

AREA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

A very warm welcome to the October 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, there would not be a Newsletter without your help.

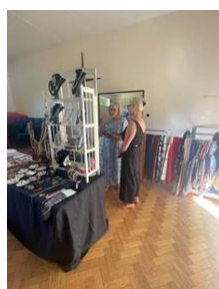
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Could I please ask that any photos be sent separately as I have trouble downloading them with any text. Thank you.

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

Oxted & Limpsfield Floral Design Club: Summer Social 12th August.

We had a good turnout in spite of the very hot weather. There were some very interesting tables including plants and produce, pre-loved items of jewellery and accessories, a tombola and a table with lots of lovely homemade cakes for us to have with our tea. We thank everyone for their generous support and donating items for all the tables. We did make a very tidy profit of £770, which will certainly help with the ever-increasing cost of demonstrations: fees, flowers and petrol. Thank you for bringing your lovely friends, some have been before and obviously enjoying the afternoon. It was especially lovely to see past members Barbara Mockford and Sally Roberts. We do hope to see them both again soon! We do appreciate everyone's help with setting up and taking down, manning the tables, serving teas and coffees, and taking the lovely tablecloths back to be laundered ready for the next social event at Christmas. A very successful event! The monthly competition title was "An Elevated Location", Angie won members choice.



Here is a story from Godalming Flower Club: Cheryl Caswell.

When we heard that Godalming Town had made it to the final of RHS Britain in Bloom we decided to give our support to this amazing achievement. We got a team of designers together and approached eleven businesses in the high street who were only too happy to have our floral designs in their windows with a message of good luck and also who we are. There were also two postbox toppers just for a bit of fun. It was a great success with lots of lovely comments on different social media pages and a lovely letter of thanks from the Mayor. We will not know the results until the end of October.



I have included some photos but there was a lot of reflection from the windows sadly.

Ewell Floral Art Club: Sara Fowler

Flower Show Success!

Ewell Floral Art Club members were delighted to take part in the Ewell Horticultural Autumn Show, entering a wonderful range of Floral Art Categories, including "Recycle & Reuse", "Seasonal Dried Flowers", "Autumn Joy" and "Kneelers". The show featured an impressive collection of beautiful and imaginative arrangements, showcasing the creativity, talent and skill of our club members.

A big well done to everyone who took part - it was fantastic to see so many entries from the club, and, of course, a special congratulations to everyone who came 1st in their category!



A Lovely Story:

Meet Alice. In 2024 Alice approached the Area table in the Surrey NAFAS marquee at the RHS Wisley Show asking about Flower Arranging. We had a long chat and found that there was indeed a club in her town. She was taken over to meet a member of the club - the rest is history. Reigate Flower Club nurtured Alice's talent and enthusiasm. This year Alice entered the Surrey Show at Wisley for the first time. She won third place in her class 'A book at bedtime', with her design based on the Life and Death of Dorian Gray. Not only did she win 3rd place in her class but also won the Popular Vote. Alice could not believe her eyes when she saw her certificates. She announced that 'joining a Flower Club was one of the best things I have ever done'. A lovely tale indeed.

Lynis Williams: Chair Surrey Area of NAFAS.



A Morning amongst the Dahlias. Winkworth Floral Designer members recently visited Surrey Dahlias. After negotiating closed roads and diversions we finally all arrived at the Ewhurst garden and met the proprietor Liz Frost. Liz took us across the field to the Dahlia beds, where there were Dahlias of all shapes, sizes and colours. Liz told us all about growing them and how to choose the best varieties for cutting, and how to keep them alive as long as possible. Did you know that Dahlias should be cut under water and not be allowed to be out of water at all – well I didn't. We were then let loose to walk around the flowers and enjoy their beauty. Liz then surprised us with homemade cake and quash. A couple of us couldn't resist buying some of the Dahlias to take home. After a very enjoyable and informative morning we all set off to the local pub and savoured a fabulous lunch together. Beautiful flowers and great food how better could you spend a morning with friends. Cynthia Bromwich, Winkworth Floral Designers.



Area Show Cake Stall:

Charity Cake Stall at the Area Show Saturday 28th November. All cakes greatly received.

Best sellers are: Loaf tin size: Lemon Drizzle, Banana, Apple, Slices: Fruit Flap Jacks, Brownies and biscuits Savoury items: Scones, Cheese Straws, Muffins and Gluten Free items.

Please label all items with ingredients used –NO NUTS.

Please deliver your cakes etc. to The Dell Centre on day of staging or early on the day of the show.

Many thanks Rachel Sherwin (07890 022067). This year we are supporting Stepping Stones D S; they will receive proceeds from the cake sale and donations. Together with families, professionals, and the wider community, Stepping Stones D S provide tailored support that helps children with Down syndrome grow, thrive, and belong.

