

# Northampton & District Fuchsia Society

### **NEWSLETTER**



#### SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2021

#### **EDITORIAL**

After missing out in 2020 it was good to see the plants back on the show bench this August.

There was a very strong entry by Chris Woolston (aided by Rosie) which saw him make off with many of the trophies.



Chris Woolston recounting that he first won the J B Linnell Cup 35 years ago – his first of many!

He then announced his retirement after 35 years of showing, possibly to the relief of the other members showing who might have a better chance of winning next year.



Chris and Rosie Woolston with their haul of trophies!

Chris had sold many of his winning entries to members and raised a total of £80 which he

presented to the Society for its funds. A very generous gesture.



Chris Woolston's fan of Lilian Annette that was, perhaps for the last time, Best Exhibit in Show.

All our best wishes to Chris and Rosie in their 'retirement'.

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### ROLLING CALENDAR 2021/22 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

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

September 7th 2021

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

October 5th 2021

Meeting: Sports Night & Buffet

November 2nd 2021 Annual General Meeting December 7th 2021 Christmas Party!

January 18th 2022

Care & Culture: Looking after your plants in

Winter

February 1st 2022 Meeting: speaker tba

March 1st 2022

Meeting: speaker tba March 15th 2022

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

April 5th 2022

Meeting: speaker tba April 19th 2022

Care & Culture: Two tables meeting

May 3rd 2022

Meeting: speaker tba

May 17th 2022

Care & Culture: Plant sale

June 7th 2022

Meeting: speaker tba

June 14th 2022

Care & Culture: Feeding, Watering and

Growing On July 5th 2022

Meeting: speaker tba

July 19th 2022

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

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### ROLLING CALENDAR SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2021/22

Tuesday November 2nd 2021

**Annual General Meeting** 

Conservative Club

Saturday December 4th 2021 CANCELLED

Christmas Fayre
Conservative Club

Tuesday December 7th 2021

Christmas Party
Conservative Club

Sunday March 6th 2022

Visit to Jacksons and Hawgrip Nursery

Sunday May 8th 2022

Malvern Spring Festival

**SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2022** 

**FUCHSIA SHOW** 

ST CRISPIN SOCIAL CLUB NN5 4XD

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> Class) for list of plants or see

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

Selection of our own compost available (replacement for Humber)

A range of other composts and Vitafeeds are also available

Clifton Campville, near Tamworth Staffs B79 0AP 01827 373307

3 miles from Junction 11 M42

#### **SUE NORTHOVER**

Sue sadly passed away on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021, aged 50 years. This was a week after her mother passed.

Sue and her husband Lewis joined Northampton Fuchsia Society relatively recently in 2016. This was after seeing our fuchsias and a bit of persuasion.

She acknowledged that they were both absolute beginners, but she was determined to have a go.



Neither Sue nor Lewis had the best of health so could not attend every meeting but always asked what went on. She always helped at the show doing what she could. At one Christmas Fayre she had a stall selling items she knitted. She was a talented knitter and crafts person.

She had the kind of personality that made friends whereever she went as a result she soon completely immersed herself in the club.

They first exhibited at the show that was held in the Conservative Club.



Her trepidation at showing their plants was rewarded when to her delight both herself

and Lewis won the beginners class at different shows. Indeed, she won a class in 2019 the last show we have held to date.



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

On a personal level we have lost a best friend who we have had many a good time with. To Lewis we send our love and best wishes and continued support.

Clive & Tracey Gould

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#### **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.

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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

# NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST 2021

#### JUDGE: Peter Holloway, BFS Judge

#### **TROPHIES & SPECIAL AWARDS**

Trophy	Category	Awarded to
Ray Campbell Trophy	Best pot or exhibit in show	Mr C Woolston
Harris Cup	Runner up to best pot or exhibit in show	Mr C Woolston
Leo Boullemier Silver Trophy and BFS Bronze Medal	Most points in classes 8 to 32	Mr C Woolston
Lepper Cup and	Dunner up to most points in places 9 to 22	Mr 9 Mrs C Could
BFS Blue Rosette	Runner up to most points in classes 8 to 32	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Baker Trophy	Most first places in show  Best Standard in show	Mr C Woolston
Sayers Silver Trophy		Mr M Beerman
Peg & Stan York Cup	Best hanging pot in show	Mr C Woolston
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 C Woolston
Starmer/York Trophy	Best pot in classes 8 to 27	Mr C Woolston
J W Jupp & Son Trophy	Best exhibit in cut blooms classes	Mr R Malin
Harding Cup	Most points in Beginners' classes	not awarded
Hickman Memorial Trophy	Most points in Intermediates' classes	Mr L Northover
A & L Smith Trophy	Best pot in Beginners' classes	not awarded
Michael Conroy Trophy	Best pot in Beginners'/Intermediates' 3½"/9cm classes	Mr L Northover
Chris & Stuart Burton Cup	Best pot in Intermediates' classes	Mr L Northover
J A Tonnison Trophy	Winner of Beginners'/Intermediates' Hanging Pot class	not awarded
John Belton Memorial Trophy	Best pot in Society Plant classes	Mr & Mrs C Gould
N D F S 25yr Commemorative		
Trophy	Winner of Full Basket class	Mr P Pettitt
Alan Hounslow Trophy	Winner of Variegated Foliage class	Mr C Woolston
J B Linnell Cup	Winner of Triphylla class	Mr C Woolston
J M Julyan Shield	Winner of Species class	Mr C Woolston
Pettitt & Daniels Trophy	Winner of pot grown as a structure class	Mr C Woolston
Arthur Bryan Silver Trophy	Winner of Mini Standard class	Mr C Woolston
Summers Trophy	Winner of Quarter, Half and Full Standard class	Mr M Beerman
Barbara Watkins Chalice	Winner of Half Basket class	Mr C Woolston
Bill Swann Shield	Winner of novelty class	Mr & Mrs C Gould
Chairman's Choice Rosette	Most Improved Exhibitor/Contributor	Mr L Northover

## NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT FUCHSIA SHOW SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST 2021

#### JUDGE: Peter Holloway, BFS Judge

#### **RESULTS OF CLASSES**

#### **BEGINNERS' CLASSES**

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

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

Class 3 Beginners. Any size pot. Any Cultivar. No entries.

#### **INTERMEDIATES' CLASSES**

Class 4 Intermediate. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 2 entries.

1stMr L NorthoverAlicia Sellars2ndMr L NorthoverHayley Jackson

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

1stMr L NorthoverNordic Prince2ndMr L NorthoverWhoopee

Class 6 Intermediate. Any size pot. Any cultivar. 1 entry.

1st Mr L Northover Toby S

#### BEGINNERS'/INTERMEDIATES' CLASS

Class 7 Beginners/Intermediate. 10"/25cm (max) Hanging Pot. Multi-plant. Any cultivar. No entries.

#### **CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**

Class 8 Open. 1 x 3.5"/9cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 5 entries.

1stMr C WoolstonJust Terry2ndMr & Mrs C GouldSquirtie3rdMr M BeermanAnn Reid

Class 9 Open. 2 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 1 entry.

1st Mr & Mrs C Gould Alicia Sellars



Lewis Northover receiving the Hickman Memorial Trophy from Johnnie Amos.



Lewis' entry in Intermediate Class 6 of Toby S.

#### **RESULTS OF CLASSES**

#### CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class 10 Open. 3 x 3.5"/9cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 2 entries.

Mr M Beerman 1st Ann Reid, Twinny, Sporting Chance 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Squirtie, Barbara Reynolds, Benizen

Class 11 Open. Society Plant – Hayley Jackson. 3.5"/9cm pot (max). 5 entries.

1st Mr & Mrs C Gould

Mr P Hunt 2nd 3rd Mrs D Leeke

Class 12 Open. Society Plant – Whoopee. 5"/13cm pot (max). 4 entries.

Mr R Malin 2nd Mr L Northover Mr C Leeke 3rd

Class 13 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 6 entries.

Mr M Beerman Kobold 1st Mr P Hunt 2nd unknown Mr R Malin **Loves Reward** 3rd

Class 14 Open. 3 x 5"/13cm pots (max). Any cultivars. 1 entry.

Mr M Beerman 1st Maxim Smile, Lynne Patricia, Kobold

Class 15 Open. 1 x 5"/13cm (max). Double flower cultivar only. 6 entries.

