

## COLUMN FLOWER CLUB

### CHAIRS REPORT FOR AGM 7.30pm TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

A warm welcome to you all and a big thank you to everyone for supporting our friendly flower club.

We are able to hold our AGM and our meetings in our new room which I hope you have found to be better for us. I would just like to thank all those who took time and trouble to help and research when we were in the process of trying to find a room/location large enough to accommodate us. In the end Belvidere School came up with the Science Laboratory. Although the School fees were increasing this year (they are a set rate throughout the School for their class rooms) remaining at Belvidere was still our best option all round. It's nice to know we are a growing club who required a larger space and let's hope we continue in this way.

We had a lovely meal to celebrate Christmas which also combined BW's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and also my 60<sup>th</sup>. A personal thank you to everyone and you will be pleased to know my basket of Hyacinth made a lovely display and they are now in the front garden.

We've had an entertaining past year with a varied programme. We have enjoyed demonstrations by club members and our guest demonstrator DW (from Shrewsbury Flower Club), workshops by JC and TH (also from Shrewsbury Flower Club) and our summer trip, which this year was to Dobbies Garden Centre for afternoon tea.

Congratulations to all members who have entered competitions and good luck to anyone entering any in the future. I would just like to mention DC who need not have polished her cup she won at Dorrington last year as she got it back again this year for attaining the most points in the floral art section in the show. Also congratulations to DH as she received a Highly Commended at Shrewsbury Flower Show.

Again we have seen some lovely work produced by club members and although we all work to the same title it's been interesting to see how we all interpret it.

Thank you to the Hostess, beverage makers and finally my warm thanks and gratitude to our committee members whose help and input is invaluable. BJ is standing down from the committee and I would like to give her a special thank you for her in-put over the years and to let her know her comments/suggestions have been welcome and useful and to add that she is and will continue to be a valued member of the club.

I hope everyone will continue to enjoy 'The Column Flower Club Family' and look forward to 2014.

TP (Chair)