

Newsletter



April 2024

Costessey Flower Club

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**For all others see your
2024 Programme**

Thank you

A big thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help the committee by arriving early to help set up, give the vote of thanks, or bring along flowers for the vases.

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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Thank You

I would like to start with a couple of thank you notices. Thank you to all those members who have renewed their membership this year and also the committee for their continuing support and dedication to making each of our meetings and the club a success. Thank you to Linda Taylor and Ann Hammond who have agreed to join me in forming a team to design and create an entry for the Club Class at the Royal Norfolk Show. Thank you to those of you who brought along plants for the stall on 4th April, which proved very successful in raising additional funds for the club. Lastly, thank you to those of you who expressed your sadness at the recent passing of Shirley Wardale - details of her funeral are on page 2.

In other news, National Flower Arranging Day is on Friday 3rd May this year. As we have in previous years we will use this to promote our club through some posies which will be left in various places in the village.

Our next meeting is at Breckland Hall on **Thursday 16th May**. Our scheduled demonstrator is Jacquie Aldous, however, due to her dedication to Ipswich Town Football Club, this may change if it clashes with promotion games. Don't worry though we have a fabulous substitute lined up ready!

Our **'Afternoon Garden Party' on Thursday 20th June**, which Liz Humphrey has very kindly agreed to host, is coming together. We would welcome your support for this event which includes refreshments for the minimal cost of just £5 per person. Tickets will be on sale on 16th May or alternatively contact one of the committee to reserve yours.

If you have anything you can donate for the 'bring and buy' stall, plant stall, or cake stall, do please bring it to the next meeting or on the day. The afternoon is open to members and your friends and family, so why not fill your car and have a lovely afternoon together.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you next on 16th May.

Jane

Forthcoming dates for your diary in 2024;

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

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

May 20th - Norwich Flower Club - demonstration by Arnaud Metairie

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

Also a special event coming up;

September 23rd - Norwich Group of Flower Clubs 65th Anniversary Celebration at Swanton Morley Village Hall from 10.30am. The morning speaker is Kathy Dentton and the afternoon demonstration is by Myrtle and Thyme. Tickets are £25 each. Contact - norwichgroupchairman@btinternet.com

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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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Ian Nickerson - April Demonstration

We enjoyed a lovely evening on 4th April when Ian created some wonderful arrangements, as seen in the photos below.



Shirley Wardale

As mentioned at our April meeting, sadly we mourn the loss of one of our long term members Shirley Wardale. Shirley had been a member and supporter of the club for 40 years. She enjoyed the company of others at our meetings and always had a bright smile for everyone. Our thoughts are with her husband Ray and their family at this sad time.

If you wish to attend Shirley's funeral it is being held at St Faiths Crematorium at 11.30am on Thursday 25th April. To be followed by a gathering at The Old Rectory, Crostwick. Following a collection at our April meeting donations by members totalling £35 were sent to East Anglian Air Ambulance.