

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

Welcome to the November 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.



MONDAY 26th January 2026
FLORAL ART BRIC A BRAC sale
At the Surrey NAFAS council meeting
Book a table for your club
Sell floral art items for your club or a
designated charity
See your County Events Officer
Bookings taken at AGM Nov 24th
Please bring your own table cloths
CASH Preferred

AREA TREASURER NEEDED URGENTLY:

Brenda Fox our current Area Treasurer is retiring at the AGM in November, we are looking for a person to take on this role for us, please ask all your members and their husbands if they would like to help our Area, we are a very friendly Committee and help will be given if needed. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD.....

IMPORTANT:

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

We originally had two of each and now there is only one. If you or your club have them tucked away somewhere or know someone who used them this year could you please let our Chairman Margaret Trepant know asap as they are needed.

Many thanks.

Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group Celebrates 70 years

On 3rd October Ashtead held its 70th Anniversary Celebratory Lunch. Members enjoyed a delicious two course hot meal followed by a slice of the anniversary cake.

We were honoured to have as guests James Burnside, NAFAS National President, Dee Kelly, Surrey Area President and Margaret Trepant, Surrey Area Chairman. James cut the cake and gave a toast to the Club.

After lunch, four very brave members gave demonstrations based on their favourite song. We started with Sue Whittaker and "Pink Panther"; then came Alison Gillott dressed as a bargee with "Rosie & Jim"; Jane Rickard, suitably attired (think 70's psychedelic), came next with "A Whiter Shade of Pale" and Lucy Morrell finished off with "Dancing Queen". All the songs were played and everyone got up and danced along to Dancing Queen under APMH's rotating glitter ball.

The day was a great success with lots of fun, chat and laughter.



James Burnside (centre) with l-r Diane Melton (Ashtead Chairman), Margaret Trepant, Dee Kelly and Sue Whittaker (Ashtead President).



Members enjoying lunch

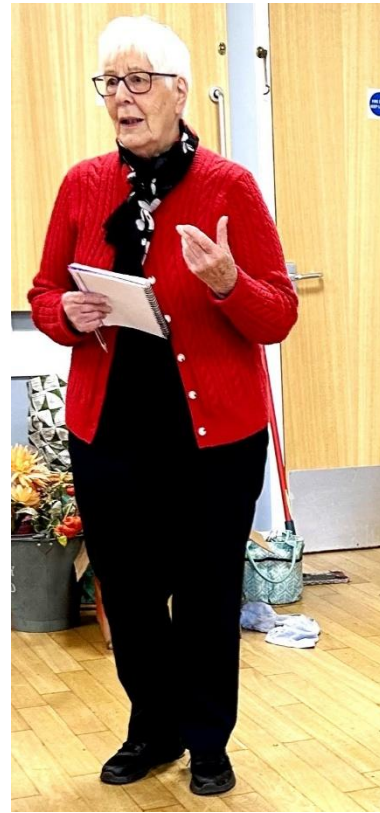


Our four wonderful demonstrators l-r Jane Rickard, Alison Gillott, Sue Whittaker, Lucy Morrell.

AFDC Saturday Workshop:

On Saturday 18th October AFDC had a morning workshop tutored by Chris Brown and Val Clark. Chris gave us all a very interesting talk about what a judge looks for when we are entering a show. The title was "Autumn", a lot of members turned up and 8 members made a design and were given a space of 60cm width by 75cm depth, height optional that Chris kindly talked about at the end. It really was a great morning and the hall was filled with colour which was good as the skies were very grey and miserable outside. Many thanks to Chris and Val for doing this for the club.





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FLORAL FOAM**



OASIS® Renewal™ Floral Foam is a brand new floral design medium. It's made from plant-based, renewable materials, and is certified OK biobased by TÜV Austria.

I have tried this and found it very good, the flowers lasted a long time and it was great for all different types of stems, it is now available at all wholesalers and online.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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 12th 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 1st 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 07811 088949



CLAYGATE FLORAL CLUB PRESENTS

Classical Christmas

SO PLEASE JOIN US AND

RICHARD TWISTLETON

FRIDAY | 28 | NOV 2025

7PM FOR 7.30PM START

CLAYGATE VILLAGE HALL
CHURCH ROAD, CLAYGATE, ESHER, KT10 0JP

TICKETS £16, TO PURCHASE EMAIL:
CFCOPEND@GMAIL.COM

Everyone Welcome

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED
TICKETS NON-REFUNDABLE



**ALDERSHOT FLORAL
DESIGN CLUB**

Present an open meeting
with national demonstrator

Mark Entwistle
with
'Twas the night before....'

on **SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER**

Doors open 1 pm for 2 pm start

NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL
Manor Fruit Farm, Glaziers Lane, Normandy, GU3 2DD

Tickets £20
including a welcome festive drink, mince pie, tea and cakes.

Contact: jane.randell55@gmail.com



Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 29 November 2025
10am – 1pm

Guildford Flower Club will teach you how to make your very own festive wreath to take home and adorn your front door this Christmas.

Your ticket includes all the materials you need to make your wreath including dried fruits, fresh foliage, decorations and ribbons.

Mulled wine and a mince pie will be served.

£40 Guildford Flower Club members

£45 Non-members

Emmanuel Church, Shepherds Lane, Guildford GU2 9SJ

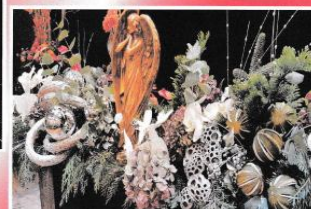
To book your place email guildfordflowerclub@gmail.com

*Please bring an apron, scissors and secateurs.



Ashted Flower Arrangement Group
Wednesday 3rd December 2025

NAFAS National Demonstrator,
RHS Chelsea & Malvern Gold Medallist
Lucy Ellis
will be demonstrating
"The Colours of Christmas"



Ashted 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: SEE AREA WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAIL

2025

24 November:

Area Council Meetings. AGM after November meeting. **Start time has moved to 10am.**

12th November:

Surrey Area Christmas Workshop: Christine Picton.

28th November:

Claygate: "Classical Christmas" Richard Twistleton. £16.00. 7.30pm.
Claygate Village Hall, Church Road, KT10 0JP. (See Poster Above).

29th November:

Guildford Flower Club: Wreath Making Workshop. 10am-1pm.
£40 Members £45 Visitors (See Poster Above).

3rd December:

Ashted FAG is having a Christmas Demonstration with Lucy Ellis "The Colours of Christmas". (See Poster Above).

6th December:

AFDC Christmas Open Meeting. "Twas the Night Before...." Mark Entwistle. Doors open at 1pm; 2pm start. £20. Normandy Village Hall, GU3 2DD. (See Poster Above)

2026: Area Council Meetings: 26 January (Change of Date), 23 March, 22 June, 21 September and 23 November including the AGM.

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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