



Northampton & District Fuchsia Society NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2019

EDITORIAL

A warm welcome to new members at the start of a fresh, new fuchsia year.

Firstly, an apology to Jerry and Pat Leahy who submitted an article that just missed the Autumn 2018 issue. They will have looked in vain for it in the next two issues as I forgot about it but here it is at last. I have no excuses as I am hardly inundated with material for publication.

This is the usual bumper issue with all the Show results and pictures. They begin on page 5 with the Trophies and Special Awards. As I type out the results I always feel inspired to grow some fuchsias for showing – one year I might actually do it! Bob has filed his Show Secretary's report on page 11.

Our second show at St Crispin Social Club. What a good one again! Sadly a few exhibitors' names were missing but still an excellent display. Planning is already in place to return there next year.

As well as our own show results there is also a report of successes by our members at the Nottingham show and the BFS London and Midland Shows on page 16.

The period covered by this newsletter includes our Annual General Meeting – there is a notice and agenda on page 13. Don't forget to tell Marilyn in good time if you have a proposition or want any matters discussed under Any Other Business. And do not forget to bring this newsletter to the AGM.

Also it is the time to renew our subscriptions – you will find a form on page 17 to cut out and send to Peter Pettitt with your money.

For those of you who do not receive the BFS Fuchsia News there is information about the Roadshow on page 13 and also the 24th Autumn Gathering on page 15.

From Dot Leeke we have the usual reports on the meetings with speakers. For all the beginners and novices, like me, there are some tips on growing fuchsias at this time of year (on page 12).

The Editor

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ROLLING CALENDAR 2019/20 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Conservative Club, 42 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DA commencing at 7.30pm

September 3rd 2019

Welcome New Members; Open Evening; Cut Bloom & Photography Competitions

October 1st 2019

Meeting: Katie King – Nene Wetlands

November 5th 2019

Annual General Meeting

December 10th 2019 – N.B. 2nd Tuesday!

Christmas Party!

January 21st 2020

Care & Culture: Looking after your plants in Winter

February 4th 2020

Meeting: speaker tba

March 3rd 2020

Meeting: speaker tba

March 17th 2020

Care & Culture: Bringing plants out of dormancy; collect your Society plant

April 7th 2020

Meeting: speaker tba

April 21st 2020

Care & Culture: Two tables meeting

May 5th 2020

Meeting: speaker tba

May 19th 2020

Care & Culture: Plant sale

June 2nd 2020

Meeting: speaker tba

June 16th 2020

Care & Culture: Feeding, Watering and Growing On

July 7th 2020

Meeting: speaker tba

July 21st 2020

Care & Culture: Preparing your plants for the show; dressing; the dreaded paperwork

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ROLLING CALENDAR SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2019/20

Tuesday November 5th 2019

Annual General Meeting
Conservative Club

Saturday December 7th 2019

Christmas Fayre
Conservative Club

Tuesday December 10th 2019 – 2nd Tuesday!

Christmas Party
Conservative Club

Sunday March 1st 2020

Visit to Jacksons and Hawgrip Nursery

Sunday May 10th 2020

Malvern Spring Show

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2020

FUCHSIA SHOW

ST CRISPIN SOCIAL CLUB NN5 4XD

Friday August 7th 2020

Social evening - details tba

JACKSONS NURSERIES

A good selection of young plants available from March to June.

Self-service greenhouse will be open from March 1st

Closed on Tuesdays

Send a large s.a.e. (2 x 1st Class) for list of plants or see

www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/Nursery-Plant-List?id=600&name=Jackson%27s%20Nurseries

Selection of our own compost available (replacement for Humber)

A range of other composts and Vitafeeds are also available

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HOSTAS with COLIN BAINES

Meeting – 7th May 2019

The May speaker was Colin Baines who told us all about Hostas.

They were introduced into Europe in the 1800's from Asia and Japan so are used to the colder conditions we have in the UK. They can be grown in full sun, shade or deep shade but, whatever the position, they all like lots of water. They all produce flowers, some more than others, but generally they aren't needy plants. They like a light feed for colour and growth in the spring and one for their roots in autumn.

