

Stockport Afternoon Flower Club Newsletter March 2023

Know Your Demonstrator

Many of you will remember Anne Rusell as she has demonstrated for us twice before.

She was well liked by you and we asked her to come again today. She was planning to have another title ready by now but, unfortunately, she has not been able to do this.

As she has revised some of the designs for the title we have already seen - and different flowers mean that no two demonstrations are ever alike, we hope that you will enjoy seeing "From Dogs to Dogwood" once again.

An on trend title as Crufts is held this month and Anne is passionate about her subject.

Demonstrator Costs

February 2023 £340. This figure includes fee, flower allowance, hospitality and travel. The raffle raised £80.50 We thank Sara Barrow for her patience in waiting for us to finish our AGM.

AGM Report

Club Officers: The following have been elected to form the committee of the club for 2023/24:

Chairman:	Jenny Went
Vice Chairman:	Vacant
Secretary:	Christine Leigh
Treasurer:	Susan Wilkinson
Programme Secretary:	Joan Quinland
Trading officer:	Barbara Court
Publications Officer:	Susan Jacklin
General member:	Mary Brownhill

The meeting was chaired by our president, Morag McCord. She was thanked for completing her very successful term of office and for the support given to the committee. She passed on her badge of office to our new president, Dorothy Prydderch, who we are delighted to report will serve for the next five years.

Our year without a chairman was ended by the appointment of Jenny Went who will hold the office for one year. We are still without a vice-chair to follow on - please think about it. We ran a whole year without a chairman - how hard can it be? You will have a fully supportive committee to assist you.

Joan Quinland was welcomed back on to the committee and will take over as programme secretary from Christine Leigh who was also thanked for her service.

Thanks to a successful financial year, the subscription will not increase and remains at £50 - very good news.

Membership Cards

These will be available for collection at the March meeting.

Please pay your subscription in March if you did not pay at the AGM. Put your form and cheque in an envelope with your name on the front.

Thanks to Dorothy and Collette who collected your subscriptions at the AGM, as Sue, our treasurer, was ill. They, and we, hope she is fully recovered for March.

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Club email: flowerarrangers@btinternet.com

Dates For Your Diary

• 27 March - Club meeting

See box opposite for details of demonstrator

• 15 April Willow Wood Fund Raiser

10am- noon entry £3 - coffee and cakes. Brenda Wardle will demonstrate a couple of spring baskets at Willow Wood Hospice which will then be part of a larger raffle. This will raise money for their flower festival in May in which club members will be involved.

• 24 April Club meeting

The wonderful Mark Entwistle let's us in to "The Designer's Mind". Not to be missed.

• 5 May National Flower Arranging Day

• 12/13 May Florilegium

National Competition at Gloucester Cathedral. See your CAN newsletters for full details.

• 21 May Manchester 20th Anniversary 10K Run

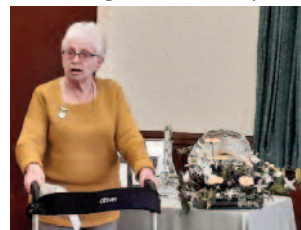
Joan's Daughters are running as a team. Karisse is fund raising for a children's charity and Karelle is supporting our club. Details for donations soon on our facebook page. We are very grateful to the girls.

AGM Gallery

Barbara Court arranged these vibrant carnations popping out of a white container and snowy gypsophila. As I write this I can see the spring flowers in my garden fighting against unexpected snow and this design seems very timely.



Below: Our new president, Dorothy (left) with retiring president, Morag.



Above: New chairman, Jenny
After the AGM we were treated to an exciting and entertaining demonstration by Sara Barrow.



Sara was in training for her National Demonstrator test, to be held in Frodsham in early March. We wish her luck and we are sure that she will do well. Our new programme secretary, Joan, will be there to see her presentation.



Next Committee Meeting will be held on 17 April
2pm at Mary's home

28 March
2pm
Anne Russell "From Dogs To Dogwood"