

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026

A very warm welcome to the August 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.

The email address to send any photos and articles to is: **Dee47nafas@gmail.com**

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

WALTON & WEYBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB



Once again this year we were asked to provide ten flower arrangements (containing roses) for the National Rose Show which was held at Squires Nurseries in Shepperton on the weekend of 27th and 28th June. Our theme this year was "My Favourite TV Show" and our arrangers chose some very interesting programmes to illustrate – from "Birds of a Feather" to "Bangers and Cash" via "Strictly Come Dancing", "Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men" and "Songs of Praise". Mr Colin Squire and his daughter Sarah, the chairman of Squires Nurseries, came to congratulate us on the Sunday afternoon and to bring the prize for our winner of the public vote, Kate Haywood, whose arrangement depicting "Bridgerton" (pictured below) was stunning.

The Show gave us an opportunity to speak to nearly 600 members of the public over the two days of the festival, telling them about our club and about flower arranging generally. A great opportunity to promote our art!



HORLEY FLOWER CLUB

Summer Sizzler a Great Success!

On Saturday 11th July, Horley Flower Club held its Summer Sizzler Show. Despite the heat, many visitors came along to admire the beautiful floral exhibits, and we were delighted to welcome them.

There were over 40 entries across nine classes, and both the flowers and competitors coped admirably with the soaring temperatures. One of the most popular classes was Time for Tea, featuring charming arrangements in teacups. Thanks to a workshop held at an earlier club meeting, many members felt confident enough to enter, and for several it was their first flower show

Congratulations go to those members who were placed first in each class

Class 1 Tickled Pink: Novice - Jacqueline Earle

Class 2 Two to Tango: Intermediate - Jane Bond

Class 3 Rustic Charm: Advanced - Joyce Worts

Class 4 Master Class: Window on the World - Angela Twine (Judge's Choice)

Class 5 Open: Going Up - Jacqueline Earle (Best in Show)

Class 6 Open: Summer Sizzler and Visitors' Choice - Gill Freeman

Class 7 Open: Fields of Green - Sue Winter

Class 8 Open: Summer Tapestry - Jane Bond (Horley in Bloom, Best Use of Colour, Best Use of Texture)

Class 9 Open: Time for Tea - Joyce Worts

Our judge, Gaenor Circus, praised the high standard, creativity and skill on display.

We were also delighted to welcome Lynis Williams, Surrey, Area Chairman of NAFAS, who presented the prizes and congratulated everyone who took part. She also praised all those who helped make the day such a success.

The raffle, tombola and refreshments were well supported, helping the club make a welcome profit.

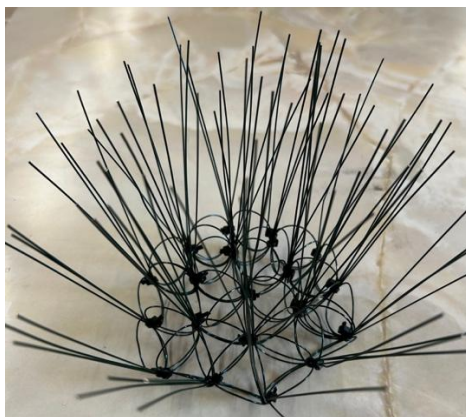
A huge thank you goes to the Show Committee and everyone who helped before, during and after the event.

Their hard work and enthusiasm made the day possible. We are already looking forward to our next show in 2027!



WINKWORTH FLORAL DESIGNERS

At our recent workshop we had Pip Bensley to tutor us, she showed us how to make a spiky frog, which can be made any size or shape to fit any vase. After a bit of fiddling about we all finally got the idea and successfully made one. We all thought it will be a valuable and very useful addition to our Foam free mechanics. It really holds the stems in place.



Along with the frog we then did some floral embroidery (no sewing involved).

We took an embroidery ring and some delicate cloth to make a base to glue on some dried plant material to make a picture or geometric pattern.

Here are our results which are all completely different and beautiful.



If you would like to join us at Winkworth Floral Designers we have a couple of spaces for new members or you could come as a visitor. We are not a conventional club we don't have demonstrations we focus on learning new ideas and experimenting with them, so all our meetings are workshops. If you would like to find out more ring or email Cynthia. cynthiabromwich@btinternet.com or 07576 547772. Winkworth Floral Designers

BANSTEAD NEWS - Vicki Hollands

Banstead members enjoyed an In-House Demonstration in July which was titled 'Where Next?'. The whole afternoon was painstakingly put together by Angela Norman and took us on a wonderful journey around the World.



The first of 6 demonstrations was 'Packing'. There was a time limit of 5 minutes for this presentation which was staged as a race between 5 members. Each arrangement was pre-foliaged due to the time constraints and as the flowers were added the The William Tell Overture was played, which added a little drama and fun to the exercise.



