

Saturday 17th September. We will hire a coach. As well the show, we will have entry to Newby Hall which has rooms filled with flower installations, and Newby Hall gardens with Europe's biggest herbaceous borders, 15 garden rooms and an adventure park! The showground itself is compact with a huge range of exhibits, displays and sales. The famous Incredible and Edible competition is held at the show with giant vegetables. There are also the Home and Style, and Great Northern Larder retail areas. Jonathan Moseley and Martin Fish run demonstrations throughout the day.

**Tuesday 18th October** - Harvest Festival. Autumn celebration evening in St Annes Centre. Welcome glass of wine, and the opportunity to make an Autumn door garland. You will be provided with an oasis ring base, and necessary wires, ribbons etc., but please bring some Autumn foliage, berries, cones etc. and your secateurs. Emm will demonstrate how to make these step by step, so everyone can get involved. They are easy to make. Afterwards we will enjoy an Autumn themed supper, and there will be an auction of our harvest produce, plants and preserves.

**Tuesday 15th November** - Start planning for Christmas with Beverley Wright, a florist and tutor. She will show us some ideas for Christmas flowers in the home, followed by festive drinks and canapes.

**Tuesday 6th December** - Christmas Meal at a local restaurant.

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**2022 Meetings**  
will commence in the  
**Methodist Chapel, Front Street,**  
**Wolsingham DL13 3DF**

*but we hope to move to a larger venue as soon as possible.*

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## Flower and Garden Club



## 2022 Programme

Meetings are held at 7pm  
unless otherwise stated

Annual Membership is £25  
and there will be an additional charge  
for some meetings/visits.

Visitors are most welcome at all meetings.


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**Tuesday 15th February** - This will be our AGM when the Chair and Treasurer will give annual reports, and we agree annual accounts. If any member would like to join the Committee for the following year do please let our Chair have your nomination; we most warmly welcome new membership.

The AGM will be followed by a talk and demonstration of Spring flowers from Gemma Liddle, of Elegant Flowers, Sacriston. Gemma was Florist of the Year, 2020/21 and specialises in signature bouquets, weddings and special events. She established her business in 2010, and also offers an on line service.

**Tuesday 15th March** - David Matthewman is a specialist in growing sweet peas. He has been growing and showing for over 40 years, and has won numerous gold medals at Chelsea Flower Show. His nursery is at Northallerton but he sells his top quality seed on line throughout the country, to top exhibitors and gardeners alike. He will bring seed for sale at our meeting. For 2021/22 he has introduced a new variety - Newby Blue which is a stunning, frilly, blue Spencer sweet pea on long stalks. We will learn how to grow sweet peas 'the Matthewman way'.

**Tuesday 19th April** - Tessa Budd runs Vintage and Flowers, based at Ebchester. She grows cut flowers and supplies seasonal blooms and foliage to florists and bouquets to those with a love of fresh British grown flowers. She also runs a variety of workshops and is the Regional Manager for the North East region of Women's Farm and Garden Association. She also sources and sells French vintage items.

**Saturday 30th April** - Please support our annual fund raising coffee morning, 10am to 12 noon in the Town Hall. There will be the usual cake, plant, and bric a brac stalls. Funds raised will go towards our transport costs.

**Sunday 1st May** - Additional programme event. We have free entry to Harlow Carr Gardens at Harrogate for all members, a saving of £12.15 pp. This is part of the Spring Gardening Event when there will be talks and demonstrations, and Tulip, Daffodil and Rhododendron competitions. Bettys will be open, as will the garden centre and RHS shop. Jonathan Moseley will be showcasing Spring themed floral designs. As this is an additional event, we would ask members to arrange own transport. We have to 'sign in' to the garden as a group at a set time, but after that everyone is free to do as they wish. We plan to arrive for 11am.

**Tuesday 17th May** - 44th Birthday Night. Kate Norris runs Northumbrian Flowers, based on the outskirts of Wark on Tyne, near Hexham. She is a flower farmer and grows everything using sustainable practices and following organic principles. She grows biannuals, annuals and a lot of perennials from seed ensuring strong, hardy, unique and scented flowers. Kate is North East Regional Co-ordinator for Flowers from the Farm, a national organisation with over 1000 members growing and promoting British flowers. As well as working as a grower and florist, Kate runs a range of workshops throughout the year covering lots of crafts and skills.

**Tuesday 21st June** - An evening garden visit.

**Tuesday 19th July** - Friends Night. National Nafas demonstrator, Lucy Richardson, shows us crafts and flowers from her Dales Life. Lucy - The Travelling Florist - is a creative floral designer and as well as demonstrating, she runs workshops nationally, and provides flowers for events. She has been a professional florist for 37 years, and is also a designer and maker of handmade eclectic crafts with an up-cycled element. Members are invited to bring along a friend to this special demonstration. Visitors pay £5 for the evening.

**Tuesday 16th August** - An evening garden visit to The Beacon, Stocksfield. This garden illustrates how to make a cottage garden on a steep site, with loads of interest at different levels. It provides stunning colour and plant combinations, and is wildlife friendly. Alan Titchmarsh and crew filmed the garden in September 2021 for his programme Love Your Garden on ITV. The owners will provide us with home made refreshments, and entertainment - comedy and a piano recital! We plan to arrive for 6.30 pm. The steep site is not wheelchair friendly, but wheelchair users can negotiate the drive and enjoy a view of the main garden.

**Friday 2nd September** - Charity Lunch. We will again be supporting the Ladies Lunch at Wolsingham Showground, in aid of Weardale Community Hospital, and providing flowers for the tables.

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