

Stockport Afternoon Flower Club

Newsletter January 2021

The chairman and committee wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year

Club News

It is unlikely to come as any surprise to you that we will not be opening in February as hoped.

It is not all bad news. We have secured a grant from Stockport local funding which will allow us to buy a zoom license and hold meetings online, starting with an AGM on 22 February.

We know this may be a scary concept to some of you, but we also know that many of you have already mastered the zoom app and will be able to join in. If you have not, this is what you need to do.

You must have a desktop computer or a tablet or a laptop or a mobile phone which is connected to the internet. Download the Zoom app from the apple store or google play. You will get a list of zoom choices - choose "zoom cloud meeting". It is free.

When we plan to hold a meeting you will get an email inviting you to the meeting. It will show a link to press, a meeting ID and a password. Just click the link and you will be taken to the meeting. You might be asked for the ID and password - just copy them from the email. If you have any problems when linked to the meeting, the person hosting the meeting will help you on screen.

If you need help with this beforehand, ask a family member to help, or contact us and we will try to help. We intend telephoning everybody very soon to see how you feel about this.

A very simple video showing this is on our facebook page or you can access it on youtube. Look for "Smart Simple Digital - How to Join a Zoom meeting for the first time". Please have a go, we'd love to see you.

Flower Arranger Magazine

Thanks, once again, to Sue and Mike Jacklin for delivering the magazine to everyone and to Sue Wilkinson for sending the newsletter and the Christmas cards.

We have received lots of messages of thanks for these services. Great to hear from you and your kind words.

Virtual demonstration

Did you like the beautiful design Joan created for our November newsletter?

If you want to see how she did it, just log on to our facebook page where there is a video showing her making it. The presentation is full of tips and ideas for you as well as showing the design in detail.

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Go to www.nafascheshire.org.uk or [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)
Then search for Stockport Afternoon Flower Club
Club. email: flowerarrangers@btinternet.com

Cheshire Area News

The CAN Newsletter offers free demonstrations on the Zoom platform.

Cheshire Area is working hard to keep flower arranging alive for its members. Free demonstrations can be booked as well as subsidised workshops.

If we have an email contact for you, you will have received the latest Area newsletter with details of all events. We will continue to forward any information we get. If you are getting this newsletter by post and would like to get details, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Some members have already participated in, and enjoyed, these events. It is very easy to get set up and you will enjoy seeing flower demonstrations once again.

Details for the National Photography Competition can be found on the NAFAS website. Closing date for entries is 31 August - get snapping!

Only room for a mini quiz this month.

What do you think these plants are?

1. Lucky plant
2. Cereal bloom
3. Butterfly bush
4. Burnt tree
5. Heartsease
6. Yellow vessel
7. Sugary vegetable
8. Big cat lady
9. Producer of saffron
10. Type of punishment

Answers for last month:

1. 6 points
2. H2O
3. Vitamin C
4. White Christmas
5. "kissing Santa Claus"
6. Postmen
7. Coming
8. Twelfth Night or Epiphany Eve
9. Oranges
10. Charles Dickens
11. Norway
12. Ladies dancing



This lovely setting for a Chinese New Year celebration design was created by Brenda Wardle last year. Red is the colour of good fortune in Chinese culture - let's hope some comes our way.