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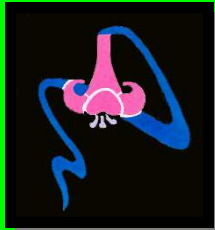
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Double, ivory green tube
ivory sepals with faint
magenta streaks on
edges. Corolla darkish red
fades with age to bright
burgundy, medium sized
blooms fairly short.

Growth semi-upright, tested
for 4 years in the vicinity of-
Fort Bragg
California, introduced into
England in 1979 hybridised
by Annebelle Stubbs,
cross Applause x Pepi

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We would like to extend a welcome to all new members who have joined since our last newsletter and hope their stay with us is a long, enjoyable and productive one. One way of airing any concerns or points is by having them published in the newsletter or indeed if you have any articles you would like considered for publication we are always looking for extra material.

EVENTS 2018

JULY 17th	PRE SHOW TALK	SEPTEMBER 18th	TBA
JULY 28th	ANNUAL SHOW AT SHIRLEY INSTITUTE	OCTOBER 16th	ARTHUR PHILLIPS
AUGUST 21st	PLANT AUCTION	NOVEMBER 20th	NIGEL HOPES
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At the time of writing this we have just had the mother of all thunderstorms, I can never remember the time when I could hear the constant rumble of thunder for the whole of the storm. Some areas in the city had a months rainfall in an hour and I am glad our road is on a slight incline so it was not too bad in our area.

Nearly all my plants died over the winter and because I had a rubbish year last year I have not had the inclination to get any new plants so my input to the show will be zero. I hope you have fared better than me and your plants are coming along well as we need as many plants on the showbench as we can get.

The society continues to survive and with over half of the committee now near or over 80 we could do with some new blood which is not forthcoming at the moment. We need to recruit more members and if anyone has any ideas they would be most welcome. I hope you all have a good growing year and look forward to seeing your efforts.

Barry

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SHOW PRIZES

It has been suggested that we ask members if they have any unwanted gifts that may be suitable for the Raffle or the Key In The Box prizes that members would be willing to donate. This would help offset some of the cost of the show which over the last few years we have made a loss on, last years Raffle prizes were all donated and we thank those who donated them,

Anyone wishing to donate a prize please let me know what it is before the next meeting.

DVDs FOR SALE

We have copies of a slideshow DVD for sale for anyone with a computer or DVD player. Having been upgraded it now holds 648 different blooms and runs for about 45 minutes. The cost is £ 4.50 including post & package and profits are passed on to society funds

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Due to our need to cut costs we are not producing a printed June newsletter as had been previously announced. I have produced this one and being an email newsletter costs nothing to produce so we can still provide a newsletter to our members with a computer. For those without a computer we are producing a news sheet of about four pages to keep our other members up to date.

A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in a single night.

King Francis I paid Leonardo da Vinci the equivalent of \$50,000 for his painting of the Mona Lisa and had it displayed in the Louvre. It has been there ever since except for two years that it was stolen (1911-1913). During the time it was missing, six different Americans paid \$300,000 each for fakes they thought were the stolen painting.

Ants are social insects and live in colonies which may have as many as half a million individuals.

William Shakespeare was 46 years old at the time that the King James version of the Bible was written. In Psalms 46, the 46th word from the beginning is "shake" and the 46th word from the end is "spear".

Smith climbed to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asked the Lord.. "God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replied, "A minute."

Smith asked, "And what does a million pounds mean to you?"

The Lord replied, "A penny."

Smith asked, "Can I have a penny?"

The Lord replied, "In a minute."

JACKSONS NURSERY TRIP



In March some of our members visited Jacksons Nursery, to stock up with plants, gone are the days of coach trips, too expensive, so we go to a local nursery and use our own transport. The members who went had a good day, the day we should have gone it snowed and the nursery closed so it was slightly later.

The members were pleased with the quality of the plants and were made very welcome and afterwards had a nice meal at the local pub enjoyed by all.

