

DISLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Newsletter March 2022

Tonight, the demonstrator is Kathleen Dean with '*Old friends & new trends*'.

Welcome to any visitors.

Entry fee £2 members, £8 visitors

MEMBERSHIP DUE TONIGHT

£45

Hopefully you will have received an email or a phone call to explain the results of presenting the accounts and the 2022/23 budget to the AGM. Just in case you haven't here is a summary.

The accounts show that we spent about £1,000 keeping you in touch during Covid which is offset against the reserve as expected. We haven't been increasing our membership fee each year to keep up with inflation and those losses over the years before Covid have now caught up with us. The budget shows that 2022/23 has a predicted loss of £1,500 depending on the number of members and attendances. If we don't do something the club will be bankrupt in less than 3 years. To spread the financial burden of increases it was agreed at the AGM to do as other clubs do and have an entry fee of £2 for members so that the membership increase can be reduced from the £69 needed. After much debate at the AGM a fee of £45 up from £39 was suggested. The committee debated this further and agreed to go with this figure.

We know we have lost some members for various reasons mostly due to health issues. So, after the membership payment months of March and April are complete and we've had a couple more months to see the trend of attendances, we will review the situation. This may mean that we must plan to reduce the number of demonstrators next year or not have to increase the membership as much as expected next year. We'll keep you posted.

To add interest and raise some funds we are starting a couple of new things. In April we hope to start a Bring and Buy Book and Jigsaw stall run by Sheila please bring your donations to the table at the back of the hall. Hopefully we will also have a spring plant sale as well.

Please continue to support your club, so many have closed, and we don't want to join them. Any ideas are welcome please have a chat with Chris M or any member of the committee. Speaking of which Sue Bennett has taken a sabbatical due to work pressures and Joan Green has re-joined the committee. Thank you for reading this long "summary".

March

16th Club Workshop with Sylvia Bower Methodist Chapel, Windlehurst Rd, 7-9pm. Please confirm your attendance with Sylvia tonight as numbers are restricted due to room size.

April

13th Club night. Demonstrator Ann Morgan from Morecambe
Start of Jigsaws and book stall and hopefully a spring plant stall (if I don't bid for the wrong thing at the auction!)

21st Club trip to The Halifax Piece Hall and Shibden Hall. The price is still £25 please pay tonight unless you carried your payment forward from 2020.

27th Club Workshop with Chris Middleton. Please discuss ideas with Chris tonight during the tea interval to help with planning.

May

11th Club night. Vanessa Wellock from Ilkley 'What were you doing when?'

18th Club Diamond Anniversary Dinner from 2020 at the Deanwater. Ticket £25 includes a welcome drink, 2 course meal, Tea or Coffee and a talk by Kathleen Williams. 7pm start doors open from 6.30pm. Please do come it will be a lovely evening and the more people who come the merrier.

25th Club Workshop Sylvia Bower.

June

8th Club night. Heather Hayes from Bolton 'Pot Luck'

29th Club Garden Party TBC

July

13th Club night. Derek Morgan from Morecambe 'In the frame'

Information

The Village Hall Management Committee are holding Pop-In Coffee mornings in the Small Hall 10.30-12 noon starting on 21st March for 4 Mondays up to Easter. All welcome.