

Newsletter



February 2025

Costessey Flower Club

Committee Contact points for you;

President:
Doris Waymark

Chairman:
Kate Hopewell

Treasurer:
Jane Hamshaw

**For all others see your
2025 Programme**

Membership 2025 -
We will be collecting
your membership fees
at the February and
March meetings. As
previously advised the
2025 membership fee
will be £40. Envelopes
will be available to
place your payments
into. You can pay by
cash, cheque or card.

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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New Year - Update

Our Christmas demonstration by Jackie Arnold seems a distant memory, but for those who came I hope you enjoyed the evening, Jackie and her little elf helper kept us well entertained with amazing flowers, and stories.

May I thank all of you who attended the AGM. I have to say the attendance was better than we had anticipated, and was much appreciated. Also thank you to members who paid their annual subscriptions so promptly - it will certainly make the treasurer's job easier in March.

We had a very entertaining demonstration from Linda Knights, and she gave us some very good ideas on the use of containers and mechanics. All her flowers in the demonstration were foam-free, proving it can be done. Thanks to Ann who kept us fed and watered during the evening.

For those of you who were not present at the AGM Jane and I have swapped roles, she is your new Treasurer, and I have agreed to take on the role of Chairman. I am aware that I have some very big shoes to fill as in the past you have had some excellent Chairmen. I will do my best to follow their examples. I am sure you will support Jane in the same way you did me. Just a reminder that our membership fees have increased to £40 and it will be donations for your tea, coffee and biscuits.

Pam, the Programme Secretary, has provided us with a full Programme for next year, with some new demonstrators to look forward to.

We have an exciting Charity Day coming up on **Wednesday March 19th**. It comprises a fashion show in the morning by Becky Greenfield with some "models" you may recognise, a two-course lunch by Anglia Caterers, and a flower demonstration by Barbara Collins during the afternoon. **Tickets are £27 for members and £30 for guests.** The proceeds from the day will be split between Costessey Flower Club and LILAC, which is Ladies in League Against Cancer. I am sure this will be an excellent day and we look forward to seeing you there.

A final message. Tina our Club Secretary has handed back her notepad and pencil after 17 years in the role. Thank you Tina for all your hard work in the past. We now need a new secretary, and if any member would like to take on this roll, the committee would be delighted to hear from you.

With that final comment I look forward to seeing you all in March at the club night on **Thursday 6th March** and at the Charity Day.

Kate

Forthcoming dates for your diary in 2025;

Thursday 6th March - Our demonstration evening with Violetta Verikniene entitled 'Inspired by Flowers'

Wednesday 19th March - Our fundraising charity day including a fashion show and flower demonstration - tickets on sale now

Thursday 13th March - Aylsham and District Flower Club Workshop 10am until 3pm - Contact; Crystal on 01603 291190

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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 Member

Following some changes for 2025 we welcome

Linda Taylor

to the Committee. We thank her for volunteering and look forward to her contributions and ideas going forward.

We are still looking for a new Secretary and if anyone is interested in the role please speak to Kate or any other Committee Member.



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AGM 6th February

Thank you to those of you who attended the AGM.
Thank you also to Linda Knights for her demonstration of flower arranging without the use of floral foam.



As we ran out of time to provide some answers to the quizzes we puzzled over at the AGM here are the answers to two of the quizzes; 'Treats' and 'It's a Tree'

Valentines Flowers	Roses
The lighter way to enjoy chocolate	Maltesers
Team of intelligent people	Smarties
Uneven road	Rocky Road
Love App's	Matchmakers
Anniversaries	Celebrations
20.01	After Eights
Bowling alley	Skittles
Piece of snow	Flake
Having a break	Kit Kat
Twin letters	M & Ms
Brave	Heroes
Solar system	Milky Way
Red planet	Mars
Team halts play in the game	Time Out

One that's well liked	Poplar
Only comes in twos	Pear
You can make castles on this one	Beech
An old style building material	Lime
Perhaps found in your hearth	Ash
A necessary autumnal garden implement	Broom
A socialist or even a communist	Redwood
Ivy's companion	Holly
Does it hold a building together?	Walnut
Does it have a loud bark?	Dogwood
This one might wake you up early	Larch
Sounds alright!	Oak
In good contact with a thumb!	Plum
Is this the best of fruit?	Peach
Not really where rubber boots come from	Wellingtonia
If you don't know the answer you might be up one	Gum
You'll give one for one of these, perhaps	Fig
Where the lamb comes from	Yew
This might be longer lived	Elder
Perhaps a very hardy friend	Laurel
Not one wishing to be seen	Privet
Found up in the air	Plane
Just along the coast	Bay
Water flows through this one	Rose

Other dates for your diary in 2025

Suffolk Show – 28th and 29th May 2025 - Trinity Park, Ipswich

Royal Norfolk Show – 25th and 26th June 2025 – Norfolk Showground, Norwich

Sandringham Flower Show – 23rd July – Sandringham Estate, Norfolk

NAFAS National Show – 19th/20th September – Gloucester - Two day trip available via IC Travel website - ictravel.co.uk/trip/nafas-national-flower-arranging-show