Preserving Alpine Strawberries

The scarlet alpine strawberries make an elegant decoration to all types of desserts and also summer drinks such as Pimms.

To preserve the flavour for the winter months the berries can be infused in vodka.

Half fill a jar with the fruit and add a little sugar to taste if desired. Top up with vodka and keep for several weeks in a dark place, shaking every so often. The fruit will soon lose its colour and flavour to the spirit and can be drained off when the strawberries are greyish in colour.

The flavoured vodka can be used in desserts in the winter months or served as a liqueur.