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# Fuchsia Fanfare

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*The Monthly Newsletter of*  
**The Camborne - Redruth Fuchsia Society**



**Royal Purple**

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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 Secretary Writes

Hi Guys.....it's me again and March month --- '*In like a lion and out like a lamb*'. Not much evidence of that. The cold has gotten into my soul and it would be lovely to see some sunshine. Our precious plants have been much travelled of late, into the house at night and then back into the conservatory during the day, so they don't get leggy.

We have the Society Plants for issue this evening. They arrived last week in tray of, already pinched out, plugs. They have only just been potted on into a mix of 3 parts Sinclair Potting Compost and 1 part Perlite. It is a single flowered variety and a small compact upright bush, so not a vigorous cultivar, i.e. do not expect it to reach any great proportions. In this case 'small is beautiful'. It should not need potting on or pinching for a while and remember DO NOT overwater, only dribble a little into the root ball for a while until the roots have travelled out into the compost.

Update on the hardwood cuttings of *Corallina*. There were 3 on a stalk so I took two in the conventional way and one heel cutting, thought I would experiment to see which would do best. When these have rooted will discard the original stick. Have another stick shooting, so thought I will take these, root them and pass them onto anyone who would like one.

Still on hardwood cuttings, I took the branch of *Exorticata* kindly brought in by Ric to the last meeting and took it home. I chopped it down to a manageable size and stuck the sticks into some compost so trying my luck with that as well. In all my/our years of growing fuchsias, have never grown this cultivar, so another interesting exercise, and....watch this space, hopefully we will have some cuttings so we can all share in this unusual New Zealand native.

The Standard Whips are pretty much sold out. Thank you for your enthusiasm in purchasing these and hopefully, we will see some of them on the show bench in August. We only have three left, 2 x *Southgate* and one dead one. It's definitely not very well....!! It has got botritis up the stem. So, even the best of us get it wrong sometimes, so despair not.

Happy growing...

Carol

The CRoFtS



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"I've started going to the horse races, my doctor says I should watch what I eat."

## Editorial

March has arrived and we can hope that brighter and drier days are ahead of us. The end of February, although cold, certainly showed promise that spring is on its way. Camellias, daffodils, crocuses and even marigolds are appearing in my or other gardens near to me, the male birds seem to be 'dressed to impress' a sure sign that they are hoping to find a mate soon. Let us hope that they know more than we do.

I was so pleased to receive two contributions for the newsletter this month, thank you Sheilagh and Yvonne, perhaps your efforts will encourage more members to send their comments, pictures or stories in so that we have an interesting newsletter each month.

You may perhaps have noticed that the Sudoku is back to just numbers. Treve has now decided not to renew his membership, so I have had to resort to copying them from a book, perhaps there is someone who would like to take up the idea of making the sudoku relevant to the speakers, events or other things connected to the Society as Treve did. How about it members?

By the way while Mary was collecting a prescription from the chemist in Trelowarren Street, Camborne, I wandered into The Works, bookshop next door to browse while I waited. I was looking in the garden bird section, for a book on North American birds, in preparation for our visit to Texas in May, when I noticed at the bottom of the shelf at floor level several stacks of CD's on gardening and among them a CD on fuchsias, issued by Thompson and Morgan. I did not investigate the cover so I do not know what it contains with regard to information. As I am an old age perisher, I am afraid the extortionate price of 50p was beyond my means! But if any of the members is more affluent than I, it might prove worth investigating, the shop also has a branch in Penzance, I believe, so it presumably would also be available there. Let us know if you think it is worth purchasing.

In conclusion may I remind you that **Membership fees are due** and that Society plants will be distributed to paid up members at the March meeting.

*Michael*

### **The Cover Picture This Month is Royal Purple.**

Lemoine 1896

Single to semi-double

*Tube* deep cerise, short and thick. *Sepals* cerise, broad, held slightly above the horizontal. *Corolla* purple, veined red and slightly paler at the base of the petals. Compact, medium sized bloom. *Foliage* medium green, medium sized, finely serrated leaves. *Growth* upright, bushy, vigorous and free-flowering. Bush.



## Your e - mails and letters



A Fuchsia Cuttings Dream *by Sheilagh Jelbert*

Oh to be a fuchsia in Alan's greenhouse shed  
I'd be planted, pinched and nurtured in my little earthy bed  
I'd be draped in fleece to keep me warm  
In winter then there'll be no harm  
I'd grow and grow all through the Spring  
My shoots and buds to him I'd bring  
A lovely show of pretty blooms  
To be admired in all the rooms.  
In August I would be the best  
I'd be in front of all the rest  
I'd win the prizes and be best in show  
And everyone would say OH WOW.  
But next day Oh dear what a shock  
My head has been put on the block  
My blooms are gone my stems are bare  
I've nothing on, I do declare.  
But I'll return never you fear  
To be on the winning bench next year



Annual Show 2011  
Class 34 Winning Entry - Shelford Alan Richards.

