Beef and Onion Plait

Ingredients;

- 450-500g /1 lb beef mince
- 1 onion diced
- 2 cloves of garlic crushed
- 2 carrots diced
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 tablespoon tomato puree
- 1 beef stock cube
- 1 teaspoon mixed herbs
- 125ml/ ¼ pint of water
- 1 sheet puff pastry [coeliac puff pastry is now available in shops]
- 1 egg with a splash of milk to egg wash

Method;

- 1. Preheat oven to 200 C / Gas mark 6.
- 2. Brown off mince in a hot pan, add carrots, onion and garlic until veg is soft.
- 3. Crumble in stock cube, add tomato puree and flour to form a paste.
- 4. Add mixed herbs, seasoning and water to make a sauce and cook for 10mins.
- 5. Leave to cool. Next mark out pastry in 3 lengthways but do not cut.
- 6. Cut 1 cm slits on the 2 outside parts of the pastry leaving the middle whole.
- 7. Place pastry on tray and add cooled beef mix down the centre.
- 8. Seal the end by folding over 2 of the bottom pastry leaves.
- 9. Plait pastry over and back until the end. Seal the other end.
- 10. Brush with egg wash and bake at 200 C / Gas mark 6 for 25-30mins.