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The Camborne - Redruth Fuchsia Society



White King

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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
Species, Encliandras & the more unusual.	Yvonne Barlow,
Taking cuttings	Horace James, Carol Richards

The President Writes

HAPPY NEW YEAR – WELCOME TO 2013

(and a whole new growing season gets underway)

Sadly, we have to start the year on a sad note as Mrs Brenda Hicks has passed away. She and her husband, Rodney, have been stalwarts of our Society and prolific Show folk since time immemorial. Bringing van loads of exhibits to grace the show bench and also exponents of the more unusual varieties. Our sincere sympathies go to you Rodney. Brenda's funeral is at Treswithian Crematorium next Monday 14th January at 1pm.

Back to Business and to banish the winter blues we have been looking through fuchsia catalogues and have placed an order with Percival's Fuchsias for delivery in February. I found a fuchsia called *Tidler* – it's a small upright, single, white/reddish purple which certainly caught my eye, as a comical name and I thought I might even bonsai my *Tidler*. Watch this space.

Looking today at my plants, I see my hardwood cuttings of Corallina have a couple of new shoots growing on them. I stuck about 7 or 8 around the rim of a pot and, I guess it is early days, but there is a bit of movement with two of them. I have never grown hardwood cuttings before so I'll take these new shoots off and plant them as a normal cutting. Otherwise I would have bits of growth sticking out sideways on 8"/10" pieces of old wood, which would not look good. This was the plant growing in my neighbour's garden; it has horizontal, spreading growth and wonderful deep-green russet coloured foliage. It was hybridised in 1844 so I thought it may be an addition in the pre 1914 class.

We have all but sold out of the Standard Whips and have only 5 varieties remaining,

Elma, Gotenborg, Paula Jane, Southgate, Waltz Jubelteen, and only limited numbers of them. Fowey Fuchsias tripled their order and we were unable to fulfil Plympton's completely. Good isn't it?

So good on you, all of our great members, thank you for your support during 2012 and here is hoping 2013 will be even better.

Happy growing....

Carol.

Editorial

Here we go again, the start of another fuchsia growing year, it is hard to believe that twelve months have gone by, seemingly in a flash. Last month we had a very festive meeting with plenty of lovely food and a great slide presentation of the fuchsias displayed at the 23rd Annual Show; compiled by John Doyle and Ric Reilly and presented by Ric. The weather was not too bad on the night which meant a good turnout and a good time was had by all. The slides proved that, in spite of what seemed to be endless rain this year, we still managed to put on a grand display of fuchsias, well done to all those who entered the show.

The reasonably mild weather over the Christmas period meant that there were still a number of fuchsias in bloom in our, and I suspect, other peoples gardens. We also had roses, primroses, pansies, begonias, geraniums, mahonia blossom and even flowers on the escalonia hedge. Please write and tell me what is flowering in your garden at this time of year.

Sadly, just before Christmas, I learned that Brenda Hicks had passed away, I am sure that everyone will join me in expressing our sympathies to Rodney at such a sad time.

During the last seven years I have been your Newsletter Editor, a post which I have, mostly enjoyed, however, I think that the time has come for me to hand over the task to someone new and would like everyone to know that I will take on the job for 2013 but after that I wish to stand down. Naturally I will give all the help I can to my replacement and if they would like to take over immediately or before the end of the year that will be fine. There are two laser printers which belong to the Society along with stationery, toners, etc. Please contact me or Carol if you would like further information.

Your membership cards will be distributed at the February Meeting when, of course **fees will be due**. Single membership £4, Joint membership £7.

Mary and I wish all our members a Happy New Year and successful fuchsia growing in 2013.

Michael

The Cover Picture This Month is White King

PENNISI 1968

AFS Registration No. 753

Double.

Tube white, short and fairly thick. *Sepals* white, long, broad, held over the corolla and turning up at the tips. *Corolla* pure white, very large with pleated and folded petals. Full, fluffy blooms. *Foliage* mid-green, medium sized, finely serrated leaves. *Growth* natural trailer, vigorous and fairly free-flowering, but one that requires pinching in its early stages to get it into shape. A superb cultivar, well worth growing. Basket.

MEETINGS ITINERARY - 2013

Full details on your membership cards which will be available at the February meeting.

- Jan. 10th Annual general meeting.
- Feb. 7th Talk by **John Ashton**. Manager Rosewarne Nursery. All aspects of propagation. Distribution of whips, Alan Richards - what to do next.
- March 7th Talk by **John Nicholass**. Committee Member BFS. Fuchsias.
Distribution of Society Plants.
- April 4th Baskets/Hanging Pots with **Sue Martin**. Fuchsia enthusiast, retired after 22 years of growing professionally, with Duchy of Cornwall Nursery, Lostwithiel.
- May 2nd Fuchsia Bonsai and other shapes with **Rhona Foster**, Fowey Fuchsias.
- June 6th Visit to Godolphin House Garden.
- July 4th To be arranged.
- Aug. 1st Pre show meeting. Titivation: plants, corsages, bloom boards, sprigs.
- Aug. 4th TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL SHOW.
- Sep. 5th Presentation of awards.
Ron Scamp, Daffodil grower and exhibitor.
- Oct. 3rd Over wintering Autumn/Winter care of plants.
- Nov. 7th **Bernard Ballard**. Wheal Jane, past present and future - slide show.
- Dec. 5th Slides and Pies with Messrs. Doyle & Reilly - Christmas Fayre Supper.
- Jan. 9th 2014 Annual General Meeting.**

The CROFTS



Me!!

