



Northampton & District Fuchsia Society NEWSLETTER



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EDITORIAL

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

This is a bumper issue with all the Show results and pictures. They begin on page 4 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.

Another Show – Another Venue! But what a good one! An adequately-sized room with good access and air conditioning! Also a kitchen and some comfortable seating. Let us hope we may be able to return there next year.

Can you think which one of our members might have achieved FIFTY 'Best in Shows' at NATIONAL shows? All is revealed on page 11.

As well as our own show results there is also a report of successes by our members at the BFS Eastern Show on page 20. Unfortunately the BFS Midland Show results were not available.

Sadly, we have to record the passing of Michael Starmer. There is an obituary on page 19.

The period covered by this newsletter includes our Annual General Meeting – there is a notice and agenda on page 14 and also the minutes of last year's AGM on pages 15 to 17. 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 21 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 23rd Autumn Gathering on page 18.

Fuchsia Gall Mite is a pest that we all might have to put up with in time. There are articles about it on pages 3 and 13.

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 2018/19 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

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

September 4th 2018

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

October 2nd 2018

Meeting: Alaric Neville from Phipps Brewery

November 6th 2018

Annual General Meeting

December 4th 2018

Christmas Party!

January 15th 2019

Care & Culture: Looking after your plants in Winter

February 5th 2019

Meeting: David Garrett - Composting

March 5th 2019

Meeting: speaker tba

March 19th 2019

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

April 2nd 2019

Meeting: speaker tba

April 16th 2019

Care & Culture: Two tables meeting

May 7th 2019

Meeting: speaker tba

May 21st 2019

Care & Culture: Plant sale

June 4th 2019

Meeting: speaker tba

June 18th 2019

Care & Culture: Feeding, Watering and Growing On

July 2nd 2019

Meeting: speaker tba

July 16th 2019

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

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ROLLING CALENDAR SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2018/19

Tuesday November 6th 2018

Annual General Meeting
Conservative Club

Saturday December 1st 2018

Christmas Fayre
Conservative Club

Tuesday December 4th 2018

Christmas Party
Conservative Club

Sunday March 3rd 2019

Trip to Jacksons and Hawgrip Nursery

Sunday May 12th 2019

Malvern Spring Show

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019

FUCHSIA SHOW

ST CRISPIN SOCIAL CLUB NN5 4XD

Friday August 9th 2019

BBQ

Conservative Club

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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FUCHSIAS with MALCOLM BEERMAN

Meeting – 1st May 2018

We had another masterclass in growing fuchsias from Malcolm with particular regard to standards.

Standards need to be grown from a good cutting and Malcolm uses 6 parts compost to 1 of Perlite (other growers use different combinations).

As the plant grows only pot up to the next size pot when the roots are going around the bottom of the pot; do not be tempted to go to too big a pot too soon. Give plenty of feed to encourage quick growth but never feed a dry plant. Malcolm suggests a well-balanced feed such as Chempak 3.

A cane should be placed alongside the plant for it to grow up and be replaced when potting up. As the plant grows allow the leaves to fall off naturally as they are lungs of the plant; cutting or tearing them off will scar the stem.

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

When potting on leave the soil level approximately ½ inch from the top of the pot to allow the soil to settle and as the plant gets larger water from the bottom to allow the roots to find the water. If using water from a butt keep it covered to prevent algae forming. When potting into final pot ensure the cane is put in the original hole and attach to the plant with some stretchy material so as not to damage the stem.

Malcolm did stress that these are his growing methods and other growers have different methods. It is very much a case of finding what works for you.

Thank You Malcolm

Dot Leeke

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FUCHSIA GALL MITE

Malcolm Beerman finished his talk with a summary of the current state of progress of Fuchsia Gall Mite. This has spread around the coast from Cromer in the east to Stockport in the west, probably because the coast is warmer in winter. Although it has not reached Northamptonshire as yet it cannot be long as it covers the region to the south of a line from Bristol to the Wash.

The gall mite is 0.2-0.25 mm in size (cut a millimetre into 100 pieces and stick two pieces together – so quite small) and needs a magnification of x250 to see it. It secretes itself in the tip of a shoot and causes distortion and swelling of the stem. It overwinters in bud scales. There is no cure available to amateur gardeners.

Transference is by contact; by plants brushing against each other or by you, on your clothes or under your fingernails.

Capsid bugs cause a similar distortion of the bud but no swelling of the stem.

