

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

I have just spent the day at my mum's emptying her greenhouse; tidying up her fuchsias and giving them a good water. 80% of her fuchsias are out, I will get round to doing the rest in the next few days. The next task is the best task and that is choosing the right position in the garden to showcase them all!

I have made up five hanging baskets and one to go in the wishing well in the front garden. I am waiting for them to settle and get established before hanging them up.

Hopefully I will then be able to concentrate on my own garden and fuchsias!

POEM OF THE MONTH

It's the time of year when we see lots of dandelions growing on the grass verges – so I thought this poem was appropriate: -

O Dandelion – Anonymous	
"O dandelion, yellow as gold, What do you do all day?"	<i>"I wait and wait till the cool dews fall And my hair grows long and white."</i>
<i>"I just wait here in the tall green grass Till the children come to play."</i>	"And what do you do when your hair is white And the children come to play?"
"O dandelion, yellow as gold, What do you do all night?"	<i>" They take me up in their dimpled hands And blow my hair away."</i>

GROWING FUCHSIAS

- Continue feeding with a Nitrogen feed
- Water (especially during any hot spells)
- Pinch out to encourage new shoots and to develop a good shape.
- Keep turning the plants to help develop an even shape
- Check for any pests and treat
- Free cuttings – you may wish to pot up the cuttings and continue pinching out and feed regularly

SHOW NEWS

2023 SCHEDULE – NOW AVAILABLE

We are in need of 'A man with a Van' to help transport plants and tables for the show. If anyone knows someone, please let one of the Committee members know.

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.***

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

Christine and Carol manned a craft stall last Saturday (20th May 2023). As you can see, they work very hard creating items to sell. Sadly there wasn't much footfall, but I know they enjoyed the displays and demonstrations put on by the members of the **STAPLEFORD FLOWER ARRANGERS**: -



Flyers were available to hand out to the public advertising our monthly meetings and our Annual Show.



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.

****Please find a sheet of flyers promoting our Society's monthly meetings. Please can I ask you to hand these wherever you can. You never know – we may be able to recruit a new member or two! ****

Many Thanks x

P.S. Adverts have been submitted to Breeze Magazine; All the NG magazines and Grapevine.

PLANNER FOR 2023

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, NG9 7EA
19 AUGUST	DERBY & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW - Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6FX
20 AUGUST	BFS MIDLAND SHOW – Palmers Garden Centre, 11 Main Street, Ullesthorpe, Lutterworth, LE17 5DR.
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