under the government's changes to the social care act should the need for care arise, we could see our asset taken down to just £23,250. The new assessment process will see everybody with property and saving over a combined value of £100,000 being required to pay for their care.

Relationship Failure — When passing assets purely through a will we see many leaving their assets to their children but not giving consideration to what would happen if one of their children was to divorce. This can lead to a child seeing half of their inheritance in the hands of an ex-partner and in the event of early bereavement this can lead to grandchildren being disinherited.

Inheritance Tax – The current IHT framework can be complex and unknowingly people can leave their children and even grandchildren with an Inheritance tax issue.

Probate – The cost of probate has risen dramatically over the last few years, and it can be a lengthy and drawn-out process. On average, with a will, probate will typically take 6-12 months to complete, without a will it could take up to 2 years.

Its Never the Wrong Time To Do The Right Thing—While people appreciate that inheritance planning is important many will delay seeking the correct advice. By putting off today what we can do tomorrow we run the risk of running out of time or, in the event of an illness, seeing our options being dramatically reduced.

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Enjoy the show!

While we can't do anything about the changing seasons, we can alter the way we look at them. Most people feel a little sad that summer has passed but now is the time to appreciate one of the greatest performances staged by nature – completely free of charge.

While we humans add on a few layers of warm clothing, plants do the opposite. They cast off their seasonal mantles. This means we are privy to some wondrous colours, improving in intensity as October progresses. Leaves are a type of food processing factory and as they wind down, they shed layers. First to go is the outer chlorophyll and when it fades, we can see yellow, orange and red anthocyanin.

Star performers

Some of the best autumn colour comes from Japanese maples. In fact, most of the Acer family excel at this time of year, offering gold, red, orange or scarlet hues. The Juneberries, or Amelanchiers, and Liquidambar, known as the sweetgum tree, also put on a great display.

It's a good time to note your favourite trees and shrubs, as the planting season looms. Perhaps you have room for just one more?

There is still some flowering interest in October, including Nerines, with bright pink blooms, autumn crocus (Colchicum autumnale), Asters, Chrysanthemums and Dahlias.









Jobs for October

Before the clocks go back on Sunday, 26 October, there are tasks to tackle.

- Plant spring-flowering bulbs and remember that flowers in casual groups are far more effective than singles or straight lines. Plant as early in the month as possible, so that the soil is still warm and roots have a chance to sprout. Don't be tempted to plant tulips just yet, however. The warm, wet soil conditions that can be normal for October mean that the risk of fungal disease is high.
- Divide perennials that are outgrowing their space and exchange interesting clumps with friends.
- Prune back shrubs that look too large or untidy, bearing in mind that winter seed heads are invaluable for birds. Take care not to prune anything that might be a bit tender, because frost gains access through new cuts.
- Prune roses now, so that they don't rock in the winter winds, which can loosen their roots.
- Scarify and aerate the lawn to get rid of dead grass and open up the airways.
- Set the lawnmower blades high and give the lawn a final trim.
- Aim to achieve contrast with evergreens, placing maroon and dark-leafed shrubs next to variegated or yellow-leafed specimens. We are about to enter the season when foliage comes first.

Enjoy this month of transition; it can be a magical time.

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café networks across the UK have written to the Government asking them to

change that. According to Katy Medlock, UK general manager of Back Market, "Cutting VAT on reused, refurbished and repaired goods and services would directly benefit consumers by lowering prices, making it a no-brainer for more people to choose sustainable options."



SOUND SENSE

IKEA's getting smarter with its new range of tech for the home.

IKEA is planning to launch more than 20 new smart home products between now and January 2026, and they're going to be compatible with Matter, the universal smart home standard. That's important, because Matter makes it easy for different firms' products to communicate with one another. The first new product is the fun and funky Nattbad Bluetooth Speaker (right), which will be followed by the striking Blomprakt lamp/ speaker in late 2025 and a design collaboration with famed Swedish designer Teklan in January. That collection promises "to invite more personality into home electronics".



IMAGINARY FRIEND?

Worryingly, children are turning more and more to AI for companionship and support.

The question, "Do you know who your kids are talking to online?" is as old as the internet, but AI has given it a new and scary dimension. According to Internet Matters, the family safety organisation created by BT,

Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media, teenagers increasingly see Al chatbots as real

people and are turning to them for companionship and even advice, sometimes sharing intimate details of their lives. The number of children using one Al service, ChatGPT, increased from 23% in 2023 to 43% in 2025. All chatbots are notoriously inaccurate and sometimes even dangerous, and there are growing calls to regulate the technology.





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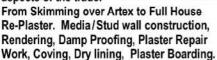
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