

# Newsletter



January 2024

Costessey Flower Club

## Committee Contact points for you;

**President:**  
Doris Waymark

**Chairman:**  
Jane Hamshaw

**Treasurer:**  
Kate Hopewell

**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;**  
[costesseyflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:costesseyflowerclub@gmail.com)  
**Or via our website**  
[costesseyflowerclub.org](http://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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## Happy New Year

I'm never sure when you should stop saying it, but if it's not too late then "Happy New Year" to you. I hope you had a lovely time over the festive season with those who are important to you.

Following our fabulous Christmas Open Meeting in December I received two lovely Thank You cards from Gloria Goodley, NAFAS East of England Area Chairman and Jacquie Aldous, Norwich Group Chairman. They both said it was a great evening and wished us all a happy and prosperous new year. I think we definitely impressed Gloria with our buffet, and thanks again to Ann who prepared her some gluten free options.

So what will 2024 bring us? Well, as usual, our first meeting on **Thursday 1st February** will be our AGM, which we will deal with very swiftly I can assure you! In order to make something of the rest of the evening Pam has successfully secured a lady to come along and demonstrate how to manipulate leaves in a very interesting way. She will be providing us all with the opportunity to have a go at this and take home our creations. As well as this interesting demonstration we will be providing our usual hot drinks together with some delicious homemade cakes.

Later in the year we will see some of our favourite demonstrators such as Brenda Tubb, who always entertains us, as well as some new faces. We have decided to move the Garden Visit to June this year as we feel it is perhaps a better month to experience the delights of the summer flowers. The location has not yet been decided, so if you have any ideas or suggestions then please contact a member of the Committee.

As ever we are very grateful to the Committee for their hard work in the background in organising all our meetings, and the time and effort they put in. We would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the Committee and would welcome new ideas and skills that you might bring to the team.

We look forward to your participation and support again this year and hope to see you all on 1st February.

*Jane*

## Forthcoming dates for your diary in 2024;

**February 1st** - Annual General Meeting

**March 7th** - Demonstration by Roger Woolnough entitled 'Spring Selection'

**April 19th** - Area Day at the Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall IP28 7HG with Ben Potterton (am) and Alan Beatty (pm) demonstrating 'Floral Ensemble'

**June 15th and 16th** - East of England Area 70th Anniversary Show on The Green, Hunstanton PE36 6BQ

**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.

The Committee have recently floated the idea of starting our monthly meetings at Breckland Hall a little earlier at 7pm (doors open from 6.30pm). Please share your views on this with a member of the Committee. Many thanks.



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## What are the roles on the Committee?

### **Doris Waymark - President**

Takes a lead on overseeing the function and organisation of the Club.

### **Cynthia Mills - Vice President**

Supports the President and Chairman in the running of the Club.

### **Jane Hamshaw - Chairman**

Oversees the operation of the Club and leads the monthly meetings.

### **Kate Hopewell - Treasurer**

Is responsible for the receiving and paying of all monies related to the Club.

### **Tina Carr - Secretary**

Maintains records and minutes of all Meetings such as the AGM and Committee meetings.

### **Other Committee Members are;**

**Ann Hammond** who leads on supporting the visiting demonstrators.

**Liz Humphrey** who leads on running the Sales Table and its contents.

**Ann Minter** who leads on organising all our refreshments.

**Sheila Marston** who gets involved in organising the raffle.

**Linda Smith** who shares the responsibility for organising the raffle.

**Pam Coldham** who is Programme Secretary and organises and liaises with the visiting demonstrators and books such as the garden visit.

If you are interested in getting involved in learning more about, or undertaking any of these roles, please do speak to a member of the Committee.

**In addition to these there are lots of 'jobs', such as conducting the vote of thanks or acting as 'hostess' to the demonstrator, where we also need your help, so please support your Club by volunteering where you can.**

Thank you.



**What to do with those early daffodils - here are a couple of ideas**

