

Newsletter



September 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

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.

Seasons Changing

This newsletter may arrive slightly earlier than normal as both Jane and I will be away on holidays from the middle to end of September.

Well, the summer is now drawing to its close, and the nights are certainly pulling in. Looking around at the countryside fields are now harvested and the hedgerows and trees are starting to show their Autumn colours and many of you may be busy doing Harvest Festivals.

Maureen, our club member who celebrated her birthday with us last month, has sadly had a fall and is out of action for a bit. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back again soon selling Yvonne's jams and marmalades for charity.

Sheila, one of our longest serving committee members has had to sadly resign from the committee due to personal reasons but hopes to be able to get to some meetings. We will miss Sheila from our meetings, and the committee would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years. If any members feel that they would like to serve on the committee in any capacity please speak to us at the next meeting or you can email me on kathyhopewell1@aol.com

Last Thursday's demonstrator Lorraine Gagen was excellent and kept us entertained with her camping experiences with her NINE Grandchildren. There was a varied number of flowers used in her arrangements and many of them grown on her flower allotment. Certainly no two arrangements were the same. I hate to mention Christmas, but unfortunately, we are creeping towards it. We have a Christmas Workshop arranged for the 29th of November and tickets for the Christmas Open Meeting will be on sale next month. For those of you present at September Meeting we asked members for their preference with regard to food at the Open Meeting. In the past we have had a buffet, but for the last two years boxes were given out with refreshments inside. The reasoning for this was it was more hygienic, more convenient, and people could take home what they had not eaten. It was also so much easier to clear up after the event.

The choices were;

- Drink and Mince pie /stollen/sausage roll
- Prepared box of food
- Traditional buffet
- Outside caterers (This option would affect the price of the ticket)

If you were not at the meeting, please could you contact me via email me to let me know your preferred choice Kathyhopewell1@aol.com

I am also in discussion with Wensum Valley Hotel about having a member's lunch in January. I should be able to give you more details at the October Meeting.

Enjoy the rest of the good weather and I will see you all again in October when our Demonstrator is Janet Dye with her title 'Reuse Recycle'.

Kate

Dates for your diary in 2025;

27th and 28th September - South Walsham Harvest Flower Festival

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

Wednesday 24th October - Bungay Flower Club Open Day - morning speaker Pete Goodrum - afternoon demonstration by Tracey Griffen

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

Monday 15th November - Norwich Flower Club - demonstration by Nick Grounds entitled 'The Power of the Flower' - tickets available from Fhughes7353@btinternet.com

Thursday 4th December - Our Christmas Open Meeting - Demonstration by Graham King with 'All that glitters'



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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

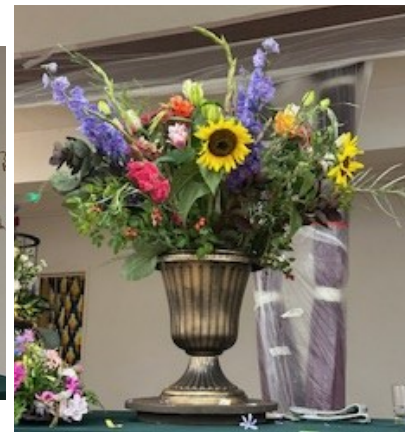
Following a positive show of hands in favour of a social event in January next year the **Committee will be organising this so please look out for more details coming soon.**



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September demonstration by Lorraine Gagen

A fabulous demonstration by Lorraine who kept us entertained throughout. Here are just some of the lovely arrangements.



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)
Available from Christine Hardman on 07825 150546
Or email ; christine.h.hardman@gmail.com