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# Fuchsia Fanfare

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



**Rose Fantasia**

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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
Articles for Website	Ric Reilly

## The President Writes

Hi Folks

Lovely weather! did I hear about time? Took a photo of the garden just to remind me we have some sunny days, it has a down side though got all enthusiastic, painted the garden bench, the bird table, the back gate started the front wood of the garage and had a right telling off by my swallows who are nesting there, replaced my pond and thanks Carol, the water lily is in bloom!



Thought Ian Facey's talk great and a timely reminder with our show this weekend to check the schedule and make sure plants are in their correct size pots and the right class. His *Sarracenia*'s are lovely did succumb and add a couple more to the ones I had from him last time he gave us a talk, I also bought his lovely little hardy orchid. Now after a winter to forget and a very hot spell. how are the garden fuchsias doing? Mine have been having 'behaviour problems' *F. hatschbachii* & *F. regia ssp reitzii* both section *Quelus*ia and both from Brazil, have only just come into bloom, very late for me usually out early to mid June, but neither had any die back leaves shooting right to the stem tips just as normal; now *F. campos-portoi* section *Quelus*ia from Brazil has always been a bit of a *bête noir* with me. I acquired this about 20 years ago, couldn't get it to survive in the garden. "Don't be silly," said friend Jack from Yorkshire, "hardy as old boots! dies to the ground come up 2-3 feet each year."... well after about another 5-7 years persevering it struggled had a few flowers each year.. THEN, about 6 years ago, went raving mad. It throws suckers, sets seed all over the garden and is a lovely large sprawling bush 3-4 feet. Not much die back, this year it flowered as usual late May early June lovely normal flowers, then the top of the shoots seem to have been eaten or just shed its top leaves, quite bare but not dead. Flowers now small, maybe not enough water, soaked it last night with very friendly neighbours hose (they are not on water meter me is!! ) then the heavens opened good rain maker me! The *F. magellanica*'s section *Quelus*ia Argentina, and all it's variants growing well but a bit late flowering. The only cultivars in the garden are Dollar Princess, covered in buds no flowers, this is late, Jim Muncaster nice leaves no buds or flowers! Margaret not doing well, next door's great with lovely flowers!! And they moved it this year! Must go put my treasurer's hat on and sort the floats for the show! See you folks

*Yvonne*



My Garden

## Editorial

By the time that you read this, our 24th Annual Show, the highlight of the Society's year, will be only a couple of days away. To all those who work so hard to plan and prepare for the show and, of course all those who are busy on the day itself, we all owe a big thank you. To all the members who will be entering their fuchsias in the Annual Show on Sunday, I wish you all the very best and hope that all your hard work and dedication is rewarded.

Mary and I were so sorry to hear that one of our most stalwart and long serving members, Alec Bond, has recently had a very nasty fall and is at present not at all well, we are sure that you will all join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

We welcome two new members to the Society, Mr & Mrs Alan Trathen, who joined at Stithians Show. Alan has a particular interest in cacti and succulents, but won the fuchsia Novice class at the show and has now decided to join us. I am sure that they will be given a warm and friendly reception at the monthly meetings.

We now have a web site where the monthly newsletter is published which has given rise to a consideration to the number of copies of the newsletter which need to be printed. **Please read the important message about this on Page 9.** The opportunity to allow so many more people to read about who we are and what we do, should be an indication on how worthwhile it is to be a member of Camborne - Redruth Fuchsia Society. Our Webmaster, Ric Reilly, is doing a wonderful job of promoting the Society in this way but surely it is up to the members to back this up with their own contributions, what better way to do so than in this publication so please send in some articles, photographs or suggestions relevant to fuchsia growers. I know that members are busy preparing for the show at the present time however please bear the idea in mind for future issues.

I would like to draw your attention to a couple of items on the Society Notices page. **First of all we still need your help with contributions towards the Show. Plants of any kind will be welcome for sale on the Plant Stall, likewise, items for the raffle and the tombola. If you have any cakes or sandwiches etc. for refreshments, please bring those along on the day of the show; I am sure that once again, you will turn up trumps, thank you.**

You will notice that we still need someone to edit our newsletter next year, please give the idea some thought and let Carol know if you are interested. Equipment and resources are supplied by the Society. Naturally, every assistance to get started will be given, if required.

