



# NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

## MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

# JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Spring is definitely here, it is so pleasing to see the daffodils and crocus in the garden. They are real signs of hope. The bulbs I planted last September are growing well and I can't wait to see them all in flower (not long to wait now, I hope!)

**11/3/22** - A trip to Bradmore Garden Centre has resulted in purchases of Tete-A-Tete daffodils and pale yellow primroses which I have planted in two hanging baskets which now brighten up my mum's front garden. I also thought it was time to move her pots of daffodils which were so colourful last year back in position, so she can have the benefit from seeing them from the front window. With the recent sunny days, the daffodils are beginning to open already.

**18/3/22** – Mum and I decided on a visit to Trowell Garden Centre today, which resulted in buying more pansies and violas, which will look nice in some spare troughs which I will put around her wishing well in the front garden. We also bought 3 x Pulmonarias which will go nicely in one of her borders in the back. Two packs of basket plants will be perfect for her summer hanging baskets. They need potting on and finally a lovely Ceonothus which neither of us could resist and as yet has not been found a home!



## DOWN MEMORY LANE

**1983 -1986**

### PLEA FOR ARCHIVED INFORMATION ON THE NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY EARLY YEARS

Data is very limited during the early years, if it wasn't for Ken Brown and his comprehensive reports, I would have nothing to report.

If anyone has any archived information (old schedules; newsletters etc) please can I obtain copies, so that I can fill in the gaps.

Thank you.



# TROPHIES

(part 2)

| YEAR | TROPHY NAME                         | AWARDED FOR...  | DONATED BY/HISTORY  |
|------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2008 | Katie Sisson Bowl                   | <b>WINNER CLASS 43</b> – 1<br>Pot Encliandra  | Donated by Pam Sisson (Bardills), named after her granddaughter   |
| 2008 | Harvey Sisson Bowl                  | <b>WINNER CLASS 50</b> – 1<br>Pot of fuchsia/s of the more unusual cultivar             | Donated by Pam Sisson (Bardills), named after her grandson  |
| 2008 | Thomas Price Vase                   | <b>WINNER CLASS 16</b> – 1<br>Exhibit small pot culture, pyramids, pillars and fans etc | Class introduced by Keith Cocking and Trophy donated by Keith Cocking, in memory of his son's late partner. |
| 2010 | PRESIDENTS TROPHY                   | Exhibit chosen at the discretion of the President                                       | donated by June Lemon-Smith during her term of presidency   |
| 2013 | June Lemon Trophy                   | <b>LADIES CLASS</b> – 1<br>fuchsia pot any cultivar                                     | donated by June Lemon-Smith to replace Margaret Roe Goblet  |
| 2013 | RHS Banksian Medal                  | Highest number of place points in show  | Donated by RHS  |
| 2014 | Ben Calton Trophy                   | <b>WINNER CLASS 49</b> – 1<br>Commercial wall pot of Fuchsias                           | Class introduced by Geoff Smith and trophy donated by Geoff Smith, named after his grandson                 |
| 2016 | The Geoffrey Smith Triphylla Trophy | Best Triphylla in Classes 10, 35 & 36   | donated by Geoff Smith  |
| 2016 | Christine Ann Cocking Bowl          | <b>WINNER CLASS 30</b> – 1<br>exhibit of 3 fuchsias, 1 single; 1 double & 1 triphylla   | Keith Cocking, in memory of his dear wife, Christine who sadly passed away 17 August 2016                   |
| A    | B.F.S. Crested Spoon                | Runner-up to Best Fuchsia Exhibit or Plant in show                                      | purchased from BFS annually   |
| A    | BFS Bronze Medal                    | Best Fuchsia in Members Classes   | purchased from BFS annually   |
| A    | Rosette 1                           | <b>WINNER CLASS 18</b> – 6<br>single flowerheads  | purchased from BFS annually   |

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| <b>A</b> | Rosette 2                           | <b>WINNER CLASS 19</b> – 6<br>double flowerheads | purchased from BFS<br>annually                 |
| <b>A</b> | Rosette 3                           | <b>WINNER CLASS 22</b> – 1<br>pelargonium        | purchased from BFS<br>annually                 |
| <b>A</b> | Rosette 4                           | <b>WINNER CLASS 25</b> – 1<br>coleus             | purchased from BFS<br>annually                 |
| <b>A</b> | National Begonia<br>Society Rosette | Best Begonia in classes<br>23 & 26               | purchased from the National<br>Begonia Society |

**A = Annually**

**PLEASE NOTE** – INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EARLY TROPHIES HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM AN ARTICLE PRODUCED BY KEN BROWN. THE LATTER INFORMATION HAS BEEN RETRIEVED FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND NEWSLETTERS.

