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Well done Team BAKO!

The wanderers have returned! Learn about their incredible fundraising Kilimanjaro hike in support of Dementia UK



Dear Customer,

As we head into the busy festive season, we're focusing on helping you gear up for one of the most crucial times of the year. From unmissable discounts from top suppliers to market insights and recipes to inspire, this issue is packed with everything you need to stay ahead of the competition and satisfy customer demand. Whether you're stocking up on seasonal ingredients or looking for inspiration to drive sales, we've got you covered!

In this jam-packed pre-Christmas edition you'll find a heap of hefty discounts on seasonal favourites from brands such as Bridor, CSM, Dawn, Baker & Baker and, of course, BAKO Select. Keep reading to discover a handpicked selection of Festive essentials, from our jolly selection of edible decorations, thaw & serve themed doughnuts to mincemeat and gingerbread men.

That's not all! Join us in Blackpool as we Meet The Bakers, gaining crucial insights from the success story that is Laines Bakery, celebrating their 40th year. Learn about the practical benefits of different sugar applications, brought to you by the experts at Ragus, check out the excitingly different new Carob Cake Mix launch from IREKS, and find an informative breakdown of recent activity in the Dairy Market from our Senior Commodity Manager, Julia.

A big congratulations is in order for our BAKO 60th Anniversary Kilimanjaro Expedition Team; Ian, Jo, Lucy and Marta! Their herculean efforts, raising money for Dementia UK, cannot be understated- don't forget you still have time to donate to this worthy cause. Turn to our report on page 6 to hear about their experiences and take in some amazing views from the epic ascent.

See you next time!





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The Climb of a Lifetime

A team of BAKO trekkers have successfully reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro! The culmination of our year-long 60th Anniversary celebrations, this amazing achievement also serves to raise funds for Dementia UK, with the aim of collecting a generous donation for the charity.

The BAKO Kilimanjaro Challenge exemplifies the company's commitment to making a meaningful difference in the community while commemorating six decades of success.



The BAKO team, comprising (L-R above) lan Best, Marta Skomoroko, Joanna Walaszczyk and Lucy John began their journey from Nale Moru Village, following a challenging route that took them through maize and potato fields, rainforests, and ultimately to the snow-capped summit of Kilimanjaro. After a gruelling seven days of trekking more than 100 km, Lucy, Joanna and Marta proudly stood at the "Roof of Africa". Unfortunately, lan, after suffering from low oxygen levels at the final stage, made the decision to stay back for his safety.

BAKO CEO, Michael Tully, expressed his pride in the team's remarkable achievement: "Reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro is an extraordinary accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of Lucy, Joanna, Marta, and lan for their dedication and resilience. Their efforts are a true reflection of the spirit of BAKO—pushing boundaries while supporting an important cause like Dementia UK. We couldn't have asked for a more fitting way to celebrate our 60th anniversary."

While the altitude, cold, and unpredictable weather made the ascent particularly challenging, the team's strong camaraderie and support from local guides helped them persevere.

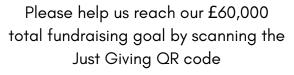




"We are grateful for the incredible support so far but our journey isn't over yet—helping Dementia UK means so much to us, and we hope everyone will join us in making a difference." - CEO Michael Tully

















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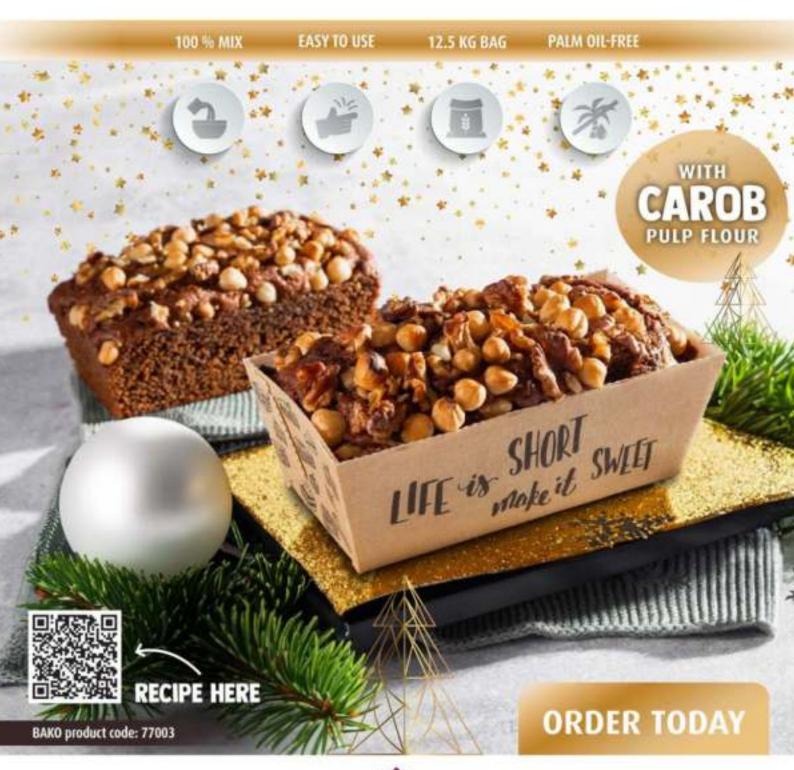




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Meet The Bakers

LAINES BAKERY

Laines is a small, traditional bakery, deeply rooted in the community of Central Blackpool. Having scaled back on the considerable wholesale side of the business, Rob and Sally have gained perspective on work-life balance and the benefits of focusing on meeting the needs of the modern customer.

