

Newsletter



December 2025

Costessey Flower Club

Committee Contact points for you;

President:
Doris Waymark

Chairman:
Kate Hopewell

Treasurer:
Jane Hamshaw

**For all others see your
2026 Programme**

2026

We have a full calendar of exciting demonstrations for next year and we plan to hold some other events such as a Spring Workshop and a Coffee Morning. If you have any ideas for other events you would like us to organise please speak to Kate or another member of the Committee.

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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Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas

I am sorry this newsletter is a bit later than usual but with the run up to Christmas the days have simply flown by!

It was fantastic to see so many members and friends at our Christmas Open Meeting and I think everyone enjoyed the evening. Graham was a totally different designer and was very innovative with his mechanics. I hope you all enjoyed the buffet, I think the caterer, Becky from Teapot Catering, did us proud. For the Gluten free ladies, I can only apologise again that Becky had not provided the gluten free food we had requested, I hope it didn't spoil your evening. Lesson learnt that next time we check all platters as they are delivered.

Financially the evening was a success and after we have the final figures I will tell you more at the next meeting, which will be the AGM. Thank you to members who provided prizes for the raffle and tombola. Thanks also to the committee members who provided the drinks. Your generosity also helped to make it such a financial success.

Regarding the AGM on Thursday 5th February please can you remember to bring your plate, bowl, a glass and cutlery as we will be having supper, which Doris is Coordinating. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE SUPPER WE WILL BE STARTING AT 6.30pm for this meeting only. We are asking for a contribution of £5 per person towards the cost of the two-course supper, which we will collect on the night. We will have the short AGM first, followed by supper and then our guest speaker Emma Beardshaw will talk to us about 'Supermarket Flowers'. If anyone has anything they wish to raise at the AGM regarding the flower club please could you email me at kathyhopewell1@aol.com

Regarding the lunch on 22nd January at Wensum Valley Golf Club, Jane and I will be meeting the events manager this week to finalise arrangements. Please arrive around 12 noon, the lunch will start at 12.30pm in the Morton Suite. We will also be holding a raffle. I look forward to seeing you all and catching up with all the news.

As I approach the end of my first year as your Chairman, I hope you have enjoyed the meetings and activities we have organised as much as I have. I will finish by wishing you all a VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.



Kate

Dates for your diary in 2026;

Thursday 22nd January - Costessey Flower Club Social Lunch - Wensum Valley Golf Club Morton Suite - 12 for 12.30pm

Thursday 5th February - 6.30pm start - AGM, followed by two course supper - plus a talk from Emma Beardshaw on 'Supermarket Flowers'

Thursday 5th March - Demonstration by Jennifer Thompson with her title 'Let there be music and flowers'

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June - Royal Norfolk Show

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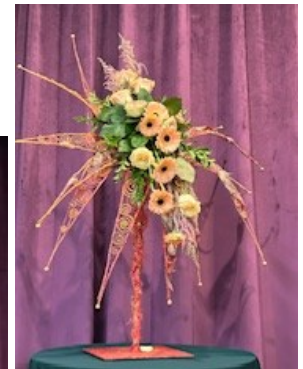
As well as the nationwide website for NAFAS:
nafas.org.uk
lots of news and information on things happening locally in the East Region are available on the Area website:
nafas-east.com



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December demonstration by Graham King

Our Open Meeting in December was a wonderful success. Here are a few photos of arrangements Graham created.



Christmas-themed workshop

Our one day workshop in late November was enjoyed by lots of us. With Rachel's guidance we all created a wonderful Christmas Wreath in the morning. Some of us then went on to put together our own style of table decoration too.

