

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

There are plenty of chores that I need to get on top of, especially round at mum's. If I can get on top of mum's garden, I can then start to tackle mine!

JOBS I NEED TO DO: -

- Clear away leaves
- Clean Drive
- Divide Perennials
- Cut back Buddleias
- Continue checking on my fuchsias
- Clean pots

FUCHSIAS LOVE BRACKEN

And not just fuchsias. Except for the lime loving ones, most plants will benefit from a handful of chopped bracken at the bottom of the hole beneath a new planting, it should be green, not brown, dying bracken, and it will encourage root growth by retaining moisture.

WHEN YOU HEAR THE CUCKOO SHOUT, 'TIS TIME TO PLANT YOUR TATTIES OUT.'

I was brought up on the belief that Good Friday is the day to put the potatoes in. Since Good Friday can vary by four or five weeks from one year to another that's about as exact as the old saying about the cuckoo, whose first call might be heard any time from mid March to early May.

The best that can be said is that you won't go too far wrong in about the second week of April – but just as with the sowing of seeds, allow for the variation in climate in your part of the country.

Excerpts from 'TIPS FROM THE OLD GARDENERS, COMPILED BY Duncan Crosbie

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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

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA 53rd ANNUAL SHOW

We have decided to return to Stapleford Methodist Church to hold our 53rd Annual Show
Full Address: -

**STAPLEFORD METHODIST CHURCH
EATON'S ROAD
STAPLEFORD
NOTTINGHAM
NG9 7EA**

*****It will remain a ONE DAY show. The date is 9th AUGUST 2025*****

Just a few reminders of last year's show: -



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

EASY FUNDRAISING

The easiest way for **all** internet users to help raise funds for our Society is simply by every time you search the Web you use easyfundraising.

Please try it and encourage others too. Don't forget if you make any purchases on the internet, to go through our webshop to make sure we receive commission from the retailers (currently over 2000 well known retailers), the address is <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/nottsfuchsia> .

HELP PUT DAFFS ON THE MAP...

RHS are asking gardeners to document all their different cultivars in an attempt to identify in particular rare cultivars such as: 'Narcissus 'Mrs R.O. Backhouse'; Narcissus 'Sussex Bonfire' and Narcissus ' Mrs William Copeland'

Submit sightings at: - www.rhs.org.uk/daffodildiaries

I know there are some daffodil growers amongst us that may be interested.

PLANNER FOR 2025

25 FEBRUARY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: John Nicholass Subject: <i>Hybridising and New Releases.</i>	**ZOOM**
1 MARCH	SHEFFIELD ORCHID SHOW & EXOTIC PLANT FAIR - at St John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South, SHEFFIELD, S17 3LE. Admission: £5.00; Open: 10.00a.m – 4.00p.m	
25 MARCH	MONTHLY MEETING Subject: <i>Buffet & Free Cuttings</i>	
22 APRIL	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Ric Reilly Subject: <i>Fuchsias My Way</i>	**ZOOM**
27 MAY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Rod Weston Subject: <i>Composting in General</i>	
24 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Paul Leatherdale Subject: <i>Encliandras</i>	
22 JULY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Geoff Smith Subject: <i>Show Talk</i>	
9 AUGUST	NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW – Stapleford Methodist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, NG9 7EA	
16 AUGUST	DERBY & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW - Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6FX	
17 AUGUST	BFS MIDLAND SHOW – Palmers Garden Centre, 11 Main Street, Ullesthorpe, Lutterworth, LE17 5DR	
26 AUGUST	MONTHLY MEETING – Subject: <i>Trophy Presentation</i>	
23 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Subject: <i>TBC</i>	
28 OCTOBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Andrew Cathcart Subject: <i>A Fuchsia Odyssey</i>	**ZOOM**
25 NOVEMBER	AGM & SOCIAL EVENING	