*Michael*

## **FUCHSIAS MAD - *the memoirs of Ernie Negus***

It all started for me in the early seventies, whilst I was building a local garden centre and workshops. Nearing completion of the Site, plants started arriving and were put into a small greenhouse and I would take interest and especially in the Fuchsias. There were so many different varieties and cultivars: flowers displaying their lovely colours. Many visits were made by me whilst I was still working on the Site. The plants kept arriving and I was drawn in like a magnet. I asked many questions and the person in charge was only too happy to impart her knowledge to me.

Within a few weeks a small greenhouse was under construction in my own garden for the ones I had purchased. Then it wasn't long before, I took cuttings and surplus plants were outside for sale. Folk buying the plants, asked advice and then these people became our friends. We joined the local Fuchsia Society, where we made more friends. Eventually I took up showing my plants and this where the shock waves started to set in. Many times I would enter a plant which I thought was good for showing but it didn't win. So, I watched, looked and listened to the experts, stuck with it and subsequently did very well for very many years.

But the time came when I thought I would like to have a change of direction and try my luck at hybridising. After several attempts, I eventually saw my first year seedlings break through the soil. Then it was some time before I saw my first blooms. What joy! The wait was worth it. The pleasure that I get from my hobby, has been and is, the most enjoyable time of my retirement and especially to see my plants on the Show Bench and for sale for others to enjoy has got to be the ultimate experience.

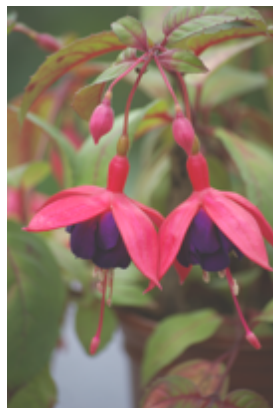
### **Three of Ernie's Cultivars**



**South Crofty**



**Falmouth**



**Land's End**

## ***TIDLER*..... A fuchsia cultivar**

*Tidler* has caused great hilarity with the Builders' merchants that Alan frequents. They enquire after his *Tidler* every time he visits wanting to know if it is in flower yet. He advised the last time that he also has two cuttings of his *Tidler* and they peeled off laughing.

Yesterday, they wanted to know if a slug had eaten his *Tidler*. And so the saga goes on.....

A laugh a day, keeps the doctor away !!.... Carol



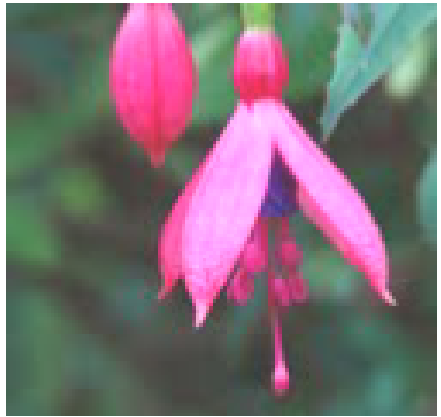
Raised by Gordon Goodwin, *Tidler* is a cross between *Nellie Nuttal* and *Julie Ann Goodwin*. It is an upright bush, short jointed with lush green foliage. Flowers, single outward looking with shell pink tube and sepals and rose pink corolla.

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## Photographs from the Presidential Garden!



**F. hatschbachbachii**



**F. campus portoi**



**F. magallenica tricolour**



**Small hardy orchid**

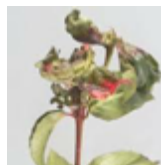


**Yellow Sarracenia**

## A Warning to Be on the Alert

Sad to say, Fuchsia Gall Mite has once again come to the attention of growers across the country. Last week one of our members told me that his fuchsias had been hit by this horrendous pest for which there does not seem to be a cure.

