

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

I like this time of year as it is full of hope of things to come. My fuchsias are growing well, even the cuttings I have taken are going strong. My vegetable plot suddenly seems to be packed with young plants. I now need to concentrate on displaying my fuchsias within the garden, so that I can showcase them to the full.

Work still needs to be done around the pond area and stumpery, so hopefully I can concentrate on these areas in the forthcoming weeks.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, I thought it appropriate to look back at how our Society celebrated our Special Occasions: -

SILVER - 25th ANNUAL SHOW - 1997



The Society held **BOTH** our Annual show and put on a display at the Nottingham show this year.

RUBY - 40TH ANNUAL SHOW - 2012

Ken Brown introduced a class, $7 \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ " pots and donated £100 to winner, for 1 year only to celebrate our **RUBY** Anniversary.



≼A special 40th Anniversary cake was made to celebrate the occasion.

Keith Cocking created a Display standard with fuchsias with Ruby in their titles. ➤

A George Roe display was created by Colin Pattinson

Stan Heptinstall presented the Trophies that year and donated funds to the society.





QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE



Also to commemorate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, I have been searching through my fuchsia books for fuchsias with a Royal connection.

CULTIVAR NAME	CULTIVAR NAME	CULTIVAR NAME
ANNIVERSARY	JUBILEE	ROYAL CROWN
Beauty QUEEN	KING GEORGE	ROYAL Flush
BESSIE ROYLE	Lady BETH	ROYAL Jester
BETTY	LILLIBET	ROYAL Orchid
BETH Robley	Maxine ELIZABETH	ROYAL Pink
Black PRINCE	Mitford QUEEN	ROYAL Purple
Border QUEEN	Northern QUEEN	ROYAL Ruby
California QUEEN	Oriental PRINCESS	ROYAL SOVEREIGN
Carol ELIZABETH	Pacific QUEEN	ROYAL Touch
Cherry JUBILEE	QUEENIE	ROYAL Velvet
DIANA, PRINCESS of	QUEEN Lucie	ROYALTY
Wales		
Dollar PRINCESS	QUEEN of Bath	Ruth KING
Dulcie ELIZABETH	QUEEN of Derby	Sealand PRINCE
ELIZABETH	QUEEN of Hearts	Severn QUEEN
ELIZABETH	QUEEN of Sheba	Silver QUEEN
ELIZABETH Travis	QUEEN Mary	Snow QUEEN
Fuchsia KING	QUEEN's Corsage	Strawberry QUEEN
Gypsy QUEEN	QUEEN's Park	Trailing QUEEN
Gypsy PRINCE	Red PRINCESS	White KING
Her HIGHNESS	REGAL	White QUEEN
Indian PRINCE	REGAL Robe	

^{***} Please note, some of the fuchsias may no longer be in existence unfortunately.***

1987 - 1990

In the late 80s, the society took part in a show held at the Holme Pierrepont Sports Centre which was hosted by a firm in Bristol – we were awarded **BEST** stand in the show.



ON THE NOTICEBOARD...

MAY – On the noticeboard this month is the list of Best British Cultivar in show winners between 1991 - 2021 and Best Margaret Roe Show winners between 1994 – 2021.

Other photos and newspaper articles are also on display. Make sure you take time to review at our meeting.

ROLL OF MERIT



BEST BRITISH CULTIVAR BETWEEN 1991 – 2021

POSITION	NAME	NO.OF YEARS
1st	Howard Kilbourn	10
Jnt 2nd	Neil Fox-Smith	4
Jnt 3rd	Lyndon Clements	4

BEST MARGARET ROE CULTIVAR BETWEEN 1994 – 2021

POSITION	NAME	NO.OF YEARS
1st	Dennis Joynt	5
2nd	Colin Pattinson	4
Jnt 3rd	Geoff Smith	2
Jnt 3rd	G Walton	2

PAST ARTICLE

I wrote this article back in 2008 and thought it appropriate to include in this month's newsletter, because actually, I was '*RECYCLING*' back in 2008!

GOING FOOD SHOPPING ISN'T ALL THAT BAD!

I hate Food shopping - or do I?.....

Up and down those aisles, checking I haven't missed anything off the list, that's what it's all about, isn't it?....

