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THORNBURY AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!

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Log on to www.thornburyanddistrictflowerclub.org.uk to see the super new website. There is a home page, events page, about us page and gallery with photos of members flower designs. Big thank you to Roddy Mackinnon who has agreed to maintain the site.

More news on **ST GEORGES CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL, FALFIELD, JUNE 24TH-27TH 2010, 'REJOICE AND CELEBRATE'**. The floral designs for the festival have been agreed. There are going to be window displays depicting titles such as Music, Art, Travel, Faith, Love & Marriage, the Family and the Beauty of the Earth. Also there are going to be designs at the gateposts, porch door and windows, font, pulpit, rood screen, choir stalls, high altar, altar rail and candle sconces. A space to the left of the door will be dedicated to celebration of **Thornbury and District Flower Club's 35th anniversary**. Tortworth and Cromhall Schools are to be asked to make landscape designs to be placed along each side of the path to depict children at work and play. A letter will also be sent to the Brownies asking if they would like to be involved. This is going to be a community festival for all to enjoy and celebrate.

New Microphone. The club has decided to buy a new Speakeasy microphone for demonstrators to use as the present one has proved to be unreliable.



'THE COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS' DEMONSTRATION 3RD DECEMBER 2009 with Angela Turner, National Demonstrator, at the Armstrong Hall Thornbury. Doors open at 6.30pm. Members are reminded to take some tickets and sell them to their friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues. Cost of tickets are £8. Christmas refreshments will be available. A pass around sheet is being circulated asking for members to supply home-made mince pies. Crafts are also needed for the craft stall so please put your name down if you have a talent to produce a home made craft item. Sarah Thomas will be selling her handmade jewellery. There will be raffle prizes to purchase, and the evening will be very special.

The Area AGM

The 2009 Area AGM will be held on 20th November at the Lar-ruperz Centre in Ross. After the business meeting in the morning there will be a demonstration in the afternoon by David Ryland entitled

'Lights, Holly, Action'

So come along and see what happens at Council and enjoy an afternoon demonstration by this National Demonstrator of some renown. Please put your name on the list if you wish to go. Depending on numbers we may car share.

Area Day for 2010 will be held at Holme Lacey Manor in Herefordshire on 11th June. Diane Pritchard is the Chairman. Jane Meers from Claridges will give a talk on packaging in the morning and Barbara Collier will demonstrate in the afternoon. Members are encouraged to enter the competitions. Tickets are £22 without lunch and £32 with lunch.



Tired of Tinsel Workshop 21st November 2009

URC Upper Hall, Thornbury

This is targeted at people who are nervous beginners but are interested in flower arranging and would like to try their hand at a couple of simple arrangements for the festive period. It will have a Christmas decoration theme and will include a candle arrangement. The cost will be £10 which will include 2½ hours tuition, all materials, instructions sheets, tea or coffee on the day and a one month temporary membership to the club meetings and demonstrations. The sales table will be available, stocking requirements for other designs together with instruction sheets, information on NAFAS and the club. The session will be from 10.30am to 1pm. A number of enquiries have been made already so ensure that your friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues and acquaintances do not miss this opportunity.

Three Counties & South Wales Area Gala Ball will be held on 23rd April 2010 at Worcester Rugby Club. This is going to be a very glamorous event and will be an opportunity to dress up in your finest evening wear and celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the Three Counties and South Wales Area.** Overnight accommodation is available. The menu is mouth watering with salmon and prawn starter, asparagus and lime stuffed free range chicken, with vegetables, and luscious chocolate or coffee sweet, cheese and biscuits, coffee and mints. The tickets are £50 per person. Put your name on the pass round sheet for a ticket.

Concern has been expressed that the Pass Round File is not reaching members and committee, so opportunities are being missed to attend events such as Presidents day and the Area Gala Dinner. Please ensure that you see the file and sign up for all the events that are available.

Next Practice Night
will be on 26th November entitled
At The Going Down of the Sun

Methodist Church Stage Curtains. A meeting has been held with the Methodist players to see if the rear of the stage could be curtained off. The drama group are willing to assist with installation although they do not have any spare funds to help. Ongoing discussions are being held to find an acceptable solution. Possible calico curtains to be installed. More news to follow.

Community Garden Project. Joan and Pat have had a meeting at Christ the King school with Adrian Jones of Britain in Bloom committee, and Ann Evans of Eastwood Park Garden Centre, to plan the proposed project with the children growing plants for baskets for the Community Garden.

Images of Llandaff Cathedral Carols and Candlelight