In the BFS Fuchsia News for July 2013 John Nicholass writes that Derek Luther had told him that they had some big magellanica fuchsias in his area that had been badly infested with Gall Mite. They were completely ripped out and destroyed. However shoots came up again from some roots which had remained and the growth has remained free of Gall Mite. This is a good indicator that the mites overwinter in the bark on hardy fuchsias. John says that he is keeping a close eye on the two big plants of Mrs Popple that had been affected last autumn. These were cut back hard in the winter, and so far they look OK!



It has occurred to me and no doubt to our Show organisers, a problem could manifest itself if some unsuspecting member of the public brings along a sickly fuchsia to ask the experts what ails it, this situation could potentially be a disaster for all or any of us. We do need to be very aware that this could happen perhaps a sign on the entrance door would help. In case you do not recognise the result of this infestation I have included a picture of a damaged plant.

**Capsid Bug** - a sap sucking insect which injects toxins into the plant, causing distortion of the leaves, stems and roots. Small brown spots show where the initial damage occurred.



John also said that his biggest problem this year has been Capsid Bug. A lot of the hardies have been affected and he has even had an attack in the greenhouse in April/May. He has been spraying regularly with Ultimate Bug Killer to try to control them, but wonders if anyone else has had problems.

The CROfts



M&M

“ My wife told me she was like a fine wine, getting better with age,  
so I locked her in the cellar.

# Your Future Newsletters

**Please take time to read this very important message.**

With regard to the newsletter now being available on our new web site, [www.cornwallfuchsias.btck.co.uk](http://www.cornwallfuchsias.btck.co.uk) at present I produce 60 copies of the Fuchsia Fanfare each month which is quite costly for the Society when one takes into consideration paper and toner cartridges. I appreciate that not everyone has the means or the inclination to use the Internet, however, from the October issue to the end of the year, I will only produce a printed newsletter (hard copy) for those members who have previously notified me, by letter, telephone, or e-mail, that this is their preference.

**Please let me know your name/s and how many newsletters you require by Thursday 26th September 2013 at the latest. If I do not hear from you by that date you will not receive a printed copy.**

If you receive your newsletter by prepaid postage this will continue only until the expiry of your present arrangement, at which time you may like to continue to receive a copy by post or consider the alternative of accessing the newsletter on the web page, but please let the Membership Secretary, Bob Paxton, know what you have decided. His details are on page 2 of any newsletter.

## **This Month's Cover Picture - Rose Fantasia**

Wilkinson 1993  
Single

*Tube* medium length and thickness, pale pink. *Sepals* pale pink, upturned  
*Corolla* rose pink, medium sized bloom. *Foliage* mid green. Bush, shapes well and makes excellent exhibition plant.

Pat Geach won Best Beginner with this plant in the 19th Annual Show 2008.

*Photograph - John Doyle*

# Society Notices

## The Camborne - Redruth Fuchsia Society

### 24th Annual Show

**Sunday 4th August 2013 at 1pm**

At Camborne Science & International Academy  
Cranberry Road, Camborne.

**Adult entrance fee £2**

Children accompanied by an adult, free

Plenty of free parking.

### **Urgent Reminder**

All trophies and cups should have been returned by  
the July Meeting at the very latest.

### **Needed for our Annual show.**

Raffle and tombola prizes.

Fuchsias for the sales table

Cakes & sandwiches on the day please.

### **Vacancy**

The position of Editor will become vacant at the  
**Beginning of January 2014**

Equipment provided and help if needed .  
Please contact Carol if you are interested in this position.

### **At our next meeting**

**Presentation of awards.**

With **Ron Scamp**

Daffodil grower and exhibitor.