First I stop at the fruit counter, Mmmmm... a carton of Strawberries, that's healthy, and 2 for the price of 1, that's a bargain! – *just the right size for my young cuttings* – *fit 2 x 3" pots in each of them, in the trolley they go.*

Next, I stop by the salad bar.....tomatoes, which ones shall I choose? My husband wonders what's taking me so long to decide – 'Not sure which will taste the sweetest, dear,' I reply, 'the ones in the long oblong tray or the ones in the squarish tray? – *the trays will make excellent mini drip trays and the oblong one will slot in nicely between my fuchsias in the green house.*

Plastic carton of Coleslaw – need it on my salads, only need a small carton really.... But the bigger carton will also house a 3" pot adequately, giving my cuttings extra protection over winter!

I catch up with Bob who is eyeing up the croissants, I look dismayed... No Bob! Not those in the normal flimsy plastic wrapping, surely those over there will taste much better, I hear myself saying, 'which ones?' he says, 'those in the plastic container' I reply – *very serviceable, I say to myself, the container will come in very handy when it comes to taking more new cuttings!*

Bob picks up a plastic carton containing Ginger biscuits, my pulse is racing! Must be my lucky day! In the trolley they go, - *another ideal container to overwinter my new fuchsia cuttings.*

We finally make it to the check-out counter and carefully load our groceries onto the conveyor belt. Plenty of containers pass before my eyes....Very resourceful....Recycling and all that!...

I've changed my mind, I think I quite like food shopping after all!

Taken from October 2008 newsletter, Article written by Jayne Daykin



WHAT ELSE HAPPENED 50 YEARS AGO?

9th – Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-1 in FA Cup Final to complete the 'double'

14th - Sofia Coppola born

19th – Ogden Nash died

28th - Audie Murphy died

POEM OF THE MONTH

"Good, Better, Best. Never let it rest.
Til your Good is Better and your Better Best."

Tim Duncan PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER



FUCHSIAS IN MY GARDEN

BLACK PRINCE – Banks 1961

A single, with Red tubes and sepals. Coralla is dark purple. It will make a good small pot plant or can be trained in a basket with weights.

GROWING FUCHSIAS

I have finally taken all the fleece and bubble wrap off my fuchsias, just leaving my plastic cover on, until the end of this month. I have continued to feed them and plan to turn them and give them another pinch out. I am busy potting up cuttings which I have taken earlier on in the season – so busy, busy!

PROJECT 1 - STANDARDS



This is a couple of years old now. It has four trunks and in 'bonsai speak' would possibly be classed as a Grouping. However, after referring to the BFS Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards handbook, I believe it could fall under a 'Decorative Standard': -

"...be grown with multiple trunks to form the appearance of several trees with a single head. Trunks should be free from blemishes such as tie marks, but may show more natural imperfections".



The best part of growing fuchsias is to experiment – to have fun. I don't know what this standard started life as but I seem to be training it now as 2 spheres on a stick!

SOCIETY NEWS

Our Next Meeting will be on:

28 JUNE 2022

Our Speaker will be

Heather Taylor

on

Houseplants

SHOW PREPARATIONS

As our Annual Show draws closer and closer, may I remind you that help will be needed setting up the room Friday Afternoon and clearing away again on the Sunday.

Tombola prizes will be most welcome and plants for the plant stall will never be turned away!

Homemade cakes will also be gratefully received.

Can those who were awarded Trophies last year, please bring them along to July's monthly meeting at the latest. Thanks.

<u>**REMEMBER**</u>: The show this year is the <u>13th and 14th August 2022</u>. It is back at Attenborough Village Hall, Attenborough Lane, Attenborough.

If anyone needs a schedule, please see Derek Shaw.

GARDEN VISIT – 22 JUNE 2022



We will be meeting at 4p.m at 5 Burton Lane Whatton in the Vale NG13 9EG

"It is a modern cottage garden which is productive and highly decorative. The owners garden organically and for wildlife. The garden is full of colour and scent from Spring to Autumn. Several distinct areas, including fruit and vegetables. Large beds are filled with over 500 varieties of plants with paths through so you can wander and get close. Also features seating, gravel garden, pond, shade planting and sedum roof."

After a tour around the garden, there will be refreshments. £8 per head. Anyone interested please let me know. There will be a list available at the meeting to add names.