

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you all. This evening it is our Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a talk by Rita Braithwaite entitled 'A Funny Way to Earn a Living'. Rita has been to the club several times and we are delighted to welcome her again this evening.

Our workshop evening in July was a great success. Several of our own talented members were tutors and they taught new skills to those taking part. It was both a very active and an enjoyable evening.

Great Yorkshire Show



The North East Area Executive Committee invited Bridget Lane to design the Area Stand at the show. Bridget invited Jan Gardner to work with her and they planned and created an excellent design entitled 'The Yorkshire Rainbow'. This striking exhibit was depicted with arcs of flowers in the colours of the rainbow and they were awarded a very well-deserved

Silver Gilt Medal. Many Congratulations Bridget and Jan. The exhibit attracted a lot of attention and was much admired by the visitors to the Show.

St Crux Fundraiser 3 August

A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who helped in any way to make this day such a success. A great deal of hard work is involved, both before and actually on the day, and everyone rose to the challenge. The magnificent sum of £904.35 was raised.

Adam Festival 15 July (Acomb Dance, Art and Music)

Several members were involved in decorating St Stephen's Church for the Acomb Festival. The Church was open to visitors all day on the Saturday and from 2 p.m. on the Sunday. The flowers also benefitted two weddings on the Saturday and a baptism service on the Sunday! The lovely designs were viewed by the many visitors to the Church. Thank you to all those who participated in any way.



Flowers in York Minster Friday 21 July

Once again a strong contingent from the Club staged designs. Thank you to everyone who volunteered; the flowers looked magnificent.



Diamond Dazzler Weekend, Hull campus

Six members attended this sparkling weekend which was action packed with workshops, demonstrations and entertainment. A great time was had by all. The venue was splendid with excellent accommodation for all the delegates.

Membership Fees

The fees for the coming year (£30 for ten meetings) are due and are payable at the September Meeting or in October please. (Cheques to be made payable to Acomb Flower Guild or Cash).

Festive Flower and Food Show 9-11 November

If you are joining the Club visit to Blackpool the balance of payment is now due so please do see Anne Ryder this evening if you have not yet done so.

North East Area of NAFAS AGM Saturday 18 November

This will take place at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield. Tickets are £25 to include lunch followed by a demonstration by a group of demonstrators. A cheque made out to Acomb Flower Guild will secure your place or do speak to a committee member to reserve a ticket. This promises to be a good day so think about coming along. If you need help with transport please speak to one of the committee.

Shop

We are very pleased to say that Anne Ryder has kindly offered to look after the shop for us in the short term. We feel that this is a service to our members that we would like to continue. If you are interested in helping with the shop please do have a word with Anne.

Next Meeting

This will be a practice night and we welcome Eileen Barraclough as the judge for the evening. The titles are:

Novice: The Red Sky at Night.

Intermediate: Dark Side of the Moon.

Advanced: Sputnik (60 years since the first satellite was launched) No. niche.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to help with tasks such as the raffle, putting out chairs, signing in, refreshments and indeed all jobs which help to make the guild run smoothly. Thank you also to Julia Weston for setting out the Newsletter.

Special Date for your Diary

Next year it is the Golden Anniversary of Acomb Flower Guild and we are organising a lunch to celebrate this very special occasion. It will be held on 23 June 2018 at York Racecourse. Please do make a note in your diaries and keep the date free.

2017 Dates

Harrogate Autumn Show 15 -17 September

Festive Food and Flower Show, Blackpool 9-11 November

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