**\*\*\*IF THERE ARE ANY DISCREPANCIES – PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW.\*\*\***



This will continue in April's Newsletter – so that the matching data can be displayed on the Noticeboard. Instead on the Noticeboard this month:....

## **GEORGE ROE**

Colin has kindly put together a display in memory of George Roe. This will be on display at the BFS AGM 2022 on 26<sup>th</sup> March. However, we will have the opportunity to view it at this month's meeting: –

***\*\*Please see the NOTICEBOARD for more information regarding George Roe – one of the society's co-founders and a very successful hybridiser.\*\****

**This article appeared in January 2020: -**

### **GEORGE ROE – 1911 – 1986**

George Henry Roe was born on 30/3/1911 in Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham. In 1937 he married Margaret Rawdin. George was a builder by trade and built his own bungalow in Thomas Avenue, Radcliffe on Trent. He joined the army at the outbreak of the Second World War and was invalided out through injury and disability. George then went into growing and selling plants and acquired four large greenhouses at the rear and side of his

property. George then went onto specializing in growing and showing chrysanthemums where he won many prizes. George then took an interest in fuchsias, slowly changing from chrysanthemums to fuchsias. After winning at shows and picking up prizes, he started to experiment with hybridizing fuchsias; the first one was **Lady Thumb**, a well known and loved cultivar. George hybridized many more and some were never released. George grew many bedding plants and cucumbers and tomatoes which he sold to the markets and local people. George supplied over a hundred fuchsias and other plants to the local village shows for display purpose. George travelled all over the country showing and judging. George did not own a motor car and could not drive so he would hire a Pickford's van to take his plants to the shows.

As George grew older, he gradually did less showing and more judging and when he finally finished judging he continued to go to shows talking to people and giving out advice. One plant George raised was **Celia Smedley** which he named after his daughter. The Celia Smedley cultivar is the emblem the Nottingham & Notts Fuchsia Society have on our shirts, flags and banners. George was a member of the British Fuchsia Society and was a founder member of the Nottingham Fuchsia Society which was formed in George's greenhouse with two other members. George was a big friend of Cliff Gadsby and they both bounced ideas off each other.

Sadly, George passed away in 1986.

Some other popular George Roe cultivars are:

|                |             |           |           |                 |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Nellie Nuttall | Micky Goult | Shelford  | Dr Robert | Jean Ewart      |
| Patricia Ewart | Paul Roe    | Carol Roe | Red Ace   | Eleanor Laytham |

For a more comprehensive list, please refer to your Nottingham & Notts Fuchsia Society Schedule. Please also note that there is a special George Roe class, (class 45 – 1 pot any cultivar, raised by George Roe), so if you have any of George Roe's cultivars in your collection, let's see them on the show bench!

## **PAST ARTICLE**

I found this article which originally had appeared in Felixstowe & District Society but had been included in our March 2005 newsletter. Very apt for this time of year: -

### **Plants from Nurseries**

I think the earlier you go the better the plants to pick from and they have been pulled about less by other visitors. It pays to examine plants for shape – biggest is not always best. Try to imagine what they could turn out like. If they have already been pinched out and it has been done unevenly, then it could make it harder to control later.

The nurserymen and women grow thousands of plants and with the best will in the world they do their utmost to supply good, pest free plants, but do check before buying and again when you get home. I always spray mine when I get home whether they need it or not with a pesticide and fungicide just to make sure before I mix them in with other plants. I also like to leave them for a week before I pot them up into bigger pots. The reason is that they have been moved from the nursery environment which they are used to, into your own conditions and they need time to acclimatize. This can also happen when plants are moved from an oil-heated greenhouse to one heated by electricity which is a much drier heat, or the reverse.

So what I do is spray them lightly each morning with water that has been in the greenhouse (not ice cold). This stops the leaves falling off which can sometimes happen. I do like to take a cutting from the plants I have bought if there is one available, providing the plant isn't wanted for a standard.

Don't put your plants into pots that are too big; anything from 2.5" to 3.5" is ample. If you have bought the bigger plants in 3" pots, which I sometimes think are better value because you can gain if they have already been stopped on three or four months growth; these can go into 4" pots. This first potting should contain ample food for these plants for three or four weeks, then you can start with a weak feed of anything with slightly higher nitrogen content...



