

Newsletter



August 2025

Costessey Flower Club

Committee Contact points for you;

President:
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Chairman:
Kate Hopewell

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Jane Hamshaw

For all others see your 2025 Programme

Volunteers

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help with various tasks supporting the club meetings such as being the Hostess (assisting the demonstrator), providing flowers for the vases and giving the vote of thanks. It all helps take the pressure off the Committee and make the meetings run smoothly.

Our membership has dwindled over the last few years and we haven't seen a number of you who receive this newsletter for a while now. We would love to see you at one of our meetings soon. Please bring a friend with you and they'll receive free entry if it is their first visit.



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Looking forward

Firstly, I must thank Pam for arranging a fill in demonstrator at the last minute when our booked demonstrator could not guarantee to be with us. As someone said we certainly noticed the difference between a florist, and a floral designer! Also thank you to Ann and Cynthia who made the cakes and scones to celebrate Maureen's birthday. Maureen has been a club member for many years, and it was lovely to see her at club night.

I hope you are all coping with the recent heatwave, August has certainly shown us some interesting weather changes. At our last workshop in July I got absolutely drenched as I loaded the car up. Full change of clothes required when I got home! Sadly, we will not be continuing our workshops in the Autumn as we had originally planned. For personal reasons Linda has decided to step back from taking the classes. She will, however, continue to come to club meetings. We hope that some time in the future we may be able to start the workshops again.

We have a Christmas-themed Workshop planned for Saturday 29th November. It will be in the Owen Barnes Room between 10am and 3-30pm. Cost will be £20 and we will provide hot and cold drinks, but bring your own packed lunch. Numbers are restricted so if you wish to attend please add your name to the list at the September meeting.

As we have no club meeting in January the committee thought it would be nice to have a get together so we are planning to have a post-Christmas lunch. We will provide further details once we have finalised things.

Last week I went to Daliah Addiction at Forncet St Peter NR16 ILW. It has a Daliah field, a nursery where you can buy potted Daliah's and also a nice tearoom. They do take small groups, and it may be something we could do next summer.

Over recent months we have seen an increase of visitors coming to the club nights, and I hope they have enjoyed the experience and continue to support the Club.

Forthcoming events within the region include:

Stoke Holy Cross Village Show NR14 8LY Sunday 7th September.

Norwich Flower Club Assembly Rooms Norwich - Nick Grounds with "The Power of the Flower" - Monday 15th September - Members and Visitors with afternoon tea £33 without tea £17.50

Eastern Region Area Day at Mildenhall Friday 3rd October
Hanneke Frankema demonstrating frames and techniques.

As you can see plenty of events to keep you busy.
I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kate

Forthcoming dates for your diary in 2025;

Thursday 4th September - Our demonstration evening with Lorraine Gagen - her title is "Into the Wardrobe".

Thursday 2nd October - Our demonstration evening with Janet Dye - her title is "Reuse Recycle"

Thursday 6th November - Our demonstration evening with Naomi Wells - her title is "Stories"

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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. **We are now taking orders for copies in 2026 so if you are interested in ordering your own copy each quarter please speak to Cynthia.**

January 2026

Following a positive show of hands in favour of a social event in January next year the **Committee will be organising this so please look out for more details coming soon.**



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Flowers by Nicole Ltd on 7th August

At very short notice Nicole Rivett stepped in and gave us a lovely demonstration. Nicole is a local florist who is the founder of "Flowers by Nicole Ltd" based in Norwich Railway Station. She trained with "Elizabeths the Florists" before having a family and then setting up her own company.

Here are a few photos of the arrangements she created.



Norwich Group of Flower Clubs Event

The Norwich Group have organised a special one day event on **Monday 3rd November 2025 starting at 9.30am for 10am**
At Swanton Morley Village Hall, Manns Lane, Swanton Morley NR20 4NP

The day includes a short AGM, followed by a speaker, Kathy Dentton who's title is "Costumes for the Stage". A ploughmans lunch and dessert is followed by an afternoon flower demonstration by Jacquie Aldous, Rachael Borenkova and friends entitled "Countdown to Christmas"

Tickets are £20 including the lunch and demonstration

Or £15 for the demonstration only (starting at 1.30pm)

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