

# Newsletter



**August 2022**

**A welcome from Kate Hopewell**

Dear Members.

I hope you are all well and have managed to survive the temperatures we have had over the last couple of weeks. Never did I ever imagine in this country I would sit in a darkened room with my feet in a bowl of iced water, to cool down. I was just thankful I was not working, as wearing uniform, tights, and formal shoes would have been unbearable! Our club has been busy during the last month, and here is a little bit of what we have been up to

Well done to the Team from the club that entered the Flower Arrangement Competition at the Royal Norfolk Show. Our brief was 'The Commonwealth', and I think if any of you saw our display, you would agree that we certainly fulfilled the brief. We got a first placing, and also best use of colour. Ann Jane and I certainly felt that all the time and effort we had put in was worth it. There was much laughter and banter along the way! It also brings recognition to the club.

Our trip to Elsing Hall Gardens was very well attended, although several of us were late due to an accident on the A47, and I think satnav directions were also an issue for some people! Our hosts were very welcoming and gave us a brief history of the house, and after tea and cake, we were then able to wander the grounds at leisure.

Next it was the Garden Party - hats off to Cynthia who had worked extremely hard to keep her garden looking as splendid as it did for the event. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance, and we had all entered into the spirit of things with our hats of various shapes and sizes. In the true spirit of Costessey Flower Club, we had an excellent range of cakes, provided by members of the club. A big thanks to Ann, for arranging, and serving the cakes. The various stalls also seemed to be doing brisk business and thank you to the ladies that looked after them.

I think we are all looking forward to our trip to Lincoln Cathedral Flower Show in August. If it is as good as some of the previous shows, I think it will be well worth the visit.

Just a reminder that we have the Anniversary Lunch coming up in October (on the 6<sup>th</sup>) at the Royal Norwich Golf Club. It is a two course Lunch priced at £30 a head, and if anyone is interested in coming or has not so far responded to the email, I can be contacted at [kathyhopewell1@aol.com](mailto:kathyhopewell1@aol.com).

I am sure a lot of you will either be on holiday or looking after grandchildren, but whatever you are doing enjoy the rest of the summer, and we will see you either at Lincoln or the next meeting in September at Breckland Hall.

Best Wishes

Kate

### Adele's (brief!) jottings

Well done to Jane Hamshaw, Ann Hammond and Kate Hopewell from all the members and friends of Costessey Flower Club for all your hard work and a fabulous design to win 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the club class and best use of colour overall.

Congratulations on what was a different year, with no parking for exhibitors and a different spot on the show ground, a challenge to which we rose to and conquered!

Our September meeting will have a demonstration by Rekha Naidoo with "Inspirations of India" on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

Other dates for the diary:

Area news: Area Day Saturday 8th October at Needham Market.

Council meeting and AGM 19th October, Mildenhall.

National News: NAFAS National Show 12-13 May 2023 in Gloucester Cathedral.

Adele

### Pictures from Elsing Hall garden visit





Pictures from the Garden Party at Cynthia's



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