

Newsletter



July 2026

Costessey Flower Club

Committee Contact points for you;

President:
Doris Waymark

Chairman:
Kate Hopewell

Treasurer:
Jane Hamshaw

**For others see your
2026 Programme**

2026

We have booked the date for our Christmas Workshop for this year which is Saturday 5th 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.

Christmas Workshop

What is your preference for a Christmas workshop – a wreath, a swag, a table arrangement or something else? Please let us know at the August Meeting.



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Busy Summer

The continuation of the good weather has certainly taken its toll on our gardens, and now with a hosepipe ban it will become even more difficult. During the summer months my mother would save washing up water, together with the dregs from the teapot and coffee pot to go on the garden, never down the sink. I think we may all have to think what plants are going to be suitable for the hotter weather conditions in the future.

For those of you who don't like sport the last few weeks must have been challenging so I think some members were pleased to get out for our July demonstration with Linda Kingcott. As you know we received a telephone call from Linda to say she was stuck behind a severe road traffic accident. Pam went into immediate overdrive to provide members with a quiz to do until Linda arrived. On her arrival Linda did not show any signs of stress and went on to provide a beautiful demonstration - the stage looked magnificent. Thank you all for your patience, I know the meeting went on longer than usual, but as Linda had made the effort to get there I felt we could not ask her to reduce the size of the demonstration.

On **Thursday 6th August Brenda Tubbs** is our demonstrator with her title 'Just another day' and I know we will be in for a fun filled evening with plenty of laughter.

The Club was asked to take part in a flower festival at St Margarets Church, Witton which took place this weekend. Adele, Linda, Jane and myself formed the team who had been asked to decorate the area around the altar. Adele and Jane produced two beautiful pedestals and two around the altar, whilst Linda and I created four arrangements for the window sills. We also had enough flowers to do additional arrangements in other areas of the church, producing twelve arrangements in total. It was a lovely experience, and another day of friendship through flowers including, catching up with friends from other flower clubs.

RHS Sandringham Flower show is from the 22nd to 26th July. I think it should be a great event and let's hope it's not too hot so we can walk round comfortably and enjoy the day.

I dread to mention the word Christmas, but plans are in place for our workshop on 5th December and our open evening on 3rd December. The workshop will be with Rachael Borenkova again, and at the next club night I will be asking members what they would like to make so we can let Rachael know.

If anyone would like to offer their services and join the committee it would be much appreciated and if you have any ideas that you think the club would benefit from please contact us at costesseyflowerclub@gmail.com

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Kate

Dates for your diary in 2026;

Thursday 6th August – Demonstration by Brenda Tubbs with her title "Just another day"

Thursday 3rd September – Demonstration by Rachael Borenkova entitled "Autumnal offerings"

Monday 21st September – Norwich Flower Club – Open Meeting – Demonstration by National Demonstrator Dawn Weaver "Artistic License"

Thursday 3rd December – Open Meeting - Demonstration by Tracey Griffin with her title "Winter Warmth"

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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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Flower Festival at St Margarets Church, Witton

Some pictures of the arrangements our team created as part of the flower festival at St Margarets Church in Witton on 18th and 19th July.



July demonstration by Linda Kingcott

Linda created some beautiful arrangements at our July meeting.



Flower and County Shows in 2026

22nd to 26th 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 24th July.
More details can be found on their website;

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