They are easy to propagate, the easiest method being to split the plant with a knife, which most growers do in winter, but Colin does his in summer as the plant recovers quicker thus giving better plants for the following season. They can be reproduced by seed which is quite difficult and used more by commercial growers. Also there is micro-culture which produces hundreds of plants though the young plants can be very weak to begin with.

NENE VALLEY ORGAN & KEYBOARD CLUB

For over 35 years NVOKC have been producing electronic organ and keyboard shows to the public on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Top international artistes are presented, performing a wide range of music on state of the art instruments.

A NVOKC show is a superb evening for all in the comfortable surroundings of the Plough Hotel, Northampton NN1 1PF

Come along and join us one Monday.

Doors open at 7.15pm. Start 8.00pm. Finish 10.30pm.

For any further information call Matthew Bason 01933 420130

Hostas are very prone to slug damage. Colin uses slug pellets for commercial purposes although there are other more environmentally friendly methods such as copper tape or petroleum jelly around the tops of pots. Once the hostas are up spraying with a garlic wash is very effective. Recipe:- crush 2 bulbs of garlic in 2 pints of water and boil for 2/3 minutes until blanched; remove garlic by straining the mixture and make back up to 2 pints. Leave to cool. When ready to use, mix one tablespoon in five litres of water and sprinkle on to leaves in late afternoon (in dry weather). Re-apply every two weeks. The mixture dries on the leaves making them unappealing to slugs and snails! When the slugs come into contact with the oil in garlic they begin to secrete more mucus. Over time, the slugs will die as they dry and shrivel up from too much mucus secretion.

There is also the lovely tale told to Colin by an old grower who said slug treating should be done on 14th February as it is Valentine's Day when slugs are coming out looking for love.

Vine weevil is also a problem as in Fuchsias and should be treated in spring or autumn to get the larvae. There is also a virus – Hosta Virus X - but this is not common in the UK at present. (It seems to be prevalent in America – what a surprise! – Ed.)

It was a very interesting and enjoyable talk and I hope those of you purchased a hosta or two are enjoying them in your gardens.

Dot Leeke

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**Have you visited your
Fuchsia Society's
website?**

www.ndfs.btck.co.uk

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A LETTER FROM JERRY & PAT LEAHY

Hello Bob

Pat and I had a brief holiday in Yorkshire after the Yorkshire 3 Peaks walk.

I've drafted the following for those I've told about the walk.

Pat and I have had a short break in Yorkshire, which included the Yorkshire 3 Peaks walk in memory of our granddaughter, Charlotte, who had a severe stroke in January, and died. Liz and Gary, her parents, and Andy, her husband, and 26 of her friends, took part in the walk.

The 24 mile walk to the peaks of Pen-y-Ghent, Ingleborough and Wharfedale started with heavy rain at 6.15am on 19th August. The walk had to start early because it takes over 12 hours to complete. The weather on the day was awful, cold wind, constant rain and limited visibility because of low cloud. At times, the cloud base was so low we couldn't see 50 yards up the roads we were on and we didn't see any of the three peaks.

Pat and I didn't take part in the walk, as we provided a support vehicle, so our car was full of bottles of water because of the recent hot weather (but no-one wanted water on the day because of the awful weather!) and emergency food rations, viz, flapjacks, etc, to provide instant energy for the walkers. We also had to log in all the walkers to ensure everyone would be accounted for as, with the low visibility, it would have been easy for walkers to take a wrong path. There were 29 walkers and everyone had to wear bright pink or purple wings so we could identify them as being part of our group. The wings were meant to be a 'fun' idea and even Pat and I had our wings. We also had a pole with wings flying in the wind so the walkers could recognise us in the mist.

Surprisingly, the wings lasted all day, and kept their colour, so goodness knows what others thought when they saw us! We saw at least 100 other walkers, so our group weren't the only nutters!

Only a few of our walkers completed all three peaks, despite having to walk through swollen

streams and boggy areas. We had a paramedic in the team and a local farmer advised him against walkers being caught on the peaks when paths weren't visible. As a result most of our walkers had to contend with walking only one or two peaks but even that was commendable given the conditions at the time. Some of our walkers are planning to go back another day, when the weather is more favourable, to show they can complete the walk. The walk ended where it started, with everyone soaked to the skin, but with plenty of memories exchanged between the walkers including 'my blisters are worse than your blisters', etc. Yes, there were accidents, and plenty of 'never again' comments, but they'll be back to have another go.

