

# Newsletter



June 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 booked the date for our Christmas Workshop for this year which is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any ideas for other events you would like us to organise, please speak to Kate or another member of the Committee.**

**Thank you to all those Members, friends and partners who supported the recent garden visit to East Carleton Manor. The money raised was donated to Priscilla Bacon Lodge.**



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## June News

June is certainly turning out to be a contrasting month regarding the weather. In early June we had heavy rain, and even hail at one time, which unfortunately coincided with my peonies being at their best. Sadly, within twenty-four hours, they were ruined. Now we have temperatures soaring, and I didn't envy those who took part in the Royal Norfolk Show. The marques are hot at the best of times and trying to keep exhibits looking fresh proved challenging. I know lots of people struggle in this heat but all we can do is try to keep everywhere as cool as possible and keep drinking. Not alcohol of course, it is the worst thing for you although a glass of Pim's is always acceptable!!

On Thursday 18th thirty-nine of us visited East Carleton Manor for our Garden Visit and it was a wonderful afternoon. Jane Chapman and gardeners Trevor and Adam were so very welcoming and made sure we enjoyed the afternoon. The garden is beautifully laid out and is a wonderful legacy from Hazel Chapman. My thanks must go to our members who provided a selection of cakes and biscuits for our refreshments.

On the day we presented Jane with a cheque for £370 but there will be a further cheque sent as we raised £170 in donations for the refreshments which will also go to Jane's chosen charity. Thank you also to Pam who worked so hard organising the visit and also providing many of the refreshments.

Jane H and I were at the Royal Norfolk Show on the Thursday, volunteering for the East of England of NAFAS. We spent a pleasant two hours in the outside tent encouraging visitors to make headbands and small table arrangements. Thank goodness the temperature was slightly lower, and we were able to work outside. On the Wednesday after twelve midday the ladies were unable to stay outside as conditions were unbearable. Our local flower wholesaler Flowervision were very generous with their sponsorship providing flowers and other accessories. It was good fun and who knows we may get some new members after our conversations with the public.

Congratulations must go to Aylsham who won a 1st Prize for their exhibit in the Club Class "Symphony in Bloom". They also won "Best in Show" and "Best use of Colour". It was a lovely arrangement and a well-deserved winner. Dereham Flower Club came second with another splendid arrangement. (Photos of both displays are on page 2.) Congratulations to all who took part in the competitions in what was very challenging conditions.

I look forward to seeing you all at club night this Thursday 2nd July when our Demonstrator is Linda Kingcott with her title "Dancing With Flowers".

Kate

## Dates for your diary in 2026;

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Demonstration by Linda Kingcott entitled "Dancing with flowers" – Doors open at 6.45pm demonstration from 7.30pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August** – Demonstration by Brenda Tubbs with her title "Just another day"

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Demonstration by Rachael Borenkova entitled "Autumnal offerings"

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas-themed workshop at Breckland Hall

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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](http://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](http://nafas-east.com)



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## Garden Visit to East Carleton Manor

Some pictures taken at East Carleton Manor during the recent visit showing how beautifully well kept the gardens are.



## Royal Norfolk Show – Club Class

Congratulations to both Aylsham (left-hand picture below) and Dereham Flower Clubs (picture on right) for their splendid entries in the Club Class at the Royal Norfolk Show.



## Flower and County Shows in 2026

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

The local travel company IC Travel have a coach going to this on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. More details can be found on their website;

<https://ictravel.co.uk/trip/rhs-sandringham-flower-show/>