

Bradford on Avon Flower Club

Newsletter October 2015

We welcomed a lot of new visitors to the last club demonstration- quite a few who had never been to a Flower club demonstration before. David Martin gave us a very entertaining evening with his "Visions of Cornwall" enjoyed by everyone there.

Two of our members- Cynthia Booth and Liz Harris made two large pedestals for the stage at a concert on the 10th Sept in St Margaret's Hall. The concert was entitled "English Country Garden" and Rosie Upton also gave the club some welcome publicity.

Magna Flora Salisbury Cathedral.

I sent out photos of what some of our club members did at this Flower Festival in a previous e-mail. The team received a thank you letter from the Magna Flora team with a written note added saying "Your careful and detailed exhibit was beautiful and a joy to look at" Congratulations Jan, Maureen, Liz and Cynthia.

Another exhibit was done by the design group Innovation. This group includes our members Cath Humphries, Lucy Ellis, Margaret Murray and Maureen Faraway. It was outside the cathedral and they had to cope with some awful weather while doing it. It was a train for Lynn Chadwick's "Cloaked Figure IX"

Thursday 1st October Demonstration by Mildred Stafford "Dare to be Different" 7.30pm at Holt Village Hall

Our next demonstration on Thursday is by someone that has not visited the club before so we look forward to welcoming Mildred Stafford from County Durham.

The usual sales table with flower arranging necessities plus plants. If you have any plants you can spare or have been making jams/ chutneys please bring them along.

This is the meeting where if you are thinking of joining the club you can do so for £20 (half of the annual fee)

Practice Class Wednesday 28th October 2pm (Note change of time) URC Hall in Holt.

At this practice class we make different Christmas arrangements/ decorations to sell at the Christmas Open meeting. So this is a chance to pick up a lot of

tips on how to make lovely decorations for your own home while helping the club to raise funds.

There is no charge for coming to this event – if you have any spare baubles, artificial flowers etc please bring them along.

As always Rosemary is there to help and instruct. For further information please phone her on 01225 858751

Open Christmas Demonstration Wednesday 4th November 7.30pm at St Laurence School, Bradford on Avon.

Please note that this is not the third Thursday of the month as Lee could not make Thursday 5th November which would have been our normal meeting date

This date is creeping up fast! This is our biggest demonstration of the year so an event well worth coming to. Tickets are now on sale so please tell your friends the date and members please try to sell a few tickets. The tickets will be available at our meeting on the 1st October or contact 01225 863640.

The demonstrator is Lee Berrill from Northampton with “Winter Wonderland” Tickets are £12- members £10 which includes a glass of wine and refreshments. There will be a raffle to give you a chance to win one of the demonstrator’s wonderful designs also an extensive sales table.

If anyone has any spare containers the club could use to plant up bulbs to sell on the Sales table- please could you bring them along to the meeting this Thursday or contact me on 01225 868535

Christmas Workshop in Masonic Hall in Bradford on Avon Saturday 5th December 10am-13.00

This is open to anyone who is interested. The price of the session is £25 and includes everything you need to make either a Christmas wreath or a Christmas table arrangement- tuition by Margaret Murray and Lucy Ellis plus tea/coffee and home made cakes.

We will be taking names and payment at the meeting on 1st October. For more information and to book a place please phone 01225 863640. When you book please indicate if you would like to make either the Christmas Wreath or the table arrangement. We will be sending out more information about exactly what the arrangement will be shortly.

Donation to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

The club is making a donation of £200 to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, which was raised at the Cream Tea event held at Jilly Heath’s home. Some of the committee are going to present the cheque at the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Operations Centre in Devizes on the 14th of October.

Photography Competitions

Just a reminder to members who enter either Area or National Photography competitions. Could you let me know if you either enter Area and/or National competitions and if you would prefer to send your entries as prints or as a

digital version.

Now some other events in the area:-

Innovation Design Study Group Saturday 3rd October

Innovation have a demonstration by Neil Whittaker "Elements of Design" which will be at 2pm in the Memorial Hall, Royal Wootton Bassett. Tickets are £12.50p which includes refreshments. For tickets contact Lucy Ellis on 01380 831469 or e-mail on lucy510@mypostoffice.co.uk

Jonathan Moseley at Country Baskets Wednesday 14th October.

Once again Jenny Payne from North Wilts Flower Club is organising this popular event. For the past few years it has been to raise money for the SW Area's Chelsea fund. This year all funds from ticket sales and the raffle will go to Breast Cancer Care and Prostate Cancer UK.

Tickets cost £5.00. Doors open at 5 pm at Country Baskets, Nova Way, Avonmouth, Bristol, BE11 9DJ and Jonathan will demonstrate from 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm.

You also get a chance to purchase from the extensive range of goods at Country baskets- see their website to get an idea of what is available.
www.countrybaskets.co.uk

Contact Jenny on 01666 577455 or e-mail jenn.pyne23@gmail.com

Holy Trinity Church-Trafalgar Night Dinner.

To raise funds for their regeneration programme – the church are organising a Trafalgar Night Dinner on 21st Oct at Cumberwell Park. The cost is £30 for a three course dinner and a speaker.

For tickets and more information please contact John Cox on 01225 864270 or by e-mail at jandbcox@hotmail.com

Farmborough and District Flower Club Monday 2nd November 7.30pm

A demonstration by Bob Harris and Beryl Griffiths "Christmas Our Way" at Conygre Hall, Timsbury Tickets £10 including nibbles- phone 01761 4140

Festive Flower and Food Show in Blackpool 13-15 Nov

Nafas are organising this National event at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. Lots of demonstrations, workshops and much more.

To book tickets phone 0844 8561111. Visit the website to find out more

www.festiveflowerfoodshow.co.uk

North Wilts Villages Flower Club Wednesday 18th November 7.30pm

A demonstration by Nick Grounds "Bah Humbug" at the Sundial Theatre in Cirencester. Tickets are £12- telephone 01666 824813.

Trowbridge and District Floral Art Club Demonstration 16th Nov 7.30pm

On Monday 16th November Trowbridge club have a demonstration by Sally Taylor "Christmas Capers" at the Peace Memorial Hall, Southwick Road, North Bradley. Tickets are £5 on the door.

Chippenham Flower Club Monday 7th December 7.30pm

A demonstration by Sandy Bailey "Pleasures Unwrapped" at Sheldon School Hall, Hardenhuish Lane, Chippenham. Tickets £10 including light refreshments. Phone 01249 444483.

Well I think that is enough to take in for the moment!

Hope to see you at some of these events.

Helen
(on behalf of the committee)