

Newsletter



November 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

St Remigius Church Hethersett Crib and Wreath Festival

Following the amazing success of this event last year Adele has taken on the task of organising another weekend display of cribs and wreaths in December. The event is open on Saturday 6th December from 10am to 4pm, and Sunday 7th December from 12 noon to 4pm

We have noticed that 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 feel free to bring a friend with you and they will receive free entry if it is their first visit.



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I gather the November Demonstration by Naomi was a great success and very entertaining. I was sorry to miss the event, but as I am sure Jane explained, a trip to A&E was necessary for me. I can think of better ways to spend five hours waiting for a procedure that takes less than 20 minutes. I arrived back at the club just as people were locking up! Thanks to all who stepped up to assist the Committee.

On Saturday November 15th several of us attended Taverham Craft Fair. It was a positive experience, we engaged with lots of people and gave out flyers about the club. We also held a raffle for a Christmas door wreath. Again, thank you to the people who gave up their time and provided flowers, it was much appreciated. We think we have a new career for Linda as a Blue Peter presenter she was brilliant at getting the children to do arrangements.

On November 29th we have our Christmas Workshop with Rachel Boronkova. Please do not forget to bring your packed lunch with you. We will be making a Wreath in the morning and a table decoration in the afternoon.

Tickets for the **Christmas Open Meeting on 4th December** are going ok, however we could do with selling a few more tickets so please encourage friends and family to come along. Teapot Catering are providing the food and in our experience their catering is excellent. There will also be a number of craft stalls.

You can still put your name down for the **January lunch at Wensum Valley Hotel on Thursday 22nd January**. The cost is £25 per person for the two courses, we will be taking the money for this at the December meeting. Any donations of raffle prizes for this event would be much appreciated.

In previous years numbers for the AGM have been disappointingly low, so to encourage people to attend we have decided to change the format. We will have the **AGM at 6.30pm on Thursday 5th February** after which we will have supper, which will consist of a main and a dessert, followed by a guest speaker. The cost will be £5 per person. Emma Beardshaw, who is procurement manager for plants and flowers at Asda, will give a short presentation about her work. If anyone is able to help by providing a dessert please could you contact Doris who is co-ordinating the evening.

As ever we are always looking for people to volunteer for roles within the club, particularly acting as host. This role could be covered by two friends working together. The role of host is to meet and assist the demonstrator, help them set up their equipment and help them clear up after the presentation. If anyone is able to volunteer to help in this way please contact me at kathyhopewell1@aol.com

For those of you wishing to learn flower arranging or improve your skills NAFAS have introduced a Certificated Course. In this area the induction meeting for this is Saturday 29th November at the Walled Garden Little Plumstead NR13 5FA at 9.30am. Further information is also available on NAFAS Website.

If you have any articles or information that you think would be suitable for the Newsletter, please feel free to email me on kathyhopewell1@aol.com
See you all in December.

Kate

Dates for your diary in 2025;

Monday 24th November - Hethersett and Cringleford Flower Club Open Meeting - Lee Berrill demonstrating his title 'Welcome to Christmas' - Tickets are £20 from Lynn Rawlings Tel: 01603 457888

23rd to 30th November - St Nicholas Church Dereham - Christmas Tree Festival - 10am to 5pm - All proceeds are going to charity

Thursday 4th December - Our Christmas Open Meeting - Demonstration by Graham King with his title 'All that glitters' - Tickets available from Jane or email; costesseyflowerclub@gmail.com

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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.**

Our social lunchtime meal at Wensum Valley Golf Club on 22nd January 2026 is proving popular. The two course lunch is £25 per person. Please ensure you make your meal choices and pay Jane at the December Meeting.

November demonstration by Naomi Wells

Here are a few photos of the arrangements Naomi created at our last meeting in November.



Taverham Craft Fair

A group of us attended the Taverham Craft Fair on 15th November. Our intention was to represent and promote the Club, which proved really successful and we hope to gain new members from it. We took the opportunity of displaying a number of small arrangements and gave people the chance to create one of their own to take away. In addition we held a Raffle for a fabulous Wreath. Here are a couple of photos we took on the day.

