

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

Thanks to all the rainy days, not much progress has been made outside in the garden, so I've been concentrating on tending for mum's houseplants. They are surviving – just! So more care is definitely needed.

SPEAKER REVIEW

JANUARY – JEFF BATES – GARDENS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Different to what we were expecting, but still very enjoyable all the same!

1. HOLEHIRD GARDENS (*near Windermere*)

A 10 acre garden, run by volunteers of the Lakeland Horticultural Society. It is open all year round. With views overlooking Lake Windermere; it has a Walled Garden with Herbaceous Borders and six National Plant Collections.

2. HERGIST CROFT GARDENS (*Gloucestershire*)

Nestled under iconic Hergest Bridge with fabulous views towards the Black Mountains, these critically acclaimed and stunning 70 acre gardens hold national collections of maples; Birches and Zelkovas.

3. PICTON GARDENS (*The Malverns*)

Here you can find not only the Plant Heritage National Plant Collection of Michaelmas Daisies but also a National Plant Collection of Polypodiums and *Bistorta amplexicaulis*. They boast a very good Nursery as well – Old Court Nurseries.

4. WREST PARK (*Bedfordshire*)

Run by the English Heritage, well worth a visit – Walled Garden; formal gardens, woodlands, Bath House, Chinese Bridge.

5. CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE (*Cheshire*)

Nestled within historic parkland you will find 70 acres of beautiful gardens offering magnificent displays through the seasons and are filled with colour and botanical delights.

6. SEZINCOTE HOUSE & GARDEN (*Moreton-in-Marsh, Cotswolds*)

At the heart of a traditional, family-run estate covering 3500 acres of rolling Cotswold countryside stands a 200 year old Mogul Indian Palace, set in a romantic landscape of

temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals, reminiscent of the Taj Mahal. (Jeff recommended the teas)

7. EAST LAMBROOK MANOR (South Pemberton, Somerset)

It is considered the historic birthplace of English cottage gardening. Explore winding garden paths, admire seasonal flowers, especially snowdrops and experience Margery Fish's living legacy. Again, the tearoom is worth a visit!

8. STOURHEAD HOUSE AND GARDEN (Stourton, Warminster, Wiltshire)

A breathtaking 18th Century landscape garden with lakeside walks, grottoes and classical temples.

SHOW NEWS

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA 54TH ANNUAL SHOW

We have decided to return to Stapleford Methodist Church to hold our 54TH Annual Show
Full Address: -

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

*****It will remain a ONE DAY show. The date is 8th AUGUST 2026*****

PLEASE NOTE:

Amendments - There has been a few class changes which has resulted in a reduction of Trophies.

Engraving – It has been decided to ONLY engrave the Trophies that are handed out on Presentation Night. It will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor/Winner to notify the Show Secretary on SHOW DAY.

***** FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW *****



SOCIETY NEWS



PLANNER FOR 2026

24 FEBRUARY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mike Davey Subject: <i>Plant Propagation</i>
24 MARCH	MONTHLY MEETING Subject: <i>Buffet & Free Cuttings</i>
28 APRIL	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: John Nicholass Subject: <i>Fuchsias</i> **ZOOM**
26 MAY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Theo Margelony Subject: <i>Fuchsias in America</i>
30 JUNE	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Rod Young Subject: <i>Bonsai – Creation & Care</i>
28 JULY	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Mario de Cooker Subject: <i>Triphillas</i> **ZOOM**
8 AUGUST	NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stapleford Methodist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, NG9 7EA - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 1.00P.M - ADMISSION: £1.00
15 AUGUST	DERBY & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SOCIETY – ANNUAL SHOW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grange Hall, Park Lane, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6FX - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 1.00P.M - ADMISSION: £1.00
16 AUGUST	BFS MIDLAND SHOW – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Palmers Garden Centre, 11 Main Street, Ullesthorpe, Lutterworth, LE17 5DR - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 12.30P.M – 3.30P.M
25 AUGUST	MONTHLY MEETING – Subject: <i>Trophy Presentation</i>
22 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Andrew Cathcart Subject: <i>Species Fuchsias</i> **ZOOM**
27 OCTOBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: David Charlton Subject: <i>Flowers of the Dolomites</i>
24 NOVEMBER	AGM & MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENING

DERBY & DISTRICT FUCHSIA AND GARDENING CLUB - 55th ANNUAL SHOW

*****The date is 15th AUGUST 2026*****

GRANGE HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE
PARK LANE, LITTLEOVER
DERBYSHIRE,
DE23 6FX

ADMISSION: £1.00 – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – 1.00P.M – 4.00P.M

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