Baked Falafels

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Makes 40 falafels

Ingredients:

- 5 medium carrots, grated
- 5 small grated zucchinis
- 5 x 420g tin chickpeas, well rinsed and drained
- 1 ¼ cup chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoons oregano
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 ¼ cup wholemeal self-raising flour

Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
- 2. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
- 3. Strain grated carrot and zucchini to remove excess liquid.
- **4.** In a food processor, combine the carrot, zucchini, chickpeas, parsley, oregano and onion until smooth.
- **5.** Transfer the mixture into a bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix until well combined.
- **6.** Measure out a heaped tablespoon and shape your falafel into 40 even-sized balls.
- **7.** Place falafel onto prepared baking sheet and flatten slightly with a fork.
- 8. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.
- **9.** Remove from oven and leave to cool for 5 minutes before serving. Serve 1 as a snack, or 2-3 with a meal.

Variations:

- Substitute the chickpeas with other beans or legumes.
- This recipe can be used in meals such as:
 - Falafel burgers
 - On a wholegrain wrap or in a pita sandwich
 - Salads

Tips:

- To save time after draining the carrots and zucchinis, you could use the food processor to chop the onions, carrots and zucchinis before adding in the chickpeas, parsley and oregano.
- Use a small ice-cream scoop to ensure your falafels are the same size each time



Nutrition information:

	Per serve (43g)	Per 100g
Energy (kJ)	175	407
Protein (g)	2.1	4.8
Fat – total (g)	0.62	1.5
Saturated (g)	0.07	0.16
Carbohydrates – total (g)	6.2	14.3
Sugar (g)	0.87	2.0
Sodium (mg)	87	202
Fibre (g)	1.7	3.6