

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025



Welcome to the June Edition of the Surrey Area Newsletter.

Many thanks to all the Clubs and Individuals that have contributed to this edition; it is very much appreciated. The email address to send any photos and articles to is: **Dee47nafas@gmail.com**
I look forward to receiving them and thank you in advance.

RHS Wisley Show:

Wisley Flower Show will be 2nd-7th September (Staging Monday 1st) the title of this year's Show is "Wish You Were Here". Put the dates in your diary.

Entries for the Wisley show are now open to the 9th June. Details in your show schedule or online at Surrey NAFAS website.

No floral foam is allowed but Agra wool, Fibre Floral also Oshun Pouches can be used. Or other forms of non-foam mechanics.

Some classes can be bought ready assembled (see schedule).

It is your entries that make the show. Good luck!

If you would like to help any day, please contact the new Chairman of the Wisley Show Alison Honor alisonhonor@hotmail.co.uk I am sure any offers will be greatly received by the committee.

Friday 19th September 2025 - Coach Trip to Gloucester to see the NAFAS National Competition

Aldershot Floral Design Club are booking a coach and tickets to the NAFAS National Competition in Gloucester Cathedral.

The total cost- coach fare, entrance ticket and driver's tip- will be £45 per person.

We hope/need to fill a 53-Seater coach.

We shall be picked up at the car park on Ash Hill Road, Ash- opposite the Victoria Hall GU12 5DN. Time of pick-up is expected to be 9.00am and we should be back around 5.00pm.

This car park is free, and of a reasonable size, but it would be advisable to share cars, as we would be parked there all day.

If you would like to join us then please indicate your interest by emailing me, Yvonne Farrar, at chair.afdc@gmail.com.

The bank details for BACS payments and any further information about the trip will be sent to you in due course.

Staines Flower Club has released The Egham Royal Show Schedule and Entry Form please see below.

Di Henderson, who is promoting this annual event, would very much encourage Surrey Area Clubs' entries to promote the Area to the wider public. This show is very well attended and reaches significant numbers of people.

Egham Royal Show

NAFAS Floral Art

Floral art is the skilful arrangement of flowers and plant materials to create a visually appealing and harmonious composition.

This section is being run in conjunction with Staines Floral Art Group and Sunbury Flower Club

Please note: Exhibits in the Floral Art classes 51 to 56 will be judged according to the NAFAS Competitions Manual 4th Edition (2023) available from the NAFAS.org.uk website. Exhibitor to provide own baskets, containers, accessories etc. which are left at the exhibitors own risk.

Can you help with or donate any flowers or foliage for making little corsages/buttonholes to hand out to the visitors?

Entries to Competition Manager: Susan Murray

Post: c/o 32 Collingwood Avenue, Tolworth, Surrey, KT5 9PU

Email: hgcmarquee@eghamroyalshow.org.uk or online: www.eghamroyalshow.org.uk/competitions

Queries to FLORAL ART SECRETARY: Di Henderson

Email: merlinscrafttime@gmail.com Tel: 07870 895 730

ENTRY FEE 50p per class

ENTRY CLOSING DATE Saturday 26th JULY 2025 by 10pm

DATE/TIME OF JUDGING Saturday 23rd August 2025 at 9:30am

JUDGE: Dr Christina D Curtis

Rules:

- 1) All entries to be staged at the show during the following times Friday the 22nd August 2pm–6:30pm and Saturday 23rd August 7.30am–9am.
Except Classes 52 and 56 which may be brought already completed.
- 2) All classes to use Natural Plant Material (NPM), Floral Foam may be used. All exhibits judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual 4th Edition (2023), to be viewed and judged from the front.
- 3) The judge's decision is final.
- 4) The Marquee is an off white/cream colour. Displays will be on tabling, approx 75cm deep, covered with green fabric. Open staging.
- 5) All displays to remain from 9am Saturday until 5:00pm on Sunday.
- 6) Please park to unload in the **Exhibitor drop off point** inside the perimeter fence at the rear of the HGC marquee, vehicles will need to be moved to the main car park after unloading/staging. No vehicles will be allowed on the showground on Saturday or Sunday.

