

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

There have been some lovely sunny days, now that it is officially Spring. Blossom is out and the daffodils are indeed in full bloom. I have transported my mum's planters from the back of the garden to the front. Sadly the daffodils are all droopy as I have left it too late. I have checked the greenhouses and pleased to see new shoots on a lot of the fuchsias.

FREE CUTTINGS

Remember, that this year's free cuttings will be available for collection at our March meeting and also a polite reminder to bring along something for the buffet table.

DON'T YOU WANT TO GROW UP NICE AND STRONG? STIMULATING GROWTH UNUSUAL THINGS TO HELP PLANTS GROW

Banana skins and dripping: Roses love it if you dig in old banana skins just beneath the surface of the soil around their roots. The skins contain a long list of goodies – phosphate; calcium; sulphur; silica; sodium and magnesium – in which many soils are deficient.

Beer: it may be hard to accept, but humans are not the only ones to like beer. Most vegetables appreciate a drop now and again, but it's the *brassicas* that are the old soaks, Cabbages in particular like to have a regular drink – say once a week.

Milk: When the milk bottle or container is empty fill it with water and shake it well. You've then got a very mild liquid manure which you can use on your houseplants or on plants and climbers growing against the walls of your house.

Tea Leaves: Used tea leaves are a good addition to the compost heap at all times, but azaleas; rhododendrons and camellias respond well to them as a mulch. Cold tea is equally acceptable, so whatever you have left in the pot, why not offer it to them instead of tipping it down the sink?

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*****

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> .

PLANNER FOR 2025

25 MARCH	MONTHLY MEETING Subject: Buffet & Free Cuttings
22 APRIL	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Ric Reilly Subject: Fuchsias My Way **ZOOM**
27 MAY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Rod Weston Subject: Composting in General
24 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Paul Leatherdale Subject: Encliandras
22 JULY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Geoff Smith Subject: Show Talk
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