

Newsletter



February 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.

We will be collecting Annual Subscriptions of £42 from everyone at our March Club Meeting. Please see Jane, our Treasurer. You can pay by card, or with cash or a cheque.



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Spring is coming.....

I hope this newsletter finds you all fit and healthy. January and February are not the best months and the start to this year has been particularly wet and dreary. But at least we now have snowdrops and some grape hyacinths and daffodils starting to bloom.

For those of you who attended the AGM, I hope you enjoyed the supper and entertainment provided. Thanks must go to Pam, Doris and Cynthia for organising the supper, and all the members who provided the lovely deserts. Thanks also to Aubrey and Shirley who provided the entertainment for us.

In her Treasurer's report Jane gave you the reasons why we are having to increase the membership fees by just £2 to £42 per annum. The decision was not taken lightly, and we hope you will continue your membership with Costessey Flower Club. As mentioned by Doris at the AGM Cynthia has taken on the role of pastoral care so if you know of a member that is or has been unwell, please can you let us know.

I gather some members were not aware that we were having a supper. Please, if you know of any members that do not have an email address, can you make the committee aware so that we can send them the Newsletter by other methods. The Newsletter is the main way you will find out not only what is going on with our club but we will also keep you up to date with other clubs open evenings and area days.

It has been pointed out to me that some members may not be aware how to book Area Days or other clubs open evenings. The details of Area Days are displayed on the 'information table' on club nights and will have a form attached to which you can add your name. As we have no secretary the job normally falls to me or the Treasurer to send for these tickets. If possible, we like to take the money for the tickets before we send for them, this makes sure the club funds are not affected. In terms of events at other Clubs, again details are on the 'information table' and there is always a point of contact for tickets either by email or telephone. You yourself can then contact them for tickets. If you are still unsure how to book places on anything please speak to a committee member.

As previously mentioned last month we are holding an Easter-themed Workshop on March 28th with Rachel Borenkova. Don't forget to book your place at the club night. When you pay the £20 fee you will be given a list of requirements that you need to bring. There will be hot drinks available but please bring your own packed lunch.

In May we will be having another coffee morning at Norfolk Bowls Club on Unthank Road, Norwich, to help raise funds for our exhibits at the Royal Norfolk Show. If any member would like to help with the exhibit this year, please let the committee know. Many committee members have experience in entering for the show and will be more than happy to advise and guide you.

Bradwell Flower Club are celebrating their Diamond Anniversary in September and Lee Berrill and Julia Knights will be demonstrating. If you were present when Julia did a demonstration for us, you know this event will be full of fun and laughter and well worth attending. Details will be available at our next club night.

I look forward to seeing you all on 5th March for our next demonstration and as I have said previously if you have any suggestions or ideas for the club please feel free to contact me by email at kathyhopewell1@aol.com

Kate

Dates for your diary in 2026;

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 6th May - Demonstration by Crystal Dyball - Her title is 'It's a hat occasion'

June - A visit to a local garden - Details 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



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Happening soon....

NORWICH GROUP OF FLOWER CLUBS MEETING & WORKSHOP

Monday 16th March 2026 commencing at 10am
At Swanton Morley Village Hall Mann's Lane, Swanton Morley NR20 4NP

In the workshop to be run by Rachael Borenkova you will create a "Supported Hand Tie"

Please contact Group Secretary, Barbara Etteridge by **1st March 2026** if you wish to attend
Email: bm7.etteridge@gmail.com or telephone 07778 748073

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.

Please add your name to the list and pay the £20 charge at the March meeting if you would like to attend.



Your support is appreciated

As I am sure you are aware costs of lots of things continue to rise. The fee for a demonstrator, their travel costs and the cost of the flowers for the arrangements often total around £350 per meeting. In addition the cost of the hall hire is just under £50 each month (which is actually great value for money!). Adding these to the annual affiliation fees we pay to NAFAS means we have substantial outgoings.

The Committee are therefore immensely grateful for the ongoing support you show through the purchase of raffle tickets each month and your support and attendance at such events as the workshops and coffee morning.

Thank you.