MERLIN'S MOCKTAILS GIVE DRINK DRIVING THE RED CARD! **TWELVE AMAZING MOCKTAIL RECIPES TO KICK** DRINK DRIVING INTO TOUCH.. Diogelwch Ffyrdd CYMENY Sir Gar armarthenshir

A GREAT ALTERNATIVE TO **ALCOHOL THAT'S LOADS OF FUN!**

As part of our 'Give drink driving the red card' campaign, we've put together 12 amazing nonalcoholic cocktails or 'mocktails' recipes for you to try out. They're all based around special places in Carmarthenshire and each comes with a message that's worth listening to!

They're designed to give you positive, mouth watering alternatives to alcohol - not only if you're driving but also if you'd like to cut down on the amount you drink.

They're also great fun to make and are packed full of healthy fruit which goes a long way to making up your 5 A DAY!







William Paxton spent thousands of pounds trying to get elected to Parliament in 1802 only to be defeated by 45 votes.

Thankfully things improved for Sir William. Two months later he became Mayor of Carmarthen and the following year succeeded in becoming the local MP.

His election promise was to build a bridge across the River Tywi. Instead he built Paxton Tower in 1811 in memory of Lord Nelson after his death at the battle of Trafalgar.

The Tower was built in the spirit of the times, as a place to wine and dine his guests and take in the panoramic views from this spot.

So why not raise a non-alcoholic glass to the memory of Sir William and his magnificent Gothic Folly?!



INGREDIENTS

2 cups cranberry juice

1 cup pineapple juice

1 cup orange juice

1 (4 ounce) jar maraschino cherries

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle ginger ale

1 orange, sliced in rounds

DIRECTIONS

In a gallon jug or bowl, combine cranberry juice, pineapple juice, orange juice, cherry juice and lemon juice.

Just before serving, slowly add ginger ale; stir to blend.

Fill glasses with ice and gradually pour in punch.

Garnish with orange slices.



SCARLET SCREAMER

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES!

Llanelli has seen many a rugby triumph over the years...

Not least Llanelli RFC's stunning victory over the mighty New Zealand All Blacks in 1972, what a night that must have been!

But here's something that any good rugby player will tell you - fail to prepare - prepare to fail!

So whether you're out celebrating another Six Nations triumph or a special birthday why not think a step ahead? Choose a designated driver who won't drink and can get you home safely. Or better still, why not just take a taxi?!

IF YOU'RE DRINKING LEAVE THE CAR AT HOME...

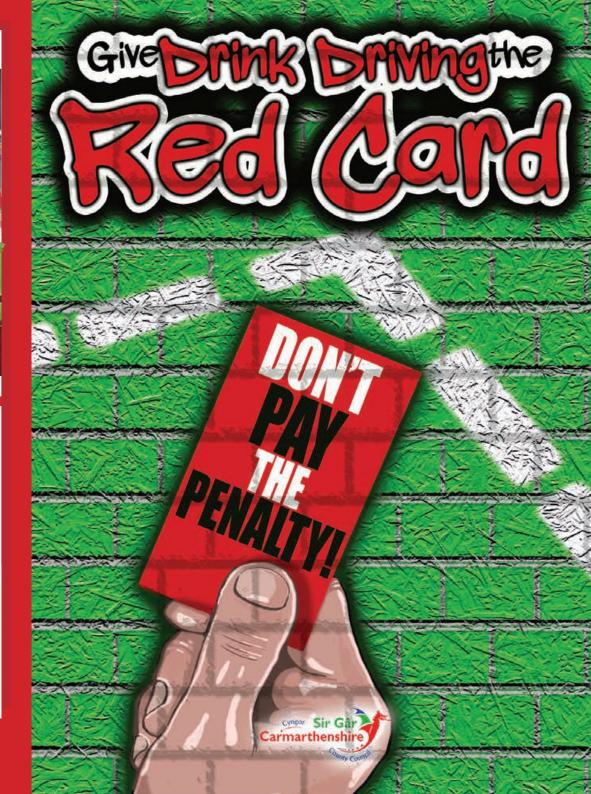
INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup raspberry juice
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup pineapple juice
- 1/4 cup cranberry juice
- mint sprig

DIRECTIONS

Place all ingredients in a shaker filled with ice and shake well.