FUCHSIA GALL MITE

COURTESY OF THE BFS FUCHSIA NEWS

Fuchsia Gall Mite:

This is an article edited from an email Mike Shopland sent to Carol Gubler, who circulated it to the BFS Show Sub-Committee. It was thought that this email contained sufficient information that it should be made available to the full membership. I volunteered to do the editing and here we are. **Please bear in mind these are Mike's observations.**

Fuchsia Gall Mite is not a very mobile pest as it is wingless and a slow mover; it requires secondary conditions to move to a new plant, either via wind dispersion or by hitching a ride on a larger insect or the worst-case scenario us humans. Fuchsia Gall Mite has no need to move on from a host plant as it has all the food it requires until the colony gets too large. Within a show environment (and greenhouse) wind is not a problem nor should other insects, so the only way a Fuchsia Gall Mite is going to move around is if leaves are touching, or if people are touching plants. (Us Humans again.)

To prove this point Mike refers to an example of 6 Thalia cuttings taken in September 2017. He noticed infection on the host plant and removed these cuttings to an unheated conservatory in isolation. These plants have stayed there since and admittedly not given a lot of TLC. However, the point is that despite being closely confined in a plastic container with leaves touching the pest has shown incredibly slow movement. The top middle plant was the first to be infected, and then top left, now the plant bottom left is starting to show. It appears the three on the right have not been infected so far in 5 months. One cautionary note is that it has been cold since December; perhaps the rate of spread may be much faster in warm months?

I believe that plants should be brought to shows that are from a greenhouse as long as those plants are not showing infection. Our shows do not need to have reduced numbers shown as numbers are already decreasing. Sensible precautions should be for growing and the shows should be

1. Fuchsias on the show bench should not be touching
2. Shows should not have excessive windows open on a blustery day.
3. Judges and Stewards Who handle infected plants on the show bench **Must** always wash their hands afterwards.



Mario de Cooker and his fellow Dutch hybridisers are pursuing the elusive yellow fuchsia, he is however making some progress as can be seen by the photograph but it looks as though the full yellow fuchsia is some years away.

Just found out my uncle has left me a stately home in his will. I have no idea where Sod Hall is, I'm just off to Google it now.

I got a new job with the Samaritans last week. I tried to phone in sick this morning but they talked me out of it!

When my wife suggested we try playing doctors and nurses. I was really hoping for something sexier than being left in a corridor for two days!

**What's the difference between a new husband and a new dog?
After a year, the dog is still excited to see you**

**What makes men chase women they have no intention of marrying?
The same urge that makes dogs chase cars they have no intention of driving.**

MONTHLY MEETINGS**MARCH**

This month we were grateful to John Delaney for his talk on fuchsia cultivation. John took us through all the aspects of growing fuchsias, the way he does it and throwing tips in along the way.

We are pleased to have a grower of his experience able to put over an interesting talk and I think the members enjoyed the talk.

APRIL

We had a return visit from Howard Drury, well known gardening TV presenter who we can always rely on him for an interesting talk. He is into a multitude of pursuits, he trials a lot of gardening equipment and plants that firms give him and also spends time at Ashwoods nursery, so he does not have a lot of spare time.

His talk was about what to expect in 2018, and what to look for, recommendations of what plants to plant and what insecticides have gone off the market and ones that are coming in to replace them. He also gave us a tour of the owner of Ashwoods own garden and various other plants he has seen over the last year, all in all a very interesting lecture and I think the members enjoyed it as usual, thanks Howard

MAY

This month we had Samantha Hopes giving us a talk on alpine plants. The first part of her talk was about her journey to the French Alps in search of alpine plants and took us on every stage of her trip and the various places they visited and some of the different alpine plants they found.

The second part of her talk concerned the cultivation of alpines and various tips on their wellbeing and some of the more popular varieties you can grow in this country. All in all a very interesting talk and I think the members enjoyed it.

IMPROVING FUCHSIA CUTTING PERFORMANCE BY GRAFTING

By D.M.Napier & M.J.McMahon

Increased sales have demonstrated a demand for certain popular cultivars of fuchsia. One of the difficulties in meeting the demand for some of these cultivars has been a low production of cuttings. Grafting was investigated as a means to improve cutting production and performance. Tip cuttings of the poor producer 'Little Beauty' were grafted as scions to unrooted cuttings from the more-vigorous cultivars 'Beacon' and 'Dollar Princess', both known to have very well-developed root systems. 'Black Prince', another poor producer with a weak root system, was likewise grafted to unrooted cuttings of the cultivar 'Gartenmeister', another cultivar with a vigorous root system.