AWARDS:

Certificate awarded to BEST IN SHOW

Certificate awarded for BEST USE OF COLOUR

Certificate awarded for BEST USE OF TEXTURE

PRIZES

Class 51 - 1st £8, 2nd £5, 3rd £3

Class 52 to 56 - 1st £5, 2nd £2.50, 3rd £1

JUDGES CHOICE Gift voucher generously sponsored by the Judge Dr Christina D Curtis

MARQUEE THEME: *Throwback to the Forties*

Class 51 Forties Wedding - a pedestal exhibit. Space allowed width 90cm, depth 90cm, height optional. To be staged against side of marquee, viewed and judged from front.

Competitor to supply own pedestal, plinth and stand for elevation. Main placement to be uppermost.

Class 52 Dig for Victory- an exhibit incorporating a basket. Space allowed width 75cm, depth 75cm, height optional.

Class 53 Battle of Britain - an exhibit. Space allowed width 75cm, depth 75cm, height optional.

Class 54 Fly Past - an exhibit featuring foliage. Space allowed width 75cm, depth 75cm, height optional.

Class 55 VE Day - an exhibit. Space allowed width 75cm, depth 75cm, height optional.

Class 56 Celebration Tea - a petite exhibit. Space allowed width 25cm, depth 25cm, height 37.5cm.



Egham Royal Show

ENTRY FORM FOR HOME AND GARDEN COMPETITIONS

Being held at Caddey's Field, Whitehall Lane, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9NW

On the 23rd and 24th August 2025

Either complete the online entry form at: www.eghamroyalshow.org.uk/competitions

Alternatively please complete one Entry form per Exhibitor and **return to the Competition Manager** either by:

Email to: hgcmarquee@eghamroyalshow.org.uk

Post to: 32 Collingwood Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey, KT5 9PU

Entry form MUST be received by 10pm on Wednesday 20th August 2025

Entries for classes 51 to 56 MUST be received by 10pm on Saturday 26th July 2025

ALL exhibits MUST be Pre-registered.

Entry fees:

Trade Pitch	£30
Classes 2, 98 & 110	£1 per class
Adult Classes 3 -105 (except 98)	50p per class.
Toddler & Junior classes 111 – 139	30p per class.

Confirmation will be emailed on receiving your entry form, fees can be paid by Cash when bringing entries for staging.

Please ensure you have read the Show Regulations in the schedule, specifically those regarding Staging.

Please complete this entry form in Black ink or by typing and using **BLOCK LETTERS**

NAME: _____ (if under 17 Age: _____ Date Of Birth: _____)

ADDRESS: _____

_____ POST CODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

The Egham Royal Show take your privacy seriously, the Competition Manager will only use your contact details provided to administer your entry and contact you regarding this and future Egham Royal shows, unless you inform us not to contact you.

TRADE ENTRY:

Trade Display Specify Qty of tables: _____ Please specify trade name: _____

CLASSES ENTERED:

Sections & Classes you want to register to enter:

Section	Classes							
i.e. Horticulture	2	8	15	25				
i.e. Handicraft	90	95						

Total number of entries:

Total due: *£

Can you help with donating any flowers or foliage for making little corsages/buttonholes to hand out to the visitors?

Are you able to help with stewarding in the Home & Garden marquee?

- Yes I am happy to provide some flowers or foliage
- No sorry I am unable to provide anything
- Yes I am able to help with stewarding

Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group

The Spirit of Water Festival of Flowers Salisbury Cathedral

We had a wonderful coach trip to "The Spirit of Water Festival of Flowers" at Salisbury Cathedral. 35 members and friends of Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group enjoyed a wonderful day to see the incredible floral designs in the Cathedral. Made extra special with the warm spring sunshine.

