

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

APRIL 2023
NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

It's sad to see the end of the daffodils for another year. I will soon be deadheading and allowing all the energy to return to the bulb in readiness for next year. Tulips will soon take their place in the garden, so colour will continue. Some of my fuchsias are showing signs of life (although plenty are not!), so I will have to make a determined effort to check them out.

POEM OF THE MONTH

As there is a lot of rain about at the moment and more expected, I thought this poem was quite appropriate: -

VOICES OF WATER *by Tony Milton*

The water in the rain says <i>Tick Tick Tick</i>	The water in the pool says <i>Splish Splash</i>
The water in the sleet says <i>Slush</i>	The water in the stream says <i>Trill</i>
The water in the ice says <i>Crick Crick Crack</i>	The water in the sea says <i>Crish Crash</i>
The water in the snow says <i>Hush</i>	The water in the pond <i>Stays still</i>
The water in the sink says <i>Slosh Slosh</i>	The water in the soil says <i>Sow, Sow</i>
The water in the tap says <i>Drip</i>	The water in the cloud says <i>Give</i>
The water in the bath says <i>Wash Wash</i>	The water in the plant says <i>Grow, Grow</i>
The water in the cup says <i>Sip</i>	The water in the world says <i>Live</i>

GROWING FUCHSIAS

- Begin feeding with a Nitrogen feed
- Water sparingly.
- Free cuttings – the new cuttings are doing fine, keeping them watered and turning regularly

SHOW NEWS

2023 SCHEDULE – NOW AVAILABLE

Derek will have a few paper copies at this month's meeting. It will also be available on our website.

SOCIETY NEWS

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 2024, 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.

GROUP GARDEN VISIT – 22 JUNE 2023

200 LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD, RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAM, NOTTS NG11 6NX

After listening to Mike Davey in January and seeing pictures of his fabulous garden, I have arranged a private Garden Visit for **22 June 2023**. Meeting at 4p.m to avoid rush hour traffic. Refreshments will be provided. **£6.00 per head.**

Please let me know if you are interested – Partners are also welcome.

TRIP TO RHS MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW

23rd September 2023 – **FESTIVAL OF FUCHSIAS**

Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club are organising a Coach trip to RHS Malvern Autumn Show. BFS are celebrating their 85th Anniversary and a special display will be on show as well as all the normal events.

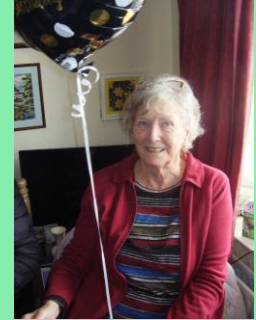
Cost will be no more than £37.00 (could be less depending on numbers). **£20.00** deposit required.

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.***

RENEE WILSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BASH!

Thanks to everyone who came along to celebrate Renee's special weekend. Also **CONGRATULATIONS** to Ros who celebrated her 80th Birthday on the same day!



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 our monthly meetings to help our Society.

Many Thanks x

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.

Also, if they are aware of any Spring/Summer Fayres coming up in your area, please let me know.

Many Thanks x



STAPLEFORD FLOWER ARRANGERS SPRING SHOW AT ST HELEN'S PARISH CHURCH HALL, STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAM

We are to man a Craft stall at their show – **20th MAY 2023**. It will be open to the public from 10.00a.m. – Please make a note in your dairies and come along and support. If past shows are anything to go by – the exhibits will be well worth seeing!

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

Ric replied to me via Facebook as it is a subject very close to his heart. He made 3 points: -

- 1 Publicity – so important to advertise where possible
- 2 Single interest/genus societies like us – unfortunately are doomed, Ric has persuaded Camborne-Redruth to diversify.
- 3 Old-fashioned in our approach to giving talks, making the tending for fuchsias more difficult than it needs to be.

Ric Reilly submitted an article in Fuchsia News - Spring 2023: -

Ric's Ramblings

Whether you're a member of a local fuchsia society or a garden club, I would guess like me that it's been a relief that the purveyors of gloom were wrong, we haven't been locked down again, and monthly gatherings have continued, even with the snow we've had in Cornwall. Some of the challenges such as finding speakers and paying for them are still with us, so I will make no apologies for continuing to bang on about how some of us are using tech such as Zoom to alleviate these problems, how easy it is and how help is at hand if you want to give it a whirl.