That's Yorkshire folk for you!

This has been a brief account of a memorable day to show how Liz, Gary and Andy, were so grateful to so many of Charlotte's friends for not letting awful weather stop them remembering her.

I hope you enjoy reading this, and if you take your caravan there, you'll enjoy the beautiful, though bleak at time, scenery.

Jerry

(Apologies again to Jerry and Pat for the inexcusable delay in publishing this article – Ed.)

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AND A CHANCE MEETING

By chance I met Pat and Jerry Leahy yesterday (31st May 2019) and they expressed a wish to be remembered to all in the Fuchsia Society.

They have ongoing family issues which prevents them from attending meetings but if possible they will come to the show in August. (Sadly I do not think they made it – Ed.)

Best Wishes

Dot

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NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW**SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019****JUDGE: Alan Solomon, BFS Judge****TROPHIES & SPECIAL AWARDS**

<i>Trophy</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Awarded to</i>
Ray Campbell Trophy	Best pot or exhibit in show	Mr M Beerman
Harris Cup	Runner up to best pot or exhibit in show	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Leo Boullemier Silver Trophy and BFS Bronze Medal	Most points in classes 8 to 32	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Lepper Cup and BFS Blue Rosette	Runner up to most points in classes 8 to 32	Mr M Beerman
Baker Trophy	Most first places in show	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Sayers Silver Trophy	Best Standard in show	Mr M Beerman
Peg & Stan York Cup	Best hanging pot in show	Mr & Mrs C Gould
BFS Crested Spoon	Best pot in 3½"/9cm class	Mr M Beerman
Adams Cup	Best pot in 5"/13cm pot class	Mr M Beerman
Josie Lepper Rose Bowl	Best pot in Double Flower classes	Mr M Beerman
Starmer/York Trophy	Best pot in classes 8 to 27	Mr M Beerman
J W Jupp & Son Trophy	Best exhibit in cut blooms classes	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Harding Cup	Most points in Beginners' classes	Mrs J Childs
Hickman Memorial Trophy	Most points in Intermediates' classes	Mrs S Northover
A & L Smith Trophy	Best pot in Beginners' classes	Mrs J Childs
Michael Conroy Trophy	Best pot in Beginners'/Intermediates' 3½"/9cm classes	Mrs J Childs
Chris & Stuart Burton Cup	Best pot in Intermediates' classes	Mrs J Maris
J A Tonnison Trophy	Winner of Beginners'/Intermediates' Hanging Pot class	Mr B Harbour
John Belton Memorial Trophy	Best pot in Society Plant classes	Mrs W Addington
Alan Hounslow Trophy	Winner of Variegated Foliage class	Mrs W Addington
J B Linnell Cup	Winner of Triphylla class	Mr & Mrs C Gould
J M Julyan Shield	Winner of Species class	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Pettitt & Daniels Trophy	Winner of pot grown as a structure class	Mrs M Daniels
Arthur Bryan Silver Trophy	Winner of Mini Standard class	Mr M Beerman
Summers Trophy	Winner of Quarter, Half and Full Standard class	Mr M Beerman
Barbara Watkins Chalice	Winner of Half Basket class	Mr R Malin
W G Julyan Memorial Trophy	Winner of Full Basket class	Mrs M Daniels
Bill Swann Shield	Winner of novelty class	Mrs D Leeke
Chairman's Choice Rosette	Most Improved Exhibitor/Contributor	Mr M Beerman

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019

JUDGE: Alan Solomon, BFS Judge

RESULTS OF CLASSES

BEGINNERS' CLASSES

Class 1 Beginners. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 2 entries.

1st	Mrs J Childs	Wendy Bendy
2nd	Mrs K Haslop	Wendy Bendy

Class 2 Beginners. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 2 entries. .

1st	Mrs J Childs	Vera Garcia
2nd	Mrs K Haslop	Vera Garcia

Class 3 Beginners. Any size pot. Any Cultivar. 1 entry.

1st	Mrs J Childs	Vera Garcia
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INTERMEDIATES' CLASSES

Class 4 Intermediate. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. No entries.

