

February 07, 2007

The Italian School of Cooking

Thanks to Marco and Marcello, my hosts at the <u>Italian School of Cooking</u>, where I attended a class on pasta making last night. As well as learning how easy it is to make pasta without a machine - I was dead proud of my attempts at orecchiette! - I had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, eating and drinking, meeting people and being serenaded over dinner by a very enthusiastic Marco. The school, which is centrally located in Rathmines, is definitely worth checking out. Time to pick up a bag of durum flour from the Italian shop in Ranelagh for some pasta-making experiments down at the cottage!



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Happy Waitangi Day!

Although we may be back in Ireland, today we are celebrating <u>Waitanqi Day</u>, a national holiday in New Zealand, with that ubiquitous Kiwi desert - the pavlova. After bemoaning the lack of pavlovas in <u>Irish supermarkets</u>, the Boyfriend went off to work this morning laden with boxes of meringue nests, tubs of cream, my hand whisk and a nice <u>pink bowl</u> to assemble a selection of impromptu pavs for his workmates. Bron has an entertaining defence of the NZ claim to the pavlova <u>here</u>, along with many delectable pictures of her own fabulous Waitangi Day creation.

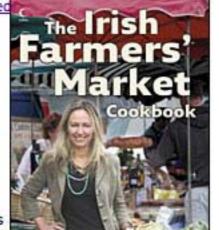
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Boiled, Baked & Basted - encore

Boiled, Baked & Basted, the brilliant <u>RTÉ Radio 1</u> programme that I <u>mentioned</u> in October, featuringchefs and cooks talking about their favourite cookbooks, sadly came to an end on 30 December. A simple but effective format - just the voice of the interviewee, interspersed by actors reading from cookbooks that they mentioned - made this essential listening for the cosy Saturday nights that we spent in the <u>cottage</u>. You can listen back to the whole 13-programme series on the all-new redesigned RTÉ.ie website <u>here</u>.

I've just discovered another informal <u>wine course</u> in Dublin. This one is on in <u>The Vaults</u> and starts on Tuesday 13 February at 6.30pm. The sessions are hosted by a Master of Wines from Findlater Grants and run every second Tuesday for four weeks, costing €35 per person per night. More information is



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