Thank you to all who joined us to make it such a special day and to the committee for arranging especially Di Stirling.



A great class by our own Lynis! - with a nod to Mondrian! 😊

No floral foam was used. Instead, for the first arrangement twigs were connected with paper covered wire to create a framework to sit beautiful, colourful, gerberas and roses in. The framework can also be reused for other arrangements in future.



Developing the idea of 'twigs' as alternative mechanics a single bunch of steel grass was used to provide the main structure to a simple vertical arrangement. Young, stripped Cornus branches provided additional horizontal support for a few simple flowers.

Coming up in June and July at Ashtead

Area demonstrator, RHS Gold Medallist Trudie Easton will be demonstrating "Natures Pharmacy" on Wednesday 4th June.

We are also looking forward to Area Demonstrator Carole Stables demonstrating "As if by Magic" with her floristry skills and design experience for Westminster and Winchester Cathedrals we are in for a magical afternoon on Wednesday 2nd July.

Both events are being held at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall KT21 2BE 2.00 pm (doors open 1.30 pm) Members Free - Visitors welcome £10 on the door Tea & biscuits included All arrangements will be entered into the raffle. For further details please contact: Di Stirling 01372 279501.

Aldershot Floral Design Club: Workshop: Steam Punk Tutored by Chris Brown.

On Saturday 17th May, we held an all-day workshop, led by Chris Brown, on Steam Punk design. It was exciting to learn how the literary genre of Victorian industrial sci-fi has spread across the arts world and has now reached flower arranging.

Using pieces of black plastic drain pipe, lots of small metal cogs, Oasis glue and boldly coloured flowers we were able to create some attractive exhibits. Some members incorporated bigger cogs etc. from bicycle and motor parts. We had a wonderful day and came away with our imaginations fired up, ready to explore further the bold and fascinating world that is Steam Punk. Photos Below:



Oxted and Limpsfield Floral Design Club

Wednesday 12th November: "Winter Warmth" An Open Meeting demonstration with Tracey Griffin
Doors open at 12.30, for tea and coffee and a chat, the demonstration starts at 1pm. We meet at St. Peter's Hall, High St, Limpsfield, Oxted RH8 0DG. Visitors are most welcome, tickets £10 can be bought on the day. All the lovely designs from the demonstration goes in our flower raffle, so make sure you buy lots of raffle tickets!
For more information, please contact: maibrittbertin@gmail.com

Area:

We have an Education Day booked for Wednesday 8th October 2025 in Bookham Barn Hall. I hope that each Club will put forward their workshop/ class tutors who are not necessarily qualified teachers to join this day.

NOTICE FOR CLUB'S

IN CASE YOU DID NOT KNOW, THERE IS A DIARY OF EVENTS ON THE AREA WEBSITE FOR CLUBS TO ADD ANY SPECIAL DATES. SO, IF YOUR CLUB HAS A SHOW OR OPEN MEETING COMING UP, PLEASE ADD THIS DATE TO THE ONLINE DIARY SO OTHER CLUB'S DO NOT BOOK THE SAME DATE. EMAIL LINDA: mediasurreynafas@gmail.com

Dates for your Diaries:

2025

16 June; 22 September; 24 November: Area Council Meetings.

20th June: Surrey Area Blue Sapphire Celebration Day. Fully Booked, Waiting List.

20th June: National Flower Arranging Day will co-inside with British Flowers Week.

19-20th September: National Show "Natures Challenge" to be held at the Gloucester Cathedral.

15th October: NAFAS AGM.

12th November: Surrey Area Workshop: Christine Picton.

2026:

Area Council Meetings: 19 January, 23 March, 22 June, 21 September and 23 November with the AGM at 1.30

Please send me articles and photos of what your club is up to for the Newsletter, then other clubs can see what a thriving Area we are.

I hope you all enjoy the lighter and hopefully warmer days.

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