

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Fuchsia are beginning to come alive, new shoots everywhere despite they have been neglected of late – they are very forgiving! I am planning to pot up a number of basket plants that I bought for my mum for Mother's day. This will be my next job as I don't want to lose them. I have trailing lobelia; pelargoniums, fuchsias, trailing verbena. I hope to take some fuchsia cuttings while I'm at it!

Sunday 24th March – What a lovely day! In addition to potting up, I was able to do some tidying up, cutting back and sweeping the patio.

POEM OF THE MONTH

An Instant Lift <i>by Liz Cowley, Outside in my Dressing Gown</i>	
Prozac lifts depression, But flowers work better still. It's good to keep some flowers Upon the windowsill	I start to boil the kettle To make a cup of tea, And every single morning A flower smiles back at me.
A single bloom can comfort – One golden daffodil Can lift one's mood in moments, Much faster than a pill.	No medic would prescribe that, I would. I know a flower Can have a healing magic, A special soothing power.
I come down in the morning – A flower above the sink Soon starts to raise my spirits, And sometimes in a wink.	Especially in the morning, And when the day is grey – One bloom, one spot of colour Can chase the blues away

GROWING FUCHSIAS

FREE CUTTINGS

Remember, our Free Cuttings will be available at THIS MONTH'S MEETING

BUFFET

Please remember to bring something yummy for our buffet table!

SLIDESHOW

Peter Banham has put together a slideshow. This will give us an opportunity to revisit last year's show and hopefully this will encourage us to go home and start thinking about what plants we all want to exhibit at this year's show!

BEGINNERS CORNER

Colin has offered to provide help and guidance to our newcomers. It will be an ideal time to demonstrate what to do with our Free cuttings – especially the unnamed one which we encourage everyone to grow on and put on the show bench – there's a special class just for our free cuttings!

SHOW NEWS

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA 52nd ANNUAL SHOW

We have decided to return to Stapleford Methodist Church to hold our 52nd Annual Show

Full Address: -

**STAPLEFORD METHODIST CHURCH
EATON'S ROAD
STAPLEFORD
NOTTINGHAM
NG9 7EA**

It will remain a ONE DAY show. The date is 10th AUGUST 2024

SOCIETY NEWS

TRIP TO RHS HARROGATE AUTUMN SHOW – 14th September 2024 – STILL PLACES AVAILABLE!

Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club are organising a Coach trip to RHS Harrogate Autumn Show.

Cost will be no more than £40.00. £20.00 deposit required.

Pick-up will be outside the Co-op at Littleover. Parking available behind the Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover. DERBY, DE23 6FX

*** Please let me know if anyone is interested.***

ORDERING FUCHSIAS IN BULK

Following the closure of Jackson's Nursery where so many of us used to purchase our fuchsias, especially the more unusual fuchsias or new releases, we are considering arranging a system/scheme whereby our members look online, submit your request to nominated Committee member who will place a bulk order on behalf of the Society (i.e. bulk ordering, which may save on P&P). The specialist nursery which has been suggested is **Roualeyn Nurseries**. Many of us have purchased plants from this nursery, either direct or at the many RHS shows where they put on award-winning displays and sell fuchsias.

Roualeyn Nurseries do not produce a catalogue so members would need to view online.

We need to know: -

Whether this exercise is worth doing?

Have enough of our members access to the internet?

Would anyone partake in the scheme?

Their website is: www.roualeynfuchsias.co.uk

If you do have access to their website it is well worth a visit. The fuchsias available are split into sections: - Bush; Hardy; Trailing; Encliandra Types & Species & Triphyllas. There are pictures of the cultivars to help you make your choices.

Please can you feedback to me whether you think this scheme/venture is worth pursuing, either via email or speak to me at the monthly meeting.

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BFS ROADSHOW

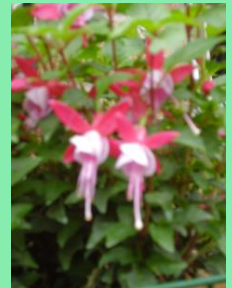
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CORONATION HALL

ON
21ST APRIL 2024

FREE ADMISSION
TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE



BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

****SPEAKERS TALKING ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE SUBJECT –
FUCHSIAS****

Has anyone got any ideas regarding putting on a display? Last time we put on a lovely 'Fuchsia Lore' display.