Class 5 Intermediate. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 5 entries.

1st	Mrs J Maris	Alison Patricia
2nd	Mr C Leeke	Daisy Bell
3rd	Mr C Leeke	Bow Bells

Class 6 Intermediate. Any size pot. Any cultivar. 2 entries.

1st	Mrs S Northover	Vera Garcia
2nd	Mrs S Northover	Sue

BEGINNERS'/INTERMEDIATES' CLASS

Class 7 Beginners/Intermediate. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. Multi-plant. Any cultivar. 1 entry.

1st	Mr B Harbour	Aunty Jinks
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Malcolm Beerman receiving the Ray Campbell Trophy for the Best Pot or Exhibit in Show from Johnnie Amos. Malcolm's 5" pot of Wendy Bendy is shown to the right.



RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

- Class 8 Open. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 5 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman Chris Bright
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Sweet Hollie
 3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould Twinny
- Class 9 Open. 2 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 1 entry.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould June Marie Shaw
- Class 10 Open. 3 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 2 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman Toby S x 2, Seedling No 2
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Twinney, Toby S, Sweet Hollie
- Class 11 Open. Society Plant – Wendy Bendy. 3.5"/9cm pot (max). 10 entries.
 1st Mrs W Addington
 2nd Mr C Leeke
 3rd Mrs D Leeke
- Class 12 Open. Society Plant – Vera Garcia. 5"/13cm pot (max). 9 entries.
 1st Mr P Pettitt
 2nd Mr P Pettitt
 3rd Mr C Leeke
- Class 13 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 12 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman Wendy Bendy
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Shatzy B
 3rd Mrs W Addington Alison Patricia
- Class 14 Open. 3 x 5"/13cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 3 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman Ginny B – Nelli Seedling No 9 x 3
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Lynne Patricia, Winters Tale, Barbara Elizabeth
 3rd Mr P Hunt Dr Roberts, Silver Surfer, Waltz Jubelteen
- Class 15 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm (max). Double flower cultivar only. 4 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman Lynne Patricia
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Lynne Patricia
 3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould Jean Taylor



Judith Childs receiving the Harding Cup for the Most Points in Beginners' Classes - her entry of Vera Garcia in Class 3 is shown to the right



RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- Class 16 Open. 1 x 6"/15cm pots (max). Any cultivar. 6 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Nell B Seedling |
| 2nd | Mrs W Addington | Shania |
| 3rd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Emma Payne |
- Class 17 Open. 2 x 6"/15cm (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 1 entry.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Sid Garcia |
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- Class 18 Open. Three pot class. Any cultivars in 1 x 3.5"/9cm + 1 x 5"/13cm + 1 x 6"/15cm pots. 3 entries.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | I'm in Charge, Breeders Delight, Nell B Seedling |
| 2nd | Mr P Hunt | London 2000 x 2, Shelford |
| 3rd | Mr R Malin | Loves Reward x2, Barbara Reynolds |
- Class 19 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Kenny Walkling |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Delicate Purple |
| 3rd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Winters Tale |
- Class 20 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Double flower only. 2 entries.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Brookwood Belle |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Lynne Patricia |
- Class 21 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Variegated Foliage cultivar. 7 entries.
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| 1st | Mrs W Addington | Tom West |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Tom West |
| 3rd | Mr R Malin | Tom West |
- Class 22 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Encliandra Type (Breviflorae). 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Variegated Lottie Hobbie |
| 2nd | Mr P Hunt | Baciliaris |
| 3rd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Marlies de Keijser |
- Class 23 Open. Triphylla Type. Any size pot. 3 entries.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Insulinde |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Thalia |
| 3rd | Mr L Northover | Thalia |



Clive and Tracey Gould being presented with the Harris Cup for their Runner-Up to the Best Pot or Exhibit in the Show



Clive and Tracey Gould's 10" Hanging Pot of Putts Folly that was adjudged Runner Up to the Best Pot or Exhibit in the Show

