

Newsletter



January 2026

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 this year and we plan to hold some other events such as a Easter 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.

After the AGM on 5th February we will be collecting Annual Subscriptions from everyone. Please see Jane, our Treasurer. You can pay by card, or with cash or a cheque.



A New Year

I hope you have all had a good Christmas and I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

As a committee, we all thought the Christmas Open Meeting was a very successful evening and raised funds for the club. I would like to thank the members who brought gifts for the raffle and tombola, and committee members who provided the drinks. Although we had caterers there was still a lot of clearing up to do in terms of washing trays and glasses and our sincere thanks must go to Ann for doing this. All committee members worked hard to make it the success that it was.

Just under 40 of us attended the lunch at Wensum Valley Hotel and I think I can say it was a great success. There was a lot of chatter and laughter as one table seemed to be winning all the raffle prizes! The staff looked after us very well and some people have asked for the January lunch to be included in our Calander in the future. It was nice to have some partners and friends there too. Again, thanks must go to all who brought raffle prizes and Pam for the lovely flowers for the tables.

As you know our **AGM is on 5th February, starting at 6.30pm**. Can I ask those of you who are coming to please bring your plate, bowl, glass and cutlery as we will be having supper. Payment for the this will be on the day. Sadly, the speaker we had planned has had to pull out, as she is needed in Kenya that week. However, she has said she is willing to come in future if we have a spare date in the calendar. In the meantime I think the committee have plans in place to fill the time! Please, ladies and gentlemen, this is your flower club and if you have any issues that you wish raised at the AGM please can you email me at kathyhopewell1@aol.com and I will raise them.

After our November workshop, several ladies have asked if Rachel would come and do another workshop for us in the Spring. She has agreed to do an Easter-themed workshop on Saturday 28th March at Breckland Hall.

I have received flyers from both Fakenham and Dereham Flower Clubs about open evenings in April. There is also an Area Day on 25th April. Details of these events will be on the table at the AGM.

It has been a pleasure to act as your chairman this last year and I hope we can continue to promote our club this year through friendship and flowers.

Kate

Dates for your diary in 2026;

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'

Saturday 28th March - Easter Workshop at Breckland Hall to be led by Rachael Borenkova

Thursday 2nd April - Demonstration by Violetta Veikniene - Title to be confirmed

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

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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. If you missed the opportunity to order copies for 2026 and would like to purchase them please speak to Cynthia.

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



www.costesseyflowerclub.org

January Social Lunch

Although we don't usually hold a meeting in January, Kate felt that it would be lovely to see in the new year with a social lunch. This took place last Thursday with members, their partners and friends attending.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal provided by Wensum Valley Hotel, Golf and Country Club. Thanks also goes to the Committee for organising the event as well as a raffle to help raise funds for the club.

Do let us know if you would like to continue to hold this as a regular January event.

Easter Workshop

Following the success of our Christmas-themed workshop in November and a number of requests from members to hold another one, we have booked a date for an Easter-themed workshop. This will be held

**at Breckland Hall
on Saturday 28th March 2026
arrive ready to start at 10am
to be finished by 4pm**

The workshops will be facilitated by Rachael Borenkova and will include making two items with an Easter theme.



We will circulate a note with more details at the February and March meetings so please check your diary and add your name to the list if you would like to attend.

Flower and County Shows in 2026

16th May - Hadleigh Show - Holbecks Park, Hadleigh, Suffolk

27th and 28th May – Suffolk Show – Trinity Park, Ipswich

24th and 25th June – Royal Norfolk Show – Norfolk Showground, Costessey, Norwich

21st to 26th July - RHS Flower Show - Sandringham Estate in Norfolk - As you will note this event is being held over several days this year.