

## **SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025**

Welcome to the September Edition of the Surrey Area Newsletter.



Not much to report this month, very quiet.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September (Staging Monday 1<sup>st</sup>) the title of this year's Show is "Wish You Were Here".

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](mailto:alisonhonor@hotmail.co.uk) I am sure any offers will be greatly received by the Committee.

**ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MARGARET AND ALL THE AREA OFFICERS; MAY WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST OF LUCK WITH YOUR ENTRIES, AS USUAL WE ARE SURE THAT YOU WILL DO SURREY PROUD.**

### **INCREASE IN FLOWER ARRANGER SUBSCRIPTION:**

Just a head's up: The price of the subscription for the Flower Arranger next year will go up to £17.00, still great value if you purchase from your club.

4 editions: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Well worth ordering from your Flower Arranging Representative.

## **NAFAS CERTIFICATED COURSES**

### **FLOWER ARRANGING PART 1**

6 class courses of 3 hours per class Total 18 hour

NO WRITTEN WORK OTHER THAN A RECORD OF THE PRACTICAL DESIGNS

COMPLETED AT EACH CLASS

Jane Rickard and Sue Slark are offering the above course to any NAFAS members or non members

Dates of course to be decided, later in the year, when enough students show interest

APPROX COST £153 PER STUDENT FOR THE COURSE (Class of 10)

Classes will be held in BOOKHAM BARN HALL as soon as we have enough students showing interest in the course.

### **CLASS NUMBER TOPICS COVERED PRACTICAL**

#### **Class 1 Demonstration of practical for following class**

Health & Safety.

Posy in a leaf covered jam jar

#### **Class 2 Demonstration of practical for following class**

Identification and conditioning of plant material

Basic tools and equipment

Line design in a pin-holder

#### **Class 3 Demonstration of practical for following class**

Radial stems and recession

Sundries for flower arranging including floral foam, Agra

Wool and Fibre Floral

All round posy arrangement in a container using chicken wire

#### **Class 4 Demonstration of practical for following class**

Enhanced focal area, radial stems and proportion

Introduction to Elements of Design

Symmetrical triangle using floral foam, Agra Wool or Fibre Floral

#### **Class 5 Demonstration of practical for following class**

Enhanced focal area, radial stems and proportion

Introduction to Principles of Design

Pave design using any medium

#### **Class 6 Recap on previous class content**

Emphasis on vertical stems and use of space

Parallel design using any medium emphasising form and contrast

**TO REGISTER INTEREST PLEASE CONTACT JANE RICKARD**

**[janer.163@btinternet.com](mailto:janer.163@btinternet.com)**

**NAFAS National Show 2025**  
**Gloucester Cathedral 'Nature's Challenge'**

All members are invited to attend the show on Friday, 19th September and Saturday, 20th September. Over 20 Surrey Members will participate, with several members entering two classes. We wish them all every success and hope you will be able to support us.

Claire Bryant will represent Surrey in the Area class, 'Nature's Challenge'.

Attendees who wish to support Surrey entries can find information about their locations on the list I am collating. Some clubs have notified me of their member's entries for the Show, I will circulate the list of entries to all clubs once judging is complete. If you are unsure if your club has passed on your information, please do let me know. I would rather be told twice than miss you off the list. When visiting the Show you may like to bring the list with you.

As Margaret Trepant, Jane Rickard, and Annette Urquhart are judges, it is necessary to avoid disclosing to them which members are participating in specific classes. Of course I am sure they will make very, very, very wise decisions!

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GOOD LUCK TO EVERY SURREY MEMBER ENTERING.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group:**

Save the date 3rd September Dawn Weaver

We are delighted to have National Demonstrator, Teacher and Judge Dawn Weaver coming to demonstrate "Artistic Licence" as a Professional florist, floral designer and multi-Chelsea Gold Medal winner we are in for a fantastic afternoon.

Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall KT21 2BE 2.00 pm doors open 1.30pm. AFAG members free visitors welcome £10 on the door Tea and biscuits included, all arrangements will be entered into the raffle.

**Bookham Flower Club: Floral Design Show: "Autumn Glory"**

The Old Barn Hall

Church Road, Bookham, KT23 3PQ

Saturday October 25th 2025

1.00pm—5.30pm Prize giving 5.00pm. Admission £5.00. Children under 12 Free

Refreshments in the Harrison Room

**Surrey Area of NAFAS**

invites its members to a workshop with

**Christine Picton**

Experienced flower arranger from the East of England Area of NAFAS,  
National Teacher and Judge, member of the National Education Committee

**CHRISTMAS THEMED WORKSHOP**

on

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

10.00 for 10.30am – 3.00pm

The Old Barn Hall

Great Bookham

KT23 3PQ

Booking for this workshop costing £40 will open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 when  
a form with full information (including on line payment details) will be  
available on the Surrey Area of NAFAS website

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

**ONE DAY COURSE FOR SURREY WORKSHOP LEADERS**

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**BOOKHAM BARN HALL KT23 2PQ**

**10.30 – 3.30PM**



**IF YOU ARE ONE OF OUR WONDERFUL WORKSHOP LEADERS IN SURREY BUT DO NOT HAVE A TEACHING QUALIFICATION – THIS IS THE COURSE FOR YOU!**

A ONE DAY CLASS TUTORED BY JANE RICKARD, WITH LOTS OF HINTS AND TIPS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CLASS IS RUN AS EFFECTIVELY AS IT CAN BE

BOOKING FEE OF **£5**. You will be asked to download a copy of NAFAS BASIC TEACHING MANUAL (Cost £5) payable to NAFAS online; to bring with you.  
Just bring your lunch and notepad and pen for notes.

Tea/Coffee will be provided

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT  
JANE RICKARD [janer.163@btinternet.com](mailto:janer.163@btinternet.com)**

**RE ABOVE: LEADERS WORKSHOP:**

The JDS&E are holding this very interesting event above to help clubs get the best possible workshop, please ask your members who do tutor workshops to attend, maybe the club could pay the fee for them!!

The majority of teaching in the Surrey Area is done by faithful club members who very successfully lead workshops or classes to club members.

If you are one of these faithful workshop leaders or teachers and have no teaching qualifications, then this day is for you! We will spend one day going over the basic theory of teaching so that you can improve the delivery of your classes with confidence. This is an interesting subject which I think you will find invaluable. We would love to see you there.

The JDS&E are also holding an Education Day, booked for Wednesday 8th October 2025 in Bookham Barn Hall. This will be for Qualified Teachers in the Area.

**NOTICE FOR CLUBS**

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](mailto:mediasurreynafas@gmail.com)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAIL**

**2025**

**22 September; 24 November:**

Area Council Meetings. AGM after November meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September:**

RHS Wisley Flower Show at Wisley

**19-20<sup>th</sup> September:**

National Show "Natures Challenge" to be held at the Gloucester Cathedral.

**24<sup>th</sup> September:**

One day course for Club Workshop Leaders

**8<sup>th</sup> October:**

Education Day open to all teachers.

**15<sup>th</sup> October:**

NAFAS AGM.

**25<sup>th</sup> October:**

Bookham Show "Autumn Glory" See page above.

**12<sup>th</sup> November:**

Surrey Area Workshop: Christine Picton.

**6<sup>th</sup> December:** 2pm.

AFDC Christmas Open Meeting. Normandy Village Hall, GU3 2DD.

**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.

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