## NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER





I've managed to pot up mum's hanging baskets, but I'm waiting on a little before I put them up. All have a fuchsia in the centre (of course!)

I have some marigolds which need planting out – that will be my next job as well as checking on some fuchsia cuttings – if they have rooted, I will pot them up.

# POEM OF THE MONTH

OUTSIDE IN MY DRESSING GOWN by Liz Cowley	
I'm outside in my dressing gown –	Thank God they've learned to look away,
I often am at half past seven,	Accepting there's a nut next door
When plants are sometimes waking up.	Who's up and out and not yet dressed –
To me, that is a time of heaven.	They don't look startled any more.
The builders on the roof next door	They do their own thing, I do mine –
Were once surprised to see me there,	They glance at me, then look away.
Amazed to watch me pottering	I'm glad they have accepted it –
In slippers and with unbrushed hair.	The way I like to start the day.



I have been handed a list of cultivars from Lyndon. If any of you have any of the following cultivars and could spare a cutting please let Lyndon know. In fact if anyone would like a certain cultivar, please let me know and I can include your request in this section of the newsletter.

WENDY BENDY	DEREK LUTHER	LITTLE JESSICA
HALEY JACKSON	JANICE PERRY	

# NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

### HOST

**BFS ROADSHOW** 



AT

CORONATION HALL ON 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024



Thanks to everyone who helped the Society to host the BFS Spring Roadshow 2024. Also, thanks for members who came along - I hope you had a good time. Like any event, it takes a lot of time, so thanks go to Geoff & June and to all the Committee for all their hard work. Thanks also to the speakers who kindly gave up their time and who delivered such interesting presentations.



The Roadshow began with Malcolm Beerman, back out of retirement. He provided his usual informative talk touching on propagation; potting on and Pests and diseases.

Geoff then introduced Paul Leatherdale who talked about growing Encliandras.



Unfortunately, due to car problems, John Nicholass was unable to attend, but he sent a slideshow and Geoff delivered the presentation on John's behalf. Thanks to Peter Banham for his IT expertise.



The final speaker (and well worth waiting for!) was Rod Young who talked to us on Bonsai.

There were plants, crafts and books for sale as well as a wonderful Fuchsia Lore display.

Refreshments, of course, proved popular and thanks to Lawrence & Carol as I think they found themselves very busy at times.

\*\*\*In fact, thanks to everyone who supported us on the day. We are very grateful.\*\*\*



#### NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SHOW

We have decided to return to **<u>Stapleford Methodist Church</u>** to hold our 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show Full Address: -

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

\*\*\*It will remain a ONE DAY show. The date is 10th AUGUST 2024\*\*\*

# **SOCIETY NEWS**



BFS – AWARD OF MERIT

Congratulations to June who was presented with the BFS Award of Merit for her lifetime achievements, support to the Society & BFS



TRIP TO RHS HARROGATE AUTUMN SHOW – 14th September 2024 – <u>STILL PLACES AVAILABLE!</u>

**Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club** are organising a Coach trip to RHS Harrogate Autumn Show.

Cost will be no more than £40.00. £20.00 deposit required.

Pick-up will be outside the Co-op at Littleover. Parking available behind the Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover. DERBY, DE23 6FX

#### \* Please let me know if anyone is interested.\*



#### WOOL – WANTED!

As you may be aware the directive this year is to raise funds to help cover the loss from last year's show. Christine, Carol and myself (mostly Christine and Carol) are busy knitting and crocheting so that we can sell hand crafted items at Craft Fayres in aid of the Society.

Therefore, if anyone has any spare balls of wool they do not want and would like to donate, please bring them along to any of our monthly meetings.

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 RNIB (<u>NOT</u> RSPB which is what I have been quoting!)

#### **BRING AND BUY STALL**

We will be holding a **<u>Bring and Buy stall</u>** 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 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

#### **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 2025, 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.\*

### EASY FUNDRAISING

The easiest way for <u>all</u> internet users to help raise funds for our Society is simply by every time you search the Web you use easysearch.

Easysearch combines results from Yahoo!, Windows MSN Live Search and Ask.com in one simple search, the address is <u>http://nottsfuchsia.easysearch.org.uk</u> 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 2024**

23 APRIL	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Ric Reilly   Subject: Orchids.   **ZOOM**
28 MAY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mike Davey Subject: <i>Allotment Gardening.</i>
25 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates Subject: Herbaceous Plants and Borders.
27 JULY	<b>MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER</b> : Paul Leatherdale Subject: <b>Show Talk.</b>
10 AUGUST	NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW – Stapleford Methodist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham.
17 AUGUST	DERBY & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SOCIETY – 53 <sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SHOW - Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6FX
18 AUGUST	<b>BFS MIDLAND SHOW –</b> Palmers Garden Centre, 11 Main Street, Ullesthorpe, Lutterworth, LE17 5DR.
27 AUGUST	MONTHLY MEETING – Subject: Trophy Presentation.
14 SEPTEMBER	<b>TRIP TO RHS HARROGATE AUTUMN SHOW AT NEWBY HALL &amp;</b> <b>GARDENS</b> . Organised by the Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club. Interested speak to Jayne.
24 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Andrew Cathcart Subject: Overwintering Fuchsias **ZOOM**
22 OCTOBER	TBC
26 NOVEMBER	AGM & SOCIAL EVENING