

### Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to members and guests and also to our judge for this evening, Susan Hall from Saltburn by the Sea.

The class titles are:

Novice: The Garden Party

Intermediate: The Potting Shed

Advanced: Cool, Green and Shady (no niche)

### Last Meeting

Judy Watker, a demonstrator from our own North East Area inspired us with her creative designs and entertained us with her talk about 'Friends in Nice Places'.

### Harrogate Spring Flower Show 26-29 April

It was an excellent Show this year. Well done to all those who participated from the club in any way and many congratulations to Jan Gardner for her very well deserved First Prize in the Class 'Garden Visitor on a Bud' and VHC in the class 'Window Dressing'. Well done Jan!



## National Flower Arranging Day, Friday 4 May

We have now received the recommended label for this year from Headquarters. Photocopied and laminated labels are here for you this evening. Please do pick one or two up from the table at the back of the room if you are thinking of creating an arrangement for this special day. This is when we aim to give pleasure to those members of the public who happen to find and take home one of our arrangements and also to spread the word about our National Association and of course, the Guild. It has been suggested that we do place them in prominent places but not where they may be mistaken for floral tributes e.g. near the road-side, as people are then reluctant to pick them up and take them away.



## Next Meeting Tuesday 5 June, Demonstration evening.

We extend a warm welcome to Lucy Richardson from Richmond who will present her demonstration entitled 'Oriental Infusion'. Please do bring friends along to what promises to be an excellent evening.

## Fairfax House in Bloom 3-8 July

Plans are continuing for the Flower Festival, which will be part of the celebrations to mark the 250 Anniversary of the Ancient Society of York Florists, the oldest horticultural society in the world. A big thank you to all those who have put their names down to participate. The View Day for arrangers will be held on Monday 30 April, the day before our next meeting. We look forward to seeing a number of you there.

Just a reminder that the dates for the actual Festival are: Monday, 2 July (Staging) until Monday 9 July (Take down). We do have the names of several members who have offered help and we will be getting in touch with them in the near future.

## Holy Trinity Church, Goodramgate

Although we are no longer decorating the church on a regular basis we did agree with the Friends of Holy Trinity that we would decorate the Church for the Service on Trinity Sunday, which is on 27 May 2018. We plan to do four or five designs

If you would like to take part please sign the list at the back this evening

## Golden Anniversary Luncheon, Saturday 23 June, York Racecourse

There is still time to add your name to the list if you would like to join us for this very special occasion. Tickets are £30 (payable by 5 June at the latest please)

and are on sale this evening. The price includes a welcome drink and three course lunch followed by coffee.

**Starter**

*Salmon & lemongrass fishcake, sweet chilli tiger prawns  
with noodle basil salad*

*or*

*Spinach & wild mushroom spelt risotto in cream sauce,  
toasted pine nuts, micro salad  
(vegetarian)*

**Main**

*Pork tenderloin with a heart of plum and rosemary in prosciutto,  
caramelised apple, creamed mash, sage jus*

*or*

*Potato dumpling with a heart of pumpkin smoked Applewood cheddar,  
roast baby vegetables, kale crisps, lentil jus. (vegetarian)*

**Dessert**

*York's traditional citrus tart, nest of cassis raspberries, chocolate shard*

If you would like the vegetarian option or have any special dietary requirements please could you add your name and details to the list at the back of the hall.

## **Minster Flowers 20 July**

The next time we will be involved with Minster Flowers will be on Friday 20 July. Please sign up this evening if you are interested. If you have not worked in the Minster before perhaps you would like to come along to assist or observe.

## **Flower Festival, All Saints Church Pocklington, 15-18 September**

We are hoping to have a coach outing to this exciting event on Saturday 15 September. We anticipate arriving at the Flower Festival at 10.30 am. There will also be time to have a look around Pocklington if you wish before we move on to Burnby Hall Gardens where we will have a buffet lunch and see the gardens before returning to York at about 3.30pm. Cost for transport, entrance to the gardens and lunch is expected to be about £18. Please sign up this evening if you are interested.

## **Area Luncheon 29 September**

This will be held at the Pavilions, Railway Road, Harrogate HG2 8NZ 12 for 12.30 pm. Lunch will be followed by a talk entitled 'Dotty about Hats' presented by Speaker Veronica Hartley. Tickets are £32.50 (non-refundable) and may be purchased from Bridget.

## **AGM September 2018**

We will be looking for new Committee Members. If you feel you would like to join us on the Committee and would like to know what is involved please do speak to one of the current members of the Committee. Jan Gardner will be standing down as Programme Secretary this time as she is going to take a well-earned break. Margaret Titman has decided not to stand for re-election.

If you won a trophy at the 2017 AGM please could you return it to us at the June or July Club meetings so that it can be prepared for the next winner.

## 2018 Dates for your Diary

**4 May** National Flower Arranging Day

**20 July** Minster Flowers

**21 July** Area Council Meeting

**29 September** Area Lunch

**13 October** Area Council Meeting

**17 November** Area AGM

Thank you once again 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. At the moment there are still some spaces on the list so please do think about volunteering to help with one (or more) of these jobs. Thank you also to Julia Weston for setting out the Newsletter and to York Against Cancer who are kindly printing the Newsletter for us at the moment.

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