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NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW
SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST 2018
JUDGES: Geoff Smith and Adrian Hallows, BFS Judges
TROPHIES & SPECIAL AWARDS

<i>Trophy</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Awarded to</i>
Ray Campbell Trophy	Best pot or exhibit in show	Mr P Pettitt
Harris Cup	Runner up to best pot or exhibit in show	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Peg & Stan York Cup	Best hanging pot in show	Mr P Hunt
BFS Crested Spoon	Best pot in 3½"/9cm class	Mr M Conroy
Bill Swann Shield	Winner of novelty class	Mrs D Leeke
J W Jupp & Son Trophy	Best exhibit in cut blooms classes	Mr R Malin
Leo Boullemier Silver Trophy and BFS Bronze Medal	Most points in classes 8 to 34	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Lepper Cup and BFS Blue Rosette	Runner up to most points in classes 8 to 34	Mr M Conroy
Harding Cup	Most points in Beginners' classes	Mrs S Northover
Hickman Memorial Trophy	Most points in Intermediates' classes	Mr P Hunt
Baker Trophy	Most first places in show	Mr & Mrs C Gould
A & L Smith Trophy	Best pot in Beginners' classes	Mrs S Northover
Michael Conroy Trophy	Best pot in Beginners'/Intermediates' 3½"/9cm classes	Mr P Hunt
Chris & Stuart Burton Cup	Best pot in Intermediates' classes	Mr P Hunt
John Belton Memorial Trophy	Winner of Society Plant class	Mr M Conroy
Alan Hounslow Trophy	Winner of Variegated Foliage class	Mr R Malin
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 class 27	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Arthur Bryan Silver Trophy	Winner of Mini Standard class	Not presented
Summers Trophy	Winner of Quarter, Half and Full Standard class	Mr M Conroy
W G Julyan Memorial Trophy	Winner of Full Basket class	Mr P Pettitt
Barbara Watkins Chalice	Winner of Half Basket class	Mr R Malin
Adams Cup	Best pot in 5"/13cm pot class	Mr M Beerman
Josie Lepper Rose Bowl	Best pot in Double Flower classes	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Starmer/York Trophy	Best pot in classes 8 to 26	Mr & Mrs C Gould
J A Tonnison Trophy	Winner of Beginners'/Intermediates' Hanging Pot class	Mr P Hunt
Sayers Silver Trophy	Best Standard in show	Mr M Conroy
Chairman's Choice Rosette	Most Improved Exhibitor/Contributor	Mr L Northover

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW

SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST 2018

JUDGES: Geoff Smith and Adrian Hallows, BFS Judges

RESULTS OF CLASSES

BEGINNERS' CLASSES

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

1st	Mrs S Northover	Camcun
2nd	Mrs S Northover	Mary

Class 2 Beginners. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. No entries.

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

1st	Mrs S Northover	Thalia
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INTERMEDIATES' CLASSES

Class 4 Intermediate. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 3 entries.

1st	Mr P Hunt	Ernie
2nd	Mr P Hunt	Cancun
3rd	Mr L Northover	Helen Laing

Class 5 Intermediate. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 4 entries.

1st	Mr C Leeke	Alison Patricia
2nd	Mr P Hunt	Silver Surfer
3rd	Mr P Hunt	Wendy Bendy

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

1st	Mr P Hunt	Kenny Walking
2nd	Mr L Northover	Thalia

BEGINNERS'/INTERMEDIATES' CLASS

Class 7 Beginners/Intermediate. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. Multi-plant. Any cultivar. 2 entries.

1st	Mr P Hunt	Putts Folly
2nd	Mr L Northover	Pink Ballet Girl



Pam Pettitt receiving the Ray Campbell Trophy for the Best Pot or Exhibit in Show on behalf of Peter Pettitt, who was away watching the Cobblers!



Peter Pettitt's full basket of Daisy Bell that was awarded Best in Show. Well done, Peter! Some consolation as sadly the Cobblers lost 0-1!

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

- Class 8 Open. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 4 entries.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Hazel Elizabeth
 2nd Mr M Conroy Angela King
 3rd Mr M Beerman Seedling.Ginny 'B'
- Class 9 Open. 2 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 1 entries.
 1st Mr M Conroy Sweet Hollie
- Class 10 Open. 3 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 3 entries.
 1st Mr M Conroy Angela King, Shatzy B x 2
 2nd Mr M Beerman Coralle, Seedling.KJN No2, Seedling.Jan Furlong
 3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould Thalia, Leverkusen, Katie Susan
- Class 11 Open. 5 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 1 entry.
 1st Mr M Conroy Twiny, Kobold, Sweet Hollie, Alicia Sellars x 2
- Class 12 Open. Society Plant – Alison Patricia. 5"/13cm pot (max). 7 entries.
 1st Mr M Conroy
 2nd Mr C Leeke
 3rd Mrs V Lovett
- Class 13 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 9 entries.
 1st Mr M Beerman June Marie Shaw
 2nd Mr R Malin Loves Reward
 3rd Mr M Conroy Ashville
- Class 14 Open. 3 x 5"/13cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 1 entry.
 1st Mr M Conroy Rose of Castille, Barbara Elizabeth x 2
- Class 15 Open. 1 x 6"/15cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 2 entries.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Thalia
 2nd Mr M Beerman Seedling.Jan Furlong
- Class 16 Open. 2 x 6"/15cm pots (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 1 entry.
 1st Mr M Conroy Rose of Castille



Sue Northover receiving the A & L Smith Trophy for the Best Pot in Beginners' Classes – her entry of Camcun in Class 1 is shown to the right



RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- Class 17 Open. Three pot class. Any cultivars in 1 x 3.5"/9cm + 1 x 5"/13cm + 1 x 6"/15cm pots. 1 entry.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Leverkusen, Olive Smith, Camcun
- Class 18 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 2 entries.
 1st Mr P Hunt Waltz Jubelteen
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Janice Ann
- Class 19 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Double flower only. 2 entries.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Jean Taylor
 2nd Mr M Conroy Lucky Lips
- Class 20 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Variegated Foliage cultivar. 2 entries.
 1st Mr R Malin Sunray
 2nd Mrs P Thorn unknown
- Class 21 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Encliandra Type (Breviflorae). 3 entries.
 1st Mr R Malin Marlies de Keizer
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Gina Bowman
 3rd Mr R Malin Mycrophyllia
- Class 22 Open. Triphylla Type. Any size pot. 3 entries.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Insulinde (Runner-up to Best in Show)
 2nd Mr M Beerman Insulinde
 3rd Mr M Conroy Mary
- Class 23 Open. Species, sub-species and variants. Any size pot. 4 entries.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould F. procumbens var Wirral
 2nd Mr R Malin F. fulgens
 3rd Mrs W Addington F. procumbens
- Class 24 Open. One pot grown as a structure not specified in any other class. 1 entries.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould June Marie – Heart
- Class 25 Open. Mini Standard. 5"/13cm pot (max). 1 entry.
 Withdrawn - Not as Standard



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's magnificent pot of Insulinde in the Triphylla class that was awarded Runner-Up to the Best in Show

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- Class 26 Open. Quarter, Half or Full Standard. Any size pot. 4 entries.
 1st Mr M Conroy Barbara Elizabeth
 2nd Mr R Malin Display
 3rd Mrs P Thorn unknown
- Class 27 Open. Half Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 1 entry.
 1st Mr R Malin Putts Folly
- Class 28 Open. Full Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 3 entries.
 1st Mr P Pettitt Daisy Bell (Best in Show)
 2nd Mr R Malin Waveney Gem
 3rd Mr P Pettitt unknown
- Class 29 Open. 6"/15cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 1 entry.
 1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Janice Ann
- Class 30 Open. 8"/20cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 2 entries.
 1st Mr R Malin Auntie Jinks
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Putts Folly
- Class 31 Open. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 4 entries.
 1st Mr P Hunt Daisy Bell
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Putts Folly
 3rd Mr R Malin Auntie Jinks
- Class 32 Open. 6 Fuchsia Flowers. Different cultivars. 3 entries.
 1st Mr P Hunt
 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould
 3rd Mr R Malin
- Class 33 Open. 6 Fuchsia Flowers. All the same cultivar. 5 entries.
 1st Mr R Malin Jack Shahan
 2nd Mr P Pettitt University of Liverpool
 3rd Mr P Hunt unknown
- Class 34 Open. An Arrangement of Fuchsia Flowers in a 9"/23cm dia. Glass Bowl. 1 entry.
 1st Mrs C Malin



Phil Hunt receiving the Peg & Stan York Cup for the Best Hanging Pot in Show



Phil's 10" Hanging Pot of Daisy Bell that was awarded Best Hanging Pot in Show

RESULTS OF CLASSES

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class 35 Open. Novelty Class. 24" board with a theme depicting the name of the fuchsia. 2 entries.

1st	Mrs D Leeke	Lancashire Lad
2nd	Mrs S Northover	Happy Wedding Day

Class 36 Open. A Fuchsia Bonsai exhibit in a Bonsai style container. 2 entries.

1st	Mr P Hunt	Riccatonii
2nd	Mr P Hunt	unknown

PLACINGS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Points in Classes 8 to 31

1st	Boullemier Trophy & BFS Bronze Medal	Mr & Mrs C Gould
2nd	Lepper Cup & BFS Rosette	Mr M Conroy
3rd		Mr R Malin

Most 1st Places in Show

1st	Baker Trophy	Mr & Mrs C Gould
2nd		Mr M Conroy
3rd		Mr R Malin

Most Points in the Beginners' Classes

1st	Harding Cup	Mrs S Northover
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Most Points in the Intermediates' Classes

1st	Hickman Memorial Trophy	Mr P Hunt
2nd		Mr L Northover
3rd		Mr C Leeke



For exhibiting the Best Pot in the 5" Classes Malcolm Beerman received the Adams Cup



Malcolm's exhibit of June Marie Shaw that was judged to be the Best Pot in the 5" Classes

Missing from our display of photographs from the show is **Michael Conroy** who was able to exhibit his plants but then had to return home feeling unwell! Michael was awarded the Lepper Cup and BFS Blue Rosette, the Sayers Silver Trophy, the BFS Crested Spoon, the John Belton Memorial Trophy and the Summers Trophy.

We hope all these awards made him feel better!

The man in the blue shirt making the presentations is the BFS Judge, **Geoff Smith**.

Before he began he said that all shows were down on numbers of plants exhibited because, as we all know, fuchsias do not like hot, dry weather.

All those exhibiting should be proud to have managed to get their plants to the Show.

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Our Chairman and Show Secretary, Bob Malin, being presented with the Alan Hounslow Trophy as the winner of the Variegated Foliage Class.