My other topic with this edition is publicity and how important it is to be consistent and persistent, and that societies and clubs can't just wait for prospective members and visitors to rock up and find them. Lockdowns and restriction may be becoming a horrible memory, but I am finding with the societies and clubs, which I belong to, that memberships and attendance have not recovered back to where they were before the pandemic hit us. We can wring our hands, or we can step up and widen our efforts to publicise our various groups. Using Tech to Stay in Touch If it wasn't for that nasty little virus, we'd have never have explored the use of tech, and I do think that Facebook and Zoom has been and could be a lifeline to many of us and our enterprises in the world of fuchsias. Fuchsia Friends Gossip on Facebook Possibly the biggest success has been the Fuchsia Friends Gossip group on Facebook started just as we were being locked down (or is that locked up) in March 2020, and nearly three years on it's still going strong with a worldwide membership of 3,439 with a dozen or more posts every day. Just click here to take a look. Fuchsia Friends Zoom on Fridays Later in 2020, in time for Christmas, we started the Fuchsia Friends Zoom gatherings on Friday evenings at 7 pm UK time and it's still going strong with 20 to 25 households joining in each Friday with representation from across the UK, as well as the US and Australia. Under Carol's guidance one week we'll just natter, primarily but not only about fuchsias, while the next week it'll be a talk from one of our number, with the occasional quiz thrown in to test the grey cells. If you fancy joining in just drop Carol Gubler or Ric Reilly a line and they'll let you have the Zoom joining details, and don't worry if you've not tried Zoom before as we're happy to set up a quick 1:1 introductory session to get you started.

Thanks, Ric – some really good ideas to help us move with the times.

OBITUARY - JO YOUNG – RIP

18th MARCH 1937 – 28th MARCH 2023

It is with great sadness that I advise the passing of Jo Young. Jo was a keen gardener and was always cheerful and enthusiastic, greeting you with a warm smile.

Jo loved her flowers, especially her Begonias. She was a keen exhibitor, not only exhibiting at our Nottingham & Notts Fuchsia Society Annual show but at Long Eaton & District Horticultural Society shows and at Beauvale Annual Show. Not only would she exhibit her Begonias (although that was definitely her passion), she was known to try her hand at fuchsias. She would also put her baking skills to good use and exhibit at the Long Eaton & District Horticultural Shows - Spring; Summer & Autumn! as well as at the Beauvale Show – all with resounding success!



2012



2013



2014



2016

Jo was a very dedicated member of the society and would help in any way she could, often seen at the entrance table on show day welcoming the public. With her constant smile, who wouldn't want to come to the show!

Please find below a History of Jo's success at our shows over the years: -

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>
2012	21b	Double Tuberous Begonia	Fiona Ramsay		
▲ Jo won the Begonia Rosette for Best Exhibit in classes 21b & 22b ▲					
2013	21b	Double Tuberous Begonia	Coppelia	Sweet Dreams	
▲ Jo won the Begonia Rosette for Best Exhibit in classes 21b & 22b ▲					
2014	30	Free Cutting (Fuchsia)			President John Porter
2014	18	Ladies Class (Fuchsia)			Unknown
2014	17	Novices (Fuchsia)	Barbara Windsor		
▲ Jo won the Garden News Shied for Most Points in the Novices Class ▲					
2014	21b	Double Tuberous Begonia		Sweet Dreams	
2015	21b	Double Tuberous Begonia			Ziggy
2016	21b	Double Tuberous Begonia		Sugar Candy	
2016	22b	Begonia Rex			Unknown
2016	36	George Roe Cultivar (Fuchsia)			Shelford
2017	21b	Double Tuberous Begonia		Whispers	Ziggy
2018 – CHANGE OF CLASSES					
2018	23	Double Tuberous Begonia		Jennifer Wilson	
2019	22	Pelargonium		Tornado	
2020 VIRTUAL SHOW					
2020		Begonia (Photo)			Unknown
2021	38	Free Cutting (Fuchsia)			President John Porter

Looking back at the Society records Jo has been a member of our Society since 2012 and will be sorely missed.

JO YOUNG - RIP

PLANNER FOR 2023

25 APRIL	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Ric Reilly Subject: <i>Fuchsias My Way</i> **ZOOM**
23 MAY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Paul Leatherdale Subject: <i>Fuchsias</i>
27 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mark Smith Subject: <i>Clematis</i>
25 JULY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Derek Dexter Subject: <i>Show Talk</i> **ZOOM**
12 AUGUST	NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW – Stapleford Methodist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham
19 AUGUST	DERBY & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW – Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover, Derby
20 AUGUST	BFS MIDLAND SHOW – Palmers Garden Centre, Ullesthorpe
22 AUGUST	MONTHLY MEETING – Subject: <i>Trophy Presentation</i>
26 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Stephen Phillips Subject: <i>Overwintering Fuchsias</i> **ZOOM**
24 OCTOBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates Subject: <i>The Royal Gardens of Windsor</i>
28 NOVEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Subject: <i>AGM & Christmas Buffet</i>
DECEMBER	NO MEETING



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 RSPB.

Many Thanks x

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> .