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## STOKESLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

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28<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Good Evening Ladies,

Welcome to our April newsletter. It was really lovely to see so many happy faces at our zoom meeting in March. Thank you to all the ladies who managed to log on themselves and also to those who were ably assisted by members of their family. The committee received such positive feedback we have decided to hold another zoom meeting in May when our demonstrator will be Vanessa Wellock.

You are so important in our lives and it was fabulous to see our flower friends, looking so well.

Speaking of which one of our flower friends, who was a founder committee member of Stokesley and District Flower Club when it was formed in 1978, is shortly leaving Stokesley with her husband to be nearer to family.

We will all miss Lovaine and Mike dearly but it has been difficult for the family for these last few years being a distance away from each other.

Many of us understand how this feels and we wish Lovaine and Mike well in their future lives ahead.

We have all learned so much from Lovaine. She has been inspirational in her flower arranging ideas for festivals, weddings and bringing talent together showing the beauty of flowers.

I wish you all well and look forward to seeing you at the zoom meeting in May or face to face when it is safe to restart our flower club again.

Thank you. Alison

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His Royal Highness

Prince Philip

Duke of Edinburgh

1921-2021



We will all have been saddened by the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, recently. He has been with us since we were born and he touched so many people's lives in many different ways. He will be missed by his family, friends and country. His steadfast loyalty, respect and service to others will be his legacy to us all.

May He Rest In Peace.

People we meet or read about can touch our lives in many different ways.

Thank you for being yourself.

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## Gardening Tips from our Very Own Monty Don

Lavender is one of the loveliest flowers to see and smell.



Getting the planting area right is important for a healthy plant. The ground must be gritty and free draining (like a Mediterranean hillside) not cloddy and muddy (like the clay soil in my garden!) where they will simply rot.

Add plenty of grit to the soil so that the roots never get properly wet. Ensure also that the plant gets as much sun as possible.

Best Wishes,

Angela Daws

You may enjoy visiting **Yorkshire Lavender** - the North of England's triple award-winning visitor attraction, **lavender farm** and gardens all set within the Howardian Hills Area.

<https://www.yorkshire.com › view › attractions › yorks...>

[National Gardening Week](#)

26th April - 2nd May 2021

Gardens and green spaces can boost your mental and physical well-being.

National gardening week is encouraging everyone to get their daily dose of 'green'.

This can be gardening, visiting green spaces, growing houseplants or connecting with nature with colour, scents and birdsong.

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## National Flower Arranging Day May 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

As Special Events Co-ordinator for our club Lovaine has invited Joan George, and members of the committee, to organise a floral display in Stokesley. The display will be along the railings outside Springfield Co-op.

This is a newly planted area developed by SPIOTA - **Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association**. After a lot of hard work by volunteers the site has now been completely cleared and dug over and replanting is well underway. The Co-op has kindly donated a substantial amount towards this project. A beautiful new path and seating area have been created by local landscaper David Weighell.

### TOMBOLA QUEEN LOVAINE



On behalf of the club the committee is hoping to present Lovaine with a gift and card from us all. Unfortunately she and Mike will be leaving the area sometime in June which is before the club starts up again.

We wish them good health and happiness in their new home. They will be greatly missed.

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## Thank You

We hope everyone enjoyed Gill McGregor's recent demonstration whichever way you were viewing – zoom or via video link. A big thank you to all those involved in making the evening such a success for our club – especially Ann and Jan.

Look out for the link to Vanessa Wellock's demonstration which will arrive a day or so before 26<sup>th</sup> May.

### Fancy being creative?

Why not create some edible flowers like these which are on rice cakes? We would like to see any of your flowers on a plate. Please email any of your inspirational ideas. Thanks!



Apparently it is good to talk to your plants. I tried to teach my flowers mathematics but they ended up with square roots!!!

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## Flower Arranger Magazine

The Summer edition will now have been delivered to you. NAFAS are so grateful for our continued support because this source of income is really important to them.

We, as affiliated members, can purchase the magazine at a greatly reduced price. Next year Joan Arthur will kindly be taking on the role of Flower Arranger Officer and I am sure she will appreciate your support. Thank You.

### Dates for your diary in 2021

Now that lockdown is easing hopefully we will be able to look forward to lots of interesting events. Here are some places you may wish to visit.

#### National Flower Arranging Day

7<sup>th</sup> May

#### Harlow Carr Flower Show 2021

25<sup>th</sup> June – 27<sup>th</sup> June

#### Tatton Park Flower Show 2021

21<sup>st</sup> July @ 10:00 am – 25<sup>th</sup> July @ 5:00 pm

#### Chelsea Flower Show 2021

21<sup>st</sup> September @ 8:00 am – 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 8:00 pm

**Our best wishes to anyone who is ill and also to those recovering from various ailments.**

**Congratulations to members who may be celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries or any other special events very shortly.**

**Stay Safe Everyone.**

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