Pour contents of shaker, including ice, into a glass. Garnish with mint sprig.





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At Llyn-y-Fan Fach lake near Llangadog, legend has it that a young local lad was enchanted by the sight of the most beautiful woman he had ever seen, sitting tranquilly in the middle of the lake. After several attempts to woo her, he finally won her over when he arrived with armfuls of his mother's home made baking.

We can't claim that Black Mountain breeze will increase your popularity in quite such a spectacular fashion but it will help you stay clear-headed and safe enough to drive that special person home at the end of an evening out...

3/4 cup Cola drink

1/4 cup lemon and lime flavoured fizzy drink

Dash of lime cordial

Lime slice

DIRECTIONS

Fill a tall glass with ice. Add Cola, Lemon and Lime drink and a dash of lime cordial and stir. Add a slice of lime to garnish.



There's something for everybody at Pembrey Country Park. It's a great place to take the family to visit the amazing sandy beach at Cefn Sidan, experience the dry ski slope, the toboggan ride or simply watch the kids go wild on the adventure playground. Whatever you decide to do, there's no more perfect way to round off the day than with a BBQ or your own mouth-watering homemade picnic.

And what could be better to accompany it than a real taste of summer with the heavenly mocktail, the exquisite Pembrey Paradise...

DIRECTIONS

Fill a tall glass with ice, add orange juice and lemon and lime drink. Pour grenadine in and let it sink to the bottom. Garnish with fruit and a straw for stirring.

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup orange juice

1/2 cup lemon and lime flavoured fizzy drink

2 tablespoons grenadine syrup

Fruit to garnish



Think about your passengers - if you drink and drive you're not only putting your life at risk but their's too...

How would you feel if you'd had just one drink before driving your family somewhere and had an accident?

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REMEMBER!

THIS IS ONLY A ROUGH GUIDE, THE BEST ADVICE IS NOT TO DRINK AT ALL!

MANY DRINK DRIVERS ARE CAUGHT OVER THE DRINK DRIVE LIMIT THE MORNING AFTER!



Pints of Beer or Cider

4% pint = 2 hours per pint 5.5% pint = 3 hours per pint



Bottle of Beer or Cider

250ml - 330ml bottle 5.5% = 2 hours per bottle 550ml bottle = 3 hours per bottle



Can of Beer or Cider

3% - 4% = 2 hours per can 5% - 5.5% = 2.5 hours per can 7.5% = 3.5 hours per can 9% = 4 hours per can



Alco-pops

175ml - 330ml 4% - 4.5% = 2 hours per bottle



Spirits - 40%

25ml = 1 hour 35ml = 1.5 hours 70ml double = 3 hours



Glass of Wine

15% - 250ml = 4 hours per glass



Bottle of Wine

15% = 12 hours per bottle



Shots

Some shots can be as high as 70% 70% shot = 1.75 hours per shot



Drinking 4 pints of strong beer or cider will mean that you can't drive for at least 13 hours from finishing your last pint. If you finish at midnight, you probably won't be legal and safe to drive until after 1 pm the following day.

Drinking 5 large bottles of beer or cider will mean that you can't drive for at least 16 hours. That's 4pm the next day if you finish drinking at midnight.

Drinking 5 super-strength cans will mean you can't drive for about 21 hours.

Drinking four 70% shots means you can't drive for 8 hours - that's 8am the next morning if you last drank at midnight.

MIX YOUR DRINKS, MIX THE MATHS

If you can after having a few!

Best not only to plan how you're getting home, but also how you're going to get about the next day...

2 shots and 4 pints. Finish drinking at 3am, you won't be safe to drive until after 7pm the following evening!

IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST ONE HOUR FOR YOUR BODY TO GET RID OF EACH UNIT OF ALCOHOL.

