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Help and Advice

If anyone would like help or advice on fuchsia growing, please don't hesitate to ask, the list below will guide you to advisors on specific subjects. All the committee members are willing to receive phone calls from members and will be only too happy to provide help and advice outside of our monthly meetings. If you have a question, don't be shy, we were all beginners once, and if we are unable to give you an answer we will endeavour to find out for you.

Who can help me?

Topic	Contact
General Culture.	Carol Richards, Rodney Hicks
Advice for beginners.	Horace James
Articles for Newsletter.	Michael Wingate
Baskets and hanging pots.	Alan Richards, Carol Richards
Hardies, fuchsias in the garden.	Yvonne Barlow
	Shaping - bonsai, standards etc.
	Alan Richards, Alec Bond, Carol Richards
	Showing - planning, preparation etc.
	Alan Richards, Alec Bond, Horace James

The Secretary Writes

Hi Guys.....you got me again.... And welcome to the February meeting.

Already a month of the New Year has passed and the growing season is getting under way. I was cutting back some brambles last week and was surprised at the new growth, dratted things.

Sadly, we have to start on another sad note as Mr Leonard Burleigh has passed away and we attended his funeral at Penmount last week. He was a member for many, many years and a stalwart of Stithians Show. He has been unable to attend due to ill health in the recent past but at the funeral his brother approached us and said he would like to donate a cup in his memory.

Back to fuchsias, my hardwood cuttings of *Corallina* are doing well and I now have 3 shoots at least 2" long on one 'stick'. I took a closer look at one of the others and I had it inserted upside-down. Doh. When I pulled it up it had an underground shoot (i.e. not a root) on it. Poor thing. I planted it the right way up but it has since dried up and dropped off. I guess I got the message, loud and clear.....!!

Alan suggests I take 'cuttings', as opposed to a 'heel', pot them up as normal and place them in the propagator to root. Good idea, watch this space.

The standard whips are ready for distribution this evening but, as you will see, they are not so far forward this year, only approximately 8" tall and in smaller pots. He says they are from a new supplier and he has been tearing his hair out trying to get the supplies delivered. Guess the bad weather didn't help. The thing is, they had the order early enough, so why didn't they get on with it? Things just aren't what they used to be. Anyway, instructions on what to do next are on Page 5.

We have all but sold out of these and have only three varieties remaining, *Gotenborg* - 5, *Southgate* - 7, *Waltz Jubelteen* - 1. When we placed the order in September for 180 of 10 varieties, I did wonder if we would be able to sell them all. Your support is much appreciated I and hope you enjoy growing them on. Any problems, please contact anyone on the contact list. Page 2.

Happy growing,
Carol.

Footnote:

Alan has received correspondence from the President of the BFS, Mr Peter Holloway (judging our show this year) and Mr Geoff Oke, BFS Show Manager, so our voice has been heard in high places and responses received. Mainly, only by way of explanation, rather more than positive thinking. Oh well, we tried!

See page 4 Ed.

Editorial

I feel that this letter, from Alan Richards, to the Editor of the BFS Newsletter was much more important than any words from me so I have reproduced it in full for all our members to read. I gather that it will be printed in Fuchsia News, in due course. Ed.

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For the attention of Officers and Committee

THE FORGOTTEN FUCHSIA FOLK IN THE FAR SOUTH-WEST

I hear, rather belatedly through the grapevine, that the Far South-West Show has been dropped from the 2013 Diary.

As last years show was such a great success, due to the regional organisers Ray (Burns), Brian (Carlson) and Rhona (Foster), I am baffled as to why the paying membership in our area have been penalised.

For the B.F.S. members here in the far south-west, our nearest national show now is approx a 370 mile round trip, so what do we get for our £20.00 joint membership? Bulletins glorifying the lovely shows that are not easily accessible to us....whoopee.

I understand the society has concerns regarding the dwindling numbers in membership but do the committee really believe that the best way to reverse this trend is to increase the annual fees and then to reduce the number of area shows? Especially so, in this, the Society's 75th Anniversary Year.

What we need to do is to get off our butts and promote The British Fuchsia Society and Affiliated membership with inspiration and enthusiasm. Get out and 'meet and greet' not douse the bright sparks you already have.

In the words of the great Cornish Evangelist, Billy Bray, *We are not here to teach or preach but here to inspire.*

Think on.....!!

Yours faithfully,

Alan Richards
Vice President, Camborne-Redruth Fuchsia Society.

Standard Whips - what to do next.

Take the plant out of its pot and check if the roots are circulating, if they are it will need potting on into the next size up. Tease out the roots a little before re-potting. Replace the cane with a stronger one and long enough to support the head when fully grown. As the cane will be protruding above the current growth, suggest you pop a stopper on the end so as not to poke your eye out! Tie the stem to the cane (supported right up into the top of the head), I use little strips of nylon stocking. They are very neat and do not cut into the stem.

A 'standard's height' is measured from the 'top of the compost', to where the 'head commences'.

According to the British Fuchsia Society specifications, these heights should be:-

Mini standard	between 6" and 10" (15cm to 25cm)
Quarter standard -Table standard ..	between 10" and 18" (25cm to 45cm)
Half standard	between 18" and 30" (45cm to 75cm)
Full standard	between 30" x 42" (75cm to 105cm)

A heart-warming story

A friend of mine told me recently that her Dad was in the Camborne-Redruth District Hospital over Christmas and was a patient there on Christmas Day. As a bit of a treat she asked for special permission to allow his dog to visit him during the afternoon. This was allowed and the dog, Megan, a Collie-German shepherd cross had a joyful reunion with her master. And then lay down to quietly wait for visiting to be over.

