

# Editorial

Inside our new-look cover you'll find the usual treats – about new and better plants and gardens, in personal, public, and open-to-the-public spaces. Our thanks to the multi-talented plantspeople who take time out of gardening to share their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Here in the farthest north of England we've had a wonderfully mild winter – just a couple of snowflakes and a few frosts – and spring has come remarkably early. *Fuchsia* 'Genii' has been continuously in flower outside. Yes, it's said to be hardy, presumably by Southerners, but in my cool greenhouse it reliably died back, or simply died, year after year.

'Genii' is one of the few plants in pots

which have travelled with me as I garden other people's patches. I was roped in to help revamp a friend's courtyard garden, and the makeover has made me impatient to make my own garden again. I've sown my HPS Seed Exchange seed in readiness.

In early March I was in North Cyprus. Billed as a general interest holiday, it turned out to hold botanical surprises. On the limestone mountains were swathes of asphodel and mandrake, beneath a crusader castle *Cyclamen cyprium* grew in the vertical rock face, and we found ten species of orchid among a host of delights in the forest. A thrilling start to spring.

May your plants and gardens enjoy sun and rain in good measure! 🌱



A forest glade in North Cyprus, full of *Anemone coronaria*.

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