

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Welcome to 2022

This year, we will be reminiscing. I have been trawling through the archives, finding out as much information as I can about the society – the highs and maybe some lows! – but mostly highs! I want us to remember the important and hopefully memorable times during the Society's history. I will also use the noticeboard to help **CELEBRATE** the society's 50 years.

I will still be rambling on about progress made in my own garden as well as focussing on 4 projects this year: - Standards; Fuchsia Bonsai; Combinations and hanging Pots, Baskets and Planters.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

1971 -1976

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The above article written by the dear late Ken Brown, one of the co-founders who sadly passed away peacefully on 20 March 2019. He remained a member and true advocate of our Society all his life.

PAST ARTICLE

After ploughing through newsletter after newsletter, I came across this poem by Ken Bradshaw, who was editor at the time. There is no date on the newsletter, but it had August Annual Show 1988 data and mentioned that it was coming to the end of the growing season and the following speakers: -

27 September 1988	Mr F Snelling	Growing Fans
25 October 1988	Mr G Thorley	My Way of Growing Fuchsias
22 November 1988	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	

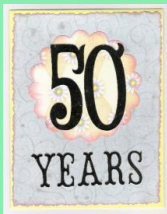
THE EDITOR'S LAMENT submitted into our Newsletter by Ken Bradshaw

The Editor sat morose in his chair
He stared into space with a look of despair
The days and nights passed, as days and nights do,
But no articles came – from you, you and you

He'd welcome most subjects with arms open wide,
Tho' obviously – 'porno' is put to one side,
Favourites are Fuchsias, without a doubt,
There are thousands of these to write about.

Poor Editor murmurs 'Dear God hear my plea',
And grant Divine power directly to me,
As reward for my worries and response to my prayers,
To conjure up 'copy' – from out of thin air.

If no answer or help is forthcoming,
Perhaps to 'Old Nick', I'll prefer a plea,
Or finally say 'Goodbye' to this region,
And rush to enlist in the French Foreign Legion!



WHAT ELSE HAPPENED 50 YEARS AGO?

In January this year (1971) ...

- 5th – First ever One Day International cricket match (Australia v. England)
- 10th – Coco Chanel died
- 11th – Mary J Blige was born
- 17th – Kid Rock was born
- 18th – Pep Guardiola was born
- 20th – Gary Barlow was born
- 25th – Idi Amin becomes president in Uganda

ROLE OF MERIT



This is a project I began many years ago and it seems appropriate, now that we are celebrating 50 years, that I share it with you. It is still work in progress, with many gaps. It has been a difficult task due to the many class changes over the years also some of the Trophies have been swapped about.

I will 'drip-feed' the information to you month-by-month as there will be too much information to take in all at one go. This will be posted on the noticeboard....

Thanks to fellow members who have already provided me with data to help me with this project.



ON THE NOTICEBOARD...

JANUARY – On the noticeboard this month is the list of Best in Show winners; Best in Members classes & Best in Open Classes, all from 1991 – 2021.

Best in Show - Over this period of time, there have been 7 different winners, Howard Kilbourn having been awarded 'Best in Show' a mere 10 times!

Best in Members Classes – Between 1993 – 2021, there have been 13 different winners, Howard Kilbourn having been awarded 'Best in Members Classes' 7 times.

Best in Open Classes – Between 1993 – 2021, there have been 8 different winners, Howard Kilbourn having been awarded 'Best in Open Classes' 13 times.

I have also found some photos which I hope you will find interesting!



BEST IN SHOW – 2007
'H KILBOURN'



BEST IN SHOW – 2014
'D JOYNT'



BEST IN SHOW - 2021
'C WOOLSTON'

TWO NEW CLASSES IN THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE



CELIA SMEDLEY CLASS – For one year only! In honour of one of founders, George Roe, we have asked that one of our free cuttings this year be Celia Smedley (named after George's daughter). The Free cutting class will remain the same, so the other free cutting will be 'unnamed' as usual.

Class	1 Pot Celia Smedley cultivar (free cutting)	Max 165mm (6.5")
52	<i>Special class to celebrate our 50th Show. The cultivar was bred by a founder member of the Society.</i>	

Also our Committee members have proposed we include a class for 2 ½ “pot, 1 Fuchsia, any cultivar. See below: -

21a	1 Fuchsia (any cultivar)	Only 63.5mm (2.5”)
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A photo is attached to this email, showing an example of the pot that is required.

POEM OF THE MONTH

FUCHSIAS – by Liz Cowley

Fuchsias bloom – like ballerinas
in tutus, dancing all day long
as soon as there’s the slightest breeze
or when a high wind comes along

A corps de ballet on each bush,
a mass of dancers – heavenly!
They’re always great performers, fuchsias
and get a huge encore from me.

Fuchsias, artistes, ballet stars –
more lovely than most plants I know.
On breezy days I step outside
and then sit back and watch the show.

FUCHSIAS IN MY GARDEN



DELICATE PURPLE

A lovely fuchsia, I entered it in our show in 2019.

It is single, with slender, reflexed pink and purple flowers, lax growth and would work well grown in a hanging basket.

Good in both sun and shade (de Cooker, 2004)

GROWING FUCHSIAS

PROJECT 1 - STANDARDS

All standards are tucked away in my greenhouses, wrapped up in fleece. I am on the search for ‘Checkerboard’, as I am eager to grow a standard, just like Malcolm’s. It will take me a while!

SOCIETY NEWS

At our AGM in November, Derek announced his intention to give up the Treasurer's role next year. On behalf of the Committee and all our members, I'd like to thank Derek for all his hard work and continued contribution to the society.

If anyone would like to take up this role, and wish to know more about it, please let one of the committee members know.

SOCIAL MEAL – 4 MARCH 2022

AT THE CADLAND INN

The table has been booked; 7.00p.m for 7.30p.m - so please let me know if you are interested. Please look at their website for an idea of menu choices. I have now sent an email out and a form will be available at our January's meeting to add choices.

www.emberinns.co.uk

BFS AGM – 26 MARCH 2022

The **BFS AGM 2022** is to be held on **26/3/22**. As our society will be celebrating our **50th Anniversary**, it seems fitting that we host this forthcoming event. Plans are underway now to ensure its success.

The event will take place at the Stapleford Methodist Church, Eatons Road, Stapleford, Nottingham.

Volunteers will be needed to help host the event.

- Entrance table attendant
- Help set up room – tables and chairs
- Refreshments
- Possible Parking Marshalls
- Man Tombola/Raffle stalls
- Display Table

Please let me know if you are able to support us.

More details will follow in due course.

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