On the way out however, Megan passed the doorway to a room and looked in where many elderly patients were sitting in a Day Room. She pulled Marilyn into the room and greeted everyone, putting her paw on their lap and waiting to be stroked. The dog wouldn't leave until she had been to everyone who was sitting there. That dear dog sensed a need and fulfilled it to the best of her ability.

When I read out the aforesaid out to Marilyn, she told me the dog also took it upon herself to be Night nurse to her Mum when she was alive. Her Mum was a sick woman and would often be restless at night or get out of the bed. So that Dad could get a reasonable night's sleep, he slept in the room next door. The dog would alert him to potential danger and wake him up nosing, pawing and getting onto the bed until he responded. What a wonderful dog.

I thought it was such a lovely story and wanted to share it with you.

Carol.

Society Notices

At Our Next Meeting

Talk by **John Nicholass Bristol.**
Committee Member BFS.

Fuchsias all shapes and sizes.

DISTRIBUTION OF SOCIETY PLANTS
(To paid up Members)

Membership fees are now due and cards are available

Single membership £4. Joint membership £7.

The **CRoFtS**



M&M

“Did you hear that the Duracell Bunny was arrested? He was charged with battery.”

The Cover Picture This Month is Amigo.

KENNETT 1969

AFS Registration No. 863

Single to semi double.

Tube white, long and medium thickness. *Sepals* pale salmon pink, with deeper pink shade underneath, green tips, completely reflexed against the tube.

Corolla dark purple with deep salmon and pink splashes, white at the base of the petals. *Style* pale pink. *Filaments* pale pink. *Foliage* medium green with red margins.

Growth upright, free flowering, bushy and vigorous. Very easy to grow. Bush.

Sudoku

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	5		3		
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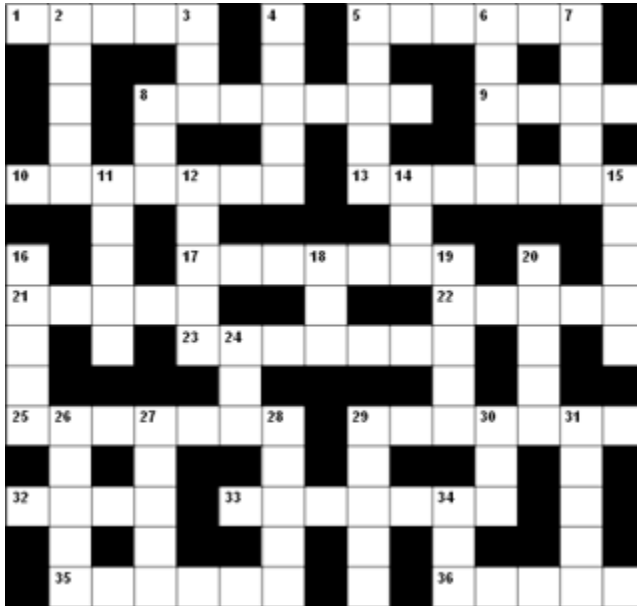
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3	2	5	6	4	1
1	6	4	2	3	5

Last Month's Solution

Last month's Sudoku was aimed at beginners. I have made this one a little harder.

DM 41

Fuchsia Crossword 100 from Mary



Across

1. Spanish hero, a soldier of fortune. (2,3)
5. Military policeman, colloquially. (3,3)
8. It hides the sun or moon. (7)
9. Igloo or Maori, she does the work. (4)
10. She may be miss Windsor. (7)
13. Home of the Grand National. (7)
17. He delivers the mail. (7)
21. She's in 'Bed I think'. (5)
22. Heavenly being. (5)
23. Son of Dame Wishy Washy. (7)
25. You may be as happy as him. (7)
29. Coy glance. (3,4)
32. Alice had a blue one. (4)
33. Sounds like life & soul of the party. (7)
35. She may be head of an Abbey. (6)
36. Start of a large red ape. (5)

Down

2. Star sign of the scales. (5)
3. Medical dwarf. (3)

4. She's found in 'an Italian city' (5)
5. Fuchsia girl anagram of 'A sore' (5)
6. Small body of ice & dust in space. (5)
7. It comes before a fall it is said. (5)
8. The outgoing tide. (3)
11. Mr Hood from Nottingham. (5)
12. First letter of Greek alphabet. (5)
14. Initially, she is 'In danger again. (3)
15. Shares her name with a Bronte sister. (5)
16. Fictional Uncle with tales of Brer Fox. (5)
18. Mr Heath sounds like a short cuddly toy. (3)
19. Girl hidden by 'My Nan cycling'. (5)
20. Cold house for nine across to serve in. (5)
24. Sign of the Zodiac. (3)
26. Greeting in Hawaii. (5)
27. Initially Dad eats nice English beef. (5)
28. Not mine, it belongs to you. (5)
29. It might be snow, rain or sand. (5)
30. Fuchsia Mr Bielby. (3)
31. Indian, Atlantic or Pacific? (5)
34. A flying saucer perhaps. (1,1,1)

Answers to Crossword 99

- Across.** 1. Flamenco 5. Apart 8. Red Rover 10. Bridal 11. Speciosa 12. Jerome 14. Coquet bell
 18. Carol Grace 22. Buster 23. Estrella 24. Raider 25. Rosse Tri 26. Cable 27. Osbornes.
Down. 1. Forest 2. Andrew 3. Exotic 4. Chessboard 6. Perfecta 7. Red Rover 8. Blue Elf
 13. Dutch Shoes 15. Ice Berg 16. Cristina 17. Blue Bell 19. Tresco 20. Alston 21. Ladies.