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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 everyone it's me again,

I am writing this on Easter Monday, the sun is shining, the Spring breezes are whistling around the eaves and it is a 'good to be alive' day.

We went cockle picking on Good Friday, or rather the men did, as we had family staying and the little granddaughter is only two and a half. We said we would follow on later. I had an SOS from the mud flats 'bring warm jumpers, coats wind-proof jackets, anything to keep out the bitter wind blowing up the Helford estuary, so we did. I had a suitcase and packed them all into that, plus it had wheels so could be towed along. Someone wanted to know if I was moving in. They have just got to be joking.

For our annual Show 2013, we are presenting, with plants for sale, five Cornish cultivars, *Falmouth*, *Sennen Cove*, *Mounts Bay*, *Helston Flora* and *Lands End* which will tie in with the *Helen Glover*. These are all hybridised by Ernie Negus our local enthusiast and whilst some of them have been around for a while, we thought it would be a good promotional gimmick. Flyers for *Mounts Bay* were available at the Penzance Spring Flower Show (courtesy of Kit Lindsay on her table), along with *Sennen Cove* (as I have an orchid friend who lives down there) and a flyer for *Falmouth* went to their Spring Flower Show also. Hopefully, it will encourage a few more people through the door on Show day.

Sunday 7th April, sees the West Cornwall Orchid Society Spring Festival at Blaythornes in Camborne. Kit is very helpful to our Society and so hopefully some of you will reciprocate and visit there also.

Nothing much is moving in the garden or in the greenhouse. It has been so cold. I re-read last years' newsletter and we were sweltering in hot temps and wondering about hose pipe bans. What a difference a year makes. !!

Check your Society Plant regularly (and others) and once the roots start encircling the bottom of the pot, it should be potted up into the next size. Be careful not to waterlog and only trickle a little drop into the top of the compost. The terrain in their native home in the high Andes is free-draining so standing in water for them is the death-knoll.

Just a note: We have Peter Holloway, President of the British Fuchsia Society judging this year so it would be great if we can put on an extra special show for him and the preparations should start now. See Alan or any regular Showmen for any suitable plants or good advice. We are still awaiting our order from Percivals. It has been so cold on the East Coast they are having real problems. Just so glad we live the far South West we have been relatively blessed with the weather.

Happy growing,

Carol

Editorial

What a contrast to my editorial last April, when I was delighted say what lovely weather we had enjoyed at the end of March. However I did also say that it seemed we were in for a cold spell at the beginning of April, so fingers crossed, perhaps we are in for a surprise warmer spell, stranger things have happened.

Mary and I will be away for the whole of May, but we hope to have a newsletter prepared before we go, so if any one has any contributions (I wish) for me I will be very grateful if you can send them in early.

In spite of, or perhaps because of the very cold weather, we have been enduring, we have had a great many birds visiting the garden and the sunflower hearts disappear at an alarming rate. We have had to go out and remove the ice from the bird bath on several occasions and the camellias, which have been flowering since Christmas, are looking very brown. My magnolia has many buds on it but sadly they are not looking too healthy but we will see. when, or if, they open. On the bright side, the daffodils and primroses are a blaze of colour and the microphylla fuchsia plants, in the garden, have bloomed steadily throughout the winter.

Talking about Fuchsia plants, I was very disappointed with the Society Plants, I think that they were not grown on sufficiently before they were accepted for distribution. As far as the ones Mary and I had, mine is just about showing signs of growth but Mary's, a very small specimen to begin with looks as though the diagnosis will be terminal! What was the condition of your Society Plant and are you experiencing any problems? I would be very grateful for any comments for the letters page of the May newsletter, you may remain anonymous if you so wish.

I hope that everyone had a Happy Easter, and that we can look forward to some warmer weather soon.

Michael

The Cover Picture This Month is Thalia.

Turner 1855

Triphylla type

Tube deep flame red, long and very slender. *Sepals* flame red, very small and pointed. *Corolla* orange - scarlet, small, compact. *Foliage* dark olive green with magenta veins and ribs. *Growth* vigorous, upright and very free-flowering in terminal racemes. Requires pinching early to form a good shape. Bush.

