

**Presidents Report for Column Flower Club AGM Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023,**  
**19.15 hrs at Chapel Community Centre, Cross Houses**

Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to members and visitors alike to Column Flower Club for our club meeting which also includes our Annual General Meeting.

This is my first and probably the first meeting we have had with a Club President. I have to say in the beginning retiring as your chair person after so many years it seemed very strange to me, relinquishing this position and side stepping into being President but on the other hand I have to say I have rather enjoyed it.

My sincere thanks as ever go to the committee who do, I'm sure you'll all agree an amazing job in the running of the club. The excellent and varied programme/s they put together for us all to enjoy. I know the programme for 2024 is well underway and they are currently working on 2025. I'm sure we'll all enjoy what is being planned/produced for us. I know all the committee members work so well together and do a fantastic job in each of their respected positions to: - we have :- Jan, Donna, Suzanne, Carol, Debbie, Andrea, Sandie, Viv and of course all guided by our excellent Chair Barbara. I would also like to add my thanks to Viv who after several years as a committee member has decided to retire this year and I wish her well in her retirement,

I would also like to thank our "in-house" club demonstrators who have put in a lot of time and effort into producing lovely arrangements for us to enjoy which subsequently inspires us for our practical sessions. New to demonstrating for us this year was Debbie and I'm pleased to say she has offered "to do" another evening for us in the future. My thanks also go to Donna who after many years has decided to retire from demonstrating and I would like wish her well in her retirement from this and hope she continues to enjoy doing some arranging at home or for their caravan.

I am immensely proud to be involved with and to be a member of a very friendly flower club but this club would not exist if it was not down to all of you, the club members and our visitors who make and keep the club as it is. So my thanks go to you all and I wish you all "happy flower arranging" and continued friendship through flowers.

Trish Payne (President)