

Newsletter



October 2026

Costessey Flower Club

Committee
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for you;

President:
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For others see your
2026 Programme

Christmas 2026

The Christmas Wreath-making Workshop for this year is on Saturday 5th December between 9.30am and 12.30pm. If you wish to attend please add your name to the list at the November meeting and pick up a list of items you need to bring along.

January 2027 -

Social Meal

Due to popular demand we are holding a social lunchtime meal on Thursday 21st January 2027. Please add your name to the list if you wish to attend.



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Looking forward

It was good to see the club back to nearly full attendance at our October meeting. As we explained on the night Lee Berrill had been involved in a car accident and was unable to attend, so at very short notice Julia Knights stepped in and what a replacement she was! Considering both her and Lee had been involved in Bradwell's Anniversary open meeting two weeks before I was amazed that either of them could face another demonstration. Julia's 'James Bond' demonstration was a delight and kept us entertained with music and flowers. Not a pumpkin in sight!

Sadly, I was approached after the meeting by a member to say her enjoyment of the evening had been spoiled by people behind her talking all through the demonstration. We want everyone to enjoy the evening so please can I gently remind people to be respectful to the demonstrator and other members who are trying to listen. I know the acoustics in the hall are not great however we have invested a lot of money in the sound system to improve this.

The November meeting is in-house, and we have various members putting together a demonstration based on the theme of 'fireworks'. Ann is also making various firework themed treats, so we should have a fun-filled evening

Ticket sales for the Christmas Workshop and Christmas Open Meeting are going well, but I would encourage members to invite friends and family to the Open Meeting as it is one of the most important fund raisers of the year. We have an excellent demonstrator and a lovely buffet to look forward to, plus the usual stalls, etc. If anyone has a suitable prize for the tombola please bring it along in November.

Plans for the January Lunch are going well and I have now received the winter menu from Glen Lodge. At the November meeting we will have a proforma available for you to choose from the two-course options.

The Programme for 2027 is now complete and we look forward to some very exciting demonstrators. In March plans are in place to have a cabaret afternoon with afternoon tea. The date for your diary is Wednesday 24th March and we will keep you up to date with details as plans progress.

If anyone has information or any articles they wish included in the newsletter please email: costesseyflowerclub@gmail.com I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on 5th November.

Kate

Dates for your diary;

Thursday 5th November – Members Night – Arrangements within the theme of 'Fireworks Night'

Thursday 3rd December – Open Meeting - Demonstration by Tracey Griffin with her title "Winter Warmth" – Finger buffet and drinks included

Thursday 21st January 2027 – Social Meal at Glen Lodge, Bawburgh Golf Club

Thursday 4th February – AGM with supper – starting time will be 6.30pm

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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 are interested in purchasing your own copies in 2027 please speak to Cynthia.** 2027 calendars and diaries are also available.

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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October demonstration by Julia Knights

We thank Julia for stepping in with very short notice, and also her daughter for her help too. Julia produced some beautiful arrangements within her 'James Bond' theme.



A couple of beautiful arrangements from a recent demonstration by Gill McGregor at the October Area Day.



Other events coming up....

Monday 2nd November – Norwich Group of Flower Clubs – AGM and Christmas Event – Morning speaker Simon Davies, afternoon demonstration by Jacquie Aldous, Brenda Tubb and Rachael Borenkova – Tickets £20 including ploughmans lunch or £15 for afternoon demonstration only.

Monday 23rd November – Cringleford and Hethersett Open Meeting – Demonstration by Coral Gardner – Tickets £20 for Visitors includes mulled wine and a mince pie.

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Workshop at Jubilee Hall, Mildenhall – Rachael Borenkova and Roger Woolnough help you create two designs – Cost £40 which includes all materials needed.