

**FAIRWARP FLOWER GUILD**  
**2018/19 REPORT TO ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Name of Group:** Fairwarp Flower Guild

**Group Leader:** Janie Hooper

**Members of Group:**

Jean Aardweg, Pam Bailey, June Barton, Sally Brown, Trish Calvert, Ann Horscroft, Marie Lowres, Rosemary Mulady, Isla Nye, Debbie Tilbrook, Trina Voelcker, Kerri West, Caty Worlock-Pope, Lesley Zeitlyn.

**Hon. Treasurer:** Alan Hooper

**Report for 2018/2019:**

Two members of the Guild refresh the flowers on a weekly basis. For each Festival, i.e. Easter, Harvest, and Christmas the whole Guild decorated the entire church filling as many areas as possible with flowers and greenery as appropriate to the season. For these occasions I purchase flowers from Eve Sowter (Fairwarp Saturday Market) who delivers them direct to the church. My thanks for her for her help which is greatly appreciated.

**Highlights of the Year:**

In 2018 we had two weddings, one in August and one in September. These always give us immense pleasure as Brides enter into discussions as to how exactly they would like the flowers to be used and we do our best to fulfill their dream.

Then in November we had the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorations for the end of WWI. This brought the whole village and church community together for an amazing exhibition in the Village Hall and display of poppies in the church and round the churchyard. Almost every poppy was handmade! They were knitted, crocheted, sewn, made of paper, wood, ceramic, etc. by both villagers and members of the Flower Guild. The Guild then arranged them in the church and churchyard with members producing designs of great imagination to honour our War Heroes. The initial idea of decorating the church entirely with poppies came from Rosemary Mulady who also conceived the idea of the wonderful cascade of poppies down the east wall of the church to replace the dorsal wall hanging which was being cleaned and restored elsewhere.

The resulting displays were stunning and impressive; visitors came from all over the surrounding area and compliments flew! They were given coffee/tea and cake and made generous donations, all of which went towards the cost of restoration of the inside Memorial Board which lists the names of all the villagers involved in the conflict, not just those killed.

Last but not least, my thanks to all the ladies of the Flower Guild. My job would be impossible without their loyal and wholehearted support.

### **Financial Report:**

Bank balance at beginning of year	£1,180.16
Flowers purchased during the year	(£407.75)
Cost of sundries, Oasis etc	(£66.06)
Amounts received for two wedding and for Easter Lilies	£485.00
Donation to the church for the refurbishment of the Memorial Board	(£500.00)
Total assets at year end	<u>£691.35</u>
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Year-end bank balance	£686.35
Cash held	<u>£5.00</u>
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### **Future Plans:**

To hold a Flower Festival in 2020 to help raise funds for the church restoration plans.