

Stockport Afternoon Flower Club

Newsletter March 2022

Know Your Demonstrator

Catherine Baines was one of the demonstrators we should have seen in 2021... and we all know how that went.

We are delighted that now we will be able to welcome her on to our stage - long overdue. She comes to us with "The Joy Of Spring" - a title that seems to bear out the feelings of us all as we look out the window on to spring sun and flowers.

Catherine is a leading light in the North West area and was last with us in July 2019 when she was celebrating Summer.

Demonstrator Costs

February 2022 £273. This figure includes fee, flower allowance, hospitality and travel. The raffle raised £86.50 David Mason was kind to us with his fee and he did not have far to travel, keeping our costs down. His flowers were much admired. We thank him for arriving early so that we were able to set up for the AGM after unloading his car.

AGM Report

Club Officers: The following have been elected to form the committee of the club for 2022/23:

Chairman:	Vacant
Vice Chairman	Vacant
Secretary & Prog. sec.:	Christine Leigh
Treasurer:	Susan Wilkinson
Trading officer:	Barbara Court
Publications Officer:	Susan Jacklin
General member:	Mary Brownhill
General member:	Jenny Went

The meeting was chaired by our president, Morag McCord. She congratulated Joan on completing her term of office as chairman. She said she would be greatly missed and hoped she would return refreshed following what Joan called her "gap year".

The proposal to increase subscriptions to £50 this year and make visitor admissions £6 was approved.

A temporary amendment to the constitution, allowing the club to be run by the committee without a designated chairman, was also approved for one year.

The committee is mindful that a continuation of club officers is a necessity and members are asked to consider joining the committee to ensure the future of our club.

We are a friendly group and the work is not rocket science or very time consuming.

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.

If you are thinning out your plants, please pot some up for the sales table - always in demand.

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Club email: flowerarrangers@btinternet.com

Dates For Your Diary

• 7 April Demonstration

By Brenda Wardle to raise funds for Willow Wood Hospice flower festival. 7.30 at Stalybridge Celtic. Tickets £5. See Brenda for tickets.

• 21/24 April Harrogate Flower Show

• 6 May National Flower Arranging Day

• 14/15 May Flower Festival

Willow Wood Hospice - more details later

• 22 May Manchester 10k Run

Karisse Arkell (Joan Quinland's daughter) will be taking part in this and has kindly agreed to raise money for the club. There will be a gift giving page on facebook for sponsorship. We hope to have more details at the March meeting.

• 12 June Trip to Bridgewater Gardens

£20 (£8 for RHS member)

Please see Christine for details of how to book for this collaboration with Romiley Flower Club

• 21/22 June Royal Cheshire County Show

The very successful flower arranging section in this show will now be designated our Cheshire Area show. Schedule online and on publications table

Obituary

We are saddened to report the passing of Jim Court, husband of our hard working sales table lady, Barbara.

He died suddenly and unexpectedly 6 March from a suspected heart attack whilst out cycling, which was his passion.

Jim has been a stalwart of the club for many years. Barbara is the first to arrive and the last to leave. Jim helped Christine set up the hall and assisted Barbara with the sales table. This kind man will be greatly missed by Barbara and his family - and by us.

Flowers In The Hall

Gail Dixon arranged these beautiful, vibrant roses for our February meeting.

Flowers in March will be by Brenda Wardle. Don't forget to ask her for tickets for her demonstration - see above.



Barbara Court arranged the spring flower grouping presented to the president at the AGM. She is in our hearts and we hope to see her smiling again with us soon.

Next Committee Meeting will be held on 11 April
2pm at Mary's home

28 March 2pm
Catherine Baines
"The Joy Of Spring"