Bob's winning entry in the Variegated Foliage Class



Dot Leeke receiving the Bill Swan Shield for her winning entry in the Novelty Class



Lewis Northover receiving the Chairman's Rosette for Most Improved Exhibitor/Contributor



A couple of general views of the room



A well-earned cup of tea and a little sustenance



.... while others labour away on the Tombola!

SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

2018 St Crispin Show

Yet another venue, St Crispin Social Club, we have had three in the last three years. Although this growing season has been very challenging, to say the least, the number of entries and the quality of the plants was wonderful. The number of people visiting the show was well up on last year and judging by the entries in the visitor's book, they were very complimentary.

Another summer of 1976!! At least we had air conditioning and this venue was great. Could you imagine what it would have been like in a marquee?

The room was larger than last year, so we were able to have more classes. We had 15 members making 78 entries in 36 classes for the show, which resulted in 95 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.

We now have to start looking forward to 2019.

Bob Malin

Show Secretary

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COMPOSTING with DAVID GARRETT Meeting – 3rd July 2018

Unfortunately, this meeting coincided with the England v Columbia World Cup football match and it was decided that attendance would be so poor the meeting should be cancelled. The speaker was quite keen to watch the football too!

David has agreed to deliver his talk at the 5th February 2019 meeting.

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A HALF CENTURY OF BEST IN SHOWS!

Chris Woolston, a member of our Society since the 1980's, achieved the landmark of 50 (FIFTY!) Best Exhibit in Show awards at **National Shows**. The first was in 1998 and this, the fiftieth, was awarded at the Northern BFS Show this year.

Pictured below is Chris with his National BFS Best Exhibit in Show award winning half-basket of Putts Folly.



However, this was not an entirely solo effort – as Chris says, “I couldn't have done this without Rosie”.

He continues, “We can now relax and show at the club shows a bit more. See you all next year.”

“Considering the weather we have had this year the plants on display at the Northants club show were very good. Well done Peter (Pettitt) for winning the Best Exhibit in Show with his basket of Daisy Bell. So nice to see all my friends again.”

Well done Chris and Rosie – what an achievement – has this ever been bettered?

GROWING YOUR FUCHSIAS

September through to December

In early **September** the weather is still warm and moist and ideal for growing fuchsias. With continual feeding, deadheading and removing any seedpods our plants should continue to flower until the early frosts.

Cuttings can now be taken to increase your stock; it is best to avoid cuttings material with flower buds in the tips. It is a better idea to cut back some of the laterals to promote new growth which will be fresh and soft and will root very easily. Remember that cuttings taken now will have to be over-wintered at temperatures around 40-43°F/4-6°C. You do not want strong growth over the winter period but just to keep your plants ticking over.

The **end of October** means the start of the over-wintering period for our plants. Be selective over the plants you intend to keep. Only over-winter the best shaped, healthy looking, named cultivars.

Come **early November** and it is time to prepare the greenhouse (if you have one!) to receive your over-wintering plants. If you have not already done so it is time to remove any shading and clean the glass. A solution of either Jeyes' Fluid (20ml in 5 litres of water) or Armillatox (50ml in 5 litres of water) applied to the sides of the glazing bars will kill off any moss that is growing there.

Empty the greenhouse of all plants and wash the inside of the glass with a solution of Jeyes' Fluid (1 tablespoon to 1 gallon of water). If possible, use a pressure sprayer to force the solution into every crack and crevice to force out any creepy crawlies.

November is when we can expect the first hard frosts and these will usually end the wonderful display of flowers that our fuchsia plants have put on for us over the past few months. The hardies in the ground and the plants in containers will all suffer the same. Once you know that no recovery is likely then you can begin the over-wintering process for them.

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

Fuchsia plants being retained in patio containers, whether hardy or not, must also be given winter protection. A hard frost will easily penetrate the sides of most types of container, plastic, clay or wood, so killing the roots.

If the containers are too large to be moved, then the plants are best taken out and re-potted into smaller pots. All plants in pots should be allowed to dry off until the compost is just moist. The laterals should then be reduced in length by almost half.

To over-winter a plant in a 'dormant' state all foliage should be removed. They must be kept in a FROST-FREE store, be it garage, greenhouse or shed. Check the plants regularly to see that the compost does not dry out completely.

Hardy fuchsias established in the garden should have their laterals reduced in length by almost half to prevent the wind rocking the plant and causing disturbance to the root system.

December must be the most inactive month for the fuchsia grower but anyone who has taken autumn cuttings and has them in the propagator must check them daily for moisture content. Over-wintering plants must also be examined for botrytis (grey mould). Give them an airing on a dry day by opening the vents for a while allowing the air to circulate. Even plants in a garage or shed should be brought out periodically for an airing.

When sending for fuchsia catalogues request some from different parts of the country. There are quite a few different cultivars grown north and south of us.

And now we have reached the end of December so a Merry Christmas and a Happy Fuchsia-Growing New Year to you all.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

8th May 2018

Present: Bob Malin, Marilyn Daniels, Phil Hunt, Judy Campbell, Dot Leeke, Wendy Addington and Peter Ryder.

