

FLOWER CLUB REPORT 2012 -2013

The Flower Club has undergone several changes over the last year, not least of which was the resignation of Gillian Harman, Secretary and also Sue Guilford, Treasurer. Gillian will be missed as she had been secretary since 1999 and had done a vast amount of work behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly. There was a presentation to her at Harvest to thank her for all her hard work over the years. Sue was also thanked for her work as Treasurer.

Member numbers continue to decline and in view of the loss of two key figures it was decided after much deliberation that the roles of secretary and treasurer could be combined into one administrator role. Dorothy Toyn volunteered and this was agreed by members at a meeting in September. The five monthly teams have been reduced to four now, due to diminishing numbers, and with fewer people helping this can be very difficult at times.

We aim to continue to provide flowers for the church throughout the year, and have tried to be creative using plants on occasions, which last a little longer than cut flowers and do not need arranging. Despite our reduced numbers however, we have continued to decorate the church for festivals, and thanks go to all who helped on these occasions.

The number of weddings was down to just two in 2012 which had an impact on our finances, as these can generate profit which sustains the club through the year. We took the opportunity of the Royal Jubilee to do some special arrangements to celebrate and with the weather being so wet, the town's Jubilee Service took place at All Saints. Special flowers have also been provided for Team Services.

Income and expenditure was broken down last year giving greater detail of both. There was a deficit of £780 for the year, although compared to last year expenditure was comparable. The Club finances are still solvent with £300 in the bank at year end and we hope to make ends meet this year with donations for flowers and weddings, without having to ask for assistance from the PCC.

In February there was an evening for Wedding couples where I gave a short talk about wedding flowers and our Wedding Flowers brochure has been updated and we look forward to working with several couples during the year.

It was particularly good at Christmas to have some additional helpers, and they will be asked to assist again for festivals and when we are particularly short, as extra help at these times especially welcome. Anyone interested in arranging flowers is welcome to join us. Thank you to all in the Flower Club who work so hard to make All Saints look so lovely, and comments that come back to us show that all the effort is appreciated

Dorothy Toyn
All Saints Flower Club Administrator