

Fuchsia News September 2015

Meeting: Thursday 3rd September at 7.00 pm

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Meeting Subject/s

**Trophy Presentation and Show
Feedback**

RAFFLE

The July raffle raised £35. Thank you to all who donated prizes and congratulations to the winners.
Thank You

CALENDAR FOR 2015

September 3rd; Show Trophy Presentation.

October 1st; Harry Brickwood, Lillies

November 5th AGM

December Social Evening

Future dates and contents to be published when decided.

JUDGES SHOW COMMENTS

Just a few observations about your show. Firstly I would like to congratulate your members for putting on such a good show.

The quality of the plants I judged was of a good standard, and some classes it was difficult to select the best plants.

I looked particularly for pests and diseases, as you know I look at all the plants on the bench but did not find any.

My only comments would be there were a few plants with flowers that were past their sell by date.

Well done to your members a fine show

I would like to thank your two stewards that accompanied me during the judging.

I will look forward to visiting your show next year.

Lastly will you give a very big thank you to the pretty young ladies that served an excellent lunch.

I wish you every success for your future shows

Bill & Sue Wye

P.S. Please don't tidy Encliandras

SHOW SECRETARY REPORT

It's hard to believe that this complete my second year as show secretary!

Taking into account the difficult growing conditions this year (Hot days, cold nights, and the wind), we once again managed to put on a fantastic show, demonstrating a very good level of quality show plants. What really pleased me this year was the increase number of exhibitors – Last year 18 this year up by 10 to 28! A fantastic effort and one that I hope going into next year we can continue to improve upon again. I was also encouraged with the new class 43 this year (3 sprays in a vase) we had a massive 23 entries. This was the highest class entered.

I would like relay a massive thank you to all members who supported the show weekend. This includes logistics support (Framework and all show equipment) – support setting up the hall on the Friday night (It was somewhat chaotic), however, we got there in the end. There have been a number of lessons learnt & captured and I think we will be in a much better position for next year in terms of organization. I would like to express my thanks to the support given throughout the judging process on Saturday morning. Refreshments throughout including donations of cakes and catering food. All the doormen/women, Tombola, key box, plant sales, new membership, and raffle. Last but not least thank you to everyone that helped to clear the hall on the Sunday we were all out within 1 hour!

I apologize in advance if I have missed anyone hopefully I haven't. Once again many thanks to you all. I would also like to put on record a thank you for this year's judges (Bill & Sue Wye). They were both very fair & through judges, and took their time throughout the judging process. In my opinion this was appreciated epically as our members have spent a lot of time, effort, and pain! To bring their plants to the show bench.

On a final note Thank you to the alleged to “pretty ladies” who provided a superb lunch for our guests and show support team on the Saturday morning.

Let's look forward to another great growing year for 2016

Paul.

LITTLE HELPERS

A big thank you to our two youngest helpers, Larnie Rae and Harvey, who both worked extremely hard. Hopefully they may become future members.

FUCHSIA DESCRIPTIONS

Laura

Double, H2, Trailer (Martin, USA, 1968)

Tube; Red, medium length Red.

Sepals; Red, long, broad, upturned.

Corolla; Sky Blue shading to Lavender, large blooms.

Foliage; Medium Green.

Will make a good basket.

Blue Bush

Single, H3, Bush (Gadsby, UK, 1993)

Tube and Sepals; Rosy Red.

Foliage; Mid to Dark Green.

Corolla; Bluebird Blue fading to Bishops Violet with Rosy veins. Medium sized blooms

Very vigorous upright growth. Maybe considered for hedges.

H1 Rather tender and frost shy. For perfection requires the winter protection of a heated greenhouse and temperatures in excess of 7^o throughout the year.

H2 Described as half-hardy and may require some protection during winter.

H3 Described as hardy and can be planted permanently in the garden and will withstand normal winter conditions

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday 1st October 2015 at 7.30 pm at The United Reform Church Hall, Honeypot Lane, Basildon, Essex. All visitors are welcome.

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