

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Due to all the mild weather, bulbs are well established; crocuses are coming up and daffodils of course. Spring flowering shrubs are also in full bloom: – forsythia and ribes are very colourful at the moment. However, I could do with just a little less rain as I am planning to paint mum's fence and I need a dry day!

I am beginning to think about what to grow in mum's trug; I think I grew some salad crops last year with varying degrees of success. I do want to make sure I use this space, so I need to make my mind up quickly!

POEM OF THE MONTH

Every Christmas mum receives a forced hyacinth from her sister-in-law, and yes it flowers gloriously, but then flops. It then goes outside and gets planted in the garden after the frosts. This poem just sums it up for me!

A FLOP *by Liz Cowley, Outside in my Dressing Gown*

A hyacinth is great until
It's somehow gone and lost the will
to stay upright in its pot,
and fades a shade and sags a lot.
You prop it up, and then despair
to see it wilting, tilting there,
it's sad to have to throw it out,
but who wants floppy plants about?

You stake it, do what you are able,
but still it droops upon the table,
as if it's somehow plunged in gloom
despite the fact it's still in bloom.
Too soon, before the flowers have died,
I give up, put the pot outside.
For me, it's not an indoor plant.
Put up with sagging blooms? I can't.

GROWING FUCHSIAS

Remember, due to changing nurseries, this year we will be receiving **our Free Cuttings** next month, **MARCH**.

SHOW NEWS

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA 52nd ANNUAL SHOW

We have decided to return to **Stapleford Methodist Church** to hold our 52nd 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

TRIP TO RHS HARROGATE AUTUMN SHOW – 14th September 2024

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.***



BROOMFIELD HALL GARDENS & PLANT CENTRE

*****WINTER GARDEN EVENT*****

Sunday 3rd March 2024 – 10a.m – 4p.m, £5.00 per person, Children – FREE ENTRY

Full Address: - Broomfield Hall, Morley, Ilkeston, DE7 6DN

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

HOST

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BFS ROADSHOW

AT

CORONATION HALL

ON

21ST APRIL 2024

FREE ADMISSION

TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

****SPEAKERS TALKING ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE SUBJECT –
FUCHSIAS****

Please can you let me know whether you'd be interested in attending and also: - Has anyone got any ideas regarding putting on a display. Last time we put on a lovely 'Fuchsia Lore' display.



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 (NOT RSPB which is what I have been quoting!)

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

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 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 2024

27 FEBRUARY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: John Nicholass Subject: <i>Fuchsia cuttings in peat free compost.</i> **ZOOM**
3 MARCH	BLOOMFIELD HALL GARDENS – WINTER GARDEN EVENT - See details in newsletter
26 MARCH	MONTHLY MEETING Subject: Buffet & Free Cuttings
21 APRIL	BFS ROADSHOW – AN EVENT FOR FUCHSIA LOVERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT: - GROWING ♦ PROPAGATING♦SHOWING More details to follow
23 APRIL	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Ric Reilly Subject: <i>Orchids.</i> **ZOOM**
28 MAY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mike Davey Subject: <i>Allotment Gardening.</i>
25 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates Subject: <i>Herbaceous Plants and Borders.</i>
27 JULY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Paul Leatherdale Subject: <i>Show Talk.</i> **ZOOM**
10 AUGUST	NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW – Stapleford Methodist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham.
17 AUGUST	DERBY & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW - Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover, Derby.
18 AUGUST	BFS MIDLAND SHOW – Palmers Garden Centre, Ullesthorpe.
27 AUGUST	MONTHLY MEETING – Subject: <i>Trophy Presentation.</i>
14 SEPTEMBER	TRIP TO RHS HARROGATE AUTUMN SHOW AT NEWBY HALL & GARDENS. Organised by the Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club. Interested speak to Jayne.
24 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Andrew Cathcart Subject: <i>Overwintering Fuchsias</i> **ZOOM**
22 OCTOBER	TBC
26 NOVEMBER	AGM & SOCIAL EVENING