

## COLUMN FLOWER CLUB

### CHAIRS REPORT FOR AGM at BELVIDERE SCHOOL 7.30pm TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Good evening everyone and welcome to Column Flower Club for our AGM.

Again this year I can report we've had an increase in membership to Column which is wonderful, but unfortunately we are losing one member. Ann Corfield has decided not to re-new her membership this year. Both she and Rose Hughes who often comes with Ann know they are welcome to any of our evenings and I hope we will see them from time to time. I really hope all other members, new and those who have been with us many years will continue to enjoy flower club.

Over the last year, with my thanks to our Programme secretary Barbara, I think we'll all agree we've had an interesting and varied programme. Again our New Year dinner at The New Inn Hook-a-Gate was a great success, then during the summer an evening fish and chip supper at the same venue. Again I think I speak for everyone just how much both of these events were enjoyed. A thank you too to Carol for organising these. Our programme has continued with our theme of flower arranging through the eras and have consisted of demonstrations by club members and practical evenings of floral and craft work plus, we've also had our Open Evening and a Saturday morning workshop the latter two held at Cross Houses Community Hall.

The open evening with Tina Pound – “Elvis at The Movies” was interesting as regards to her designs and lovely flowers but unfortunately as I've had it described to me her presentation lacked “oomph” which I have to say I agree with, it was a shame.

Our Saturday morning workshop with guest tutor Jacqui Cooper was fantastic, we learned a lot and it was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. With several people coming from outside of Column, the sale of sundries by Suzanne and raffle tickets by Sandie we were able to make a small profit of £13. Earlier this year club members held a ballot with reference to holding “outside” workshops as it appeared that for various reasons, for which I fully understand members could not attend. The result from the ballot was the majority preferring to have a guest tutor on an ordinary club evening. I can report Barbara has managed to include this on the 2018 programme. We have Debbie Wellington booked in May and later in the year Martin Wood (Shrewsbury Town Crier).

Our web-site is regularly up-dated; on it you will find the current programme, past ones plus information that may interest you. To date there are quite a lot of photos for all the work over 2017. Please remember to send me pictures of things you have done (it doesn't just have to be work done at club). I do my best to keep it updated with them.

Again the Competition (A Kissing Bough) at our Christmas "Bring and Share" evening was a great success and once again a thank you to Carol's Husband Trevor who judged the competition for us, and to Donna who provided us with some festive music. Thank you too; to everyone bringing food, we always have such a lovely spread.

The Committee, I have endless gratitude to the committee who have taken on various tasks on behalf of the club, without your commitment the running of the club would be extremely difficult. This year though Julie (Club secretary), Christine (Treasurer) and Maureen are retiring from the committee. These are just a small thank you for all you work you have done. (Presented with flower arrangements).

To finalise. We have such a lovely friendly club always working well together and helping each other. I hope Column continues to prosper and continue for many years to come. So a big thank you to you ALL.

Trish Payne (Chair)