

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

It has been a strange month for me. Sadly, I have not ventured out into the garden as much as I would have liked. However, I have been checking on my mum's fuchsias in the greenhouse and luckily, they are looking fine – new shoots are appearing, so I'm pleased about that. I have moved pots of daffodils from her back garden to the front to cheer up her front garden.

I love this time of year, especially seeing some lovely displays of daffodils as we go out and about.

POEM OF THE MONTH

I have been following the antics of a couple of blackbirds in my mum's garden. I saw them busily flying in and out of the mahonia and wondered if they were building a nest. I started to trim it back and yes, I found a nest, so stopped immediately. I then went to the back garden and noticed a nest in the holly bush, although it was tucked away in a corner, it was slightly exposed. A blackbird was busy making final touches! I think blackbirds are renowned for making a multitude of nests and then choosing the best.

As it is the time for nesting birds, I thought this poem was appropriate: -

PIGEON AND WREN – Anonymous
Coo, coo, coo! It's as much as a pigeon Can do To bring up two! But the little wren Can manage ten, And bring them up Like gentlemen!

GROWING FUCHSIAS

- Start checking your fuchsias regularly to check for new growth.
- Water sparingly.
- Free cuttings – mine have shot up so I will be pinching out the top to encourage the plants to bush out (and I will have two new cuttings as well!)

SHOW NEWS

2023 SCHEDULE – NOW AVAILABLE

Derek will have a few paper copies at this month's meeting. It will also be available on our website.

SOCIETY NEWS

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 2024, 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.

GROUP GARDEN VISIT – 22 JUNE 2023

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

After listening to Mike Davey in January and seeing pictures of 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. **£6.00 per head.**

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

TRIP TO RHS MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW – 23rd September 2023 – ****FESTIVAL OF FUCHSIAS****

Derby & District Fuchsia & Gardening Club are organising a Coach trip to RHS Malvern Autumn Show. BFS are celebrating their 85th 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 – 1ST & 2ND 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 1st & 2nd April 2023 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>



OPEN HOUSE

To celebrate *Renee Wilson's*
90th BIRTHDAY.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

SATURDAY 15TH APRIL – between 12.p.m – 4p.m

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL – between 2.p.m – 4p.m

MONDAY 17TH APRIL – between 12.p.m – 4p.m

Tea & Coffee and Light refreshments available.

At

15 BRUNSWICK DRIVE, STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAM, NG9 7JL

ANY QUERIES CONTACT JAYNE – MB 07796651950



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



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.

Also, if they are aware of any Spring/Summer Fayres coming up in your area, please let me know.

Many Thanks x

*****HOT OFF THE PRESS*****



STAPLEFORD FLOWER ARRANGERS SPRING SHOW AT ST HELEN'S PARISH CHURCH HALL, STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAM

We have just learned that we are to man a stall at their show – **20th MAY 2023**. Times to be confirmed. – Please make a note in your dairies and come along and support. If past shows are anything to go by – the exhibits will be well worth seeing!

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



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



NEW STAMPS - Blooms bring joy to nation of Gardeners!

King Charles is known to be an avid gardener and fittingly the very first Special Stamp Issue to feature the new silhouette of His Majesty, is a collection of Garden Flowers including the **FUCHSIA**. It marks a significant milestone in British philately.

PLANNER FOR 2023

****This month, Robert Barlow was due to speak to us on Well Dressings, but unfortunately, due to personal reasons, he has had to cancel. Colin has asked Rod Young to step in. ****

Thank you Rod for 'Saving the Day' at such short notice.

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

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> .