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Poptastic!

Ginger beer... dandelion and burdock...
why the finest fizz for summer isn't
always champagne

For many years, fizzy drinks were seen as fit only for children – garish, oversweet and additive-filled. Personally, I have no problem with any of those qualities. As a matter of fact, I demand them. There's no better start to the day than a can of Dr Pepper. But recently there's

been a revival of traditional British classics – old favourites such as dandelion and burdock, cream soda and proper shandy. And drinks-makers Fentimans and Fever-Tree have been producing 'grown-up' versions of lemonade and cola.

You might think this all sounds a little pretentious. But the lemonade from Fever-Tree

is superb, and its ginger beer the best I've ever tasted.

Fentimans produces some fine drinks, too. OK, so they're more expensive, but you're talking 'premium' brands here. If you're not normally a fan of fizzy drinks, try them out. And if, like me, you're a serious consumer, they're a very welcome addition to the gang.



From left to right

FENTIMANS VICTORIAN LEMONADE

Super-sharp – almost sherbety – with the distinctive tang of real lemons.

BARR'S DANDELION & BURDOCK

The Seventies in a can – you can practically taste the Raleigh bikes and flares.

FENTIMANS MANDARIN AND SEVILLE JIGGER

Much flatter and less harsh than normal orangeade, this is rich and almost marmaladey.

BARR'S CREAM SODA

A delicate splash of raspberry makes this cream soda taste almost like Angel Delight.

FENTIMANS CURIOSITY COLA

Old-school, almost medicinal-tasting – what Coke would be like if America hadn't won independence.

FEVER-TREE LEMONADE

It's the zesty 'backtaste' that sets this apart from even high-quality supermarket lemonades.

BEN SHAW'S BITTER SHANDY

A welcome reminder of the days when shandies used to taste of actual beer.

FEVER-TREE GINGER ALE

Unlike the mass-market brands, this has well-balanced acidity and great structure. It tastes clean and pure, with a wonderful ginger warmth.