

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Welcome to 2023

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been so cold over the past week or so, it is very difficult to start doing anything in the garden – although I have plenty that needs doing! Maybe next week...

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH – 27-29 JANUARY 2023

It's that time of year again when we need to think of our Garden Birds. All you need is a spare hour with a cup of coffee and observe the bird activity in your garden. Simply record the highest number of each bird species that you see at any one time.

Results can be submitted online at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch using the code BH05. If you are unable to go online, results can be posted to FREEPOST, RSPB, BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH (I am reassured that the results will reach the RSPB using this very short address!)

You have till 14 February 2023 to submit by post and 19 February 2023 online.



◀ A Sparrowhawk – whilst it's an impressive bird – it does tend to scare other birds away.

A woodpigeon, finding one that has fallen down the chimney and into the living room may not count ▶



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.

Thanks x

COMMITTEE CHANGES

Following the AGM in November I felt it would be a good idea to go through the changes and to introduce you to the **Committee of 2023**:-

President	Geoff Smith	Show Manager	Pete Harvey
Vice-President	Jayne Daykin	Show Secretary	Derek Shaw
Treasurer	Bob Daykin	Committee Members: -	Mick Leighton
Secretary	Jayne Daykin		June Lemon-Smith
Chairperson	***		Christine Cole
Vice-Chairperson	***		Lawrence Cole
Speaker Co-Ordinator	Colin Pattinson		Patricia Dyson
Webmaster	Peter Banham – Honorary member of the Society		

*** To be elected at the 1st Committee meeting held in January 2023

Thank you to Mick Leighton who after approximately 20 years has decided to stand down as Show Manager, but still remains on the Committee. *Thanks for all your hard work during your time in office.*

Thank you to Derek Shaw who also after approximately 18 years has decided to stand down as Treasurer, remains Show Secretary hence still remains on the Committee. *Thanks for all your hard work during your time in office.*

Thank you to Keith Cocking, who supported Mick Leighton as Assistant Show Manager for approx 18 years. Due to ill health, Keith has made the decision to resign from the Committee. Keith was a great advocate of everything to do with Fuchsias. *We'd like to thank Keith for all his commitment and hard work and hope to see him at future meetings.*

Thank you to both Ros Clarke & Rob Scott who have resigned from the Committee but remain members of the Society. *Thanks to them both for all their hard work over the years and hope to see them at future meetings.*

POEM OF THE MONTH

Having experienced quite a lot of frosty days and nights recently, I thought this poem was apt for the time of year: -

WHITE FIELDS <i>by James Stephens</i>	
In winter-time we go Walking in the fields of snow;	All across the fields there be Prints in silver filigree;
Where there is no grass at all; Where the top of every wall,	And our mothers always know, By the footprints in the snow,
Every fence, and every tree, Is as white as white can be.	Where it is the children go.
Pointing out the way we came – Everyone of them the same -	

GROWING FUCHSIAS

Instead of providing updates on various projects I have undertaken, this year, I have decided to keep it more general. Watch this space next month!

SHOW NEWS

CHANGES AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE:

- **New Venue:** -
 - Stapleford Methodist Church
Eatons' Road
Stapleford
Nottingham
NG9 7EA
- **1 day Show** - Show will now only be held on the Saturday, 2nd Saturday in August.
- **Maximum 3 entries per class**
- **F. Magellanica types** - Geoff advised that the BFS had decided to take these off the BFS species list as there were so many different variants. They still, however, will be accepted in the Hardy Class.
- **2 ½" Class** – this will remain.
- **Children's class** – this is to be resurrected.
- **No Prize Money**
- **Engraving** – The Committee agreed to continue funding the engraving as it keeps a sound audit trail. Also by no longer awarding prize money, this will cover the cost of engraving.

SOCIETY NEWS

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> .

PLANNER FOR 2023

24 JANUARY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mike Davey Subject: <i>A Suburban Garden throughout the Year</i>
28 FEBRUARY	MONTHLY MEETING Subject: <i>Buffet & Free Cuttings</i>
28 MARCH	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Rob Barlow Subject: <i>Well Dressing</i>
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

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.

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.**

To help us on our way, please find **TWO** flyers promoting our monthly meetings. If you can display these at your local newsagent; in your car or any public noticeboard – this will be a start!

Many thanks.



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