Apologies: Peter Pettitt and Jerry Leahy.

Several matters were discussed; venue for the BBQ, the availability of Dave Jupp's trailer for our show, that we should arrange an annual dinner, the state of the Society's finances (still quite healthy) and the preparation of this newsletter.

Most of the business related to our show; moving materials from the farm, advertising, banners, setting up, administration, the availability of bar lunches and tombola in preference to a draw.

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MORE ABOUT FUCHSIA GALL MITE

(This is an article from Fuchsia News Spring 2018 edition that was edited from an email Mike Shopland sent to Carol Gubler, who, in turn, circulated it to the BFS Show Sub-Committee. It was thought that this email contained sufficient information that it should be made available to the full membership. Please bear in mind these are Mike Shopland's observations.)

Fuchsia Gall Mite is not a very mobile pest as it is wingless and a slow mover; it requires secondary conditions to move to a new plant, either via wind dispersion or by hitching a ride on a larger insect or, the worst-case scenario, us humans. Fuchsia Gall Mite has no need to move on from a host plant as it has all the food it requires until the colony gets too large. Within a show environment (and greenhouse) wind is not a problem nor should other insects be so; the only way a Fuchsia Gall Mite is going to move around is if leaves are touching or if people are touching plants (us humans again).

To prove this point Mike refers to an example of 6 *Thalia* cuttings taken in September 2017. He noticed infection on the host plant and removed these cuttings to an unheated

conservatory in isolation. These plants have stayed there since and admittedly not been given a lot of TLC. However, the point is that despite being closely confined in a plastic container with leaves touching the pest has shown incredibly slow movement. The top middle plant was the first to be infected, and then top left, now the plant bottom left is starting to show the effects. It appears the three on the right have not been infected so far in 5 months. One cautionary note is that it has been cold since December; perhaps the rate of spread may be much faster in warm months?

Mike believes that plants that are from a greenhouse should be brought to shows as long as those plants are not showing infection. Our shows do not need to have reduced numbers displayed as numbers are already decreasing. Sensible precautions should be for growing and for the shows should be:

1. Fuchsias on the show bench should not be touching.
2. Shows should not have excessive windows open on a blustery day.
3. Judges and Stewards who handle infected plants on the show bench **MUST** always wash their hands afterwards.

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BFS ROADSHOW

The BFS is determinedly pursuing its programme of twice-yearly roadshows around the country.

Why not pencil in the next BFS roadshow in your diary. It will be held in Toton, near Nottingham, on Sunday, 23rd September. It is being organised by members of the Nottingham and Notts Fuchsia Society and details will follow nearer the time in the BFS publications.

The full address is Coronation Hall, Portland Road, Toton, Nottinghamshire NG9 6EE and the show is open from 9am to 4pm.

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WILDLIFE with CHRIS EDWARDS

Meeting – 5th June 2018

For anyone who shares their garden with our feathered friends this was a super talk. I mean, who knew how much extramarital sex was going on in and around our lawns and hedges.

Wrens, for instance, mate with a female then go and spread their love around again with all the rest of the girls. But when the broods are born the chaps do their bit and feed numerous nests so well done boys.

Chris explained how to identify male and female birds by their plumage and by their song.

Song is a large part of bird life; for instance, to inform the brood it is time to get up, warning of danger and for territorial purposes.

It is amazing what you have to do when arranging these talks; on this occasion I was asked to pretend to be a female pigeon being courted by the speaker. For those of you not at the meeting I am afraid you will just have to use your imagination.

Not sure if the next talk will be quite as racy, it is all about composting!

Dot Leeke

PS It was great to see a previous speaker at tonight's meeting; Derek Bandy, who gave a smashing talk on his life on Cruise Ships.

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Have you visited your
Fuchsia Society's
website?

www.ndfs.btck.co.uk

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6th November 2018

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Northampton & District Fuchsia Society will be held on 6th November 2018 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 2017 AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence
6. Chairman's Address
7. Hon Secretary/Social Secretary's Report
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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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50th Annual General Meeting Minutes
date: 7th November 2017
Conservative Club, Billing Road, Northampton

Bob Malin opened the meeting.

Due to traffic, Ernie was late so Bob did the Chairman's Address.

Chairman's Address

Bob thanked everyone for attending the 50th AGM of the Northampton & District Fuchsia Society. Fifty years is a long time and he said it was good to see the Society still going strong even though membership was down.

Bob said it was a good year for the Society, we have had the Christmas Fayre last December, the cuttings outing in March, speakers and care and culture evenings our 1-day show at the Conservative Club and of course our 50th Anniversary Dinner/dance.

Bob said he would be giving his Show Secretary report later in the AGM.

Bob wanted to thank the Society officers and members together with the show officers who had helped him all the year.

Bob was then able to pass over to Ernie.

Presidents Welcome

Ernie welcomed everyone to the 50th AGM of The Northampton & District Fuchsia Society. Ernie continued by saying that as a Society we are very, very lucky.

We have had another fantastic year when you think that other Societies within the borough have been closing down and losing members left, right and centre. Ernie thanked all the committee and officers for the amount of work they do for the Society this year.

