

Newsletter



March 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**

Sad News

I have been advised today that Shirley Wardale has suffered a stroke and is currently in hospital. We hope you are recovering Shirley and that we see you soon.

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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A busy month!

Well that's another month gone very quickly - March seems to have been a busy one! Doris, Ann and I attended a Demonstrator's Mock Test Day last week when we saw 10 new demonstrators practice for their test in May. A couple of them are local to us which is great news as it will add to those we can invite to demonstrate for us. They were all at a really good level and definitely ready for their test.

Several of us also attended an Area Meeting at Mildenhall which caught us up on lots of NAFAS national news as well as more local Norwich Area news. One of the things they did confirm was that National Flower Arranging Day is on Friday 3rd May this year. As we have in previous years we'd like to use this to promote our club in Costessey, so we will be organising some posies to be left in various places in the village. If anyone would like to help with this please speak to one of the Committee.

We are looking forward to our next meeting on **Thursday 4th April when Ian Nickerson will be demonstrating his title "Florist's Choice"**. We will also be having a plant stall so any donations of plants would be very welcome. Also don't forget if you haven't paid your annual subscription yet we can take it by card at the meeting.

Plans are ramping up for our **'Afternoon Garden Party' on Thursday 20th June** which Liz Humphrey has very kindly agreed to host. In order to help us raise funds for the club we will be selling tickets for just £5 which will include all your refreshments, which will undoubtedly be delicious cakes and more. We will also be having a 'bring and buy' stall, a plant stall, a cake stall, and a raffle with a difference. All donations to these stalls would be very much appreciated. The afternoon is open to members and your friends and family, so why not fill your car and have a lovely afternoon together.

There is still time to put your name down for the coach to Hunstanton for the 70th Anniversary Flower Show on Sunday 16th June. I will send the board round again at the meeting, or contact me if you are interested.

Thank you and see you on 4th.

Jane

Forthcoming dates for your diary in 2024;

April 4th - Demonstration by Ian Nickerson entitled 'Florists Choice'

April 25th - Dereham Flower Club Open Day - demonstration by Gill McGregor

May 8th - Aylsham Flower Club Open Meeting - demo by Catherine Gledhill

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

Details of a couple of trips being organised by IC Travel which you may be interested in are below, click the link to read more:

[4th to 6th June 2024 - Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers](#)

[19th to 20th September 2025 - NAFAS National Flower Arranging Show](#)

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The Flower Arranger is the UK's leading floral art magazine. It is full of inspirational designs, essential tips and techniques from top floral artists, 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.

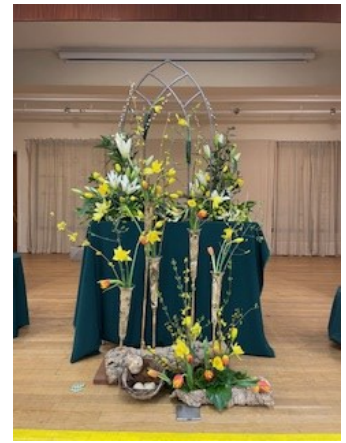
As agreed at the AGM in February 2024 we are asking for your cooperation in contributing £1 for refreshments at each meeting which will assist us in covering the costs. Thank you.



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Roger Woolnough - March Meeting

We enjoyed a great evening in March when Roger created some lovely arrangements which filled the stage with spring colours.



Thank you to one of our members who provided this beautiful arrangement.

We remember one of our members Sheila Hayward

Sadly we have to inform you that a previous long term member of the club Sheila Hayward passed away in January of this year, followed by her husband Brian only the very next day. Several members of the club attended their joint funeral on 24th February. Our thoughts are with the family at this sad time.

