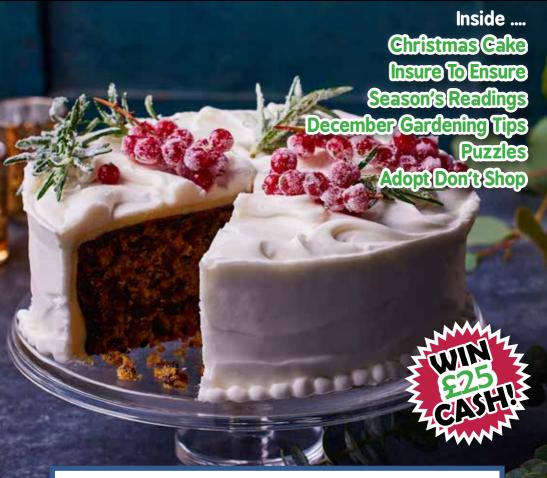
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Christmas is both exciting, with twinkling lights and sparkling decorations, and sentimental, with a love of tradition. This seems to make us all much more amenable to giving; family, friends, acquaintances and charity are likely to benefit from our goodwill.

However, we're sure you share our dilemma: We will give presents to those we know well, but we also want to say thanks to so many others - co-workers, suppliers and people we recognise from regular places we visit.

Internet research says that even just a message to an individual is definitely worthwhile, whether that's verbal, electronic or a Christmas card. However, the advice is to ensure that what you say is personalised. Not just 'thanks for the past year' as you could be saying that to anyone. But more along the lines of 'You are always so cheerful/you are really efficient/you always go the extra mile'. What about someone you've never met? We hope that being specific about what you appreciate still holds some weight, so here's one from us.

We only know most of our advertisers through their business, not personally. Nor do we know much about you, the reader, other than that you must live locally to see this issue. So all we can do is to say this: thank you for reading the magazine, for entering our competitions, for responding to community and charity features and for using the advertisers. From us both at the One Stop Local, we really do value your support.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we'll back next time with our next issue, until then take care and best wishes,





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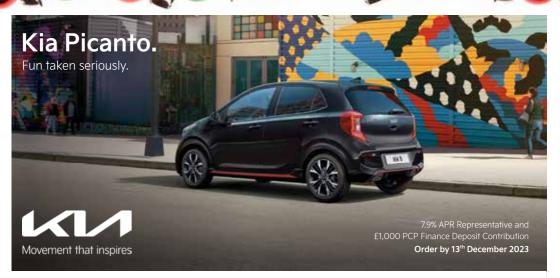
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Sub-letting

Sub-letting your home will probably not be covered by a regular policy, so you must inform your insurer when taking out insurance or let them know if somebody moves in. If you don't, and something goes wrong due to their actions, your policy may be invalidated.

Mistaking insurance types

There are two main types of house insurance – buildings insurance and contents insurance. They cover different things, yet some people assume they are the same. Contents insurance covers anything considered a personal possession that could reasonably be moved, from laptops to furniture. Building insurance covers the overall structure of your building, along with fixtures and fittings.

Leaving your home empty

Home insurance policies cover your home for a certain period while you're away, typically 30 or 60 days. If you leave your property unoccupied for longer than this and something goes wrong, you may have invalidated your cover.

Accidental damage

Many policies will not cover accidental damage as standard. This covers damage resulting from - for

instance - leaving a tap on or breaking a piece of furniture. You can usually select it as an option at an additional cost when taking out your policy.

Running a business from home

Working or trading from home without telling your insurer could lead to your claim being rejected. Be upfront about it from the outset, as you may need a different type of insurance depending on your business.

Underinsuring your home

One of the most significant traps is underestimating the value of your property and needing adequate coverage. If your policy doesn't cover the total cost of rebuilding your home in case of a disaster, you may end up paying the difference out of your own pocket.