IF YOU WANT TO BE LEGALLY SAFE TO DRIVE, AND AVOID A CONVICTION, THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP YOU CALCULATE ROUGHLY WHEN YOU WILL BE ALCOHOL FREE.



Thankfully such activity is now something in the past, so if your idea of a grand day out is sitting on the beach doing absolutely nothing, you needn't fear that a supersonic intrusion will shatter your peace and quiet.

Drink driving is a real problem during the summer months. A pint or two at a BBQ or in a sunny beer garden can still leave you over the limit the following morning when you're driving to work.

But here's a great way to make sure that those long hot summer days don't end up with a trip to the police station or worse.

The Pendine Colada gives you a great taste of summer without paying the price the morning after!

INGREDIENTS

3/4 cup pineapple juice

1/4 cup coconut cream

1 cup ice

Fruit to garnish

DIRECTIONS

In a blender, add 1 cup ice, pineapple juice and coconut cream. Blend until slushy. Pour into a chilled glass. Garnish with fruit.

It doesn't matter what mixer you use, the alcohol takes the same time to leave your system. You're still drinking the same amount of alcohol, even if it's watered down with soft drink.

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BRECHFA FOREST FIZZ

The ancient woodland of Brechfa Forest within the Cothi Valley is the perfect destination for walking, cycling or horse riding. It's also the inspiration behind the sparkling, translucent delights of the Brechfa Forest Fizz, an ideal thirst quencher that goes down a treat in the cool green shade of the forest's leafy lanes.

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup Lime juice

³/₄ cup Sparkling Lemonade

Crushed Ice

Lime Slice

Green food colouring

DIRECTIONS

Mix all ingredients in a cocktail shaker or use a stirrer. Place crushed ice in cocktail glass and pour liquid over ice. Add green food colouring for a more colourful drink. Garnish with slice of lime.





For a mystical, otherworldly mocktail experience why not sample the dark secrets of Merlin's Magic?

We can't guarantee a flash of blue smoke as you add the vital ingredients to our local hero's special brew. But rest assured the time honoured combination of grape juice, lime and orange will keep your head clear and make sure it's not you that's away with the fairies when it's time to drive home...

INGREDIENTS

3/4 cup grape juice

1 tablespoon lime juice

1 tablespoon orange juice

Sprig of mint



In an ice filled container, shake (or stir) all ingredients together. Pour into glass over crushed ice and garnish with a sprig of mint. For extra magic top up a long glass with fizzy lemon & lime flavour drink.



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CORACLE COOLER

Coracle fishing has taken place on the River Towy for over 2000 years! So what could complement a fresh, succulent fish dish better than the ice-blue delights of the 'Coracle Cooler'? It's a snappy mocktail with just a hint of the wild outdoors. Coracle fishing nowadays is undertaken by a handful of experts seeking out the Towy's best salmon and this mocktail is for all those with a taste for the finer things in life...

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup Blue Curacao (Non Alcoholic)

3/4 cup Pineapple Juice

2 teaspoons Lime Juice

Sparkling Water or Lemonade

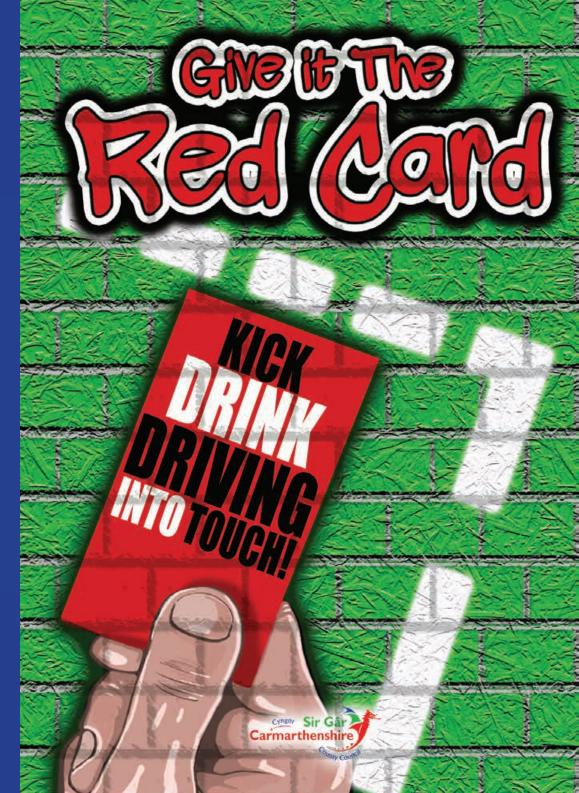
Fruit to garnish



DIRECTIONS

Pour all the ingredients into a tall glass. Add ice Lemonade. Garnish with fruit.