1st Mr M Beerman Wigan Pier 2nd Mr C Woolston Lillian Annette 3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould Lynne Patricia

Class 16 Open. 1 x 6"/15cm pots (max). Any cultivar. 4 entries.

1st Mr M Beerman Lynne Patricia 2nd Lyndon

Mr & Mrs C Gould

3rd Mr C Woolston President Peter Holloway

Class 17 Open. 2 x 6"/15cm (max). Any matching pair of cultivars. 3 entries.

1st Mr C Woolston Just Terry 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Shatzy B 3rd Mr P Hunt Lillian Annette



Malcolm Beerman receiving the BFS Crested Spoon and the Adams Cup for the Best Pots in the 31/2" and 5" classes.



Malcolm's entry in Class 13 - 5" pot any cultivarof Kobold.

#### **RESULTS OF CLASSES**

#### CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class 18 Open. Three pot class. Any cultivars in  $1 \times 3.5$ "/9cm +  $1 \times 5$ "/13cm +  $1 \times 6$ "/15cm pots. 4 entries.

1stMr M BeermanNell B, Sailor, Sophie Louise2ndMr C WoolstonLyndon x 2, Angela King

3rd Mr & Mrs C Gould Lyndon, I'm In Charge, Alicia Sellars

Class 19 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Any cultivar. 2 entries.

1stMr C WoolstonLouise Nicholls2ndMr P HuntKenny Walkling

Class 20 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Double flower only. 2 entries.

1st Mr C Woolston Just Terry
2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Lillian Annette

Class 21 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Variegated Foliage cultivar. 5 entries.

1stMr C WoolstonJanice Perry2ndMr C WoolstonTom West3rdMr P HuntTom West

Class 22 Open. 1 x 7"/18cm pot (max). Encliandra Type (Breviflorae). 2 entries.

1st Mr C Woolston Ariel
2nd Mr P Hunt F. bacillus

Class 23 Open. Triphylla Type. Any size pot. 2 entries.

1st Mr C Woolston Jaspers Lightning

2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould Insulinde

Class 24 Open. Species, sub-species and variants. Any size pot. 3 entries.

1stMr C WoolstonF. glazioviana2ndMr & Mrs C GouldF. procumbens3rdMr R MalinF. fulgens

Class 25 Open. One pot grown as a structure not specified in any other class. 2 entries.

1stMr C WoolstonLillian Annette2ndMr & Mrs C GouldOld Somerset



Clive and Tracey Gould being presented with the Lepper Cup and the BFS Blue Rosette for being Runner Up to Most Points in Classes 8 to 32



Clive and Tracey Gould's matching pair of 3½" pots of Alicia Sellars

#### **RESULTS OF CLASSES**

#### CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class 26 Open. Mini Standard. 5"/13cm pot (max). 2 entries.

1stMr C WoolstonOlive Smith2ndMr & Mrs C GouldOlive Smith

Class 27 Open. Quarter, Half or Full Standard. Any size pot. 3 entries.

1stMr M BeermanElma2ndMr P HuntOlive Smith3rdMr B HarbourJoyce Sinton

Class 28 Open. Half Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 2 entries.

1stMr C WoolstonPutts Folly2ndMrs V LovettPaula Jane

Class 29 Open. Full Basket. One or more plants. 16"/41cm dia. (max). 3 entries.

1stMr P PettittDaisy Bell2ndMrs P PettittTrailing Queen3rdMrs M DanielsLa Campanella

Class 30 Open. 6"/15cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 3 entries.

1stMr & Mrs C GouldWinter's Tale2ndMrs W AddingtonHarry Gray3rdMrs W AddingtonWind Chimes

Class 31 Open. 8"/20cm (max) Hanging Pot. One or more plants. 2 entries.

1stMr M Beermanunknown2ndMr & Mrs C GouldDelicate Purple

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

1stMr C WoolstonPutts Folly2ndMr & Mrs C GouldPutts Folly3rdMr P HuntJack Shahan

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

1st Mr R Malin 2nd Mr & Mrs C Gould

3rd Mr P Hunt



Marilyn Daniels receiving the NDFS 25yr Commemorative Trophy on behalf of Peter Pettitt for his entry in the Full Basket Class.