The grafted cuttings were placed in a white poly tent on the greenhouse bench for 7 to 10 days for the graft union to heal and then placed under mist with bottom heat until roots formed. Controls were cuttings from ungrafted plants of the poor producers and autografts of the poor producers. Cuttings grown from grafted plants of 'Little Beauty' on 'Beacon' or 'Dollar Princess' were »40% larger than cuttings from autografted or nongrafted plants. In the case of 'Black Prince' grafted to 'Gartenmeister', the resulting cuttings were 100% larger than cuttings grown from autografted or nongrafted plants. The root systems of cuttings from grafted plants developed better than those cuttings from controls.

IT MAKES ME LAUGH

The Lone Ranger and Tonto walked into a saloon and sat down to drink a beer.

After a few minutes, a big tall cowboy walked in and said "Who owns the big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stood up, hitched his gun belt, and said, "I do.... Why?"

The cowboy looked at the Lone Ranger and said, "I just thought you'd like to know that your horse is almost dead outside!"

The Lone Ranger and Tonto rushed outside and sure enough Silver was ready to die from heat exhaustion.

The Lone Ranger got the horse water and soon Silver was starting to feel a little better.

The Lone Ranger turned to Tonto and said, "Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to make him start to feel better."

Tonto said, "Sure, Kemosabe" and took off running circles around Silver.

Not able to do anything else but wait, the Lone Ranger returned to the saloon to finish his drink.

A few minutes later, another cowboy struts into the bar and asks, "Who owns that big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stands again, and claims, "I do, what's wrong with him this time?"

Nothing, but you left your injun runnin'!"



"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"

Senior Logic.....

I went to the off-license Tuesday afternoon on my bicycle, bought a bottle of Whisky and put it in the bicycle basket.

As I was about to leave, I thought to myself that if I fell off the bicycle, the bottle would break.

So I drank all the Whisky before I cycled home.

It turned out to be a very good decision, because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home.



"Should I get you a shopping cart?"

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

GERANIUM-ORGANIC FACTS

The most interesting health benefits of geranium include its ability to lower [stress](#) levels, reduce inflammation, relieve menstrual pain, strengthen the immune system, ease [digestion](#), and improve kidney, [skin](#), and hair health. It has antiseptic, antibacterial, and anti-fungal properties, which help heal [wounds](#) faster.

Geranium Health Benefits

Let's take a closer look at some of the important health benefits of geranium.

Lowers Stress

The impact of geranium on the nervous system is well-known and the plant has been used in this way for generations. If you brew the leaves of its plant, you can produce a tasty tea that has soothing [properties](#), derived from its organic compounds that positively impact the endocrine system and help balance hormones that cause stress and [anxiety](#). A quick cup of tea, when you're stressed, can quickly relieve unpleasant mood and a cluttered mind.

Reduces Inflammation

One of the common uses of geranium is to relieve inflammation throughout the body. If you suffer from sore joints, aching muscles, or even internal inflammation of the gut or cardiovascular system, geranium tea can provide relief from the discomfort while reducing the strain on your body's sensitive areas.

Relieves Pain

Although quite similar to its anti-inflammatory properties, the analgesic ability of geranium has made it a popular traditional remedy for [headaches](#) and other injuries. If you suffer from chronic pain or [migraines](#), research has shown that its tea can release endorphins and relieve pain quite rapidly. This effect is relatively mild, and shouldn't be relied on for permanent pain relief.

Boosts Immunity

It helps strengthen the body's defense system against diseases and infections. Its antimicrobial properties can help prevent internal and external pathogens from negatively impacting the body.

Antibacterial Properties

Geranium has natural antiseptic, antibacterial, and anti-fungal properties that make it a wonderful cold and flu reliever if you feel yourself getting sick. Drinking a cup of geranium tea or even chewing on the leaves (remember, only the rose-scented variety) will boost the strength of your immune system and promote a quick recovery from a variety of illnesses.