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- Class 24 Open. Species, sub-species and variants. Any size pot. 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | F. procumbens var Wirral |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | F. procumbens var Wirral |
| 3rd | Mrs W Addington | F. procumbens var Wirral |
- Class 25 Open. One pot grown as a structure not specified in any other class. 2 entries.
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| 1st | Mrs M Daniels | Alison Patricia |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | June Marie |
- Class 26 Open. Mini Standard. 5"/13cm pot (max). 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Elma |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Wendy Bendy |
| 3rd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Sid Garcia |
- Class 27 Open. Quarter, Half or Full Standard. Any size pot. 3 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Elma |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Display |
| 3rd | MR B Harbour | Display |
- Class 28 Open. Half Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 2 entries.
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| 1st | Mrs J Maris | Eva Borg |
| 2nd | Mr R Malin | Putts Folly |
- Class 29 Open. Full Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 4 entries.
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| 1st | Mrs M Daniels | University of Liverpool |
| 2nd | Mr P Pettitt | Pink Rain |
| 3rd | Mr R Malin | Sylvia Barker |
- Class 30 Open. 6"/15cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 1 entry.
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| 1st | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Multa |
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- Class 31 Open. 8"/20cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 3 entries.
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| 1st | Mr M Beerman | Caradella |
| 2nd | Mr & Mrs C Gould | Waveney Gem |
| 3rd | Mr P Hunt | La Campanella |



Sue Northover receiving the Hickman Memorial Trophy for scoring Most Points in the Intermediate Classes and her entry of Vera Garcia in class 6



RESULTS OF CLASSES
CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class 32 Open. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 4 entries.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Putts Folly
2nd	Mrs W Addington	La Campanella
3rd	Mr P Hunt	Waveney Gem

Class 33 Open. 6 Fuchsia Flowers. Different cultivars. 5 entries.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould
2nd	Mr R Malin
3rd	Mr P Hunt

Class 34 Open. 6 Fuchsia Flowers. All the same cultivar. 6 entries.

1st	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Lyndon
2nd	Mr P Pettitt	Trailing Queen
3rd	Mr P Hunt	Beacon

Class 35 Open. An Arrangement of Fuchsia Flowers in a 9"/23cm dia. Glass Bowl. 1 entry.

1st	Mrs C Malin
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Class 36 Open. Novelty Class. 24" board with a theme depicting the name of the fuchsia. 4 entries.

1st	Mrs D Leeke	Daisy Bell
2nd	Mrs D Leeke	Bow Bells
3rd	Mr & Mrs C Gould	Cuddles & Kisses
HC	Mrs S Northover	Shrimp Cocktail

Class 37 Open. A Fuchsia Bonsai exhibit in a Bonsai style container. 3 entries.

1st	Mr P Hunt	Waveney Gem
2nd	Mr M Beerman	Cosjie
3rd	Mrs W Addington	unknown

PLACINGS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Points in Classes 8 to 32

1st	Boullemier Trophy & BFS Bronze Medal	Mr & Mrs C Gould
2nd	Lepper Cup & BFS Rosette	Mr M Beerman
3rd		Mrs W Addington

Most 1st Places in Show

1st	Baker Trophy	Mr & Mrs C Gould
2nd		Mr M Beerman
3rd =		Mrs W Addington
3rd =		Mrs M Daniels

Most Points in the Beginners' Classes

1st	Harding Cup	Mrs J Childs
2nd		Mrs K Haslop

Most Points in the Intermediates' Classes

1st	Hickman Memorial Trophy	Mrs S Northover
2nd		Mrs J Maris
3rd		Mr C Leeke

SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

2019 St Crispin Show

This year's show at St Crispin Social Club was again a great success and I feel that the show format is just perfect. The number of entries for the show was slightly up on last year and the quality of the plants was wonderful.

We had a steady trickle of members of the public visiting the show and they were very complimentary regarding the fuchsias on display. I was also very pleased to see that almost all of our members contributed to or attended the show.

We had 19 members making 135 entries in 37 classes for the show, which resulted in 154 pots, baskets and exhibits being entered.

All things considered we had a wonderful show and I am very proud of every member who helped to put the show together, whatever was asked of them they performed in a very friendly, efficient manner.

Bob Malin

Show Secretary

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TOMBOLA and PLANT STALL

The monies taken on the Tombola stall totalled £80 and the Plant Stall raised £166.

Both excellent results.