## Editor's Puzzle Page

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This puzzle is rated Very Hard. *Solution next month.*

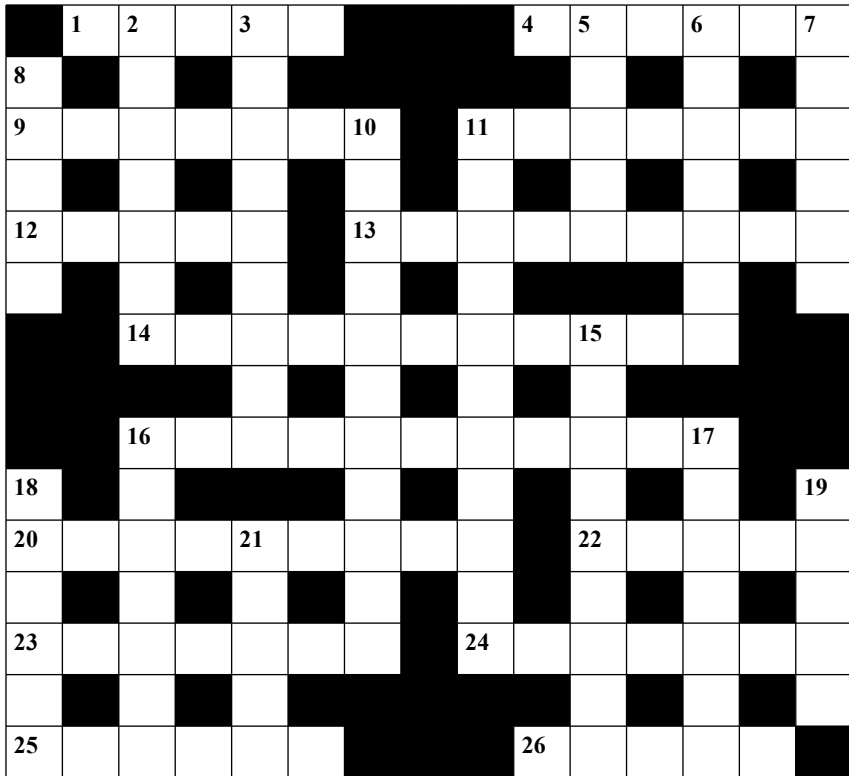
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**What letter follows logically?**

**O T T F F S S E N ?**

This puzzle is rated Very Easy *Solution next month.*

## Fuchsia Crossword 105 from Mary



### Across

1. Find him in a brandy bottle! (5)
4. It is an anagram of 'Len Mew' (6)
9. Unscramble 'eat lime' to find her. (7)
11. 'Ethan or Astra' are hiding her sister. (7)
12. Little flower on the lawn. (5)
13. Fuchsia mixed up by 'a lame train'. (9)
14. First name of Queen Victoria. (11)
16. River mouth's hours of darkness. (6,5)
20. Mountainous area of Wales. (9)
22. Ms. Morgan in 'Sell enamel ware'. (5)
23. Where she's settled is hiding a festival. (7)
24. Sounds like a group of five musicians. (7)
25. Mr Lockerbie or clown McDonald? (6)
26. Ms. Hampson is hidden by 'Jade braid'. (5)

### Down

2. Land of the free & home of the brave. (7)
3. See 12 across for lady on a tandem! (5,4)
5. Initially, every June Nan eats raspberries. (5)
6. 'She's smart in Athens' hides fuchsia. (7)
7. Untangle sly eel for this fuchsia. (6)
8. He might go to bed in a cradle! (5)
10. Sir Alan Gate becomes a lady. (5,6)
11. Football stadium in Glasgow. (7,4)
15. Is it next to a fireplace? (9)
16. Medical man, anagram of L. Dorsen. (2,5)
17. Astral music from the Tornados. (7)
18. When he lives there a lady hides. (6)
19. She is hidden by an Italian. (5)
21. Fuchsia initially 'Doe eats every lily leaf (2,3)

### Answers to Crossword 104

**Across.** 1. Rose Pillar 6. Iced 10. Quest 11. Conqueror 12. Bernisser 13. Twist 14. Bettina 15. Lyndsey 17. The Shah 18. Gladoor 19. Manor 21. Lansdowns 22. Leicester 24. Olive 25. Rien 26. Opalescent. **Down.** 2. Steeretje 3. Patricia Harvey 4. La Costa 5. Ann 7. Carri 8. Dorothy 9. Buttons and Bows 16. Snow White 17. Tumbler 18. General 20. Neige 23. Top.