BARA BRITH

Ingredients

- o 6 ounces dried fruit
- o 8 ounces dark brown sugar
- o 1/2 pint strong hot tea
- o 10 ounces self-rising flour
- o 1 eggs

Directions

- 1. This is Wales' traditional rich fruit bread.
- 2. South Wales makes it with baking powder; Northerners prefer yeast as the raising agent. Either way it's delicious.
- 3. Soak the dried fruit and sugar overnight in the tea.
- 4. You can use either fresh tea, or the cold dregs from the teapot (this gives a good strong color). Next day, sieve the flour and fold it into the fruit. Mix in the lightly beaten egg.
- 5. Line a small loaf-tin with buttered paper then tip in the mixture, smoothing it well into the corners.
- 6. Bake in a gentle oven at 300 F (150 C) for 1-1/2 hours.
- 7. Cool and store for at least 2 days in a tin so that it matures moist and rich.
- 8. Traditionalists say you should never butter the Bara Brith, but it's lovely that way!