

Newsletter



August 2026

Costessey Flower Club

Committee
Contact points
for you;

President:
Doris Waymark

Chairman:
Kate Hopewell

Treasurer:
Jane Hamshaw

For others see your
2026 Programme

Christmas 2026

We have booked the date for our Christmas Wreath-making Workshop for this year which is Saturday 5th December between 9.30am and 12.30pm. If you wish to attend please add your name to the list at the next meeting on 3rd September.

January 2027 -

Social Meal

Due to popular demand we are again holding a social lunchtime meal in January 2027. Look out for more details to come.



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Looking forward

Hello everyone. I hope you are well and coping as the warm weather continues. Thankfully it appears cooler this week and I believe most people have had some rain.

For those of you not able to attend our meeting in August we had a lovely demonstration with Brenda Tubb entitled "Just another day". Brenda is a Costessey favourite and once again she did not disappoint with her amusing stories and beautiful flower arrangements.

We will soon be into September, and our thoughts turn to Christmas.

Members were asked at the August meeting what they would prefer to create at the Christmas workshop. With a clear vote of hands, it appeared that people are happy to continue with a traditional festive door wreath. We will make this using a wire ring covered in moss to which you can add your own personal decorations. Please add your name to the list at the September meeting if you wish to attend.

Plans are also in place for our Christmas Open Meeting and again we will be taking names and selling tickets from September. Please invite friends and family to this festive meeting as it is a special evening and helps raise vital funds for the club.

We will also repeat the social lunch in January as it went down well with you all this year. Hopefully I should be able to give you more details at our next meeting.

It has also been suggested that in the Spring we have a cabaret afternoon with possibly an afternoon tea and some singing entertainment. When it was proposed at the August meeting there was positive feedback. At present this is just a proposal.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you on 3rd September.

Kate

Dates for your diary in 2026;

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 1st October – Demonstration by Lee Burrill entitled "Autumn Tapestry"

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 NAFAS nationwide website:

<https://www.nafas.org.uk/>

lots of news and information on things happening locally in the East Region are available on the Area website: <https://www.nafas-east.com/>



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August demonstration by Brenda Tubb

Brenda entertained us with her stories whilst creating some beautiful arrangements.



Other events coming up soon....

Friday 2nd October – Area Day – 10am until 3pm – Including speaker Mary Newton (forensic scientist) and flower arranging demonstration by Gill McGregor entitled 'Fanciful Flair' – Tickets £20

Thursday 15th October – Aylsham Flower Club – 10am until 3pm - Workshop with Pauline Foster entitled 'Tablescaping' – At Stratton Strawless Village Hall. Tickets £25 – contact Crystal Dyball on 01603 291190

17th and 18th October – Flower Festival at All Saints Church, Swanton Morley – for details contact Jacquie Aldous: j.aldous302@btinternet.com

National Flower Show – May 2027

The National Flower Show returns to Hylands House, near Chelmsford in May 2027. Celebrating the best of homes and gardens the show includes floral displays inside and outside Hylands House.

Local travel company IC Travel are arranging a one day trip to this show on 15th May 2027. If you are interested in attending full details are available on their website: <https://ictravel.co.uk/trip/national-flower-show-hylands-house/>