

Newsletter



October 2024

Costessey Flower Club

Committee Contact points for you;

President:
Doris Waymark

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**For all others see your
2024 Programme**

Your help

If you are willing to help with providing flowers for one of the two vases we have on display at the meeting, giving the vote of thanks, or arriving early to act as hostess to the demonstrator, please speak to one of the Committee. Your help would be appreciated.

We are currently trying to drive up our membership in order to keep our wonderful club going for many years to come. We have leaflets available to promote the club and your help in distributing them, or sharing them with friends, would be very welcomed.



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Countdown to Christmas

Well here we are in October already. It's time to plant those winter pansies and the like so that we have some colour in our gardens over the winter, and plan ahead for next spring by adding bulbs too.

As I'm sure you will have noticed, although we haven't yet had Halloween the shops are getting their Christmas stock out. Of course for us as a Club now is the time when the Committee go into full-speed planning for our **Christmas Open Meeting** which is on **Thursday 5th December this year**. Our demonstrator is Jacquie Arnold with her theme of 'Strictly Christmas'. Included in the ticket price of £22 for members and £25 for visitors are some refreshments of savoury and sweet treats and hot and cold drinks. We will have several stalls available to browse before and after the demonstration, including hand made crafts, jewellery, and our regular guest with his lovely metal creations. The success of the event depends very much on you as members and sale of tickets, so please do purchase your ticket at the November meeting and invite all your friends and family to come along too. I can guarantee it will get us in the Christmas spirit and inspire you with your Christmas floral decorations.

On **Thursday 3rd October** we had a lovely colourful demonstration by **Lee Berrill** with his title 'Autumn Tapestry'. As usual a number of members were thrilled to take the arrangements home and enjoy them for days afterwards. There are a few photos on page 2. A big thank you goes to Ann Minter for the home-made cakes we enjoyed with our hot drinks.

Our next demonstration is on **Thursday 7th November** when **Doreen Robinson** entertains us with her interpretation of 'Embracing Colour'. Following that is our Christmas workshop which is planned for Saturday 23rd November and is proving very popular. We do have one or two places remaining so if you wish to participate please let me know as soon as possible. Rachel Borenkova will be leading us in creating a Christmas Wreath and a table decoration in a container of your choice.

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jane

Forthcoming dates for your diary;

October 18th, 19th and 20th - Mildenhall Flower Festival - The Methodist Church, Mildenhall IP28 7EJ - Free entry

November 7th - Our demonstration by Doreen Robinson - 'Embracing Colour'
November 25th - Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club Open Meeting - Guest Tickets £20 from Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888

December 5th - Our Open Meeting - Demonstration by Jacquie Arnold - 'Strictly Christmas'

December 6th - A demonstration by Jacquie Aldous and friends at Swanton Morley Village Hall NR20 4NP - Tickets £15 from Jacquie on 01362 638320

December 11th - Aylsham and District Flower Club Open Meeting at Aylsham Town Hall NR11 6EL - Tickets £20 for visitors from Hazel on 01263 733167

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

To order your own quarterly copies for 2025 please speak to Cynthia.

New Committee Members

We are anticipating a couple of changes to our dedicated Committee members for 2025. We would therefore love to hear from anyone who would be willing to join our enthusiastic team and help us keep our wonderful club going into next year and beyond.

Please contact any of the Committee if you are interested.

Lee's demonstration 3rd October

Here are a few images of the lovely arrangements created by Lee Berrill.



Qualification available

The East of England Area of NAFAS are pleased to announce a qualification which is being made available.

It is a "Foundation of Floral Artistry" course which starts in 2024 and runs for 22 sessions over two years and costs £600.

If you would like more details or are interested in completing the course please contact;

Jenni Baker, Area Demonstrator and Area Teacher
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