Ernie reiterated that it is your Society so if you have anything to say, either at the AGM or any of the meetings, please say it or put it down in writing so that it can be discussed at a committee meeting because if we don't know what you are thinking we can't do anything about it.

Ernie then passed the meeting back to the chairman.

Bob thanked Ernie.

Present: Bob Malin, Marilyn Daniels, Pamela Pettitt, Peter Pettitt, David Jupp, Carol Jupp, Chris Malin, Wendy Addington, Judy Campbell, Jerry Leahy, Robert Wreford, Phil Hunt, Dot Leeke, Clive Leeke, Peter Ryder, Noreen Clydesdale, Ernie Sayers

Apologies: Diane Farrell, Maggie Ryder, Tracey Gould, Pat Leahy

Minutes of 49th AGM were accepted.

Proposed: Peter Pettitt

Seconded: Ernie Sayers

Matter arising – none.

Correspondence: none

Secretary's report

Marilyn advised that she had left a list of our meetings for 2018 on the chairs, for the members to take home.

Marilyn hoped you enjoyed the speakers she had arranged for the year, she hoped you found each one interesting in its own way; she did try to book a diversified range as she could and was personally sorry to miss Dave, the bee man.

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Marilyn thanked Dot for taking over the booking of the speakers, although this doesn't seem to be a large job it can be very time consuming.

Marilyn also thanked Dave Jupp, who is retiring from the editor's position after 10 years of producing, what she considered, some extremely good quality newsletters for us. He had certainly gone out on a high with his 50th anniversary edition. Well done Dave, thanks for all your hard work. You have done the Society proud.

Marilyn explained that she missed our show this year, unfortunately she was really poorly, but understands from everyone that it was a success albeit smaller than usual. Marilyn also thanked Judy who stepped in at the last minute for her, much appreciated.

Marilyn also thanked Dave and Carol for the BBQ together with all the members who provide such tasty bits to go with the cooked burgers etc.

Our 50th Anniversary dinner/dance was on 20th October and although no one danced (due to the magician) I think it was a great success. Terry was great again with the music – just in the background so we could all talk to each other. It was something Judy and Marilyn had talked about for a couple of years and we think he went down well.

Marilyn thanked Bob for all his hard work sorting out our shows and to all the committee and members who help out when needed it is great to see that we still have committed helpers whenever there is a call for them.

Proposed: Peter Pettitt

Seconded: Judy Campbell

Treasurer's report

Phil advised that we had just over £3K in the bank and although we had not lost as much as usual for putting on the show, there still was a loss but we would be saving money on printing the newsletters from now on as Peter Ryder was going to be producing them himself.

Proposed: Wendy Addington

Seconded: Clive Gould

Editor's report

Dave thanked the officers, committee and members for the comments he had had for his 50th anniversary newsletter and although he was retiring from the editor position, he was remaining a member of the Society. Dave stated that he felt that after 10 years being the Editor, it was time for a change.

Proposed: Noreen Clydesdale

Seconded: Peter Pettitt

Show Secretary's Report

Bob started his address by stating how successful the show was, although smaller than other years, we had to leave out some of the larger classes, we had still managed to put on a very stunning display. Bob also thanked Judy for stepping in when Marilyn was unable to attend and for all the officers, committee and members who had helped to put the show up, on and down again on the Friday and Saturday.

Proposed: Dot Leeke

Seconded: Jerry Leahy

Membership Secretary's report.

Peter advised that we have, at the time of the AGM, 39 paid up members and he has 13 to chase.

Proposed: Phil Hunt

Seconded: Judy Campbell

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Bob Malin proposed that in the January 2018, we put in a note that unless we hear from the members within 12 months (up to December 2018) we will assume that they no longer wish to remain members. This is not a way of reducing our membership but to confirm that those who are receiving our newsletter do wish to remain with the Society.

This proposal was carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Chairman	Bob Malin	accepted
Vice-chairman	TBA	
Secretary	Marilyn Daniels	accepted
Treasurer	Phil Hunt	accepted
Editor	Peter Ryder	accepted
Show Secretary	Bob Malin	accepted
Membership Secretary	Peter Pettitt	accepted

Election of Committee

Dot Leeke	accepted
Jerry Leahy	accepted
Wendy Addington	accepted
Judy Campbell	accepted

Appointment of Auditors – appointed as before, Pam Osbourne.

Proposed: Jerry Leahy

Seconded: Judy Campbell

Any Other Business

Jerry Leahy: - email address for members so that the newsletter and/or event news can be emailed out. This will be looked into to ensure we cover ourselves against any Data Protection issues.

AGM brought to a close.

MORE PICTURES FROM OUR SHOW

Michael Conroy's winning entry of Alison Patricia in the Society Plant class



Dot Leeke's entry in the Novelty class with a display of 'Lancashire Lads'

23rd BFS AUTUMN GATHERING

7th October 2018

When? Sunday October 7th from 10am to 4.30pm.

Where? **NEW VENUE** - 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?

Jim Buttress – our patron will be coming to speak to us – if you have never heard him you have missed a treat! He will be talking on “65 years in Horticulture”.