Phil Hunt

Hon Treasurer

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HERITAGE OF OUR GARDEN BIRDS

with CHRIS EDWARDS

Meeting – 4th June 2019

We had another fascinating talk about birds tonight from Chris Edwards but unfortunately it will be his last as he is retiring and moving house.

Birds have been around for millions of years and have been depicted in many ways mythologically as birds of wisdom, the falcon, or to symbolise bravery and strength like the raven.

They are providers of food, chickens providing 20% of our protein intake. Blackbirds were hunted for food until the 1940s. In 1370 they were worth 6d each, in 1570 10d and in 1633 a shilling.

Birds have been a great inspiration over the years for artists, sculptors and musicians, probably the most memorable being the Crown Derby depiction of the Puffin, Keats' Ode to the Nightingale, Shelley's Skylark, Ted Hughes' the Crow, the Cuckoo in Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, Rossini's Thieving Magpie and the Starling in Mozart's Pastoral Symphony in G Major. A more modern reference is Blackbird by the Beatles from the White Album. Pop groups names have also been inspired by birds, e.g., The Byrds and The Eagles.

There are 3,000 pubs in the UK with bird names, 600 of them incorporating Swan in some form.

Blue tits used to be trapped in orchards because it was thought they destroyed the blossom. Chaffinches were caught for singing competitions and goldfinches were said to bring good fortune.

Chris told us lots more fascinating facts too numerous to remember and the talk was interspersed with pictures and birdsong.

A smashing evening.

Dot Leeke

GROWING YOUR FUCHSIAS

September through to December

The months of **September** and **October** are a time when we can really enjoy our fuchsias, particularly those that were bedded out for the summer. They should now be in their full glory but remember to continue feeding; this applies to both inside and outside planted specimens. If you do not feed you will find that the flowers grow smaller and fewer but by feeding correctly you will find the flowers continue to be of good quality right up to the first frosts. Remember to pick off the spent flowers, seed pods and yellowing leaves. If you leave the seed pods on, the plant will think that its job is finished for the year and stop producing new flowers.

Watering will be eased considerably as the months' progress with the heavy dews descending and this will create the humid atmosphere that fuchsias just love. Continue to fight the battle against pests, particularly greenfly and red spider.

Cuttings can now be taken provided that a little heat is available; these will make splendid plants for next year but remember we must keep these young plants, once rooted, in green leaf throughout the winter and that means 40-45°F (4-7°C).

Towards the end of **September**, we should be thinking of ripening off our plants for the winter ahead. From this stage, until the sign of the first frosts, our plants under glass should be outside at every occasion for the purpose of ripening the wood. This will enable them to stand a better chance of surviving the winter. Let your plants finish their flowering naturally and when **October** is with us gradually ease off the watering; should the plants need a slight shaping this will do no harm but heavy pruning should not be carried out at this time. Remember also that plants in containers, whether hardy or not, will require frost free accommodation over the winter months.

November; time to start your over-wintering programme. First job is to clean your greenhouse out, always assuming you have one! It is best to remove all your plants out of harm's way; they can easily be knocked over during the cleaning process. All staging, brickwork, glass and glazing bars should be thoroughly washed down; a power washer is ideal for this job if you have one. Take care though as a powerful jet of water can damage woodwork and even crack glass.

One suggestion is to wash down with water first and then go over everything again with a pump spray with diluted Jeyes' Fluid (read the instructions on the container for the correct dilution).

When moving plants back into the greenhouse only take those worthy of being over-wintered.

Fuchsia plants growing in containers, whether hardy varieties or not, must also be given winter protection. A hard frost will penetrate the sides of most containers, clay, wood or plastic, and so kill the roots. If the containers are too large to be moved the plants must be taken out and re-potted into something smaller. All plants in pots should be allowed to dry off until the compost is just on the moist side; the laterals should then be reduced in length by about a half. To over-winter a plant in a 'dormant' state all foliage should be removed and they must be kept in a frost-free store, be it greenhouse, shed or garage. Check the plants regularly to see that they do not dry out completely.

Hardy fuchsias established in the garden should have their laterals reduced in length, again by about a half; this will prevent the wind rocking the plants and causing root disturbance. The remaining shortened laterals will act as a barrier to prevent the frost damaging the crown of the plants.