*Letters continued*

Thought you might all like these; went round the garden 14<sup>th</sup> February nice sunny day...most of my hardy's in the garden have lots of new shoots and leaves but one quite sheltered had a flower! Quite low down on the bush so not as bright as they normally are, this was good old Margaret a very hardy and favourite of mine...but a flower in February must be a bonus! Then growing under my Bay Tree found this lovely foxglove! Hope this is a good omen for a lovely ...or even ....a summer this year!! And not 'a lull before the storm' *Yvonne*



## **Society Notices**

### **At Our Next Meeting**

#### **Sue Martin**

*Fuchsia enthusiast, retired after 22 years  
of growing professionally with Duchy of Cornwall Nursery.*

Talk - Baskets and Hanging Pots.

# PUZZLE PAGE

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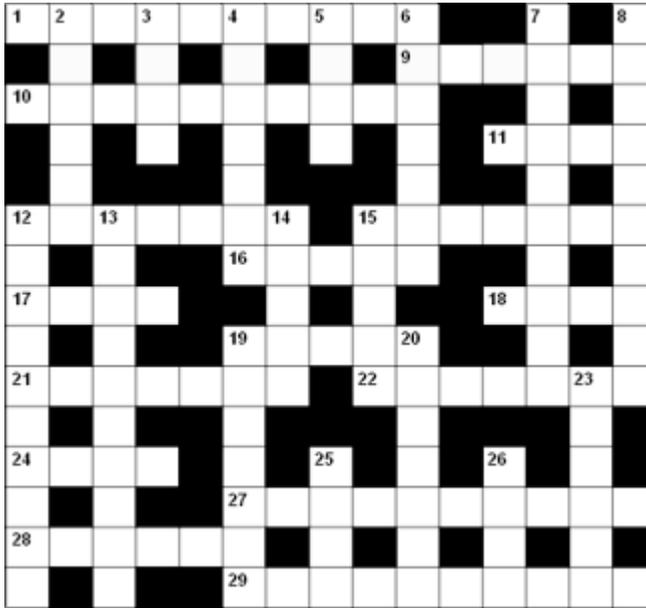
## NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

Put a nought (O) or a cross (X) in each cell so that there are no lines of three (OOOs or XXXs) **in any direction**. There's more than one answer.

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

**Last Month's Solution**

## Fuchsia Crossword 101 from Mary



### Across

1. Happy sun umbrella. (3,7)
9. Hanging frozen water. (6)
10. Stories for children. (5,5)
11. Steady pace after Scarborough turkey. (4)
12. Bird of the thrush family. (7)
15. Bill's name hides in 'Last even score'. (7)
16. Dainty girl anagram of 'A hind'. (5)
17. 'This Arab' hides Deltas girl. (4)
18. Fruity New Zealand bird! (4)
19. Confused canal before skies. (5)
21. 'Spy hill' can become her. (7)
22. Wagon in Constable painting. (3,4)
24. Mr Giesson is in 'the open air' (4)
27. Change 'Terry Adlaw' into a lake. (5,5)
28. She sounds like a Chinese flower. (3,3)
29. Spring church festival plus a fish. (10)

### Down

2. Native North American tribe. (6)
3. Green area at Hampden or Chantry. (4)
4. Mix 'Turn lad' to describe water. (7)
5. Fine fabric is shot. (4)
6. 'His belt' becomes girl after Waldis. (7)
7. Is this fuchsia a red rash? (10)
8. River mouth owns nothing in France. (6,4)
12. Scatter them for a romantic effect. (4,6)
13. Beauty follows horse race. (5,5)
14. This Brigade is not for the boys. (5)
15. 'Tsar ahead' hides fuchsia girl. (5)
19. Home of the Grand National. (7)
20. Ms. Jones is anagram of 'Tia Lane' (7)
23. Sweet age has lost its head. (6)
25. 'Mad as a hatter' hides her love. (4)
26. Mr Berry, or one of two ' Dickie Birds' (4)

### Answers to Crossword 100

- Across.** 1. El Cid 5. Red Cap 8. Eclipse 9. Maid 10. Barbara 13. Aintree 17. Postman 21. Edith  
 22. Angel 23. Aladdin 25. Sandboy 29. Shy Look 32. Gown 33. Fulofun 35. Abbess 36. Orang  
**Down.** 2. Libra 3. Doc 4. Anita 5. Rosea 6. Comet 7. Pride 8. Ebb 11. Robin 12. Alpha 14. Ida  
 15. Emily 16. Remus 18. Ted 19. Nancy 20. Igloo 24. Leo 26. Aloha 27. Deneb 28. Yours  
 29. Storm 30. Len 31. Ocean 34. U.F.O.