Ric Reilly – it is many years since Ric came and spoke at the Gathering as he lives in Cornwall and works in the Midlands! He will be talking on “A cornucopia of species, hybridisation and how I grow my plants”.

Keith Mc Manus will be our final speaker – he will be talking on “Fuchsias for all Seasons”.

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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A MEETING NOT TO MISS IN OCTOBER!

Our speaker at the October meeting is Alaric Neville from Phipps Brewery.

Leave your car at home and get a taxi instead as **Alaric will be bringing some samples of beer and gin!**

So be there or be square on October 2nd and bring a friend to the party!

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FROM THE BFS FUCHSIA NEWS

In 2004 members were asked for **one sentence or phrase that summed up their philosophy on Fuchsia Growing!** Here are some of the responses:

Spread the message - “Fuchsias are fun!”

Dedicated vine weevil chasers

Addictive

Growing Fuchsias opens an all new world of FRIENDS!

Obsession bordering on madness!

If at first you don't succeed, try Pelargoniums
A beautiful plant that will return your love and attention with a cascade of floral brilliance, usually before and after your show dates!

You have a future with the Fuchsia, so don't let the “fuchsia” pass you by!

Strive for success, live with failure, but resolve to fail better each time – but don't take it too seriously!

I will cut down this year, but when I see a new plant – I JUST HAVE TO HAVE IT! – but then where are you going to put it?

and finally:

Feed them

Understand them

Cosset them

Handle them

Show them

Interest others in them

Above all – always enjoy them!

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OBITUARY – MICHAEL STARMER

Michael Starmer joined the Northampton Fuchsia Society in 1999.

He was born in Harpole to a family of pig farmers. In fact, they actually bred pedigree pigs which were exported world-wide.

Michael loved growing fuchsias but left putting them on the show bench to his father, Edwin, and his brother, Robin.

Michael lived with his wife June at Greens Norton and between them they had a very large family.

He and June loved to come on Fuchsia Society outings and holidays and they were always great fun to be with.

Our thoughts go to June and their family at this sad time.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

10th July 2018

Present: Bob Malin, Marilyn Daniels, Phil Hunt, Judy Campbell, Wendy Addington and Peter Pettitt.

Apologies: Peter Ryder, Jerry Leahy and Dot Leeke.

The Secretary reported Dave Jupp is available with transport for our show and to 'do' the BBQ; as yet no confirmation of a date for the annual dinner; prizes and volunteers required for the tombola at the show.

The Treasurer reported on the Society's financial situation.

Show Secretary: Most of the classes dropped at last year's show because of limited space have been re-instated. The times for setting up the show and staging of entries were clarified.

Peter Pettitt reported that most of the cups had been returned.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

14th August 2018

Present: Bob Malin, Marilyn Daniels, Peter Ryder, Judy Campbell, Wendy Addington and Dot Leeke.

Apologies: Phil Hunt, Peter Pettitt and Jerry Leahy.

The Secretary reported still no response from Cheyne Walk Club re a date for the annual dinner. Now urgent to agree a date.

The Treasurer reported on the Society's financial situation. He expected to report a small loss for the year.

The Editor reported on the progress of this newsletter and overall costs. Midland National Show results and AGM minutes to be added.

Show Secretary: Very good show and good venue; positive noises to stage next year's show there.

Membership Secretary: Five new member's packs sent out following the show.

Any other business: September meeting: Clive Gould to judge Cut Blooms, Peter Ryder to judge the photographs; Vice-Chairman vacancy – Peter Ryder to fill.

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FUCHSIA ANNABEL



Hardiness - H2. Double. Upright. Sepals - white. Corolla - white. Height 2'. *From fuchsias.net.*

I used to seek this one out on our visits to Young's nursery but bought, and grew it with some success, as a trailer in hanging pots! The Editor

BFS EASTERN SHOW RESULTS - 15th July 2018**Clive Gould**

Class 1	3 rd	One pot any cultivar	Winters Tale
Class 2		Three pots distinctly different cultivars	June Marie Shaw, Lynne Patricia, Shatzy B
Class 3	2 nd	One pot any cultivar	Little Tony
Class 7	2 nd	One pot double flowered 15cm	Lynne Patricia
Class 11	1 st	One pot double cultivar asp	Lynne Patricia
Class 12	2 nd	One pot hardy fuchsia	Herald
Class 15	1 st	One pot Triphylla type	Thalia
Class 17	1 st	One pot Species 15cm	F. denticulata
Class 20	2 nd	One hanging pot	Putts Folly
Class 23	2 nd	One pot Triphylla type	Insulinde
Class 25	2 nd	One pot Species asp	F. procumbens var. Wirral

Tracey Gould

Class 17	2 nd	One pot Species	F. denticulata
Class 24	1 st	One pot any fuchsia/s; any manner of training other than Bush/Shrub or Standard	June Marie Shaw
Class 25	3 rd	One pot Species	F. arborescens