Treats Respiratory Disorders

Geranium relieves symptoms of [bronchitis](#), [sinusitis](#), and nose infections because it is a powerful antiviral.

Antihemorrhagic Effect

Geranium, being a styptic, has the [ability](#) to stop the occurrence of hemorrhage as it slows down blood flow by contracting the arteries and veins. It also has hemostatic properties, which cause the blood to clot. This helps heal wounds faster.

Promotes Kidney Health

The volatile components of geranium can improve the health of kidneys and stimulate urination because of its diuretic properties. This eliminates toxins, excess [salts](#), fats, and water from the body, and helps reduce the strain on your kidneys.

Aids in Digestion

If you're suffering from cramping, bloating, or a generally upset stomach, drinking a cup of geranium tea can be one of the easiest and most painless remedies. The beneficial organic compounds can quickly soothe inflammation and eliminate bacteria that may be causing the discomfort, and get your gastrointestinal system back to normal!

Treats Menopause

Geranium is excellent for treating a range of women's health issues from hot flashes and distress during [menopause](#) and menstrual cramps. It works two-fold, as a tonic and an antidepressant. It has been traditionally used to stabilize hormonal levels during menopause through its action on the adrenal cortex.

Skin Care

If you are looking for a natural skin cleanser and tonic, opt for [geranium essential oil](#). It can be used directly on the skin or added to your bathwater. It helps tighten and tone the skin and keeps it blemish-free.

Hair Care

Geranium promotes hair growth because it regulates the secretion of sebum on the scalp. The essential oil can be added to either, carrier oils or shampoo. This helps give the hair a smooth sheen and a lovely, mild rose aroma.

Word of Caution: It is important to remember that the only rose-scented type can be safely consumed. You should be absolutely certain about the type you are using for herbal remedies if you aren't getting your herbs from a professional. Also, be sure to consult your medical professional before adding it to your herbal supplement regimen.

LEXOPHILES

"Lexophile" describes those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "To write with a broken pencil is pointless." An annual competition is held by the New York Times to see who can create the best original lexophile.
This year's winning submission is posted at the very end

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When chemists die, they barium.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool .

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

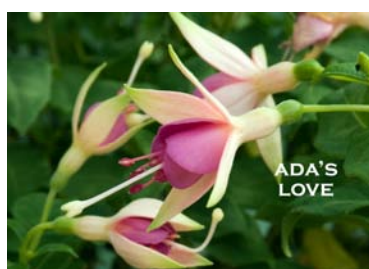
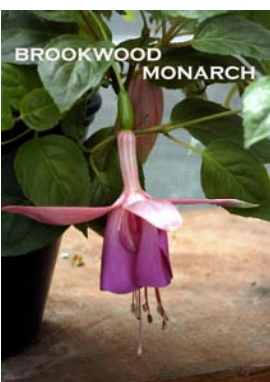
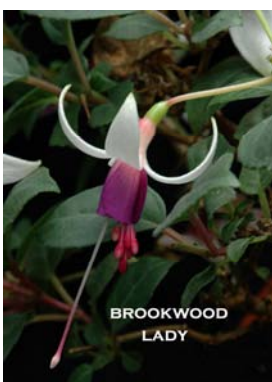
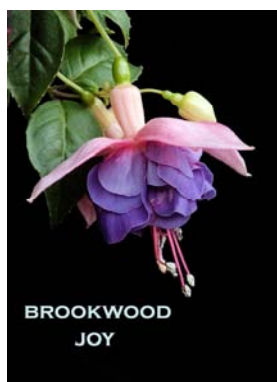
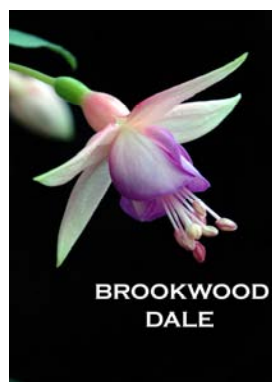
He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