Peter Pettitt's entry of Daisy Bell in the Full Basket class.

#### **RESULTS OF CLASSES**

#### CLASSES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Class 34 Open. 6 Fuchsia Flowers. All the same cultivar. 5 entries.

1stMr & Mrs C GouldHerald2ndMr R Malinunknown3rdMr P HuntHarriet lye

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

1st Mrs C Malin

Class 36 Open. Novelty Class. 24" board with a theme depicting the name of the fuchsia. 3 entries.

1stMr & Mrs C GouldBarbara Windsor2ndMr D JuppHayley Jackson3rdMrs D LeekePink Elephant

Class 37 Open. A Fuchsia Bonsai exhibit in a Bonsai style container. 4 entries.

1stMr P HuntPabbes Kirrevack2ndMr P HuntWaveney Gem

3rdMr M BeermanOosjieHCMr & Mrs C GouldOulton Ring

#### PLACINGS FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Points in Classes 8 to 32

1stBoullemier Trophy & BFS Bronze MedalMr C Woolston2ndLepper Cup & BFS RosetteMr & Mrs C Gould3rdMr M Beerman

Most 1st Places in Show

1stBaker TrophyMr C Woolston2ndMr M Beerman3rdMr & Mrs C Gould

Most Points in the Beginners' Classes

1st Harding Cup not awarded

Most Points in the Intermediates' Classes

1st Hickman Memorial Trophy Mr L Northover



Chris Woolston being presented with both the Ray Campbell Trophy for the Best Pot or Exhibit in Show and the Harris Cup for the Runner Up to the Best Pot or Exhibit in Show.



Chris Woolston's entry of Putts Folly in the Half Basket class.

### SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021 St Crispin Show

After a very disappointing 2020, with no show because of Covid, we have had a wonderful show this year. The show at St Crispin Social Club was a great success and well supported by our members.

Our members were pleased to be able to grow and display their plants and they certainly did that to great effect. We had a pleasing number of visitors to the show and many were very complimentary about the quality of the plants and exhibits on show.

Johnnie Amos who presented the trophies and awards said, in his pre presentation address to the members, how pleased he was to see our society show maintaining such a high standard after such a difficult year previously.

We had 16 members making 103 entries in 37 classes for the show, which resulted in 119 pots, baskets and exhibits being entered. Although the numbers were slightly down on the 2019 show, the quality was wonderful.

All things considered we had a great show and I feel very proud of every member who contributed in some way to put this show together. The members with all their help make my job as show secretary a great deal easier, thank you very much.

**Bob Malin** 

**Show Secretary** 

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# **GROWING YOUR FUCHSIAS September - October**

The months of September and October are a time when we can really enjoy our fuchsias, particularly those that are 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 any spent flowers, seed pods and yellowing leaves. If you leave the seed pods on the plant, it will think its job is finished for the year and stop producing new flowers.

Watering will be eased as the months progress. The heavy dews descending will create the humid atmosphere that fuchsias just love.

Continue to fight the battle against pests, particularly greenfly, whitefly and red spider. Also vine weevil.

Cuttings can now be taken provided a little heat is available. These will make splendid plants for next year but remember that once the cuttings have rooted you must be able to keep them ticking over in green leaf throughout the winter months. This means you must be able to provide a steady temperature of about 40°F.

Towards the end of September, we should be thinking of ripening off our plants ready for the winter ahead. From this time, until the sign of the first frosts, our plants that have been under glass should be outside on every occasion for the purpose of ripening the wood as 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 our plants need a slight shaping this will do no harm. Heavy pruning should not be carried out at this time. Remember also that all plants in containers, whether hardy or not, will require frost-free accommodation over the winter months.

#### **November - December**

November is the time to start your overwintering programme. First job is to clean your greenhouse (if you have one). It is best to remove all your plants out of harm's way as they can easily be knocked over in 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, a powerful jet of water can damage woodwork and even crack glass.

When introducing plants back into the greenhouse only take those worthy of being over-wintered and only after each plant has been treated with an insecticide or fungicide. This also applies to plants being kept in sheds, garages, etc.