Chris Woolston

Class 1	1 st	One pot any cultivar	Jollies Menton
Class 7	1 st	One pot double	Pres. George Bartlett
Class 10	3 rd	Three pots any cultivar, one 9/10cm pot, one 13cm pot, one 15cm pot	Pres. George Bartlett Lyndon, Sophie Louise
Class 12	3 rd	One pot hardy fuchsia	Bernisser Hardy
Class 13	3 rd	One pot Ornamental Foliage	Janice Perry
Class 14	3 rd	Tom West	Tom West
Class 16	2 nd	One pot Encliandra type	Marlies de Keijzer
Class 27	1 st	One full basket	Waveney Gem

and Reserve Best in Show

Class 28	1 st	One half basket	Jan Murray
Class 30	3 rd	Catch all class	Leslie Bowman
Class 34	1 st	One photograph	

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MORE PICTURES FROM OUR SHOW

Phil Hunt's entry of Ernie in the Intermediate 3½" Class



Clive Leeke's entry of Alison Patricia in the 5" Intermediate class



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

SOME THOUGHTS FOLLOWING THE 2018 SHOW

As growers we aren't experts and probably never will be but we continue to try and this year, much to Clive's delight, we were rewarded for our efforts. He was so chuffed to win 1st in the 5" Intermediate class and 2nd in the Society Plant class.

So, after nearly twenty years in the Society, perhaps we're getting the hang of this growing lark, regular feeding and not over watering, which we were guilty of in previous years. Just hope this year wasn't a fluke and we can put some nice plants on the show bench next year.

Just hope this encourages newer members to have a go; there's nothing to lose and the public just like to see plants on the bench.

See you all next year.

Dot Leeke

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FUCHSIA PRESIDENT ARTHUR PHILLIPS



Hardiness - H2. Single. Upright. Sepals – Pink. Corolla - Bright Pink. This is a great erect bush that gets covered with blooms. *From fuchsias.net.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2018/2019

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 2018. 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.



Northampton and District Fuchsia Society



Membership

APPLICATION RENEWAL

To The Membership Secretary:

Mr P Pettitt
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Would you please renew my / our membership for 2018 - 2019

Subscription: Single £12.00 Double £20.00

Name _____

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Data Protection. Your personal contact details are held by the Society for administration purposes only and will not be disclosed to anyone outside the Society.

FROM FUCHSIA NEWS – JULY 2018

Have you ever been to one of the RHS shows or and marvelled at the display of fuchsias in the floral marquee?

Geoff Oke and Arthur Phillips had a stand at Gardeners' World Live and watched Colin Jones of Roualeyn Fuchsias and his daughter build their 10m x 3m stand.

The stand, being over thirty-two feet in length, it takes a considerable amount of fuchsias to fill. Every plant on the stand is sold at the end of the show and fresh ones used for the next show.

Colin starts his show season in April with a show almost every week and ends in September travelling the country back and forth to the nursery in North Wales at the end of every show to replenish plants for the next show.

The display at Gardeners World Live was awarded a Platinum Award.



The first layer is on (above) and the next layer added (below).



Almost there (above) and finished! (below).



FROM THE EDITOR'S GARDEN

I was roundly told off by the SSH (Supremely Superior Half) for only publishing a 'work in progress' photograph of our garden in the last newsletter and not something a little more up to date. The photograph on the right was taken before the drought! You can see the effect on the grass quite easily.



It has certainly been a difficult year. Firstly, the amount of time I could work in the garden at a stretch was limited by the pain in my hip which spread to my back because of the poor posture; then we had such a poor start weather-wise.

At the end of May I had my hip replacement op which meant for the next six weeks the garden was out of bounds although I did help Maggie to clear some of the lily leaf from the pond so she could have some space to feed the fish!

Then came the heatwave and drought – like fuchsias I really do not like the heat. Carrying watering cans about when you are on two sticks is difficult so all the watering was left to Maggie.

She has done very well although some plants have not survived. The astilbes, which like damp conditions, on the shady side of the pond (green in the right hand picture but brown in the left) have had it – we are thinking of replacing them with something like euonymus to give us a hedge all year around to hide our 'wooden walls'.

Ten weeks on since my op I am stick free but cannot reach down beyond mid-shin level so

doing very much in the garden is still a little difficult.

As our ground has turned to concrete, even in the raised beds, we seem to have accumulated a large number of plants in pots. These have been placed in trays to make watering easier - just tip some water in the tray and let them soak it up.



The heat has gone but it has been raining on and off all day. We shall now have to take all the plants out to empty the trays to stop them drowning! A device that is meant to save time will now cause extra work!

With the soil not in a workable state and the year moving on what might still be achieved?

One project is to create a slightly raised bed around the back of the pergola, in the top left hand corner of the right hand photograph and plant hostas and ferns in a shady corner.

A similar raised bed in front of a trellis, out of shot to the left, for a honeysuckle or star jasmine.

Since we had an extension to the house there has not been room for the three cold frames. Another project is to dig out some ground down the side of the house behind a retaining wall and put them there.

And then there is the wildlife pond.

Another project that has been around for some years is to build some compost bins to replace the three Daleks which really do not work.

Then I might insulate the greenhouse and install a heater and grow some fuchsias!

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