

Newsletter



November 2024

Norwich Group of Flower Clubs



2025 Norwich Group meetings

There are three Group Meetings next year. We are switching to Monday meetings.

24th March **NEW DATE**
JUST ANNOUNCED
30th June
3rd November – AGM

Please make a note in your diary and please try to support us.

Please let **Susan Bloomfield**, our **Group Secretary**, know the numbers attending from your Club.

susan@bloomfield11.plus.com



Chairman's Chat



I took over as Norwich Group Chairman last October, it's amazing to think that my first year as Chairman has passed so quickly. As a bit of a round-up of the year:

In March Chrissie Rix of Studio Style spoke on styling and colour analysis. The June Council meeting was cancelled which meant our June meeting looked a bit different. We had a free hands-on workshop, which was a great success with 30 members attending.

Congratulations to Klara Arabadzlieva and Rachael Borenkova who passed their demonstrators tests in May. Sadly Klara has decided not to pursue this at the moment. Violetta Veikniene is retaking her test out of the Area and we wish her well.

We held our Norwich Group 65th anniversary celebration on 23rd September. Kathy Dentten from Dereham showed us what to do with a Nun's dress! A light lunch followed then a demonstration by Shelley Newton, a local florist. The competition 'From the Garden' was won by Helen Evans from Dereham Flower Club who was presented with a commemorative plate.

Members from Norwich Group were represented at the NNHS Spring Show, The Area event at Hunstanton and The Royal Norfolk Show. The Late Autumn Show is taking place on Sunday 10th November with the staging day on the Saturday. Full details of entries [on NNHS web site](#). We look forward to seeing some of you enter.

Some good news which may help Clubs with flower festivals and the like... Flowervision in Norwich have confirmed that Flower Clubs could be classed a business and can apply for an account there. It needs to be just one person who has access to the account and invoices need to be paid with a Club bank card.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Committee for all their help in putting a programme together for you. I look forward to seeing you over the next year and maybe joining more of you for your celebratory meetings.

Jacquie

Norwich Group Meetings

There are **three** Group meetings per year. The meetings in 2025 will move to **Mondays** and these are the dates:-

Monday 24th March 2025 *NEW DATE*
Monday 30th June 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025 - AGM plus activity

Please make a note in your diary and try to support us.

There is a new venue for the Group Meetings in 2025 - Swanton Morley village hall, Manns Lane, Swanton Morley, Dereham, NR20 4NP



Lots of FREE parking available at the hall.

Please remember to let **Susan Bloomfield, our Group Secretary**, know the numbers attending from your Club. Please email Sue at susan@bloomfield11.plus.com

The aim of the **Norwich Group** is to pass on information about NAFAS. News filters down from headquarters via the East of England Area Council meetings which are held in Mildenhall. Group meetings enable club members to meet each other and share ideas and concerns.

We do not charge for attending meetings. We rely on donations for refreshments, the raffle and any income from stalls. With this in mind please try to attend our meetings. We want to make them more interesting for you. There will be an opportunity for some retail therapy with a few stalls. We will have a 80/20 stall for you to sell your unwanted items and donate 20% of income to the Group. Please label everything clearly with your name and price required.

We have over **800** members in our Group. Obviously we cannot accommodate everybody at our meetings but if each club in the group could bring a car full of members that would be brilliant. **It's important that when you receive details of the meeting that you do let our Secretary know the numbers attending.**

This newsletter is sent to all **Club contacts** in the **Norwich Group**. If you'd also like to receive this direct, please email **Susan Bloomfield, our Group Secretary** on susan@bloomfield11.plus.com

Area News

Area councils, Area days and events for 2025

Wednesday 12th March - Area Council - Mildenhall

Saturday 26th April - Area Day - Mildenhall

Wednesday 11th June - Area Council - Mildenhall

Saturday 12th July - Area Day at Isleham, Cambridgeshire

Monday 15th September - Area Executive meeting & JDS&E committee meeting - Mildenhall

Saturday 4th October - Area Day - Mildenhall

Wednesday 15th October - Area Council & AGM - Mildenhall

Group News

Club Anniversaries celebrated this year:

Thetford 50th

Caister-on-Sea 55th

North Walsham 65th

Aylsham 70th

There's still time to enter the NNHS Late Autumn Flower Arrangement Show, **closing date for entries is 6pm on 6th November**. See their website for details

<https://www.nnhs.org.uk/shows/late-autumn-show/>

Please encourage your Clubs to support the Group meetings

There are over 800 members belonging to clubs in the Norwich Group. It would be great to see more of you at our meetings in 2025. If you have any suggestions for our meetings in 2026 please let us know. We hope to repeat the hands-on sessions in 2026 and would welcome any volunteers to help with your ideas for the next one.



A refresh exercise on the Area website has recently been completed. You can take a look here...

nafas-east.com

A news item to cover the new structure and additions has been added to explain the changes. We hope the addition of the Media section will help Clubs with their communications and media where they feel it's needed.

If when navigating the website you come across anything that needs to be put right, please use the new 'Contact Us' form to let us know.

Thank you.

The Website Administrators



What about...

Something you'd like to see regularly in the Newsletter or on the Agenda at the Norwich Group meetings?

Please email the Norwich Group Chairman at norwichgroupchairman@btinternet.com

Forthcoming events across the Group

Late Autumn Flower Arrangement Competition

Norfolk & Norwich Horticultural Society

Late Autumn Show

Flower Arrangement Competition Entry Form

Sunday 10 November 2024 10am – 4pm

Staging Times Saturday 9 November 10.30am – 2.30pm

Closing date for entries: 6pm on Wednesday 6 November 2024

St Faiths Centre, Manor Road, Horsham St Faith,
Norwich, NR10 3LF

Costessey Flower Club
Cordially invite you to join us for our

CHRISTMAS OPEN MEETING
with
Jacquie Arnold
"Strictly Christmas"

on

Thursday 5th December 2024
Breckland Hall, Costessey NR5 0RW

Doors open at 6.30pm with refreshments
Demonstration at 7.30pm

There will be some stalls to browse

Tickets: Members £22.00
Visitors £25.00



Please make cheques payable to:
Costessey Flower Club

Cringleford & Hethersett
FLOWER CLUB
Open Meeting
Monday 25th November 2024 at 7:30pm
(doors open at 6:45)

Demonstrator
JACQUI OWEN
will be presenting

Highly recommended by
National Demonstrator
JONATHAN MOSLEY

SANTA!

'ALL AROUND THE WORLD'

Guest Tickets: £20
Member Tickets: £15
Tickets include mulled wine
and mince pies/stollen

Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, NR9 3JJ
For tickets contact: Lynn Rawlings 01603 457888
leopardlynn@hotmail.com

Great Ellingham & District Flower Club

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26th

Demonstration by..

**ROGER
WOOLNOUGH**

Season's Greetings

**ROCKLANDS VILLAGE HALL
NR17 1TR**

Doors Open 12.30pm
Starts 1pm with Refreshments

Guests **£10** Members **FREE**

Wonderful Raffle

For Tickets call our Secretary
Jane Dalton 01953498694 or 07557517064

Norwich Flower Club
Assembly House Theatre Street
Norwich NR2 1RQ

Monday 18th November 1.45pm
Please join us for our
Christmas Demonstration with

Vicki Hease - 'It's Christmas'

All visitors are very welcome £10
Win a gorgeous floral arrangement in our raffle