Fuchsia plants, whether hardy varieties or not, growing in containers must also be given winter protection. A hard frost will easily penetrate the sides of most containers, clay, wood or plastic, and 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 with laterals reduced in length by about half. To over-winter plants in a 'dormant' state remove all foliage and keep them in a frost-free store, be it greenhouse, shed or garage. Check the plants regularly to see that they do not dry out.

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

Triphylla types, e.g., Thalia, Coralle and Insulinde, require more warmth over winter, ideally in temperatures of about 40-45°F. If possible, keep this fuchsia type in green leaf over the winter months as they can be very stubborn to break into bud in springtime if allowed to go into dormancy.

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#### A REQUEST FROM A HEDGEHOG

I am a simple soul With simple wants and needs To trundle through your borders And snuffle through your weeds.

There beats a gentle heart Within this spiky vest I do no harm to anyone And always try my best

I'll work within your garden
Devouring all the bugs
And keep your flowers pretty
My way of giving hugs

So please try not to strim me Or poison me with bait And don't forget to leave me A gap beneath your gate.

Seen in the Earls Barton magazine, Barton Today June 2021, unattributed as it is here.

Have you visited your Fuchsia Society's new website?

www.ndfs.webador.co.uk

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS 2021/2022

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** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. 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



outside the Society.

Membership

APPLICATION RENEWAL

To The Membership Secretary:

Mr P Pettitt 9 Berrydale Northampton NN3 5EQ Tel: 01604 412637

Would vou please renew my / our membership for 2021/2022

Subscription: Single £12.00 Double £20.00

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2nd November 2021

#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Northampton & District Fuchsia Society will be held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at the Conservative Club, 42 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DA commencing at 7.30pm.

#### **AGFNDA**

- 1. Chairman's Welcome
- 2. Apologies for Absence
- 3. Minutes of the 2019 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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#### ANNOUNCEMENT - SPORTS NIGHT Meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

This notice appeared in the equivalent Newsletter last year – perhaps this year we will have better luck trying to meet. Ed.

Dear Members,

Just to let you know about our change of plans for the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2021.

The committee decided that, because of us not holding a BBQ night on the Friday after the show, we would instead hold a Sports Night at the Conservative Club on 5<sup>th</sup> October. This replaces our usual main meeting.

We have arranged with Debbie at the Conservative Club to have the Skittles table in the Churchill room and together with that, the Darts and hopefully a card table or two along with a buffet – it should be a good night.

I would appreciate it if you can let me know if you would like to attend. I know that in this uncertain time we cannot take anything for granted but nearer the time we will need to have some idea so that we do not order too much buffet food that will not be eaten.

Keep well and safe and hope to see you all at the meetings now they have resumed.

Kindest wishes,

Marilyn Secretary/Social Secretary

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#### MORE FROM THE EDITOR'S GARDEN

In the last Newsletter we told you of our attempts at producing compost to mulch our poor clayey soil using 'Dalek' composters had not achieved very much – they are slow and difficult to empty.

So, we now have a new toy! A HotBin! Three days in and it was already hot!

I promised you an update.

According to the advertising it should take three to six weeks to produce something useable. We had to leave it five weeks as some blue tits were feeding their brood in a nest box in the ivy three feet away and we did not like to interrupt them.



The result was some well-rotted compost very accessible through a large door. It was a little wet but left to dry it was very useable.

We have also collected some powerful looking leachate through the blue cap which will be used as fertiliser when watering around the garden.

We are careful not to throw away much food but all the vegetable trimmings, banana skins, tea bags, etc., going in to the HotBin has made quite a difference to the black bin collection!

So, we can recommend it although it is quite an initial outlay of cash. You will also need a paper shredder as shredded paper and card is a major constituent with grass cuttings and other green material from the garden. Also required is composted bark to keep the mixture 'open' – buy it from your garden centre as HotBin's charge is ridiculous!