"I've put on a bit of weight recently. My wife says it is puppy fat, but I've been eating other things as well."

Society Notices

At Our Next Meeting

John Ashton Manager of Rosewarne Nursery
Talk on all aspects of propagation

Second half of the meeting
Distribution of Standard Whips

Alan Richards
What to do next

West Cornwall Orchid Society

Sunday 13th January 2013

At the annexe at the rear of Camborne Community Centre

Lawrence Hobbs
Talk on cultivation of orchids.
Orchids for sale. Raffle

Admission £2 (including tea/coffee/biscuits.
CRFS members will be made particularly welcome.

IN MEMORY OF BRENDA HICKS

Sadly, just before Christmas we learned that Brenda had passed away on Friday 21st December. A stalwart member of the Society, who, with her husband Rodney, always supported the Annual show with their joint exhibits, which often included some unusual fuchsias.

Our thoughts are with Rodney at this sad time.

The funeral will be held at Treswithian Crematorium, Camborne on Monday 14th January 2013 at 1pm. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu to the British Heart Foundation please.

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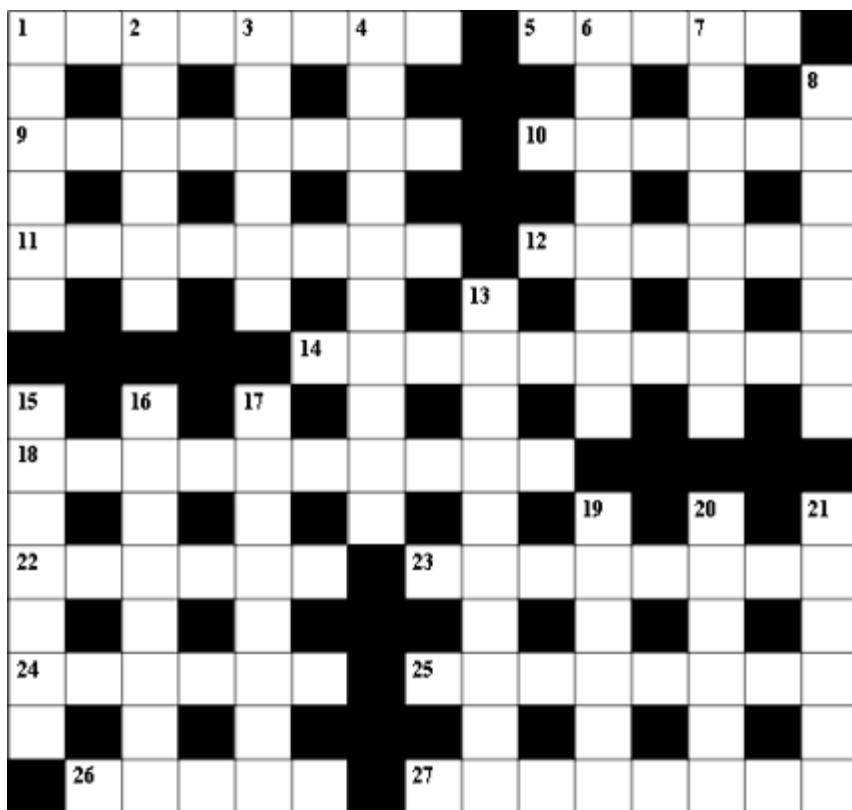
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Last Month's Solution

Fuchsia Crossword 99 from Mary



Across

1. Spanish Dancer (8)
5. Not together. (5)
9. Scarlet Wanderer. (3,5)
10. Describes bouquet at a wedding. (6)
11. Anagram of 'Ice soaps'. (8)
12. Mr Kern who wrote music for Showboat. (6)
14. Wanton (in French) ringer. (6,4)
18. She's sung at Christmas & said before meals (5,5)
22. Silent film actor Mr Keaton. (6)
23. Change 'All trees' to find girl. (8)
24. Someone making attack on border. (6)
25. Hidden by 'Lacrosse Triumph'. (5,3)
26. Car to take you up a mountain. (5)
27. Muddled 'Sober son' may be their delight. (8)

Down

1. Large wood with King behind it. (6)
2. He hides when 'I hand reward' (6)
3. Introduced from foreign parts. (6)
4. On which to try for a mate. (10)
6. Anagram of 'Pert face' sounds ideal. (8)
7. 'Order Rev' get same as 8 across! (8)
8. Sad pixie. (4,3)
13. Clogs in Amsterdam. (5,5)
15. The Titanic hit one. (7)
16. Untangle 'It's in car' to find her. (8)
17. Wood land flowers but only one. (4,4)
19. One of the Isles of Scilly. (6)
20. Find David's name in 'Ornamental stone' (6)
21. Choice for the fairer sex. (6)

Answers to Crossword 98

Across. 7. Peartree 8. Merlin 11. Treve 12. Tangerine 13. Ice 14. Torch. 16. Starry 18. Lolita 21. Joyce 23. Roi 24. Starlight. 26. Ethel 27. Rosana. 28. Carefree. **Down.** 1. Sputnik 2. Lace Petticoats 3. Street 4. Best 5. Pedestal 6. Angels 9. Leicestershire 10. Ann Hally 15. Roy 17. Rosalind 19. Willbet 20. Lustre 21. Gage 22. Exeter 25. Tear.