

Newsletter



December 2023

Costessey Flower Club

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President:
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Chairman:
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**For all others see your
2023/4 Programme**

**If you have any
feedback on the
newsletter or ideas
on how we can
improve the club
please email us at;**
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Or via our website
costesseyflowerclub.org

**We'd love to
increase our
membership and
help us keep the
club going for many
years to come. 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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What a great way to end the year!

As a club I think we should be proud that we ended 2023 on a real high. On Saturday 18th November we held a very successful workshop. The 21 people who came along to the day enjoyed creating a table decoration of their own choice in the morning. After lunch we benefitted from some guidance from Shelley Newton (owner of 'The Flower House' which is in West End, Costessey) in helping us all create a fabulous wreath. The construction was based around a wire ring packed with moss and then decorated in our own choice of foliage and Christmas themed decorations. A few photos of some of the end results are on page 2.

As for our Christmas Open Meeting, what can I say other than Wow! Thank you to all of you who attended and especially if you also sold another ticket or brought a friend with you. Whilst the Committee had some concerns about the number of tickets sold just three weeks before the day, we had a last minute flurry and a number of you paid on the night, so thank you for that. Thankfully we were able to anticipate that and had enough of the absolutely fantastic buffet food to go round.

Not only did David Thompson provide us with an entertaining evening and a stage full of his beautiful monochrome arrangements, but the flower raffle and tombola went down a treat and helped us to cover the costs incurred. I also witnessed some of you joining me in securing a few Christmas presents at the stalls in the entrance hall. This week I received a lovely card from Gloria Goodley, who is the NAFAS East of England Area Chairman, thanking us for inviting her. She said she had a fabulous evening, complemented us on the buffet, and wished us all a very Merry Christmas.

As you are aware we don't hold a meeting in January so our next one is on **Thursday 1st February**. After some thought the Committee have decided to follow our short AGM with refreshments including homemade cakes and hot drinks. We will then have a go at a simple flower arranging activity which I think will interest you all.

Lastly can I say a thank you to you all for continuing to support the club, and an even bigger thank you to all of the Committee for their time and energy this year. Their efforts and dedication are incredible, and their teamwork makes everything run smoothly each and every month.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

Jane

Forthcoming dates for your diary in 2024;

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

March 7th - Demonstration and usual meeting at Breckland Hall

June 26th and 27th - Royal Norfolk Show at Norfolk Showground

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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.

Whilst we have an active and very willing Committee at the current time, if you'd like to contribute to the running of the club or join the Committee please speak to Doris or Jane.



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November's Wreath Workshop



December's Open Meeting

I hope those of you who won the wonderful flower arrangements were able to enjoy them for many days afterwards.