Jobs for April

Early April

With young tender growth happening everywhere in the greenhouse, now is the time to apply the first coat of shading. It is perhaps the last opportunity to plant up baskets, for which you should use plants from 3.5" (9 cm) pots and remember using only one variety produces the best results.

Potting on should be in full swing. As soon as roots are girdling the root ball or popping out of the bottom of the pot, move plants into the next size pot. Space out plants on the staging ensuring that plants don't overlap. Continue to feed early potted fuchsias with a weak nitrogenous feed (i.e. 3-1-1 ratio).

Mid April

Concentration is now upon potting off and potting on, always using clean pots and fresh compost. You can be thinking of border hardy Fuchsias as soon as new growth appears at the base of the plant, prune back hard to soil level. A watchful eye is now necessary for pests, greenflies are first to appear, or over-wintered whiteflies. Early destruction now will save serious infestations later.

Adapted from Leo Boullemier BFS , 1995

The CRoFtS



M:M

"I understand that after unearthing the bones of King Richard 3rd in a car park in Leicester, they are now excavating the supermarket car park looking for his horse"

Society Notices

Advance Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting.

To Elect a President and Vice - President

This will be held at the commencement of the May meeting on

**Thursday 2nd May
At 7.30 pm. Prompt.**

At Our Next Meeting

Talk by
Rhona Foster
Fowey Fuchsias

Fuchsia Bonsai & other shapes.

Show Sub Committee.

Meetings at Holman's Club at 7.30

Thursday April 11th.

Thursday June 13th.

Thursday July 11th.

I hope that you are all well and that you will,
once again, support the show. *Janel*

Reminder

Michael and Mary will be
away for the whole of May
so letters, and or, articles
by the **18th April at the
very latest please.**

Date for your diary

Just a reminder that the June
meeting will be at Godolphin House
gardens.

Details and a map in the May
Newsletter.

Answers to Puzzles on Page 7

Digging a Hole. - Thirty-two days.

What am I? - The letter L.

Envelopes. - Martin should receive the red envelope containing the green card, and Michael the blue envelope which contains the red card. Mark should get the yellow envelope, which contains the blue card, and Matthew the green envelope which contains the yellow card.

PUZZLE PAGE



I bought four cards with matching coloured envelopes to avoid a muddle. But I wish I'd checked before sealing the envelopes. I feel quite sure that: either the red envelope does not contain a red card, or the yellow envelope does not contain a blue card. Either the green envelope does not contain the yellow card, or the blue envelope does not contain the blue card. Either Matthew should get the green card, or Mark should get the yellow envelope. Either Michael should get the blue envelope, or Martin should get the yellow card. Either the green envelope does not contain the blue card, or Martin should not get the red envelope. How should I address them?

What Am I ?

Laetitia has a large one
And so has Cousin Luce;
Eliza has a little one,
But big enough for use.

Each child has a little one
Enclosed within a clout;
In fact all females have one -
No girls are born without.

Hermaphrodites have none;
Mermaids are minus too;
Nell Gwyn possessed a double share,
If all we read is true.

Lasciviousness there has its source;
Harlots its use apply
Without it lust has never been
And even love would die.

'Tis known to all in nuptial bliss
In carnal pleasure found,
Without it love becomes extinct -
The word is but a sound.

Now tell me what my object is,
But pause before you guess it;
If you be mother, mate or man,
I swear you don't possess it.

