

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

As the show season draws to an end for yet another year, we now must be thinking of overwintering our fuchsias; tidying them up; cutting them back and protecting them from frost. This month's speaker Andrew Cathcart will be telling us all about this.

Thank you to those who have provided the correct link to find out more about the new 'biological control' mentioned by Monty Don on Gardeners' world. Hopefully the link below is more successful (fingers crossed!): -

<https://dragonfli.co.uk/blogs/news/monty-don-shows-off-bio-control-of-fuchsia-gall-mite-on-bbc-gardeners-world>

Also a link direct to the Gardeners World programme: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m002270y/gardeners-world-2024-episode-22>

The Gall Mite section runs from approx. 13:40 to 16:30

SOCIETY NEWS



WOOL – WANTED!

Christine, Carol and myself (mostly Christine and Carol) are busy knitting and crocheting so that we can sell hand crafted items at Craft Fayres, but mainly at our show 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.

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> .

STORAGE SPACE **WANTED!**

Does anyone have an empty shed/garage or knows anyone with storage space and would be willing to store the Society's equipment such as tables; gazebos; stands etc. If so, please let one of the Committee know.

AGM 2024

Please note that the Committee have been reviewing our Constitution and have made a few minor adjustments to make it fit for purpose. I intend to send you all a copy in due course which will be referred to at our AGM in November.

However the main changes are:

- Amendment: No longer need two auditors to sign off accounts
- Amendment: No. of Committee members required has been reworded
- Minor changes include tidying up grammar etc.

PLANNER FOR 2024

24 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Andrew Cathcart Subject: <i>Overwintering Fuchsias</i> **ZOOM**
22 OCTOBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: John Palmer Subject: <i>Fuchsia Heritage</i>
26 NOVEMBER	AGM & SOCIAL EVENING