Meet the Bakers spoke with Rob Laines about a lifetime defined by bakery and the story of Laines' continued succes.

MTB: Can you give me an overview of your bakery and take me through the history including any key turning points?

RL: My parents bought Laines Bakery back in 1984. That's why we wanted to do something special this year—we just celebrated our 40th anniversary!

My parents were already in the bakery business. My grandfather owned a big family bakery in Salford, which involved quite a few of my uncles and aunts. My parents decided to branch out on their own and opened our bakery in Blackpool.

I started working in the bakery when I was still at school, coming in after classes and on weekends. After I finished at Blackpool Bakery College, I joined full-time and have been here ever since.

Sally, my wife, and I met in 1987. At that time, she had another job but would help with the accounts and deliveries whenever she could.

MTB: How have you marked the impressive milestone of 40 years in business?

RL: For our 40th anniversary, we wanted to do something special to engage with our community, so we launched a fun Facebook campaign managed by our daughter. We handed out little thank-you cards with cake candles attached and invited customers to take pictures of the candles stuck in one of our pies or cakes.

People really got into it and shared some fantastic photos, even getting their pets involved! We received so many lovely messages and heartfelt stories from long-time customers. To reward everyone's creativity, we offered a one-of-a-kind cheesecake as a prize for the best photo. It was such a heartwarming experience seeing everyone come together to celebrate with us—it truly felt like a big family event.





A few years ago, we had a fire that forced us to close temporarily, which was a real turning point. After we reopened, we took a step back and reorganised everything. I was working crazy hours back then, so we reduced our operating days and hours. Now, we're open from Wednesday to Saturday, which has worked out much better. I come in on Mondays to handle orders and other administrative tasks, while the staff comes in on Tuesdays to prep for the week. This new schedule has really improved the work-life balance, and things are going well for the shop.



MTB: What sort of products do you offer you customers?

RL: We're known for our traditional offerings like Eccles cakes, Chorley cakes, and a variety of pies and sandwiches. Our barmcakes are especially popular and tend to sell out quickly. While we don't bake as much bread as we used to, our pies remain a standout. People sometimes call us "the pie shop" because of how well our pies sell. For our 40th anniversary, we even made tote bags with an "I Love Pies" logo and gave away nearly 500 of them!

MTB: Other than your legendary pies, what are some other local favourites and upcoming launches?

RL: Cheesecakes are hugely popular and we've got a lemon meringue cheesecake that customers love, and our new Bakewell cheesecake is flying off the shelves. We also make traditional treats like vanilla slices, Manchester tarts, and fruit slices, which always have steady demand.

This year, we introduced the Bakewell cheesecake for our 40th anniversary, which was a big hit. With Christmas coming up, we're thinking about creating a new pistachio cheesecake and during the festive period, we also invite customers to bring their own bowls, which we fill with our special trifle. People love it because they get to take it home and pretend they've made it themselves!

MTB: What challenges and opportunities can you see in the near future for highstreet bakeries like Laines?

RL: Keeping up with allergens is one of the biggest challenges. You have to stay on your toes and ensure everything is clearly labelled and handled correctly, which is absolutely necessary, but challenging, nonetheless

There's a renewed appreciation for quality over quantity which represents a big opportunity. After COVID, I think people have started returning to smaller, independent shops like ours. The trend seems to be moving away from cheap supermarket offerings to supporting local bakers who focus on craftsmanship and care.

MTB: How much do you use social media and has it proved to be a good promotion tool?

RL: We're very active on social media. My daughter runs the Facebook and Instagram pages while our son has recently set us up on TikTok. They do an amazing job- engaging with our online community and posting regularly which has drawn in lots of new customers. It's really helped us connect with a new audience. Facebook remains our primary platform since many of our customers are on there, but Instagram is growing, and we're seeing more young people come into the shop as a result.





Freshly baked Laines products. From the innovative Bakewell Cheesecake to traditional Chorley Cakes







MTB: What advice would you give to bakers starting up today?

RL: It's a tough business with long hours, but for anyone starting out, I would say be prepared to work hard and consider focusing on retail rather than wholesale. Retail offers a better balance, in my experience.

I think social media will continue to grow in importance for bakeries. Those who know how to use it effectively will see real benefits. And I also believe customers are starting to value quality more, so there's a bright future for independent bakers who can offer something unique.





BAKO Trade Marketing Executive, Peter Green meeting with the Laines and enjoying a cheeky sample of their latest launch.

MTB: How do you find your partnership with BAKO and what does it mean for your business?

RL: It's been very good. They're reliable and better than some of our other suppliers. We've been really happy with their service.

Laines Bakery Customer Feedback

"This place is amazing! I've been coming here since the early 1990s, and the taste has stayed consistent throughout. The pies have buttery, flavoursome pastry with delicious fillings, and the cakes are heavenly. My favourites are the oversized éclairs." - Keith

"I had my wedding cake made here in 2004. It's incredible that the bakery is still thriving despite all the challenges.

Great cakes, bread, and staff. There's always a queue out the door because it's that good!" - Yvonne

"Laines is a shop of joy with a delicious selection of goodies. I wish I could eat everything! The lemon meringue cheesecake and the pies are fantastic. The staff went above and beyond when I visited. It's a 10 out of 10 from me.."

- Paul



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New records have been set for UK butter prices, but what's next for dairy?

Butter prices in the UK and Ireland have surged to record highs in recent months, with availability becoming increasingly scarce. A key factor driving this trend is the cost of milk. On average, it takes 25 litres of milk to produce just one kilogram of butter, making milk prices the most significant determinant of butter pricing.

September typically marks a period of naturally low milk production and high demand for butter, as large manufacturers stock up for the festive season. This year, the industry has been hit particularly hard following a weaker-than-expected Spring Flush, the time of year when milk production reaches its peak. With this year's flush falling short, the outlook for milk availability in the months ahead remains tight.

Looking forward, Spring Flush success is highly dependent on the ending stocks from the previous season. As it stands, this year's ending stocks are expected to be nearly depleted, setting the stage for another disappointing Spring Flush in the corning year. This, coupled with other economic pressures, is likely to keep butter prices elevated.



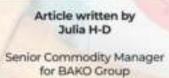
Farmers are also grappling with high input costs, often referred to as the "3 F's" - feed, fertiliser, and fuel. Rising inflation and increasing interest rates have further discouraged investment in the farming sector, pushing milk prices higher. In turn, this has a knock-on effect on butter prices, which are likely to remain elevated compared to the levels seen over the past five to ten years.

Additionally, regulatory changes could impact the market in the longer term. The European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and the UK Forest Risk Commodity Regulation (UKFRC) will affect supply chains, as dairy products indirectly fall under their scope due to the soy used in animal feed. The new traceability requirements for soy could further strain supply and contribute to sustained higher prices in the dairy sector.



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Sugar as a functional ingredient for Festive Season baking

As the holiday season approaches and you are seeking inspiration for which festive treats will feature in your baking schedules, here are some hints about how pure sugars can help you enhance the quality and distinctive taste, texture, and appearance of your pastries, cakes, flapjacks, breads and biscuits. Brought to you by Ragus.



Essential texture and mouthfeel

Texture and mouthfeel, which we describe in endless ways such as watery, firm, crunchy, creamy and chewy, defines our eating experience. The chewiness or crispiness of a biscuit can depend on the sugar used within it. Sugars with larger crystals, such as the ones in demerara sugar, for example, produce a crispier biscuit. Alternatively, using brown sugar in a festive bake adds moisture, making it chewier than a light-coloured sugar. This is because brown sugar contains molasses, which absorbs water more readily than white sugar, so the dough absorbs more water.



Adding colour and moistness to Christmas treats

For intensely dark flavours and colours, like in Christmas pudding or plum pudding, add black treacle to darken the colour and add a more bitter sweetness and moisture. Often made in advance of the December holiday, festive cakes and biscuits would otherwise dry out without the moisture retained by sugar ingredients. Similarly, dark soft brown sugar, a unique blend of molasses and white crystalline table sugar, adds colour to denser baked goods, such as the fruit cakes used for Christmas cake.



More than a sweetener

Sugars add a range of sweet flavours to your baking, but it also plays many other fundamental roles too. Without it, for example, many biscuits wouldn't be biscuits at all: their structure, texture, mouthfeel and appearance may rely largely on sugar. The darker colours found in biscuits, cakes and some breads can be the result of using black treacle or golden syrups. During some baking recipes, sugars can undergo the Maillard reaction, which produces natural polymers called caramelans that create distinctive light caramel through to dark coloured baked goods.



A natural preservative

Finally, the water absorbing, or to use the technical term, 'hygroscopic', nature of sugar also makes it a great natural preservative. Water molecules from doughs and cake mixes bind to the sugar, starving harmful bacteria of the water they need to grow, which in baked goods also makes it a humectant, retaining moisture and slowing the processes that make your pastries, biscuits, cakes, breads and flapjacks go stale.









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