

## NORWICH GROUP OF FLOWER CLUBS REPORT FOR AGM OCTOBER 2024

I took over as Norwich Group Chairman last October, it is amazing to think that my first year as Chairman has passed so quickly.

We moved meetings here to Thorpe Marriot Village Hall, in an effort to increase attendance. Numbers have improved slightly but as I write this I am unsure how many of you will be sitting there today!

At the Group meeting in March Chrissie Rix of Studio Style spoke on styling and colour analysis. The June Council meeting was cancelled. However, as we had this hall booked we decided to go ahead with free hands-on workshop, which was a great success.

In September Norwich Group celebrated it's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Swanton Morley Village Hall. About 40 members attended. Kathy Dentten showed us what to do with a Nun's dress. A light lunch prepared by the committee followed. Our demonstration should have been by Myrtle and Thyme, however they were unable to attend and Shelley Newton stepped in to cover. The competition 'From The Garden' was won by Helen Evans from Dereham and District Flower Club. She was presented with a commemorative plate.

Club Anniversaries celebrated this year are:

North Walsham 65<sup>th</sup>

Aylsham 70<sup>th</sup>

Thetford 50<sup>th</sup>

Caister-on-Sea 55<sup>th</sup>

I was invited by Costessey Flower Club to attend their Christmas demonstration last year and have been invited again this year. I joined Caister for their anniversary event at Filby. Norwich Flower Club invited me to join them to see Arnaud Metaire in May and again for Joyce's President's Day in August. Both these events were held in The Assembly Rooms and included afternoon tea.

Unfortunately, I could not join Wroxham for their open meeting but had a pleasant evening with them watching Crystall show us her junk and jumble.

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

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 staging Saturday 10 November - full details of entries on NNHS web site. We look forward to seeing some of you enter.

There are over 800 members belonging to clubs in the Norwich Group. It would be great to see more of you at our meetings. 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.

One final thing: 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 some more of you for your celebratory meetings.

Jacquie Aldous  
October 2024