

BRADFORD FLOWER CLUB



Autumn 2015

Dear Members,

How time flies. I cannot believe a year has passed since I wrote my first message to you as your new Chairman.

I am sitting in the garden watching nature glide by in its inevitable pattern. The butterflies hover over the buddleia then dance from flower to flower, whilst the bees are busy collecting pollen from the last of the Summer's floral splendour.

All the seasons are beautiful in their own special way.

We are now entering our Autumn season at Bradford Flower Club with all the rich tints and glows of gold, red and bronze, brought to life in wonderful displays by our demonstrators in the coming months.

Once again we have a full calendar of demonstrations and speakers complemented by workshops, competitions, garden visits and trips to the Harrogate Shows.

I have attended the North East Area meetings and have been introduced to some very dedicated people who have organised various events for you to attend and enjoy.

The New Improved Scarborough Spree took place in August which several of our members attended and I am sure they will be reporting back to us with all the news and enjoyment of the weekend.

The club luncheon was a new venture this year which succeeded the usual club dinner. This occasion was well supported and judging by the comments of those members who attended it was a huge success.

Thankyou for all the support you have given me during my first year. I have enjoyed meeting and working with you on our club nights.

Keep coming forward with suggestions and ideas and together we will create 'A BLOOMING GOOD CLUB'!



Sandra Woodhouse

Dates for Diaries

2015:

18th-20th September Harrogate Autumn Show

21st September – Susan Fairhurst 'THE TOOL BOX'

26th September Area Members Day. At Joseph Rowntree School, New Earswick, York, YO32 4BZ. Coffee 10.30, followed by speaker Maria Glot. Lunch then Demonstration by Angela Turner, 'Party in the Park'. Tickets £30.00.

Contact Area Projects Officer

19th October – Janine Gray 'HALLOWEEN ACCENTS'

Plant & Garden Sale. Please bring anything of interest to other members, plants, seeds, magazines, books, hanging baskets, plant pots. Proceeds to Club Funds

13th-15th November NAFAS Festive Flower + Food Show
Winter Gardens, Blackpool

16th November – Guest Evening, cake stall with Susie Marsh and Christine Hinchcliff 'PARTY TIME'

21st November- NE Area AGM at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. Coffee is from 10am. Then AGM which is free. Lunch and afternoon demonstration is by ticket £20. Demonstrators Carys Harrison & Elaine Bedford. 'Raindrops on Roses'

28th November - Club Workshop at Haworth Road, lead by Norma Dobney

14th December – Marie Harris and Muriel Spencer Willcock
'IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN'
Christmas 'fuddle' after meeting

2016:

18th January – Tony Cleaver and Peter Mather
'TASTE OF SUMMER'

Photographic competition opens. Full details of categories to be given later

15th February – Rachel Poole 'NATURAL ELEGANCE'

March – Club Craft Workshop with Helen Reynolds guiding us. Full details to follow

21st March – Sue Spencer 'RHAPSODY OF FLOWERS'.

Spring flower competition. Entries to be in by 7.15 for voting to take place. More details later

9th April - Area Luncheon, Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton, DL7 8PP. Speaker Sarah Hopps

18th April – Kate Riley 'DESIGN FOR NOW'

Floristry 'Bring & Buy' your unwanted items could be someone else's treasure

24th April – Annual Club Lunch. Venue to be announced.

16th May – Guest Evening, cake stall with David Rylands
'SEASONAL SERENDIPITY'

Entries to be in for the photographic competition.

May / June Club Trip Details to follow

20th June – Janice Kirk 'ANYTHING GOES'

11th July – AGM Linda Hardman 'WHAT'S YOUR OPINION'

Results of the photographic competition announced. Bring and share after meeting

12th-14th September - Harrogate Autumn Show

22nd October – Members Day at Skipton Town Hall. Coffee, speaker, luncheon and a demonstration by Gill McGregor

Your Committee for the coming Year

Chair	Sandra Woodhouse
Treasurer	Diane Storr
Secretary	Pat Rhodes
Club Archivist	Gwyneth Priestley
Membership Secretary	Vivienne Midgley
Programme Secretary	Helen Reynolds Eulie Henriques
Sales Table	Sally Lockwood Wendy Elliot
Audio Visual	Yvonne Coppin

Club Trips

Garden Visit

The club visited York Gate Garden on 28th June 2015. The garden describes itself as 'a small garden of distinction' and indeed this was the case. It was created by the Spencer family during the second half of the 20th century and is now owned and managed by Perennial. The garden consists of a series of rooms containing creative displays of garden memorabilia and mature perennial plants. It was enchanting to wander through the 'Rooms' and see something different and exciting in each situation.

York Gate Garden has recently opened its new tea room which stocks freshly baked cakes and buns to be enjoyed in the tea room or outside on the patio. A delightful way to end a very enjoyable day!

Spring Flower Show, Harrogate

14 members went on the club outing to the Harrogate Spring Flower Show. By the looks of the photo



all had a very enjoyable day and bought plenty at the show. We hope it has all transplanted successfully and is now thriving in your gardens.

Autumn Flower Show, Harrogate

The coach is booked and we look forward to hearing all the news from all the members going to the show.

Other Club Involvements:

The Lonely Bouquet

This was the second time we celebrated The Lonely Bouquet Day combined with National Flower Arranging Day on Friday 1st May 2015. The committee made up bouquets and posies and placed them in strategic places for the public to find.

We had good feedback from the people who found them. One lady intended giving it to her sick mother and another person who was the landlady of a Public House said she was going to place it on the bar for her customers to admire.

Bradford Flower Club is certainly getting its name around in some very unusual places!

Workshops

We are looking forward to our Christmas Workshop which will be held on the 28th November at Haworth Road Methodist Church. Our Tutor for the day will be our own Norma Dobney who will challenge us to new designs and constructions. We hope as many members as possible will attend to support the club and Norma. All abilities and experiences will be catered for so please do not worry if you have not been to a workshop before, lots of help and support will be offered on the day plus lots of laughter. Please bring your own lunch, though refreshments will be included in the workshop price.

We are also planning to have another craft workshop in March with Helen guiding us to make designs for Easter and beyond.

Area News

Flower Arranger

For those of you who purchase *The Flower Arranger* – we hope you have enjoyed this magazine over the past year. It is full of beautiful arrangements, news of activities, news of NAFAS events etc.

Sales Table

Sally and Wendy always have an interesting sales table and have available each month a range of flower arranging products. Readily available are:

oasis, dishes, tape, etc which are sold at very competitive prices compared to garden centres and craft shops. All the profits from sales go to club funds so if there is anything in particular you would like to buy, please have a word with Sally or Wendy and I am sure they will be happy to help you.



Congratulations

Over the past few months we have had cause to congratulate the following:

Eileen Barraclough for gaining second place in the WAFA elimination heat and also second place in class A12 – 'Have you Got the Bottle' at Harrogate and also for gaining silver at Chelsea for her floral arrangement.

Shirley Mitchell for winning silver gilt for her display for the Hardy Plant Society at Harrogate Spring Show.

Guess there will be more congratulations following the Harrogate Autumn Show and other regional shows. Please let any Committee member know if there are any special dates for this next season at the club.