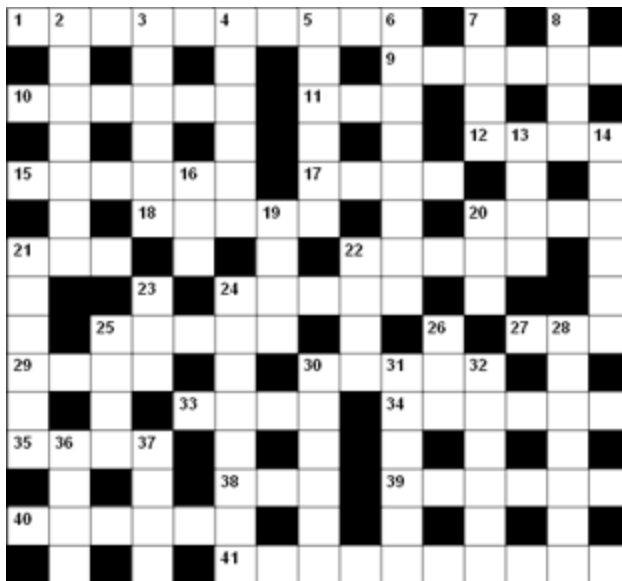
This one to complete the 'whole' page!

If eight men can dig sixteen
holes in thirty-two days, how
long will it take four men to dig
eight holes of the same size?



No need to wait for next month's Newsletter. Answers can be found on foot of Page 6

Fuchsia Crossword 102 from Mary



Across

1. Make sure by second method. (5,5)
9. High regard, respect. (6)
10. Fuchsia hidden by 'Lad in dark' (4)
11. Mr Thumb perhaps. (3)
12. Smells as sweet by another name! (4)
15. Greek goddess of war. (6)
17. Last half of Mexican hat fuchsia. (4)
18. Aesop's fairy stories. (5)
20. Thick Aran wool hides Faye's 1st name.(4)
21. Sheila's surname hidden in horror. (3)
22. Fossilised resin for surname of Iris. (5)
24. Friendly greeting. (5)
25. Susan's surname hides in 'Pal Len'.(5)
27. Mr Neville sounds like help. (3)
29. Fuchsia with Kind surname. (4)
30. She is found in 'jade bracelet'. (5)
33. Fuchsia hidden in a tannery. (4)
34. Wibbly wobbly braid. (3,3)
35. His name sounds Christmassy. (4)
38. Tis twisted and part of Christmas Elf. (3)
39. Mr Mendel Anagram of 'Er Grog' (6)
40. Still, not moving. (6)
41. Brief stop before carrying on. (10)

Down

2. Scarlet twinkler. (3,4)
3. The end of the day. (6)
4. Place of worship in Rossan. (6)
5. Fuchsia Prince in 'sect or society.' (6)
6. Anagram of 'More Mike'. (8)
7. Twinkler drops. (4)
8. Fuchsia or Postman Pat's cat. (4)
13. Giant hidden by 'Has Tom arrived?' (4)
14. She is hidden by 'Angela in essay.' (6)
16. Our Grandma by another name. (3)
19. Biblical or Cornish garden. (4)
20. New Zealand Parrot. (3)
21. Shakespeare's king of fairies. (6)
22. Miss Postumus is in 'Total I entered' (4)
23. Make air trip by night. (3)
24. 'Clothe in rich silk' hides Mr Heinkel. (8)
25. Find fuchsia in Oldham Keith. (4)
26. Rosse ... colour is almost a threesome. (3)
28. Top thrown up and caught on string. (7)
30. Wide river mouth has star or flame. (6)
31. Watership Down song describing eyes. (6)
32. Could be Welsh or Cornish for example. (6)
36. He might be found in cave or grotto. (4)
37. Perfection was not early! (4)

Answers to Crossword 101

Across. 1. Gay Parasol 9. Icicle 10. Fairy tales 11. Trot 12. Redwing 15. Stevens 16. Dinah 17. Sara 18. Kiwi 20. Alcan 22. Phyllis 23. Haywain 24. Thea 27 Rydal Water 28. Lil Lee 29. Easterling. **Down.** 2. Apache 3. Park 4. Rutland 5. Silk 6. Lisbeth 7. Scarletina 8. Deltas rien. 12. Rose petals 13. Derby Belle 14. Girls 15. Sarah 20. Aintree 21. Natalie 24 'ixteen 26. Adas 27. Paul.