Cornish Pasty

To make 6 pasties:

Filling
6 Medium potatoes
1 Small red onion, chopped
Quarter of Swede
1lb Skirt of beef (or chuck steak), cut into small chunks
Sea Salt and pepper
Half teaspoon of butter in each pasty
Sprinkling of flour

Short crust pastry
10oz fat
1 lb 8oz plain flour
4 -5 tbsp water
1 tsp cider vinegar
Egg to glaze

Thinly slice the potato and Swede, chop the onions and meat by hand. Mix all filling ingredients together apart from the butter, salt, pepper and flour.

In a separate bowl, rub the fat and the flour together; add the vinegar and the water and mix together to make a light dough. On a lightly floured board, roll out the pastry to a quarter of an inch in thickness. Use a tea plate (approx. 7inches in diameter) to cut rounds of pastry out.

Divide filling mixture between the pastry rounds and season with salt, pepper and a knob of butter. On each pasty, pull up both sides of pastry to make a half moon shape. Press the edges firmly together and using finger and thumb, crimp to seal. Brush each pasty with beaten egg.

Place the pasties on a baking tray lined with baker's paper, cook on middle or top shelf of the oven for 45mins at 450 F or 225 C.

The pasties are cooked when their base turns golden brown.