

# Newsletter



November 2023

Costessey Flower Club

## Committee Contact points for you;

**President:**  
**Doris Waymark**

**Chairman:**  
**Jane Hamshaw**

**Treasurer:**  
**Kate Hopewell**

**For all others see your  
2023 Programme**

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[costesseyflowerclub.org](http://costesseyflowerclub.org)

**Do remember we  
welcome guests  
and visitors to our  
Club, so why not  
bring a friend or  
family member to  
our next meeting  
and introduce  
them to our 'friends  
and flowers' ethos.**



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## Christmas is coming!

As we expected, we had an entertaining evening on Thursday 2nd November when we welcomed back Crystal Dyball with her display of 'Floral Cocktails'. The arrangements displayed different techniques and styles with great use of colour, flowers and foliage. I hope those of you who won an arrangement enjoyed them for a number of days afterwards. I have included a few photos on page 2 for those of you who were unable to make it.

I am looking forward to this Saturday 18th November when we are holding our workshop. Thank you to the 22 members who are supporting this event. I am sure we will have some fun when we start to create some Christmas decorations and remind ourselves that it's only 5 weeks on Monday until Christmas Day. The morning activity is up to you, you can follow the list which we handed out at the November meeting, or if you wish you can create your own design/arrangement. Shelley from "The Flower House" (in West End Costessey) will be leading us in making a Christmas wreath during the afternoon, so I will try to capture some photos of the results to show you all in the next newsletter. If you are attending please remember to bring your own lunch and mug, and we will provide hot drinks throughout the day.

We know that our **Christmas Open Meeting** is getting close when we start to tot up the tickets sold at the committee meeting, and plan the numbers to cater for. Disappointingly we have only sold around 50 tickets so far this year. Please contact **Tina on 01603 811764** if you have not obtained yours. As I'm sure you are aware we welcome guests, friends, family members and of course partners to this meeting, and I'm sure you'll agree £22 for a guest for an evening, including food, drink and entertainment is great value. As a reminder, please do let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements.

The date is **Thursday 7th December. Doors open at 6.30pm** when you have a chance to buy some early Christmas presents, such as handmade gifts, jewellery and ironmongery. We will also have both the usual flower raffle for the arrangements and an extensive tombola. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for the tombola.

I hope to see you all on 7th December.

*Jane*

## Forthcoming dates for your diary;

**November 18th** - One Day Workshop at Breckland Hall

**December 7th - Open Meeting** - David Thompson with 'Christmas Sparkle'

**2024 - February 1st** - Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a flower arranging activity, drinks and homemade cakes!

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The Flower Arranger is the UK's leading floral art magazine. It is packed with inspirational designs, essential tips and techniques from top floral artists, trends, seasonal ideas and step-by-step projects.

Several members keep these so if you are looking for ideas or inspiration for an event or something to create for your own pleasure why not borrow previous copies from one of our members.

**Reminder;**  
As usual there will be no meeting in January. Our first meeting in 2024 will be on **Thursday 1st February**. We will hold a short AGM which will be followed by a flower arranging activity, hot drinks and home made cakes.



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## Challenges for 2024

One of our challenges for next year is to maintain our high standards whilst balancing the increasing costs of such as hall hire, flowers and demonstrators alongside, unfortunately, a decreasing number of members.

As such we would welcome ideas from you all of any changes we could potentially make, or other ways in which we could attract new members. Similarly if you have an ideas on fundraising events you would like us to consider for 2024 please speak to a member of the committee.

## Cystal Dyball's "Floral Cocktail"



### Events coming up at other Clubs include;

Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club Open Meeting is at Hethersett Village Hall on Monday 27th November at 7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm). Contact Lynn Rawlings for tickets on 01603 457888

Christmas demonstration at Swanton Morley Village Hall on Friday 1st December at 10.45am for 11.00am start. Contact Jacquie Aldous for tickets on 01362 638320