FUCHSIA BLOOMS HYBRIDISED BY BILL GILBERT & JOHN DELANEY



WORDSEARCH PUZZLE

C	A	R	A	M	I	A	Y	R	I	A	F	Y	R	I	A
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FIND THE FUCHSIAS INSIDE THE WORDSEARCH GRID MISCELLANEOUS VARIETIES BY READING IN STRAIGHT LINES HORIZONTALLY, VERTICALLY OR DIAGONALLY EITHER BACKWARDS OR FORWARDS

AIRY FAIRY
AJAX
ALI BABA
AMANDA
ANNE ROTH
BLOOMER GIRL

BLUSH
CARA MIA
CLARION
DANIELLA
EDNA MAY
ELSA

ERIS
GUINEVERE
GULLIVER
HILDA
JACK SPRAT
LADDIE

MAGNET
MIDAS
OLYMPIA
PEBBLE MILL
SHARPITOR
VESTA

NAME THAT FUCHSIA..... GAY PARASOL

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they have passed.

TIPS FROM THE NORTHWEST FUCHSAI SOCIETY SEATTLE

Besides the many commercial products available in gardening centers, there are some homemade recipes that NWFS members have found to be less expensive, easily kept on hand, and they work well when things get out of hand:

For aphids, white flies, spider mites, and thrips-

ISOPROPHYL ALCOHOL- 70 % 1 part alcohol- 3 or 4 parts water.

Add a 'spreader sticker'/wetting agent.* Spray it on the fuchsia, particularly under the leaves and on the stems.

(* **Spreader stickers** increase the effectiveness of contact sprays. Examples:

A couple drops of Ivory Liquid (soap, not detergent) in your sprayer bottle.

A couple drops of vegetable oil like Canola, the lightest and least expensive.

Ivory bath soap can be grated & kept in a jar. 1 T per quart.)

Sticky leaves? Cause: aphids and/or white flies. Both insects secrete a fluid that is sticky, "honey dew". Look under the leaves for aphids, and if you disturb the leaves, and you see some tiny white things fluttering about, then you have white flies.

You can treat both problems with an insecticide or you can mix **a solution of 1 cup of rubbing/isoprophyl alcohol and a cup of Simple Green in a quart of water** and spray directly on the insects. Plus the Simple Green will wash the sticky substance off of the leaves. After a few minutes you can spray the plant with clear water to wash all of the solution off. Two or three treatments 3 days apart should take care of your situation.

For fungus problems like rust, botrytis, gray mold-

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE, 3 %, use full strength.

(NOTE: A higher concentration than 3% may harm the plant.) Keep it in its brown bottle and add the sprayer to it. Spray it on leaves and stems. Make sure the plants are well-ventilated around the leaves and in the soil.

For slugs-

Remove them. Look for babies as well. Get rid of them in whatever manner you prefer. There are some good 'slug riddance' products on the market.

Put whatever you choose near moist, shady areas like where slugs can get under wood, leaves...

For yellow leaves-

1 T. Epson salts. Dissolve in a glass of hot water. Add it to your gallon watering can and water the soil.

For cleaning pots, greenhouses, eliminating mold and algae-

Bleach/Clorox- 7 % ¼ c per gal. Spray or dip.

***For root weevil* (aka black vine weevil, rhododendron root weevil, strawberry root weevil)-**

Several products have been tried- coco fiber, fine mulch, coffee grounds...sticky goo, but the most effective controls, unfortunately NOT homemade, are...

BENEFICIAL NEMATODES

Use as directed. A watering can with a nozzle with small holes works as well as spraying.

Apply again in August

Available in gardening centers, locally and by mail order.

For removing water/mineral marks on containers:

Soap and water. Vinegar if plant cannot be removed from container.

