

- 1. Preheat the oven to 160°C and grease a medium baking dish (18x18cm) with non-stick cooking spray.
- 2. Heat the Schweppes Ginger Ale in a glass mixing bowl in the microwave for 4 minutes or until hot. Stir in the chopped dates and set aside to soak for 10 minutes.
- 3. Mash lightly with a potato masher to break up any chunky date bits. Stir in the bicarbonate of soda.
- 4. In a separate bowl, use an electric mixer to cream the butter and sugar for 5 minutes until light and fluffy. Whisk in the eggs, one at a time, until fully incorporated.
- 5. Stir in half of the flour, then the date mixture and, using a large spoon, fold in the remaining flour until just combined.
- 6. Spoon the batter into the prepared baking dish and bake for 35-40 minutes until golden brown.

For the sauce:

7. Combine the butter, sugar, Schweppes Ginger Ale and cream in a small pot over medium heat. Bring it up to a gentle simmer and whisk continuously for 5 minutes until thick and syrupy.