***** For Speaker details please see the poster on the final page. Please can you post on local social media or print off and display locally. *****



WOOL – WANTED!

As you may be aware the directive this year is to raise funds to help cover the loss from last year's show. Christine, Carol and myself (mostly Christine and Carol) are busy knitting and crocheting so that we can sell hand crafted items at Craft Fayres in aid of the Society.

Therefore, if anyone has any spare balls of wool they do not want and would like to donate, please bring them along to any of our monthly meetings.

Many Thanks x



USED STAMPS – WANTED!

If anyone has any used stamps – I'd be glad to take them off your hands. Bob collects these and sends them off to the RNIB (NOT RSPB which is what I have been quoting!)

Many Thanks x

BRING AND BUY STALL

We will be holding a **Bring and Buy stall** every month to help raise funds for the Society and to support the cost of running our Annual Shows.

Please can you bring along any unwanted items to help our Society.

Many Thanks x

WAYS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

As a society our membership is sadly reducing and therefore the Committee would be very grateful if anyone has any suggestions on how we can promote our society and ultimately increase membership. **Please let anyone on the Committee know.**

Many Thanks x

RHS GARDEN ENTRY DISCOUNT CARD



RHS have introduced a discount card to be used by our members. It offers two adults a 50% discount off entry to any RHS Garden (i.e. **Bridgewater; Harlow Carr; Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley**) with unlimited use until it expires 31 January 2025, with the exception of Flower Shows and Glow illumination events.

If you are interested in taking up this offer at any time, please let me know.

EASY FUNDRAISING

The easiest way for **all** internet users to help raise funds for our Society is simply by every time you search the Web you use easysearch.

Easysearch combines results from Yahoo!, Windows MSN Live Search and Ask.com in one simple search, the address is <http://nottsfuchsia.easysearch.org.uk> Please try it and encourage others too. Don't forget if you make any purchases on the internet, to go through our webshop to make sure we receive commission from the retailers (currently over 2000 well known retailers), the address is <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/nottsfuchsia> .

PLANNER FOR 2024

26 MARCH	MONTHLY MEETING Subject: <i>Buffet & Free Cuttings and ***SLIDESHOW ***</i>
21 APRIL	BFS ROADSHOW – AN EVENT FOR FUCHSIA LOVERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT: - GROWING ♦ PROPAGATING♦SHOWING More details to follow
23 APRIL	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Ric Reilly Subject: <i>Orchids.</i> **ZOOM**
28 MAY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mike Davey Subject: <i>Allotment Gardening.</i>
25 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates Subject: <i>Herbaceous Plants and Borders.</i>
27 JULY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Paul Leatherdale Subject: <i>Show Talk.</i> **ZOOM**
10 AUGUST	NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW – Stapleford Methodist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham.
17 AUGUST	DERBY & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SOCIETY – 53rd ANNUAL SHOW - Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6FX
18 AUGUST	BFS MIDLAND SHOW – Palmers Garden Centre, 11 Main Street, Ullesthorpe, Lutterworth, LE17 5DR.
27 AUGUST	MONTHLY MEETING – Subject: <i>Trophy Presentation.</i>
14 SEPTEMBER	TRIP TO RHS HARROGATE AUTUMN SHOW AT NEWBY HALL & GARDENS. Organised by the Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club. Interested speak to Jayne.
24 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Andrew Cathcart Subject: <i>Overwintering Fuchsias</i> **ZOOM**
22 OCTOBER	TBC
26 NOVEMBER	AGM & SOCIAL EVENING

The British Fuchsia Society

Spring Roadshow



When? Sunday 21st April 2024 from 9am to 4pm

**Where? The Coronation Hall, Portland Road,
Toton, Nottingham, NG9 6EL**

Cost? Nothing!

You can either drop in or stay all day

Open from 9am, with tea and coffee available for a small charge. If you are staying all day, please bring your own lunch!

10 - 11 Malcolm Beerman - From Cuttings to Show plant

11 - 12 Paul Leatherdale - Encliandras

12 - 1 Lunch. Tea Coffee etc and light refreshments available

1 - 2 John Nicholass - Hybridising, new varieties and growing in peat free composts

2 - 3 Rod Young - First principals of Bonsai

**Display by Nottingham and Derby Fuchsia Societies -
Fuchsia Lore.**

**For further details please contact –
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