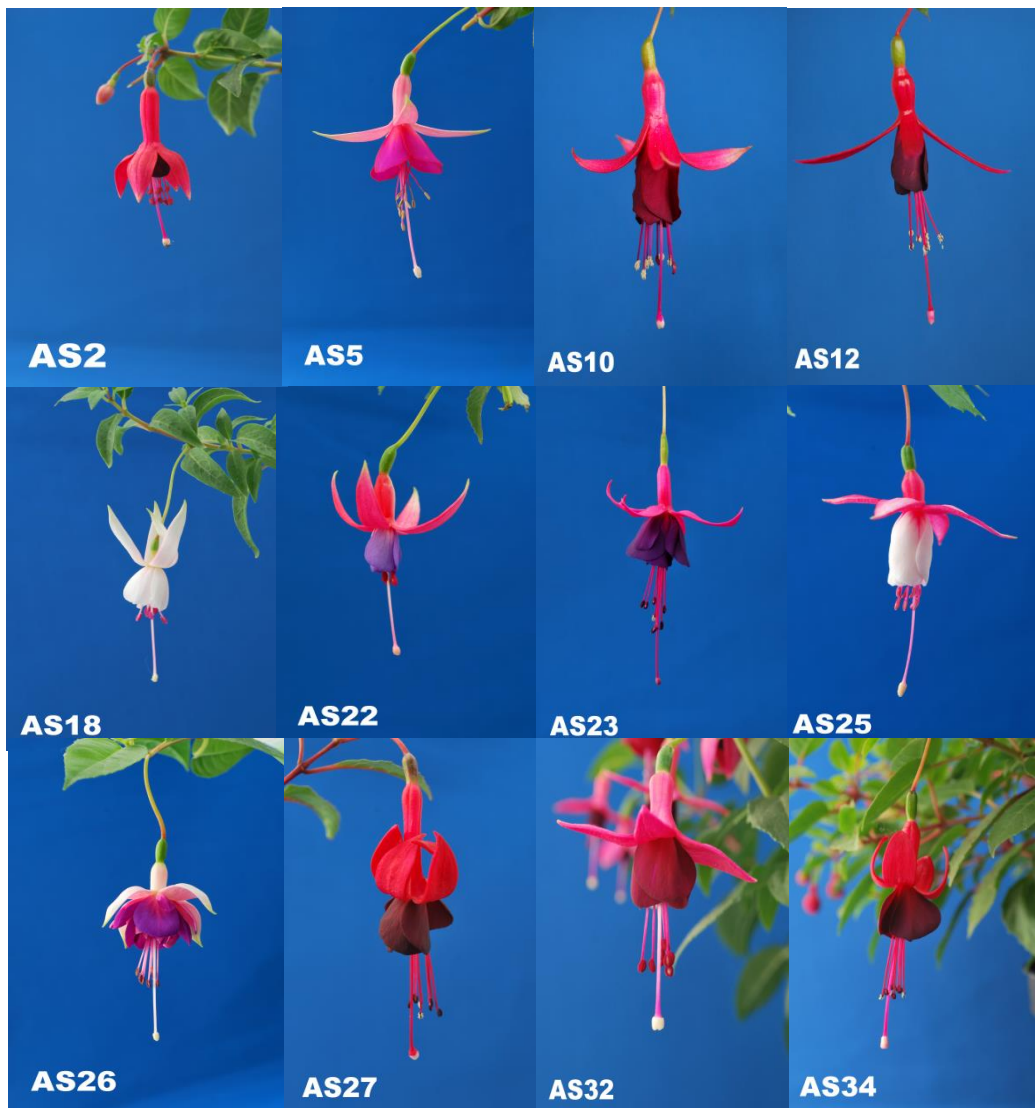


Alan Swaby's Seedlings



On behalf of the Special Interest Group I collected thirty-six fuchsia seedlings that had belonged to the late Alan Swaby. They were being looked after by members of the West Yorkshire Fuchsia Society who donated them to our group. Alan had been a keen member of our group and contributed at most meetings he attended. He was a keen hybridiser having already released several plants. At the time of his death his latest crop of crosses were doing well and showing lots of potential. I initially photographed them before cutting back to obtain fresh cutting material. So I could have a good selection of plants ready for our members at our May meeting.

The stock plants were then grown on and some were displayed at the B.F.S Northern Show asking visitors to select the ones they liked the best. At our October meeting I took all the plants that were in flower to show the members and for them to select the top ten, (which actually turned out to be twelve) we will concentrate on growing these in 2015, hoping some of them will be worth releasing.

Trevor Strickland on behalf of the S.I.G