<https://www.steppingstonesds.co.uk/>

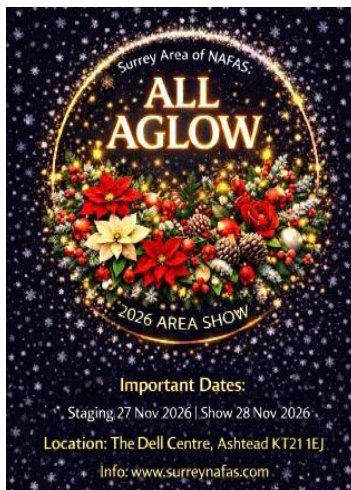


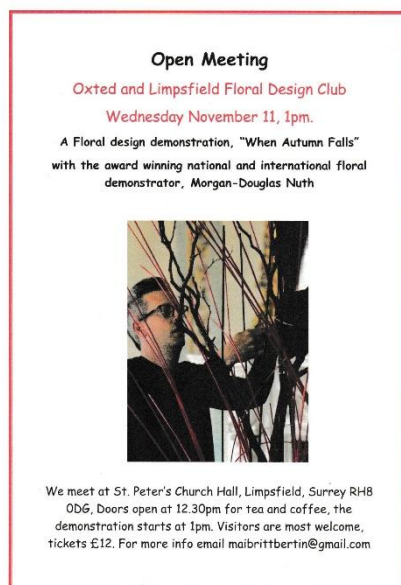
St John's & Chobham Flower Club

We host a Workshop on the last Saturday every month except December. Over the recent months quite a few visitors to the workshops have become members. On September 26th members were joined by several visitors including some who found us "Advertised" at the Area Table at Wisley and some who found us in our local Parish Magazine. Our Tutor was Lynn Sleet who guided us to create these colourful "Stacked" Harvest Basket arrangements. There will be a Halloween theme for our next Saturday workshop on 31 October when our Tutor will be Susan Hay.

The income for the Club is significant even though it is only £10 to pay on arrival to include FREE Tea/Coffee & Cookies. Why not join us? Booking is easy – just call/text our Chair, Kathryn Austin on 07802 24 88 62 and we will email you the Worksheet with the suggested Flowers, Foliage etc. to bring along to make & take home your arrangement.

Area Notices





Dates for your Diaries:

2026

Area Council Meetings: 23 November Followed by AGM.

9-11 October: NAFAS organised Judges Symposium in Tiverton - focussing on Displacement and Meadow styles.

24 October – W&J Area Demonstrators Final Test – Dinton Village Hall, Bratch Lane, Dinton SP3 5EB. Ticket price: £12.00. **This might be good for all Clubs Programme Secretaries to go to for booking new Demonstrators for their club. Go to the Wessex and Jersey website for details.**

4th November - Ashted Flower Arrangement Group: 70th Anniversary Show/Exhibition "Spirit of Winter" Ashted Peace Memorial Hall. Admission £5 - save the date

11 November: Surrey Area Workshop: Jacqui Arnold will be tutoring a Christmas themed workshop. A few spaces left, book today.

11 November: Oxted & Limpsfield: Open Meeting "Harvest Hues Beats the Winter Blues" a Demonstration by Morgan Douglas Nuth. 1Pm start.

27th November: Claygate Floral Club: Open Meeting " Winter Wonderland" Alison Penno. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets: £16. Claygate Village Hall, KT10 0JP. *To book, email claygatefloralclub@gmail.com*

28th November: The Surrey Area Show "All Aglow" to be held at The Dell Centre, Ashted. Staging Day: Friday 27th November 8am-12 noon: Open Day: Saturday 28th November 10am-4pm. **Details now on the Surrey Area website, entries for Class Acceptance, via online Booking Form, started Monday 28th September – Saturday 12th October, so get your thinking caps on and submit your entries.**

2027:

17 -23 March: WAFA - World Show "Land of Contrasts" – Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney, Australia.

25 June: Surrey Area Members Day at APMH. The fabulous Vanessa Wellock will be our afternoon demonstrator. Morning Speaker is yet to be booked. More information next year. Keep your eyes open. Don't miss out as it fills quickly.

9/10 July: NAFAS National Show will be held at the Lincolnshire showground "Wide Horizons"

"The Schedule of classes for the show is in its final stages of preparation and will be published very soon.

Entries will be accepted between 1st and 31st January 2027 with competitors advised of the outcome of their applications to compete in February 2027.

There will be the opportunity to drop off staging materials at the showground on Wednesday 7th July from 3pm to 6pm with staging taking place on Thursday 8th July from 6am to 1pm.

'Wide Horizons' promises to be a fantastic show on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th July 2027 with classes to appeal to all, including of course, a live imposed class each day."

Stay safe.

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