

Newsletter



December 2022

A message from Kate Hopewell, Committee member

November weather is trying to catch us out. The other Friday was glorious sunshine followed by two days that really proved winter is fast approaching. The poor plants must wonder what is going on.

My miserable wet day, however, was cheered up when I found a message on the Ansaphone informing me that I had won a flower arrangement from David Wright's demonstration at Whittington the day before. When I collected it, I found it contained protea, eryngium and wax flowers. These were some of the flowers that we used in our exhibit entitled the Commonwealth at the Royal Norfolk Show, bringing back memories of a happy day and wonderful weather.

As November is also a time of remembrance, can I ask us all to briefly think of members of our flower community who are sadly no longer with us. On a personal note, I will always remember Monica sitting at the raffle table with her apron on, laughing and chatting to us while she sold the tickets.

On a much happier note, many congratulations to Adele and Alan who have become grandparents again. As you can imagine, both of them are thrilled and are looking forward to spending time with the new arrival. I know Adele will want to tell you personally all about the baby so I will leave the details to her.

The club celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary with a lunch at the Royal Norwich Golf Club in October. It was certainly a day to make us feel proud as a club. The room looked stunning on arrival with lovely flowers and our guest speaker did not disappoint. Thank you to the members of the committee who worked so hard to make it a successful event. We had many complimentary letters and messages. Some of us even got our pictures in the Norfolk Magazine! Thanks must also go to the staff that looked after us on the day – they were superb.

Christmas is also fast approaching, and plans are coming together for our Christmas Demonstration. If you have friends or family that you think might like to come, Tina Carr still has some tickets. Her contact details are on the back of your membership card (and also below). I think you need to contact her fairly quickly because Doris has to confirm numbers with the caterers soon. We are hoping this event will be as successful as our Anniversary dinner and get us in the mood for Christmas.

If any member would like to write a piece for the Newsletter or contribute in any way, please feel free to contact any of us on the committee.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Demonstration.

Kate

Postnote from Adele

Kate did all the organising, emails, chasing up editors etc and she was the one person who did not have her photo in the Norfolk Magazine! Sorry Kate but a big thank you for getting us in there!

Adele's jottings

Dear Members.

As we go into December with darker nights and cooler weather, I always think our December Open Meeting heralds the start of the Christmas season. Christmas lights, catching up with news from family and friends, sharing drinks and meals, reflecting on the past year. At Flower Club we have truly worked hard to celebrate 50 years and it made me realise how important friendship and fun is in our lives.

We look forward to seeing you all at the **Christmas Open Meeting on Thursday 1st December. Doors will be open from 6.15 with food served from 6.30.** We have decided to have caterers to serve our buffet this year, which we are sure you will enjoy! Our demonstrator for the evening has changed and we welcome Ian Buxton who has kindly stepped in to help us out. We look forward to a sparkly start to Christmas!

We always have a table at our December meeting for a Christmas card swap, so if you have friends at flower club, you can leave cards for them to collect on the evening.

Just a reminder that there is no meeting in January so our next meeting is the AGM on Thursday 3rd February 2023 – we will have the AGM followed by tea and cake which we will provide, and of course lots of chat! Again, I look forward to seeing you there.

As Kate mentioned, I have a new granddaughter! Her name is Ruby Rose – very apt for us flower ladies!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Adele

Pictures from our Susan Horne's demonstration in November





Area news: It is worth looking at this website to keep up to date with what is going on in the East of England Area:
nafas-east.com
which includes Chairman's Chat and Spotlight East as well as many other useful updates.

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

NAFAS National Show 2023

ICT Travel are arranging a trip to NAFAS National Show at Gloucester Cathedral 12th – 13th May 2023, includes dinner bed and breakfast plus entry ticket to the show for £175. Details are on the ICT Travel website (ictravel.co.uk) where you can book and pay. When you book, if you say you are from Costessey Flower Club they will try to seat you together on the coach (assuming that is what you would like!!).



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