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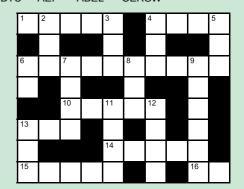
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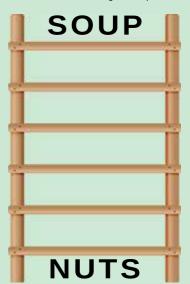
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Ingredients

- · 250g vegan butter or coconut oil, plus extra for greasing
- 175g soft light brown sugar
- · Finely grated zest of 2 oranges and juice of 1
- Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon (reserve 1 tbsp juice for the icing)
- · 150ml rum or brandy, plus extra (optional) for feeding
- 875g mixed dried fruit of your choice, such as sultanas, raisins, currants, cranberries and chopped figs and apricots
- · 100g chopped candied peel
- · 175 g plain flour
- 125g ground almonds
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ¾ tsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp ground mace
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- 225g apple purée

For the icing

- 625g icing sugar, plus extra for dusting
- 75ml aquafaba
- · 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 4 tbsp apricot jam
- 500g vegan marzipan

- 1. Preheat the oven to 160°C / fan 140°C / gas mark 3. Grease a deep 20cm round cake tin and line with nonstick baking paper.
 - 2. Melt the vegan butter or coconut oil in a saucepan along with the brown sugar, citrus zest and juice, and rum or brandy (if using). Bring to a boil and simmer for 2 minutes, then remove from the heat.
- 3. Add the dried fruit and candied peel to a large bowl, pour over the vegan butter/coconut oil mixture, and stir well.
- 4. Whisk together the flour, ground almonds, baking powder, salt and spices in a separate bowl. Mix the apple purée into the dried fruit mixture, then fold in the flour mixture until just combined.
- 5. Pour the cake batter into the lined tin, smooth the surface with a spatula and bake for 1½ hours. Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool completely in the tin. Once cooled, pierce holes all over the top of the cake with a skewer, drizzle over 2 tbsp rum or brandy, and let it soak in. Make sure the surface is fully dry before decorating.
- 6. When you are ready to decorate, whisk together the icing sugar, aquafaba and lemon juice in a large bowl until you have a stiff and glossy icing. Cover with clingfilm until needed.
- 7. Heat the apricot jam in a small pan, then brush over the top and sides of the cake.
- 8. Roll out the marzipan into a rough circle about 2.5mm thick on a work surface lightly dusted with icing sugar. Lay it over the cake and gently smooth it onto the top and down around the sides, so that there is no air trapped inside. Neaten by smoothing over with the flat of your palm or the rolling pin and trim away any excess.
- 9. Spread over the icing in swoops and flicks to look like snow using a spatula or the back of a spoon. Let the icing set completely for a few hours before cutting. Decorate with frosted redcurrants and rosemary sprigs (if liked).





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Planting now

If you are tempted to wait until spring, you're missing out on a great opportunity. Winter is 'bare root season' and dormant, woody plants can be purchased at a much lower price than you'll see in spring. You can plant a hedge in the garden or add some native shrubs to your borders for the price of a box of Christmas crackers.

Jobs in the garden this month

- If you have free-standing fruit trees such as apples and pears, this is a great time to prune them. Not only will you be able to control their size and shape, but you will encourage them to be productive. You want an open centre so that a good airflow can be achieved. Try to prune yearly rather than severe pruning when the tree has become a tangled mess. Hard pruning causes the growth of multiple small shoots, known as water shoots, as the tree tries to replace some of its lost growth.
- Protect your pots and tender plants from freezing conditions. Use horticultural fleece as a wrap or move pots into a sheltered position.
- Mulch around the base of your favourite shrubs and perennials to keep the roots a little warmer. Take care not to allow the mulch to touch the stem, as this can cause rotting.

- Check stakes and ties to ensure they are not too tight but also to ensure that strong winds are less likely to damage your plants.
- Clear leaves from pathways for safety reasons, but allow them to stay on your beds. They provide valuable cover and shelter for many garden creatures and act as bird larders.
- Consider positioning your bird feeders over your beds and borders, particularly near roses and other plants that might suffer from aphids. The birds will help clear your plants of pests.
- In the kitchen garden, harvest vegetables for the festive season, including parsnips, leeks, Brussels sprouts and cabbages. Pick sprouts from the bottom upwards, allowing the ones at the top to develop. They can be blanched for around three minutes and then frozen if you prefer.
- Keep off your beds as much as possible because it squashes the air out of the soil. If you tread on a board instead of the ground. this helps to spread the load.
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