

Newsletter



November 2024

Costessey Flower Club

Committee Contact points for you;

President:
Doris Waymark

Chairman:
Jane Hamshaw

Treasurer:
Kate Hopewell

**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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Heading for the end of the year

On Thursday 7th November Doreen Robinson entertained us with her interpretation of 'Embracing Colour'. She created some simple and yet lovely arrangements to fill the stage. A few pictures are on page 2 for those who may have missed the evening.

I am pleased to say that the Christmas workshop planned for Saturday 23rd November is fully booked, and we look forward to welcoming back Rachel Borenkova who will be leading us in creating a Christmas Wreath and a table decoration in a container. If you are attending the day and are unsure of what you need to bring please do contact me and I can clarify that for you.

As we head for Christmas we are very focussed on organising everything for our **Christmas Open Meeting** which is on **Thursday 5th December**. 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 light refreshments of savoury and sweet treats and hot and cold drinks. We will also have several stalls available to browse. Doors open at 6.30pm and the demonstration starts at 7.30pm.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we very much rely on you all attending this event and inviting others along too. Whilst there are considerable costs involved if we sell enough tickets we can cover these and hopefully boost the club's funds too. If you have not purchased any tickets yet please contact Tina on 01603 811764. Please also let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

I do also have a request to make. The Committee spend an awful lot of time and effort preparing everything for the Open Meeting. However in order for the evening to run smoothly we would like some volunteers to help please. We need 2 people willing to help distribute the food (which will already be portioned up) and 2 people willing to help serve drinks. Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer. Many thanks.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jane

Forthcoming dates for your diary;

November 18th - Norwich Flower Club - Christmas Demonstration by Vicki Hease entitled "It's Christmas" - At Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich commencing at 1.45pm

November 25th - Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club Open Meeting - At Hethersett Village Hall - Tickets £20 from Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888

November 26th - Great Ellingham Flower Club - Demonstration by Roger Woolnough at Rockland Village Hall commencing at 1pm

December 5th - Our Open Meeting - Demonstration by Jacquie Arnold entitled 'Strictly Christmas' - Contact Tina on 01603 811764 for tickets

December 3rd - Loddon Flower Club - Demonstration by Linda Kingcott at St John's Lecture Hall at 7pm - Tickets from Tricia on 01508 480522

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

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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. If you have any old copies you no longer need why not share them or pass them on to others.

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.



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Doreen's demonstration on 7th November

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



Looking forward to 2025

A number of us have enjoyed days out and short breaks in the past with a local travel company **ICTravel**. Next year they already have a number of floral or craft themed trips planned such as;

- **A two day trip to the NAFAS National Flower Arranging Show in Gloucester on 19th and 20th September.**
- A day trip to the Creative Craft Show in Birmingham on 16th March.
- A day trip to the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace, London on either 9th or 11th October.

Full details of these and many more trips can be found on their website icttravel.co.uk or by calling their office on 01603 868680