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### BFS LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES NATIONAL SHOW RESULTS 2021

#### **Tracey Gould**

Class 17 One pot Species Max 15cm Pot 1st

Class 34 One Bonsai Exhibit 3rd

Class 35 One pot of a Fuchsia of the more unusual cultivar 1st

#### Special awards

Bean Cup Best Exhibit in Classes 17 & 32

Fenwick Raven Cup Winner Class 35

#### **Clive Gould**

Class 1 One Pot Any Cultivar Pot size 9cm 2nd

Class 2 Three Pots Distinctly Different Cultivars Pot Size 9cm 2nd

Class 3 One Pot Any Cultivar Pot Size 10cm 2nd

Class 6 One Pot Any Cultivar Pot size 15cm 3rd

Class 7 One Pot Double Flowered Cultivar Pot size 13cm 1st

Class 12 One Pot Hardy Pot Size Min 13cm Max 25cm 1st

Class 21 One Pot Triphylla Pot size Min 18cm

Class 35 One pot of a Fuchsia of the more unusual cultivar 2nd

#### **Special Awards**

W P Wood Cup First Prize Winner Class 12

Goulding Cup Winner of Class 21

Windsor Cup Runner up to Best in Show Class 21

BFS Silver Medal Runner up to Best in Show Class 21

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Well done, Clive and Tracey. After a rather quiet time at our show, you certainly made up for it here at this National show.

And well done to Malcolm, too, at the Midland Show.

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### BFS MIDLAND NATIONAL SHOW RESULTS 2021

#### **Malcolm Beerman**

Class 1 One Pot 9cm 2nd

Class 2 Three Pots Distinctly Different 9cm 3rd

Class 4 One Pot Any Cultivar 10cm Pot 1st

Class 5 Three Pots At least Two distinctly different cultivars 1st

Class 6 One Pot 15cm Pot 2nd

Class 10 Three Pots 9cm/10cm Pot, One in 13cm Pot and One in 15cm Pot

Class 11 One Pot Any Cultivar Min 18cm Pot

Class 24 One Full Half or Quarter Standard 2nd

#### **Special Awards**

BFS Blue Rosette Class 11

#### **Tracey Gould**

Class 17 One Pot Species Pot 15cm Max 1st

Class 27 One Pot Double Pot Size Min 13cm - 15cm Max 2nd

Class 30 One Pot Triphylla 9cm 2nd

Class 33 Bonsai Exhibit 2nd

Class 34 One pot of Fuchsia of the more unusual cultivar 1st

Class 38 Species Pot size asp 3rd

#### **Special Awards**

The Ellan Whellam Trophy Class 34

#### **Clive Gould**

Class 1 One Pot 9cm 3rd

Class 2 Three Pots Distinctly Different 9cm 1st

Class 3 One Pot 10cm any cultivar 2nd.

Class 6 One Pot any Cultivar 15cm 3rd

Class 7 One Pot Double Cultivar Pot 13cm 2nd

Class 12 One Pot Hardy Min 13 - Max 25cm 2nd

Class 20 One Hanging Pot of Fuchsias 15cm - 25cm pot size 2nd

### BFS MIDLAND NATIONAL SHOW RESULTS 2021 (CONTINUED)

#### **Clive Gould (Continued)**

Class 21 One Pot Triphylla Min 18cm Pot 1st

Class 27 One Pot Double pot size Min 13cm - Max 15cm 1st

Class 34 One pot of Fuchsia of the more unusual cultivar 2nd

#### **Special Awards**

Cliff Gadsby Memorial Cup Best exhibit in class 26 & 27

Midland Members Cup Class 2

BFS Silver Medal Runner Up to best in show Class 21

Midland Cup Best in Show - Pot, Exhibit or Part of an Exhibit Class 27

**BFS Enamelled Bronze Medal** 

Best in Show - Pot, Exhibit or Part of an Exhibit Class 27

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#### **MORE FROM OUR SHOW**

#### A message from Johnnie Amos:

Dear Bob,

Yet again another fabulous display of entries this year. So good to see you are up and running again after the Covid period.

Also, good to see familiar faces and the news that two new people have signed up ...... hoped they looked at the 'small print' and that it is for life!!!!

Please thank Chris for the delicious cake and a welcome hot cup of tea to enjoy whilst looking at all the exhibits.

Let us hope things will now carry on and we can get on with our lives.

Best wishes to you both and all the Members.

Johnnie



The Trophies waiting to be presented.





The Fuchsia Lore table – lovely glassware!



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