Don't risk drinking even if you only have a short journey ahead - one third of all road accidents happen within a mile of the home.

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Deep from the dark heart of the ancient mines comes the precious mocktail that many consider to be the finest of them all - the iconic Dolaucothi Gold.

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup ginger ale

1/4 cup orange juice

1/4 cup apple juice

Teaspoon of lemon juice

Fruit to garnish

DIRECTIONS

Fill a glass with ice cubes, pour in orange juice, apple juice and gently top up with Ginger Ale.

Add a teaspoon of lemon juice – stir and serve garnished with fruit.

BOTANIC GARDEN BLOOMER

Carmarthenshire itself has been called 'The Garden of Wales' so it's a fitting home to the Botanic Garden at Llanarthne. Set in 500 acres of parkland it boasts the largest single-span glasshouse in the world, featuring an amazing array of endangered plant species. So why not raise a glass of the 'Botanic Garden Bloomer' in appreciation of the green, green grass of this must-see attraction?





INGREDIENTS

1/2 ripe Honeydew melon

1/2 papaya

½ mango

6 strawberries

1/4 cup peach juice

1/4 cup passion fruit juice

1/2 cup orange juice

Grenadine

Teaspoon of lemon juice

Fruit to garnish

DIRECTIONS

Peel, de-seed and dice the fruit. Place in a blender with passion fruit and peach juices. Add lemon juice, 2 teaspoons of grenadine and handful of ice cubes and blend again. 3/4 fill a high glass with the fruit, blend then pour orange juice slowly, over the back of a teaspoon, onto the surface of the drink. It will slowly sink to the bottom of the glass adding an orange colour to the bottom of the glass. Add fruit to garnish.



Alcohol creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions.

Men don't lose alcohol from their bloodstream quicker than women. It takes the same amount of time. Their livers work at the same speed.

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FFOS LAS FLYER

For many of us there's nothing better than a day at the races and what finer place to spend it than the Ffos Las Racecourse?

To celebrate this amazing venue we bring you the classic taste of the Ffos Las Flyer. The odds are that this thoroughbred mocktail is going to prove a BIG favourite with the punters...

INGREDIENTS

1 cup of energy drink

4 strawberries

Slices of lime

Mint leaves

Sweet strawberry syrup

Ice cubes

DIRECTIONS

Halve the 4 strawberries and place in a tall glass along with slices of lime, mint leaves and ice cubes. Mix a shot of strawberry syrup with the energy drink and pour into a tall glass over fruit and ice. Decorate with mint leaf and fruit.



in life, why not indulge yourself with the old world charms of the Kidwelly Kicker?

Kidwelly Castle was built by the Normans who enjoyed a glass or two of the amber nectar themselves. They even slurped down a quick weak ale for breakfast known as 'small beer'. Obviously this sort of behaviour predated the invention of the motor car by a small matter of 900 years. We can be sure that if the delights of the Kidwelly Kicker had been around in 1066 they would have gladly exchanged their second rate brews for a drop of the 'good stuff'...

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons of Coconut Cream

2 Kiwi fruit

3 cups of crushed ice

DIRECTIONS

Blend together the crushed ice, 2 tablespoons of coconut cream and 2 peeled and sliced kiwis. Pour into a glass and chill in the fridge for half an hour. Serve with a slice of kiwi fruit.



If you drink and drive you're gambling with your own life and the lives of others... Don't take the risk.

Eating a big meal doesn't help you sober up quickly. The alcohol is absorbed more slowly – so it takes longer before you're fit to drive.

