STRAWBERRY JAM WITH SCENTED GERANIUM LEAVES

(Makes 5-6 jars)

1kg strawberries, hulled – any large ones halved 4-6 sweet scented geranium leaves 100ml freshly squeezed lemon juice 750-900gr sugar 1 sachet pectin 15-20gr butter (optional)

- 1. Place the strawberries, geranium leaves and lemon juice in a roomy, heavy-bottomed pan or preserving pan. The strawberries should be no more than a third of the way up the pan to allow for a rapid rise when a rolling boil is reached.
- 2. Very lightly crush the strawberries with a potato masher to break them up a little. Place the pan on a gentle heat and add the sugar. Stir until the sugar has fully dissolved.
- 3. Increase the heat and bring the pan to a full rolling boil (when the surface is covered with a mass of foamy bubbles). Boil for 8-9 mins or until setting point is reached. To check for setting point, drop a little jam on a cold saucer. Allow to cool for a minute and then push gently with your fingertip. If the jam crinkles, setting point has been reached.
- 4. Remove the pan from the heat and if the surface is scummy, add a knob of butter and stir gently until the scum has dispersed.
- 5. Put in warm sterilised jars and seal immediately.