Triphylla types, e.g., Thalia, Coralle and Insulinde, require more warmth over winter; ideally temperatures of about 40-45°F (4-7°C).

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BFS ROADSHOW

The next BFS roadshow will be held on 20th October 2019 at Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B61 9LZ. Contact Arthur Phillips on 01527 870012 or email nanart@btinternet.com.

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WORKBRIDGE

Meeting – 2nd July 2019

Chloe and Marina gave us a very interesting talk about the history and the principles of Workbridge.

It was set up in 1980 on the site of Northampton Asylum and Northampton Slaughter House. Michael Jones, the jeweller, was instrumental in this.

The aim of the organisation is to help people with learning difficulties, mental illness and brain injuries to develop work and life skills and gain and build confidence. It is a unique environment which allows the service users to develop their skills in a supportive setting which is open to the public.

There is a coffee shop serving home-made cakes staffed by many of the service users. This is a very popular venue for St Andrews staff and the general public.

The garden centre grows quality plants which are grown on in the polytunnel. This too is staffed by some of the service users as well as volunteers and salaried staff. They also sell ceramics and items of woodwork which have been made on site. Fuchsia Society members may remember that they supplied the plants for our show a few years ago and very good quality they were too.

There is also a charity shop selling clothes, house wares, etc, which also very well supported with all profits going to support St Andrews.

It was an interesting talk and Chloe and Marina are obviously very passionate about their work.

Dot Leeke

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5th November 2019

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Northampton & District Fuchsia Society will be held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 at the Conservative Club, 42 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DA commencing at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. President's Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence
6. Chairman's Address
7. Hon Secretary/Social Secretary's Report
8. Hon Treasurer's Report
9. Social Secretary's Report
10. Editor's Report
11. Show Secretary's Report
12. Membership Secretary's Report
13. Propositions
14. Election of Officers:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Hon Secretary
 - c. Hon Treasurer
 - d. Editor
15. Election of Vice-Chairman
16. Election of Membership Secretary
17. Election of Show Secretary
18. Election of Social Secretary
19. Election of Committee Members
20. Appointment of Auditors
21. Any Other Business

Any Propositions or items for discussion under Any Other Business must be notified to the Hon Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting.

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MORE PICTURES FROM OUR SHOW



Dot Leeke's entry in the Novelty Class with a theme of 'Daisy Bell'



... which secured for her the award of the Bill Swan Shield – again!



Pam Pettitt receiving the W G Julyan Memorial Trophy on behalf of Marilyn Daniels who was absent watching the Cobblers lose 0-1 just like they did last year!



Marilyn Daniels' full basket of University of Liverpool



Wendy Addington was awarded the John Belton Memorial Trophy for winning the Society Plant classes with her entry of Wendy Bendy in class 11



24TH BFS AUTUMN GATHERING!

For many of us the Autumn Gathering is a great way to end the fuchsia season as it is a day that is both social and educational!

So, some more details!

When? Sunday, October 6th from 10am to 4.30pm.

Where? Victoria Hall, Ash Hill Rd, Ash, Aldershot GU12 5DN – there is a small car park beside the hall and a large one just over the road.

What is the format of the day? If you have never been before – the plan is as follows. On arrival everyone gets a cuppa of some sort. We then have two speakers in the morning - each talking for one hour. We then provide you with an excellent cold sandwich/buffet lunch with cold drinks, fruit and cake! Plus, of course, more teas and coffees! In the afternoon we have the final speaker followed by an informal workshop type session where everyone can dip in and out of the chats that the speakers are having – this gives everyone the chance to ask questions ,etc.

Cost? Still only £8.50 per person!

Who are the Speakers this year?

Paul Leatherdale is a new speaker for us and his subject will be 'Encliandras and how I grow them'. Paul is a real enthusiast on these delightful small flowered fuchsias and I know that we will all learn a lot on how to grow them!

Kristopher Harper – is again a newcomer to the gathering and his passion is James Lye that great Victorian hybridiser and grower of fuchsias and that will be the subject of his talk. Kristopher holds the national collection of James Lye's wonderful fuchsias.

