

## SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026

Welcome to the February 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**

**Could I please ask that any photos be sent separately as I have trouble downloading them with any text. Thank you.**

I look forward to receiving them and thank you in advance.

**AREA TREASURER NEEDED URGENTLY:**  
**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP; LET US KNOW; PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD.....**

### **IMPORTANT:**

The Surrey Area Banners and Flags on poles have gone missing from the storage at the Ashted Peace Memorial Hall. There were 4 items in long black canvas bags.

We originally had two of each and now there is only two, one has returned. If you or your club have them tucked away somewhere or know someone who used them this year could you please let a member of the Area Committee know asap as they are needed. Many thanks.

### **JDS&E Booking Instructions for the Helen Hare Workshop in April**

**Surrey Area of NAFAS**

invites members to a workshop with

**Helen Hare**  
Teacher and Demonstrator from Kent Floral Art

**SPRING THEMED WORKSHOP**

on  
Wednesday 22nd April 2026  
10.00 for 10.30am - 3.00pm  
at  
The Old Barn Hall  
Great Bookham  
KT23 3PQ

Cost £40  
Booking for this workshop opens on January 31st 2026  
Numbers limited so book early.  
Please email Alison Gillott with a request to attend the workshop giving your name,  
club name and full contact details. Pay on line at the same time.  
Account Name: Surrey Area of NAFAS  
Sort Code: 60-09-40  
Account No.: 79691986  
your name and HH as a reference.

Workshop recipe with materials needed will be sent nearer the time.  
Refunds can only be given if a replacement can be found

[aegillott@gmail.com](mailto:aegillott@gmail.com)  
07811 088949

### **Wisley Show Update:**

**Unfortunately, we couldn't get the staging day moved so it will be on Monday 31st August.**

We have managed to secure 2 judges for the Show.

This year we will be in the marquee which is normally occupied by the Dahlia Society. This is no further away from the entrance that is used for staging so that shouldn't cause any problems.

The title of the show this year is "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT" and the schedule will be released at the Area meeting in March.

### **Banstead Flower Club - Vicki Hollands**

Members of Banstead attended their AGM in January. The meeting was preceded with a delicious lunch of Lasagne, Salad and Remoulade followed by an assortment of mini dessert cakes. As is always the case at our AGM each table is given a floral quiz to complete over lunch which always gets the brains ticking and the conversation buzzing.

Although Banstead does not have a demonstrator at the AGM, our members are still keen to participate in the in-house competition, and this year was no exception. The Class title on this occasion was 'Leftovers' and was a Petite Class.

There were fifteen lovely and very different exhibits entered into the competition. First in the Intermediate Class and also Judges Choice went To Gill Mead with her very clever interpretation of the title incorporating Brussels Sprouts & Cranberries, See below:



Congratulations goes to the seven members who have been promoted.  
Novice to Intermediate - Lorna Easthope, Wanda Adach and Dee Mears.  
Intermediate to Advanced - Alison Gallant and Brenda Pratt  
Advanced to Snr Advanced - Yan Skates and Dawn Hewett  
Well done to you all.



Congratulations also goes to Jo Thomas who has been a member of Banstead for 25 years. Below: Jo being congratulated and awarded with her 25year medal by Margaret Trepant.

### **Ashtead Club:**

Angela Turner will present "YOLO –You Only Live Once!" Wednesday 18th March 2026 Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall KT21 2BE 7.00 pm (doors open 6.30 pm) Tickets £25 (including a glass of wine & canapes) All arrangements will be entered into the raffle For further details please contact: Diane Melton 01372 801899

**Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group's  
Charity Evening in aid of  
Parkinson's UK**  
NAFAS National Demonstrator &  
RHS Chelsea Gold Medallist

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### **Dates for your Diaries:**

#### **2026**

Area Council Meetings: 23 March: **after the Council meeting Richard Abraham (The New CEO Of NAFAS) will be in attendance to answer any questions from our members; reminder this meeting will start at the earlier time of 10am**, 22 June, 21 September, 23 November.

22 April: Area Workshop: Helen Hare "Spring Themed Workshop"

27/28 November The Surrey Area Show "All Aglow" to be held at The Dell Centre, Ashtead. Further details will be available soon.

#### **2027:**

25 June: Surrey Area Members Day at APMH. The fabulous Vanessa Wellock will be our afternoon demonstrator. Morning Speaker is yet to be booked.

9/10 July: The NAFAS National Show will be held at the Lincolnshire showground

A short and sweet Newsletter this time, not many of our clubs meet in January; but I am sure the Clubs and Members will send in lots more for you all to see and read in the year ahead.

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. It does not have to include flower arrangements, it is nice to see photos of our members enjoying themselves as well.

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