

# NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

## AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

# JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Showtime is nearly over for another year! I can't believe I'll be soon thinking of over-wintering and planning ahead to next year! Most of this month's newsletter is taken up with show news. As you know, this year's show was held at the Stapleford Methodist Church and was a One Day Show instead of a Two Day. You will find a separate **Feedback Form** which I would be very grateful if you could complete and return as soon as possible. I'd like to have the data to present to the Committee at September's Committee meeting.

**YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US**

## SHOW NEWS

I hope you all managed to come to the show. If you did, then you would have seen some stunning exhibits!



**Best in Show** was awarded to Mal Wilkinson, with his Quarter Standard, 'Shatzy 'B'. Seen here alongside Stapleford Town Mayor, Ross Bofinger.

**President's Trophy** was awarded to Malcolm Beerman who had many of his own hybridised fuchsias on show – Nell 'B'; *Ginny 'B'* and of course, 'Nottingham Jubilee', hybridised specially to commemorate the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year.

**Most Points in Members Class** and the **Cliff Gadsby Rose Bowl** for the **Best British Cultivar** was won by Lyndon Clements



Geoff Smith with the Stapleford Town Mayor, Ross Bofinger.

Geoff won the **Mansfield Brewery**

**Trophy** for **Best Hanging Basket** in Classes 5 & 6 with his 'Sylvia Barker' and he won **The Smith Trophy** for **Best Species** with '*f. rubra grandiflora*'





Carol Yeomans won the **Joe Bragg Memorial Trophy** with this year's **Free Cutting** – 'Alison Patricia'

◀ Carol also won the **Dobson Williams Trophy** with her Double 'Annabel'

Derek Shaw won the **George Roe Memorial Trophy** with his cultivar 'Paul Roe'



**Refreshments:** - Thanks go to Carol Yeomans who manned the Refreshments and which was a huge success (and very busy!) as was the Plant stall, run by Lyndon Clements, - a hive of activity – Thanks Lyndon. Thanks to Avril who became a real fire-fighter supporting everyone. Thanks to Christine who put on a lovely display of crafts and to Lawrence for manning the tombola stall which was as popular as ever.



Thanks also to Rob Scott who was responsible for putting up posters in the near vicinity, hoping to entice any local passers-by (I do think it worked!)

Thanks to Clem & Ros for manning the Entrance Table (and to Fuzzy who was a hit with everyone!)

Thanks to Liz who supported Derek, our Show Secretary. Thanks to Colin for erecting the stands to display the Commercial Wall Pots and Half Baskets – need to encourage more people to enter these classes next year!

In fact...

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

**Thank you** again to everyone who helped over the weekend, from setting up; manning a stall; exhibiting and finally those who helped tidy up at the end. Thank you to all Committee members for their contribution to a very successful show. Thanks also to all friends and family who helped us. Their support is much appreciated.

Thanks to Peter Banham who came and took photos of all winning exhibits to put on our website.

**Show results** were attached separately with this newsletter. However, if you want to see all the winning cultivars - these have now been posted onto our website. –

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# SHOW STATISTICS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Exhibits	230	193	229	217	214	242	NO SHOW	?	149	126
Number of Exhibitors	24	17	27	20	20	24	DUE TO COVID	?	17	15

Sadly there were 10 classes with nil entries this year: -

Class	Description	Class	Description
1	Beginners	17	1 Plant single or double, any <b>Bob Pacey</b> cultivar – Max 152mm (6”) pot
2	Novices	28	1 Plant, except fuchsias, any size, shape or form, any size pot or container not eligible to be put anywhere else
4	Childrens	49	1 Commercial wall pot (max 8.5”)
6	1 Half Basket only (16”)	50	1 Pot of the <i>more unusual cultivar</i> – Any Size Pot
16	1 Exhibit small pot culture, pyramids, pillars, espalier and fans or circles or any shape other than a bush or shrub – max pot size 5 ¼”	51	1 Pot Triphylla Type – (max 6.5”)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The cultivar of this year’s free cutting was **‘ALISON PATRICIA’**

**\*\* LEFT BEHIND AT THE SHOW** – I have a black seed tray and a small watering can which were left at the church following our show. Please let me know if either belong to you.

More statistics: -

<b>MEN</b>	<b>No. of 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>No. of 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>No. of 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>No. of Points</b>
Mr & Mrs Wilkinson	8	6		36*
Lyndon Clements	5	6	9	36*
Derek Shaw	5	2	1	20

- Mal & Lyndon actually finished up with the same number of points, so the number of '1sts' had to be taken into account.

<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>No. of 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>No. of 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>No. of 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>No. of Points</b>
June Lemon-Smith	3	2		13
Carol Yeomans	1	4	1	12
Christine Cole (joint 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	2	2		10
Jayne Daykin (joint 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	3		1	10

The most popular classes for number of exhibits this year were:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No. of Exhibits</b>
37	One plant, any cultivar - Any Size Pot	9
41	One pot TOM WEST cultivar – Max 165mm (6.5")	8
46	One pot to be viewed from the front – Any Size Pot	7

# POEM OF THE MONTH

I find the poem below very soothing and relaxing – just what I need after two or three weeks showing & stewarding!

<b>DOING NOTHING MUCH</b> <i>by Eric Finney</i>	
<i>I could potter for hours on a lonely beach Picking pebbles to roll in my hand, Wondering where will the next wave reach, Writing my name in the sand.</i>	<i>Or high on a headland find me, While a seagull wheels and dips, Gazing for hours out to sea At islands and smudges of ships.</i>
<i>Near the tumbling weir, where the hawthorn's pink, I could sit for hours in a trance Watching the weir stream to the brink And the white foam pound and dance.</i>	

# GROWING FUCHSIAS

## WANTED – NELLIE NUTTALL

Has anyone got a spare plant or cutting of Nellie Nuttall. Sadly Keith Cocking has lost his and is eager to replace it.

**\*\*\* CAROL GUBLER replied. She sells this cultivar at her nursery, Little Brook Nurseries but it is sadly out of stock\*\*\***

# 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.\***

## 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



## 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

# PLANNER FOR 2023

<b>29 AUGUST</b>	<b>MONTHLY MEETING – <b>**CHANGE OF DATE**</b></b> Subject: <i>Trophy Presentation &amp; Quiz Night</i>
11 SEPTEMBER	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING – REARRANGED – 7.30p.m</b> Venue to be confirmed
16 SEPTEMBER	<b>RUDDINGTON VILLAGE SHOW</b> – held at St Peter’s Room, opposite St Peter’s Church – 11.00a.m – 4.00p.m
23 SEPTEMBER	<b>TRIP TO RHS MALVERN SHOW</b> – organised by Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club
26 SEPTEMBER	<b>MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Stephen Phillips</b> Subject: <i>Overwintering Fuchsias</i> <b>**ZOOM**</b>
24 OCTOBER	<b>MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates</b> Subject: <i>The Royal Gardens of Windsor</i>
28 NOVEMBER	<b>MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER:</b> Subject: <i>AGM &amp; Christmas Buffet</i>
DECEMBER	<b>NO MEETING</b>

A few more photos taken at the show: -



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*Diva*  
- Carol Yeomans



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*Grandma Sheila*  
- Lesley Wilkinson



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*Anne Reid*  
- Christine Cole

**FINALLY - REMEMBER FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT, SO PLEASE TAKE TIME TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN TO ME.**