

# Newsletter



**March 2021**

**Costessey Flower Club**

## Wishing you all a Happy Easter

Happy Easter to all our members – we can look forward to lighter and warmer days and enjoying our gardens once again, hopefully with friends and family.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> we will have our April meeting, as a Zoom meeting, and we would like you all to wear a hat! Ideally, decorated as an Easter bonnet. Just remember, it is only us that can see you so be bold! We do not have a demonstration this month as it is so close to Easter, but we thought we would have a light-hearted Easter Quiz for the evening, just to have a bit of fun and a chat.

Please remember when are using Zoom and you are not muted, everyone can hear everything that you say. So, the advice is to stay on mute unless you are wishing to talk in the meeting. Also, please be careful not to click on the “shared screen” option as that will mean the rest of us can only see your screen. I think we are all getting more familiar with Zoom every time we use it so hopefully all will go smoothly!

STOP PRESS – We have purchased a card machine, so in the future we will be able to take your subscriptions contactless! Who would have thought – Costessey Flower Club leading the way with technology!

Adele

## April 2021 Events

**Club Zoom Quiz – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – join from 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start**

**Zoom meeting I/D: *Please see email Newsletter version***

**Zoom passcode: *Please see email Newsletter version***

**Floral Flair and Fun – Gill McGregor**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – join from 2.00 pm for a 2.30 pm start**

**Zoom meeting I/D: *Please see email Newsletter version***

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We are looking forward to joining Norwich Flower Club for a demonstration by Gill via Zoom. Gill always provides a fantastic demonstration!

**Highlights from Costessey Flower Club AGM, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Zoom**

## **Chairman's Report**

Well, what a year we have had, none of us could have foreseen what would happen when we had our AGM last February, sitting around a table sharing a tasty meal with wonderful friends, scratching our heads to do the quiz and getting close to people!

We had our March meeting with Susan Horne fantastic foliage and flowers, without a care in the world and then that world stopped, suddenly we were thrown into quiet days and no Costessey Flower Club in fact no clubs at all.

Such strange times, but time to get in the garden and catch up on all those jobs we never seemed to have time to do, we decorated and the garden looked better than ever and when we had finished we settled into a rhythm of Gin & Tonics before supper.

Eventually we realised that we could use zoom or rather my husband kept saying why aren't you using an online meeting? and so the committee met most months. It was good to catch up on gossip and to know there were others feeling as we did and having a drink every day!

As lockdown released its grip, we thought we would try to do a demonstration in the hall, as we could only have 24 people, we thought we could try and use zoom as well, the sound wasn't great but I would like to thank Jane Hamshaw and Ann Hammond for being great sports because at least we had a go, we are one of the few clubs in the East that have done so and for that I am very proud.

In November Covid numbers were high so I did a small dem at home via zoom the sound was better and it worked quite well, we also did a wreath making workshop via zoom and had 17 members join us again we had a laugh and all had a fantastic wreath for our front doors for Christmas, we also had a jam jar challenge which as usual Members supported us and did some great designs.

December was upon us and Norwich Flower club asked if they could join us but it soon became apparent that we would exceed the 100 people that zoom allowed so I did Norwich in the afternoon and Costessey in the evening - I had decided several years before that this would be my last demonstration and although this would be via zoom it did mean that all members who could join us did and family and friends from all over the country could share an emotional evening. I don't think anyone will ever forget Alan dressed as an Elf as my helper, for which I would like to thank him, a great sport.

Thank You – to my great committee - Doris, Cynthia, Tina, Jane, Ann M. Ann H, Kate, Ann N, Liz, Linda, Sheila, Chris, Monica. Thank you to all of you for your support

I would also like to thank Alan for his support, he has made sure you have all been kept up to date -he has kept me on the straight and narrow which I know can be challenging at times -helping with the newsletters and been technical support when needed.

I couldn't do this job without you all.

So, as I finish my challenging 11th year as chairman, I would like to thank you the members because without you we wouldn't have the lovely club we have today and hopefully looking forward as Captain Tom would say we will meet again, in the hall via zoom or in a garden.

We look forward to our 49th year.

Thank you

Adele Kent, Chairman

### **Treasurer's Report**

We spent our money differently this year (2020) in comparison to last year (2019), mainly due to the pandemic and the change in meeting arrangements. For example, added expenses last year were for the Zoom licence, and postage for the newsletter.

Overall, we made a loss in 2020 of £167. It was proposed and agreed at the AGM that the Sales Table account would be closed.

A full copy of the accounts is available on request.

Please note that the Committee have decided that subscriptions for 2021/22 will not be charged due to the way we are having to meet currently. However, we have had a number of donations which are always welcome! Anyone wishing to make a donation should send it to Jane Hamshaw.

### **A talk by Anne Bridge**

The AGM concluded with an interesting and thought-provoking talk by Anne Bridge on "The colour red" which was much appreciated and enjoyed by all those present.



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