With the 2nd demonstration by Margaret Trepant we were transported to France. Margaret reminisced of holidays in France with her Children whilst demonstrating how to put together two beautiful European Style Hand Ties. The first using Midelino wrapped in String which was used to hold together lovely White Zantedeschia and the Second a framework made from aluminium wire, which supported an assortment of flowers and foliage.

Demonstration no 3 'New York' was cleverly orchestrated in more ways than one by Yan Skates, who was also beautifully accompanied by a Choir. Yan told us of a journey he took at the end of Lockdown, when he was invited to put together a installation in a warehouse in the Bronx. Knowing nothing of what was expected of him on arrival, he enlightened us on what he could only describe as a surreal experience, and like a strange dream. It was a highly entertaining demonstration culminating in an equally entertaining exhibit.



Next on was Banstead Chair, Marilyn Lusson. Marilyn did two arrangements depicting South America, the first was set in the Amazon Rain Forest where she spoke of the very special time she had spent there and how beautiful it was. From the Amazon we were moved onto Brazil with her title 'Carnival' a lovely design with pink feathers, complimented by bright pink and dark mauve Zantedeschia, Leucadendron (Safari Sunset) and Cymbidiums, a lovely combination of colour, which once complete looked like a carnival Headdress.



Moving swiftly on to Africa, Islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans presented by Angela Norman & accompanied by Linda Milne, Gill Mead and Nicola Mathews. Whilst the ladies placed some pre-made arrangements, Angela gave us some interesting information on each region including the Easter Islands and Papau New Guinea.



Finally wrapping up what had been an amazing afternoon was Sune Larsen-Walsh who spoke of his love of European Parks and Royal Gardens. Sune arranged a Beautiful Garden Urn arrangement using garden foliage & orange and pink flowers which included Eremurus (Foxtail Lilies), Mallow and Roses. There were in all an amazing 17 exhibits raffled-off at the end of the afternoon and very happy members & visitors taking them home.



STAINES FLOWER CLUB: JOAN NASH.

We had another fun evening at our workshop in July incorporating fruit and vegetables into our arrangements. Needless to say there was a lovely variety, with some people admitting they had fun shopping for as many varieties as they could, and some grabbing what was on hand at the last minute (there's always one!). But everyone was happy with what they'd produced - and so was Christina (our tutor). We featured baby corn, mini cucumbers, beautiful stripey mini aubergines, black grapes threaded on barbecue sticks, apples, pears, lemons, spring onions, halved red onions, broccoli, - you name it we used it - and one done in half a watermelon.





Next month we relax with a tea party in a member's garden, everyone bringing an arrangement in a teacup and saucer to adorn the tea table. We have six workshops a year, two demonstrations - three if we can afford it - and a social in August. Staines may be small and lacking funds, but our enthusiasm and our excellent tuition keeps us going, at least for another few years.

Adverts for Clubs

Surrey Area of NAFAS
invites it's members to a workshop with

Jacqui Arnold
National NAFAS Teacher and National NAFAS Demonstrator
from Kent Floral Art

'Let's Get Christmassy!'

on
Wednesday 11th November 2026
10.00 for 10.30am - 3.00pm

at
The Old Barn Hall
Great Bookham
KT23 3PQ

Cost £40

Booking for this workshop will open on September 1st 2026 when a form with full information (including on line payment details) will be available on the Surrey Area of NAFAS website.

Enquires to
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Surrey Area of NAFAS
ALL AGLOW

2026 AREA SHOW

Important Dates:
Staging 27 Nov 2026 | Show 28 Nov 2026

Location: The Dell Centre, Ashted KT21 1EJ

Info: www.surreynafas.com

Area Show Schedule now live on the Surrey Area Website

Dates for your Diaries:

2026

Area Council Meetings: 21 September, 23 November.

- 18 -20 August: NAFAS HQ President's Event in Armagh City Hotel. £399 - full board - Format is - arrive Tuesday evening, 2 Demonstrations on Wednesday and a Speaker on Thursday.
 - 1 - 8 September: RHS Wisley Show at Wisley Gardens - set up Bank Holiday Monday 31st Aug.
 - 15-19 September: Wessex and Jersey Area: Flower Festival at Winchester Cathedral. "Wild! A Festival of Flowers and Nature".
 - 9-11 October: NAFAS organised Judges Symposium in Tiverton - focussing on displacement and meadow styles.
 - 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.
- More details to follow later in the year.

- 11 November: Oxted & Limpsfield: Open Meeting “Harvest Hues Beats the Winter Blues” a Demonstration by Morgan Douglas Nuth.
- 27/28 November: The Surrey Area Show “All Aglow” to be held at The Dell Centre, Ashted. Further details will be available soon.
- 27 November: Claygate Open Demonstration. This year Alison Penno will be demonstrating with the title
- “Winter Wonderland . Claygate Village Hall 7pm for 7:30pm. More details later.

2027:

- **17 -23 March: WAFA - World Show “World of Contrasts” – 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.
- 9/12 July: The NAFAS National Show to be held at the Lincolnshire showground.

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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