Finally, our third speaker is **Ray Broughton** who we have had before on pests and diseases. His talks are both fascinating and an occasion

to learn a lot. He asks that people bring along problem plants from their garden – not only fuchsias - and he will use the microscope attached to his laptop to show us the problem, etc! It is quite fascinating!

So there it is a great day out in Surrey , a chance to meet friends old and new and even to talk about our favourite plant!

Pop a cheque in the post made payable to South of England Fuchsia Fellowship and send it to Carol Gubler, Little Brook Fuchsias, Ash Green Lane West, Ash Green, Surrey GU12 6HL along with a sae and full details will be sent to you early in September. The Closing date for booking is 1st October.

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MORE PICTURES FROM OUR SHOW



The Fuchsia Lore display table with Tracey Gould and Sue & Lewis Northover in attendance.



All the silverware assembled ready for the presentations.

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NOTTINGHAM SHOW RESULTS – 10th August 2019

Malcolm Beerman

Malcolm won Best Exhibit in Show and Runner-Up to Best Exhibit in Show

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BFS LONDON SHOW RESULTS – 17th August 2019

Clive Gould

- Class 4 3rd One 13cm pot any cultivar
 Class 7 3rd One 13cm pot double flower
 Class 11 2nd One pot any size double flower
 Class 12 2nd One pot min 13cm/max 25cm hardy
 Class 19 2nd Four pots max 15cm Triphylla, hardy,
 single/semi-double/double
 Class 27 2nd One pot min 18cm Triphylla

Tracey Gould

- Class 31 2nd One pot min 13cm Any manner of training other than
 Bush/Shrub or Standard

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BFS MIDLAND SHOW RESULTS – 24th August 2019

Malcolm Beerman

- Class 1 3rd One 3.5in pot any cultivar
 Class 8 2nd Three pots 15cm any cultivars
 Class 18 3rd Mini standard
 Class 24 2nd One pot min 18cm any cultivar

Clive Gould

- Class 11 3rd One pot any size double flower
 Class 12 2nd One pot min 18cm hardy
 Class 15 2nd One 15cm pot Triphylla

Tracey Gould

- Class 15 3rd One 15cm pot Triphylla
 Class 35 1st One pot Any manner of training other than
 Bush/Shrub or Standard

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MORE PICTURES FROM OUR SHOW



Joan Maris' entry of Alison Patricia in the Intermediate 5th Class



Malcolm Beerman's entry of Chris Bright in the 3½" class 8



Chris Malin's entry in the Arrangement of Fuchsia Flowers in a 9" Glass Bowl class

MY TEN FAVOURITE FUCHSIAS REVISITED

by Dot Leeke

Dot gave her reasons for choosing her ten favourite fuchsias.

Lancashire Lad, Loves Reward, Red Spider, Hawkshead and Display - I won the novelty class with these; what a show off!

Northern Dancer and Wigan Pier - I had high hopes for these two in the novelty class and tried many times but they never lived long enough to reach the show bench; but I love their delicate flowers.

Dorothy Clive - fancy having a cultivar named after me and Clive.

Dying Ember - has a lovely small, deep red flower; it was given to me by Ray Campbell and grew in our garden for some years but sadly the frost got it one winter.

Celia Smedley - I just love the flowers and George Dawson had a spectacular standard in his front garden; I could only dream of growing a specimen as good as that.

Which are your ten most favourite fuchsias? Perhaps add a little note as to why they are your favourites? Please send your list to the Editor.

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Hardy Fuchsia 'Celia Smedley' is a particularly fine variety, bearing masses of large, single flowers with dark pink tubes and currant-red skirts (corollas).

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2019/2020

As we get older the time seems to pass faster and, yes, that time of year is here again.

This is a reminder to all members that subscriptions for the new year's membership are due **before** 1st October 2019. Please pay Peter Pettitt at your earliest opportunity.

Remember, only fully paid up members are entitled to vote at the Society's General Meetings – don't be left out!

Single £12.00
Double £20.00

Please continue to support your Society!

The application form is below. Please cut it out and give it/send it with your cheque/cash to Peter without delay. The address, if required, is on the form.



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To The Membership Secretary: Mr P Pettitt
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Would you please renew my / our membership for 2019/2020

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