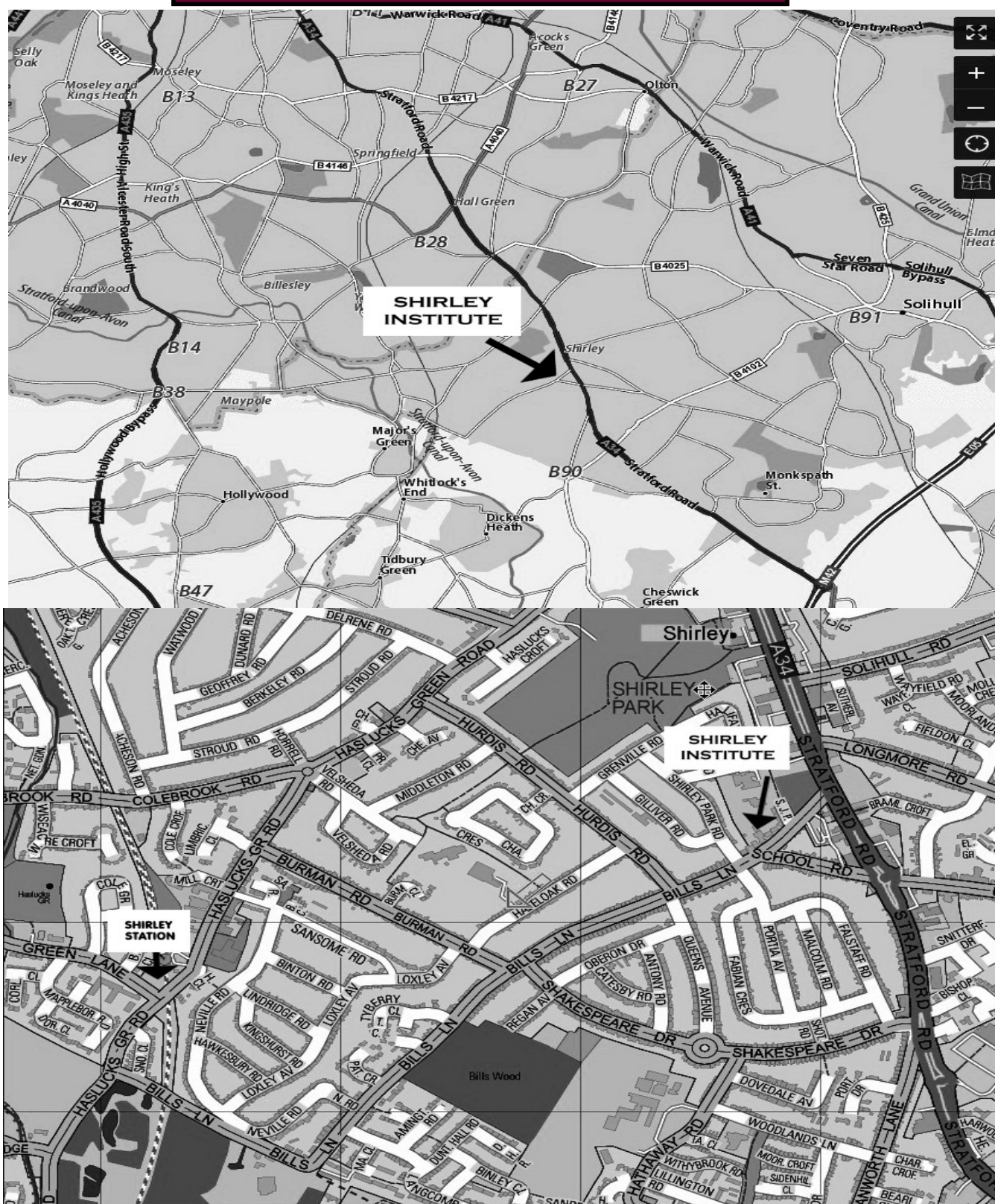
For disinfecting tools and containers:

Chlorine bleach is corrosive and can cause pitting and discoloration on metal. Instead, try alcohol, Listerine, Lysol, or Pine Sol. Then rinse.

PICTURES FROM THE ALPINE HOUSE AT WINTERBOURNE HOUSE



SHOW VENUE SATURDAY 28th JULY 2018



This years show is being held on
SATURDAY THE 28th OF JULY

at **THE SHIRLEY INSTITUTE 24,CHURCH ROAD,SHIRLEY,SOLIHULL B 90 2AX.**

Make note that this differs from our normal Sunday show and this year is on Saturday. Staging will be on Friday and Saturday morning times to be arranged later and the show will be open to the public at 1.00pm providing the judging has finished.

Public transport is available on a regular service,the No 5 bus runs from Birmingham right down the Stratford Road to Solihull and the train station is about a 15 minute walk away.