

# NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Well, after unprecedented weather conditions, I hope this Newsletter finds you all safe and well! I hope that your fuchsias are all tucked away and not floating away into the River Erewash, the Trent or the Derwent!

I am close to finishing overwintering my mum's fuchsias, so hopefully I will then be able to crack on and sort mine out before we start getting any severe frosts. At least I still have some colour in the garden!

## POEM OF THE MONTH



### LEAVES *by Elsie N Brady*

How silently they tumble down  
And come to rest upon the ground  
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,  
Beneath the trees without a care,  
Content to sleep, their work well done,  
Colours gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly  
Until they nearly reach the sky.  
Twisting, turning through the air  
Till all the trees stand stark and bare,  
Exhausted, drop to earth below  
To wait, like children, for the snow.

# SOCIETY NEWS



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10.00a.m to 1.00p.m. **FREE ADMISSION**

We hope to hold 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. Unfortunately Christine & Lawrence are unable to attend this year. We have the crafts (thanks Christine & Carol!) but are looking for someone to man the stall. Anyone able to help, 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

## 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.\***

## 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

## 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - AGM

Please note that next month is our AGM. It also means that it is our Christmas Buffet. I have a list (as usual) which I shall hand round, if you wouldn't mind jotting down what you intend to bring along I'd very much appreciate it. I have an indication then whether we have too much savoury or too many desserts.

# GROWING FUCHSIAS

Taken from one of our own past Newsletters (October 1995): -

## OVER-WINTERING FUCHSIAS

1. Plants can be buried in the garden at a depth where frost cannot reach them, say 18 inches to 2 feet. Remove all the leaves and prune lightly. Mark the spot where they are buried.
2. Plants can be stored in a dormant state in any frost free area, but I would suggest that the temperature does not exceed 40°F as they may decide to start into growth. Remove all leaves and prune lightly, check occasionally and water lightly if dry. Do not allow the compost to become wet as this can cause the roots to rot. In the spring start the plant into growth by putting it into a light, warmer area (40°F is sufficient) and do not increase the watering until there is leaf growth to remove it from the compost.
3. If you can maintain a temperature of 40°F you can over-winter plants in a greenhouse/Conservatory. Remove all the leaves and prune lightly, they will remain in very slow growth until the light level increases in the spring, again do not over-water.

# PLANNER FOR 2023

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| 24 OCTOBER  | <b>MONTHLY MEETING</b> – SPEAKER: Jeff Bates<br>Subject: <i>The Royal Gardens of Windsor</i> |
| 28 NOVEMBER | <b>MONTHLY MEETING</b> – SPEAKER: None<br>Subject: <i>AGM &amp; Christmas Buffet</i>         |
| DECEMBER    | <b>NO MEETING</b>  |

For a change, please find a short quiz – all to do with Halloween: -



## HALLOWEEN QUIZ - 1



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| What Children's TV Programme was about 'ghouls for hire'?  | R____-A- G_____    |
| Which Charles Dickens' novel did the character 'Magwitch' appear?  | G _____<br>E _____ |
| What was the name of the Children's programme which featured Samantha & Tabitha (mother & daughter), both having magical powers? | B _____            |
| Who was the main character in J K Rowling's famous books?  | H _____ P _____    |
| <i>'Double, double toil and trouble: Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.'</i><br>Famous quote from which Shakespearean play?         | M _____            |
| In 1973, this group had a Top 20 hit with 'See My Baby Jive'.  | W _____            |
| 'Let's Jump the Broomstick' was a hit in 1960 for this female singer.  | B _____ A L ____   |
| What animal is renowned to be a witch's companion, and what colour?  | B _____ C ____     |



# HALLOWEEN QUIZ - 2



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| 'Halloween Party' is a novel written by this well known authoress from Torquay?                                   | A _ _ _ _ _<br>C _ _ _ _ _     |
| 'Spellbound' a film starring Ingrid Bergman & Gregory Peck in 1940 was directed by this famous director?          | A _ _ _ _ _<br>H _ _ _ _ _     |
| Who sang 'Witch Doctor' in 1958?  | D _ _ _ _<br>S _ _ _ _         |
| Who performed 'Voodoo Child' in 1968?   | J _ _ _<br>H _ _ _ _           |
| Which James Bond Movie, starring Roger Moore and Jane Seymour had a lot to do with Voodoo Magic?                  | L _ _ _ A _ _ L _ _<br>D _ _   |
| This 1987 American Supernatural Comedy starred Jack Nicholson, Cher & Michelle Pfeiffer                           | W _ _ _ _ _ O _<br>E _ _ _ _ _ |
| What famous 1939 film starred Judy Garland and characters 'The Scarecrow', 'The Cowardly Lion' and the 'Tin Man'? | T _ _ W _ _ _ _ _<br>O _ O _   |
| ...And what was Dorothy's dog called?   | T _ _ _                        |

**ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER**