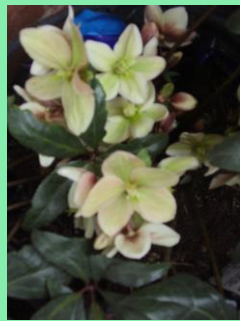
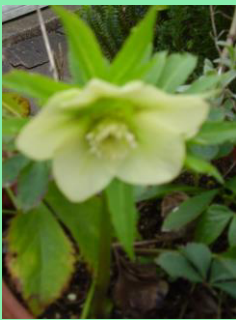


# NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

## JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

The garden is beginning to come alive: Daffodils are in flower and so are snowdrops of course. I am also pleased to see my Hellebores putting on a good show: -



Gardening at the moment is just not happening. I seem to be only checking on my fuchsias, and that is not happening very often. I am hoping that now I am seeing signs of Spring and all this new growth, it will encourage me to be a little more proactive!

## POEM OF THE MONTH

After a very successful **BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH**, I spotted this poem in the Garden News edition – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – I could definitely relate to it: -

### TO BIRDWATCH OR NOT TO BIRDWATCH *by Janice Lock*

*It's time to do the Birdwatch  
Now don't it come round quick?  
With my notebook at the ready  
For an hour I'll be slick.  
Whilst watching all  
our feathered friends  
dancing in sunlight  
Just as I get comfortable  
they disappear from sight.*

*With the patience of a heron  
waiting frozen to the spot  
I sit and wait here patiently,  
my stomach in a knot.  
'Cos how can I do Birdwatch  
when they've suddenly taken flight?  
Perhaps I should go covert  
and wait until tonight!*

# GROWING FUCHSIAS

This month we should all be receiving our **FREE CUTTINGS**. Remember there is a class at our Annual Show for your unnamed **FREE CUTTING**. Everyone has been given the same cultivar and the aim is to grow it to show standard in just one season. The name of the cultivar will be revealed on show day.

## SHOW NEWS

### 2023 SCHEDULE DUE OUT SHORTLY

After the Committee viewed the new proposed venue for our show this year, it is hopeful that the 2023 Schedule will soon be in publication. It was feared that we may have to reduce the number of classes, but following a further inspection of the premises, it was decided that this is not going to be the case.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### **GARDEN VISIT – 22 JUNE 2023**

**200 LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD, RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAM, NOTTS  
NG11 6NX**

After listening to Mike Davey last month and seeing his fabulous garden, I have arranged a private Garden Visit for 22 June 2023. Meeting at 4p.m to avoid rush hour traffic. Refreshments will be provided.

**\*Please let me know if you are interested – Partners are also welcome.\***

### **TRIP TO RHS MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – **\*\*FESTIVAL OF FUCHSIAS\*\*****

**Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club** are organising a Coach trip to RHS Malvern Autumn Show. BFS are celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a special display will be on show as well as all the normal events.

Cost will be no more than £37.00 (could be less depending on numbers). £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.\***

## GARDEN OPEN UNDER THE NGS SCHEME

Oak Cottage, Well Lane, Blackfordby, Swadlincote, Leicestershire DE11 8AG – 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> April 2023 – 10.00a.m – 4.00p.m Admission £4.50

**JENNY CARR** (member of Derby Fuchsia & Gardening Club) will be opening her garden on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April for the NGS – 10am – 4.30pm. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

**ABOUT THE GARDEN:** ½ acre garden set around Blackfordby's "hidden" listed thatched cottage, which itself is more than 300 years old. In total there are 3.4 acres of paddocks, front and rear gardens to explore with extensive displays of Hellebores, Snakes Heads and mature Magnolias in Spring. (taken from the NGS website)

Link for more information <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/36974>



### 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 RSPB.

Many Thanks x

## 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 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 easysearch.

Easysearch combines results from Yahoo!, Windows MSN Live Search and Ask.com in one simple search, the address is <http://nottsfuchsia.easysearch.org.uk> 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 2023

28 FEBRUARY	MONTHLY MEETING Subject: <b>Buffet &amp; Free Cuttings</b>
28 MARCH	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Rob Barlow Subject: <b>Well Dressing</b>
25 APRIL	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Ric Reilly Subject: <b>Fuchsias My Way</b> <b>**ZOOM**</b>
23 MAY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Paul Leatherdale Subject: <b>Fuchsias</b>
27 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mark Smith Subject: <b>Clematis</b>
25 JULY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Derek Dexter Subject: <b>Show Talk</b> <b>**ZOOM**</b>
12 AUGUST	<b>NOTTINGHAM &amp; NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW</b> – Stapleford Methodist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham
19 AUGUST	<b>DERBY &amp; DISTRICT FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW</b> - Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover, Derby
20 AUGUST	<b>BFS MIDLAND SHOW</b> – Palmers Garden Centre, Ullesthorpe
22 AUGUST	MONTHLY MEETING – Subject: <b>Trophy Presentation</b>
26 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Stephen Phillips Subject: <b>Overwintering Fuchsias</b> <b>**ZOOM**</b>
24 OCTOBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates Subject: <b>The Royal Gardens of Windsor</b>
28 NOVEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Subject: <b>AGM &amp; Christmas Buffet</b>
DECEMBER	NO MEETING