

Newsletter



October 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.



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Coming Up....

Greetings to you all. Well, Autumn has certainly arrived in all its splendour. It was great to see so many of you back on Thursday when we had an entertaining evening with Janet Dye. I thought Janet was excellent, a good communicator, and very quick. I think that must have been one of our quickest demonstrations yet.

Some of the people attending the **Christmas Workshop on Saturday 29th November** have asked what they need to bring on the day. I am no expert, but I have made a list of items that I think would be advisable to bring;

- Covering for table, bin liner or container for rubbish
- Secateurs or floristry scissors

For your Wreath;

- Real wire and stub wires
- Foliage i.e. conifer, ivy, holly, eucalyptus, rosemary, hebe, viburnum or similar
- Decorations for your wreath
- Pinecones, berries, seed heads, cinnamon sticks, dried orange or lemon slices Artificial, real or dried flowers
- Both 10" wire frame and Moss will be provided on the day.

For your Table Decoration;

- Oasis tray or container either round or rectangular and Oasis
- Various foliage
- Either a small bunch of supermarket flowers or artificial flowers
- Baubles or other decorations, a candle is optional

The garden centres, The Range, Home Bargains or QD are full of Christmas decorations at this time of the year and are fairly cheap. It is all about being creative and having fun on the day.

The **Christmas Open Meeting on Thursday 4th December** is coming together and we will have tickets available at our next meeting. They are £20 for Members and £23 for Non-members. This will include a finger buffet and drinks. Please support the club by inviting as many friends as you can. It should be a good evening.

Plans are also in place for the social meal at Wensum Valley Hotel on the 22nd January. The cost is £24.95 for 2 courses and I will be meeting the events manager shortly to finalise arrangements. There has been a lot of interest and there will be a board out again at the next meeting for you to put your names down for this and to look at the menu.

As you can see, we have plenty to look forward to for the remainder of the year, including **Neomi Wells who is our demonstrator on Thursday 6th November**. I look forward to seeing you all then.

If any of you have any questions regarding the workshop, Christmas Open Meeting or January meal, please feel free to contact me on Kathyhopewell1@aol.com or email the Club at costesseyflowerclub@gmail.com

Kate

Dates for your diary in 2025;

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

We will be holding a social lunchtime meal at Wensum Valley Golf Club on 22nd January 2026. More details will be available at our next meeting when you can book your place.



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October demonstration by Janet Dye

Here are some photos of some of the arrangements Janet created at our last meeting in October.



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