

# Serve in Pewter Tankards ...

Summer might be over, but I spotted this piece in *The Spectator* and thought you might be interested in this extract.

There is one summer cocktail, however, with which you must take the opposite approach: *Pimm's*. Is it my imagination or does *Pimm's* get weaker every year? Certainly the way it's served in British pubs, with all that fruit and lemonade, means that it's only a notch above a shandy. I'd be happy serving it to children.

In order to turn it into a drink for adults it needs a little stiffening up. For each serving of *Pimm's*, add a shot of strong gin such a Tanqueray Ten — you really want to taste the juniper and feel the alcohol — then top it up not with lemonade but with ginger ale. Serve in pewter tankards with ice, mint and orange. That's how my Uncle Peter used to order it in Boodle's.

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That's one for next summer, certainly!

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