

Newsletter



April 2026

Costessey Flower Club

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**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 Christmas 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.

Look out at our Meeting on WEDNESDAY 6th MAY for details of the GARDEN VISIT planned for a date in June. Please add your name to the list if you are able to attend. This is open to friends and family too.



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Lots coming up.....

I hope you all had a lovely Easter Bank Holiday and enjoyed the glorious sunshine. You can never guess the weather for Easter, I can remember having an Easter Egg Hunt in the snow!

It was refreshing to have a member come to me after the April demonstration to check that we had her email address as she had not received the newsletter. She said it was helpful and one way she found out what events were coming up.

The Easter Workshop went well and everyone seemed more than happy with their lovely Easter wreath and basket. Rachel is a very helpful and hands-on demonstrator making sure that everyone has a good day.

Violetta Veikniene was our April Demonstrator and presented us with some very different and alternative designs. Not to all tastes I gather, but it was nice for members to see how designs can be achieved using different structures and simple flowers. Thank you to Ann for providing our Easter-themed cakes and also Cynthia for the sweets at our March demonstration.

Don't forget next month our meeting is on **Wednesday 6th May** due to local elections. **Crystal Dyball** will be our demonstrator with her title "**It's a hat occasion**" so it should be a great evening.

On 28th April some of your committee members will be attending the Costessey Town Council open evening. This is open to everyone and is a chance for the various clubs in Costessey to promote themselves, talk about their club and show some of the things they do.

The date for the coffee Morning has now been decided and will be **Thursday 21st May** from 10am to 12 noon at Norfolk Bowling Club on Unthank Road, Norwich. There is plenty of parking and the venue is all on one level. Please feel free to bring friends and family. It is a lovely setting and everyone really enjoyed it last year.

We should be able to give you more information soon regarding the proposed garden visit in June. Pam is working hard to get the date arranged with the venue.

June is also the time for the Royal Norfolk Show. We usually enter the Club Class and if anyone is prepared to volunteer for this there are experienced club members who would be only too willing to advise and support you. There is also Class F12 which is judged by the public vote. Anyone can take part and the title this year is "Tea for Two". There is no entry fee - you just bring your exhibit along to the marquee in the Garden Village between 3pm and 7pm on Tuesday 24th June.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kate

Dates for your diary in 2026;

23rd April - Dereham Flower Club 50th Anniversary – Dem by Vanessa Wellock

Wednesday 6th May – Demonstration by Crystal Dyball – "It's a hat occasion"

Thursday 21st May – Coffee Morning with a plant stall and raffle

22nd May – Bungay Flower Club – Open Event – Speaker and demonstration

June – Details of our Garden Visit will be available on 6th May

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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Our Easter-Themed Workshop

A number of our members and their friends attended the Easter-themed workshop in March when we were guided by Rachael in making an Easter Wreath and a basket of Easter flowers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.



April's demonstration by Violetta

Here are a couple of photos of the arrangements by Violetta at our April demonstration:



Flower and County Shows in 2026

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.