

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Progress is being made in the garden (very slowly, I hasten to add!) but I regret that many fuchsias have perished. Whilst it is lovely to have such nice weather – rain would be so welcome! I am getting concerned that we may experience similar weather to last year – a heat wave when all my time was taken up with watering just to keep my plants alive!



◀ However, I have managed to pot up planters to encourage wildlife in the garden which look quite colourful in the front garden. ▶



POEM OF THE MONTH

Nature is a wonderful thing... Sometimes we forget the smallest of creatures...

BUSY BUGS <i>by James Carter</i>	
<i>Out in the garden look down low see all the busy bugs come and go</i>	Noisy bugs That live in grass
Wriggly bugs That can't keep still	Bouncy bugs That move so fast
Tiny bugs That build a hill	Crawly bugs That hide in sand
Shiny bugs That feed on leaves	Tickly bugs That like your hand!
Spotty bugs That climb up trees	<i>Out in the garden look down low see all the busy bugs come and go</i>
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GROWING FUCHSIAS



◀ Sometimes nature is on your side! Last year I acquired 'Careless Whisper' and it was very lapse in growth and I wasn't brave enough to cut it back. So I left it. I am so pleased that this year, it has started growing from the base and I have no problem with cutting it back now. Hopefully, it shall make a good plant this year! ▶



SHOW NEWS

I thought it worth mentioning again some of the changes this year which were mentioned in January 2023 Newsletter: -

CHANGES AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE:

- **New Venue: -**
 - Stapleford Methodist Church
Eatons' Road
Stapleford
Nottingham
NG9 7EA
- **1 day Show** - Show will now only be held on the Saturday, 2nd Saturday in August.
- **Maximum 3 entries per class**
- **2 ½" Class** – this will remain.
- **Children's class** – this is to be resurrected.
- **No Prize Money**
- **Engraving** – The Committee agreed to continue funding the engraving as it keeps a sound audit trail. Also by no longer awarding prize money, this will cover the cost of engraving.

PLEASE NOTE: -

- Unlike some Shows, we do **NOT** require pre-registration of exhibits, therefore, exhibitors, please bring along your entry form on the day of staging and hand to Show Secretary on arrival to allow him to complete the necessary Exhibitor and Cultivar Name cards.
- Stapleford Methodist Church have requested that we do **NOT** park on the slabs which lead up to the church to avoid damaging the slabs. (There should be room on the drive to unload exhibits – unless everyone arrives at the same time!).
- Care should also be taken if parking on the road directly in front of the church, as there is a nasty traffic warden!

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: -

- Check your Schedule - everything you should need to know is in there.
- Entry Form – download from the website – www.nottinghamandnotts-fuchsiasociety.org



SHOW PREPARATIONS: -



WANTED – Help needed Friday afternoon to set up the room. I am arranging access to the hall from 1p.m as extra time may be needed due to the New Venue.

WANTED – Help will be needed to help with transporting tables. (Friday Afternoon and then Saturday Evening). Times to be confirmed.

WANTED – Entrance Table Assistants – Although we are only holding a One day show this year, we will need to man two entrances - Main Entrance and an Entrance from the Car Park.

WANTED – Tombola Prizes – please bring along to June's or July's meeting. **Please note:** No alcoholic prizes are permitted in the church.

WANTED – Plants to sell – whilst we have ordered fuchsias from Jackson's Nurseries, if you have any surplus plants (they don't need to be fuchsias!) – bring them along to the show.

WANTED – Home-made cakes. Although we are not having a Cake stall, I am sure Carol will appreciate any donations on the day. A nice homemade cake with tea or coffee!

ADVERTISING THE SHOW

LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS – Adverts have gone into local free magazines and posters will be available at this month's meeting and I ask that you stick them up prominently in your local area to help promote our show. I intend to put posters in local shops in Stapleford (and advertise on the Church notice board and on the noticeboards in the Centre of Stapleford & Beeston). An advert will go on Facebook and other internet sites nearer the time.

Please find flyers at the bottom of this newsletter and I ask that you distribute them wherever you can.

If anyone has any other ideas regarding 'Ways to Advertise' please let me know.

TROPHIES – Can ALL trophies be returned prior to the Annual Show. Please bring to either June or July's monthly meeting. Thank You.

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 – 20 JULY 2023
200 LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD, RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAM,
NOTTS NG11 6NX

PLEASE NOTE RE-ARRANGED DATE – 20 JULY 2023

After listening to Mike Davey in January and seeing pictures of his fabulous garden, I have arranged a private Garden Visit for **20 JULY 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.***

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PUT THEIR NAMES
DOWN ROD NOW REQUIRES FINAL PAYMENT OF £17.00.**

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

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



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

PLANNER FOR 2023

27 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mark Smith Subject: Clematis
25 JULY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Derek Dexter Subject: Show Talk **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: Trophy Presentation
26 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Stephen Phillips Subject: Overwintering Fuchsias **ZOOM**
24 OCTOBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates Subject: The Royal Gardens of Windsor
28 NOVEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Subject: AGM & Christmas Buffet
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