

# Stockport Afternoon Flower Club Newsletter June 2021

## Club News

The May Demonstration by Alison Cooper was attended by 26 members and we had 15 guests.

Thank you all for supporting our efforts to keep our club alive, and to Alison for having a go.

Alison's flowers were as beautiful as we expected and she proved a natural "Zoomer". Joan once again collected the flowers and distributed them to our happy members. See the pictures below and their comments. We are happy to welcome the Area chairman, Louise Jones, for our June Zoom. Some people stayed on to chat in the break out room and you will be able to do that again this month. We will answer any questions you have - if we can.

News of our club opening is once again postponed as restrictions are extended into July. Woodley Civic Hall is only hosting vaccinations one day a week. Theoretically, they will be able to welcome some of us back but there are no details as yet. In the meantime, we still have two zoom events programmed. Watch this space! Stay safe and stay well.

## Two Lucky Barbaras



*These lovely roses were taken from Alison's design and re-purposed to fit in Barbara Howe's cottage. Barbara is a past president and still a member at 91. She doesn't get to club often nowadays but is still a*

*staunch supporter. She was delighted with her flowers and sends her thanks to the club.*

*You will all know our smiley, sales table lady, Barbara Court, who always has time to chat to members. She works hard to ensure she has just what you never knew you needed, seeking to enhance our funds at every meeting. She can't wait to be doing it again. This close-up of Alison's design shows gold wire that this thrifty lady has saved for future use!*



## Area News

Cheshire Area CAN committee is working hard to try and help clubs stay viable.

They have set up cluster groups to help clubs to work together on projects that may be too much for one club to support. We are in the "Sunflower" cluster with Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme, The Bramall Hall Flower Group, Wilmslow Guild, Romiley, Disley and Prestbury.

Our chairman, Joan, attended a Zoom cluster meeting where a lot of the things discussed were things that our club already does and will continue to do in order to serve our members and keep going.

## Willow Wood Hospice

Our members have been involved with the annual fundraising flower festival at Willow Wood Hospice for many years.

Sadly, current circumstances meant that this has been cancelled for two years now. When our member, Brenda Wardle, told us she was planning to hold a demonstration to raise funding we were keen to support it. We advertised it on our facebook page and tickets were bought. We also provided a small donation towards the cost of flowers - see above. We were rewarded when two of our members won flowers in the virtual raffle!

Well done, Brenda - she raised over £300.



*Treasurer, Sue Wilkinson, in her garden and about to open the prosecco that came with her flower prize.*

*Mary Brownhill received this charming basket of pink carnations, astilbe and white chrysanthemums*



## Next Zoom Meeting

28 June 2pm

Louise Jones "Transformation"

Flowers from this demonstration will go to members

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