## WHAT ELSE HAPPENED 50 YEARS AGO?

### In March this year (1971)...

3<sup>rd</sup> – Charlie Brooker born

5<sup>th</sup> – Led Zeppelin first public performance of 'Stairway to Heaven'

8<sup>th</sup> – Harold Lloyd died

10<sup>th</sup> – Jon Hamm born

27<sup>th</sup> – David Coulthard born

30<sup>th</sup> – Starbucks is founded in Washington

31<sup>st</sup> – Ewan McGregor born

# POEM OF THE MONTH

**THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS** from Gardening in my Slippers by Liz Cowley  
(From the metre of '*These are a few of my favourite things*')  

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Snowdrops and scillas and yellow primroses,  
alpines, and violets tied up in posies,  
flowering cherries, a robin that sings –  
**These are a few of my favourite things**

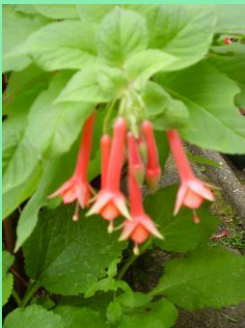
Searching my garden for birds that are nesting,  
planning my planting whenever I'm resting –  
these are the pleasures that every Spring brings –  
**These are a few of my favourite things**

Clusters of daffodils, anything scented,  
beautiful blossoms leave me contented,  
gardening while hearing the flutter of wings –  
**These are a few of my favourite things**

When it's first light,  
and things aren't right,  
or I'm feeling sad,  
I simply remember my favourite things,  
**And then I don't feel so bad.**

# FUCHSIAS IN MY GARDEN

## **F.Speciosa**



This isn't actually in the garden as it is not hardy, but stands proud in a pot. It tends to flower very early in the season, so the flowers are usually spent by the time the show arrives. It was given to me originally by Suki Kwan.

It has a single orange & green corolla with orange-red sepals. Blooms in early summer right through to early autumn. It has oval, green leaves & produces fruit that is edible but not appetizing.

# GROWING FUCHSIAS

**Overwintered Fuchsias** - I am now regularly opening up the greenhouse, (well, when I remember!) I am pleased to see a lot of new shoots and I have given them an early feed as well.

**Free Cuttings** - I have potted up my two free cuttings – **REMEMBER** - there are classes at our annual show for **BOTH** this year.

**Class 38** – 1 Pot unnamed - Free Cutting (Pot size: max 165mm/6.5")

**Class 52** – 1 Pot Celia Smedley - Free Cutting (Pot size: max 165mm/6.5") \*\*

**\*\*For this year only to commemorate our 50 years\*\***

## SOCIETY NEWS

### **BFS AGM – 26 MARCH 2022**

**Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help at BFS AGM 2022**

**Just a reminder:**

If possible can we meet at **Stapleford Methodist Church, Eatons Rd, Stapleford, Nottingham** at 8.30a.m to help set up.

A report on how the event pans out will be in April's Newsletter.

**\*\*PLEASE BRING ANY SPARE PLANTS THAT WE CAN SELL AT THE BFS AGM 2022\*\***

**Our Next Meeting will be on:**

**26 APRIL 2022**

***Fuchsias  
By  
John Nicholass***

## **DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2022:**

|  |   |
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| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar<br>(This meeting) | <b>NOTTM &amp; NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING</b> – Rod Young talking on Oriental Gardens  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar                   | <b>BFS AGM 2022</b> – at Stapleford Methodist Church, Eatons Road, Nottingham.  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr                   | <b>NOTTM &amp; NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING</b> – John Nicholass talking on Fuchsias   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May                   | <b>NOTTM &amp; NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING</b> – Jayne Daykin talking on Garden Recycling                                       |
| JUNE                                   | <b>GARDEN VISIT</b> – Date and venue TBC  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun                   | <b>NOTTM &amp; NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING</b> – Heather Taylor talking on House Plants   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Jul                   | <b>NOTTM &amp; NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING</b> – Geoff Smith talking on Show Preparation  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> Aug | <b>NOTTM &amp; NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOW</b> – to be held at Attenborough Village hall, Attenborough, Nottingham, |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug                   | <b>TROPHY PRESENTATION</b> – members evening  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept                  | <b>TBC</b>  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct                   | <b>NOTTM &amp; NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING</b> – Robert Barlow talking on Hostas  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov                   | <b>AGM &amp; BUFFET</b> – members evening –<br><i>**Please bring along something for the Buffet table. **</i>                             |

