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CHAIRMAN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you are all keeping well. We've had our first committee meeting and we are starting to make plans for this year and it's all very exciting as you will see in our notes below. I'm looking forward to our workshop and trips as it's great to have something to look forward to and start filling your new diary for 2022. I will keep you informed at every meeting

Thanks Diane

Joyce's Musings



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Did you stay up until midnight or retire at half past nine? Well we're in another year when we are still in the throes of the pandemic but we're in a much better place than this time last year when we had neither vaccinations nor boosters. And let's not mention those tests that make you gag. I firmly believe we are seeing light at the end of a very long tunnel but being able to see family and friends over the festive period and to have some semblance of "normal" was extra special.

We have all said or heard that Christmas has got too commercial and the kids get far too many gifts. What happened to an orange, an apple and a new penny? Goodness, can you imagine the screams on the day if that's all children got in their stockings on Christmas morning? Usually my sister and I buy each other several gifts costing a number of £££ but decided this year we would challenge ourselves to spending a maximum of £20.00. Said items were packed into our suitcases as we were both away for the holiday and I could not have been happier with the sparkly M&S cardigan but the most fun and joy I got was from a flashing, red and green, battery operated necklace which I wore all Christmas Day, giving my husband a headache. On her part a glitzy diamante sun visor and a good book were equally well received. Just goes to show you really do not need to spend masses of money on items that will probably never be appreciated or used after the 27th December.



Packed programme for 2022 and new website coming soon

We go into the New Year with a packed programme for your enjoyment and an exciting new club website will launch shortly showcasing who we are, what we are about, articles and photos with links to other creative or educational events in our floral world. For instant access don't forget that we have a club Facebook page and a North East Area Facebook page where you can see what else is going on in the floral world. If you missed the online Zoom tutorial Floral Wearables I did on using floral adhesives check out our YouTube channel to see the whole video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Pm8ztbm98Y>





BIRTH FLOWER OF THE MONTH

JANUARY - CARNATION

Did you know that each month has its own birth flower which corresponds to the month you were born in? It is thought that this will give you vital clues to your personality.

Genus: Dianthus, from the Greek 'dios' divine/God and 'anthos' flower, or heavenly flower. The world's bestselling flower, seen by some as being old fashioned. Single headed, spray or dwarf. Native to Southern Europe and Asia. National flower of Spain, Monaco, and Slovenia. In South Korea children present their parents with bunches of red and pink carnations on Parents' Day

as a sign that they love them. The Carnation is so universal and versatile, as it comes in a range of colours, tones, shades and tints.

Edible it can be used to decorate bakes or used in a salad.

Also believed to have medicinal properties to treat skin problems, hair loss and muscle tension. Reliable, good value for money as they are long lasting and available all year. Flower meaning: devotion, fascination. Symbolise: love and distinction. The flower of first wedding anniversaries. Sweet William are a type of carnation.



STYLE OF EXHIBIT PLANTS AND FLOWERS



Renamed Plants and Flowers in the Competitions Manual 2015, the Pot et Fleur was termed in the 1960s, from the French for 'pot' and 'flower'. The style stems from the Victorian times combining living house plants with cut flowers. Creating sustainable arrangements without the use of floral foam. Any container can be used, traditionally punch bowls and large soup tureens were used. Today for a more contemporary look you could use terracotta bowls, willow baskets, or metal boxes. Care will need to be taken to line containers which are not water tight so that they do not leak. Within this you can use another container - jar, vase or tubes to hold the cut flowers. There are a couple of ways to create your arrangement. With your container you could either line it to prevent leaks, pop in some crocks at the bottom for

drainage and then fill with soil/compost, planting in the compost the plants and making space for the cut flower container. Or you could keep each plant in its own pot, place in the container and fill around the pots with moss, although the pots do take up room. Arrange the cut flowers in the container. Suitable for both internal and exterior display. Each time you change the cut flowers it will take on a different look. The cut flowers should be suitable in scale, with a variety of leaves giving a variation in form, texture and colour. A mixture of plants placed in a pleasing grouping or line, with height - tall, bushy, and trailing plants over the side of the container. Consider space, and the overall harmony between flowers and plants.



RAFFLE

Buying a raffle ticket and getting the chance to win one of the amazing floral designs at the end of our demonstrations is part of the excitement and fun. The aim has always been that the monies received from the sale of the tickets would cover the cost of the demonstration flowers therefore helping to keep the overall costs of club administration manageable. Sadly this has not been the case for some time and with the huge increase in the cost of flowers your committee have had to take the decision to increase the cost of the raffle tickets to £3.00 from February. It is not all bad news however for the increase you will also receive an extra ticket (3 tickets for £3.00) and therefore an extra chance that yours will be one of the winning ones.



NOTICEBOARD

Do you have a story to share with your fellow members? A funny thing happened on the way to the supermarket? A floral event or garden visit

Please send your articles and photographs to the Editor Joyce Hearnshaw email: huddersfieldflowerclub@gmail.com

Our new style members' newsletter will now be going out quarterly. The next issue will be due in April 2022.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 March 2022 Club Workshop

21 - 24 April 2022 Harrogate Flower Show

22 April 2022 Proposed club trip date

1 May 2022 National Flower Arranging Day

22 June 2022 Platinum Jubilee Lunch
Fixby Hall, Huddersfield