

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Most fuchsias are now tucked away for winter, with a few exceptions which I need to sort out quickly before we have any real severe frosts. Time is ticking! Sadly as more and more specialist nurseries disappear (Jacksons Nurseries, near Tamworth, being the latest to close), it is getting harder to find those special cultivars. However, watch this space! We may have a solution. The committee have discussed ordering fuchsias en masse from one of the remaining fuchsia nurseries, so get jotting down those favourite fuchsias!

POEM OF THE MONTH



THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

by James Kirkup

Blood punches through every vein
As lightning strips the windowpane.

Under its flashing whip, a white
Village leaps to light.

On tubs of thunder, fists of rain
Slog it out of sight again.

Blood punches the heart with fright
As rain belts the village night.

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.



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



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - 2nd DECEMBER 2023

Full Address: -

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

Stapleford Methodist Church are holding their annual Tree Festival and Fayre on Saturday 2nd December from 10.00a.m to 1.30p.m. **FREE ADMISSION**

We will be holding a Craft stall with proceeds going to the Society (with a small donation going to the Church).

Please come along. There will be the decorated trees of course – Theme this year is '*Characters from Novels, Old & New*'. There will be other stalls and refreshments. A big thank you to Geoff & June who have volunteered to run the stall this year in Christine & Lawrence's absence.

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

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

****NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY – AGM ****

Not only is it our **AGM** but it is also **Buffet Time!**



I was going through past newsletters and found this poem: -

The Months by Sara Coleridge

January brings the snow,
Makes our feet and fingers glow.

February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen lake again.

March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil.

April brings the primrose sweet,
Scatters daisies at our feet.

May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Skipping by their fleecy dams.

June brings tulips, lilies, roses,
Fills the children's hands with posies.

Hot **July** brings cooling showers,
Apricots and gillyflowers.

August brings the sheaves of corn,
Then the harvest home is borne.

Warm **September** brings the fruit,
Sportsmen then begin to shoot.

Fresh **October** brings the pheasant,
Then to gather nuts is pleasant.

Dull **November** brings the blast,
Then the leaves are whirling fast.

Chill **December** brings the sleet,
Blazing fire, and Christmas treat.

PLANNER FOR 2023

28 NOVEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: None Subject: <i>AGM & Christmas Buffet</i>
DECEMBER	NO MEETING

Last month I included a quiz – here's the answers: -





HALLOWEEN QUIZ - 1



What Children's TV Programme was about 'ghouls for hire'?	RENT - A- GHOST
Which Charles Dickens' novel did the character 'Magwitch' appear?	GREAT EXPECTATIONS
What was the name of the Children's programme which featured Samantha & Tabitha (mother & daughter), both having magical powers?	BEWITCHED
Who was the main character in J K Rowling's famous books?	HARRY POTTER
<i>'Double, double toil and trouble: Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.'</i> Famous quote from which Shakespearean play?	MAGBETH
In 1973, this group had a Top 20 hit with 'See My Baby Jive'.	WIZZARD
'Let's Jump the Broomstick' was a hit in 1960 for this female singer.	BRENDA LEE
What animal is renowned to be a witch's companion, and what colour?	BLACK CAT



HALLOWEEN QUIZ - 2



'Halloween Party' is a novel written by this well known authoress from Torquay?	AGATHA CHRISTIE
'Spellbound' a film starring Ingrid Bergman & Gregory Peck in 1940 was directed by this famous director?	ALFRED HITCHCOCK
Who sang 'Witch Doctor' in 1958?	DAVID SEVILLE
Who performed 'Voodoo Child' in 1968?	JIMI HENDRIX
Which James Bond Movie, starring Roger Moore and Jane Seymour had a lot to do with Voodoo Magic?	LIVE AND LET DIE
This 1987 American Supernatural Comedy starred Jack Nicholson, Cher & Michelle Pfeiffer	WITCHES OF EASTWICK
What famous 1939 film starred Judy Garland and characters 'The Scarecrow', 'The Cowardly Lion' and the 'Tin Man'?	THE WIZARD OF OZ
...And what was Dorothy's dog called?	TOTO