

Welcome to the March 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.

British Summer Time begins on 30<sup>th</sup> March, clocks go forward one hour and we will start to see longer days and hopefully more sunshine.

## Spring forward

Don't forget to set  
clocks ahead  
one hour  
at 2 a.m.  
Sunday.



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Mothering Sunday is also on that day.

**Exciting News: Surrey Area Blue Sapphire Event:**



SURREY AREA of NAFAS  
BLUE SAPPHIRE  
CELEBRATION  
DAY

65 65

Ashstead Peace Memorial Hall  
Ashstead KT21 2BE

FRIDAY JUNE 20th 2025  
Time 10.30am - 4pm

Cost £42pp

Surrey Area of NAFAS will be celebrating 65 years at a special event to be held on Friday June 20th at Ashstead Peace Memorial hall .  
The day will include Floral Art demonstrations and a lunch  
Doors open at 10.30 and the event will end by 4pm

Tickets are available to purchase at the March Area meeting ( Cash or Card) or online with BACS payment to Surrey Area NAFAS  
Sort code 60-09-40 Account 79691978  
Reference BS & Your name

Email request to Di Henderson  
Surrey NAFAS Events Officer  
merlinscrafttime@gmail.com  
Stating NAME ..CLUB..Dietary Requirements

**Reigate Flower Club: Wendy Jolley.**

The February meeting of Reigate Flower Club was an in-house workshop. We enjoyed refreshments as we worked making low, tapestry arrangements. We had everyone, from a novice with her first ever design to the very experienced. The final 'tapestry' covered two tables. We all went home with a beautiful design.



**Saturday Class Tutored by Wendy Jolley:**

Forgetting the gloomy weather outside, the members of Reigate Flower Club's Saturday Workshop spent the morning creating hand-ties. What a great way to spend a dreary morning in February.



### **Guildford Flower Club Celebrates 70 years.**

This year was Guildford Flower Club's 70<sup>th</sup> year and we celebrated throughout the year.

In August we held a garden party at one of their member's beautiful gardens. The sun shone and we all enjoyed a wonderful cream tea, games and a raffle.



In November several of our members took a trip to RHS Wisley gardens and took advantage of NAFAS being affiliated to the RHS, so we all got in free of charge. We arranged to have a guided tour of the gardens and even though it was a very cold November day we all enjoyed it very much. Our very knowledgeable guide pointed out lots of interesting facts about the gardens past and present.



Finally, at the end of our 70<sup>th</sup> year we celebrated again at our AGM where we had a glass of something sparkling and a cake, cut here by our club Chairman Cynthia Bromwich and President Pam Hawes.

This was followed by our traditional treat of puddings provided by the Committee plus a pop-up card making session. We had lots of time to chat and enjoy the end of our celebratory year.



I would just like to say a big thank you to all our members for supporting us over the years  
Cynthia Bromwich, Chairman, Guildford Flower Club.

### **Morden and North Cheam Flower Club (incorporating Wimbledon Flower Club)**

Our Club meets on the 2nd Monday at 8pm at Emmanuel Church Hall, Dudley Drive SM44RJ

We have demonstrations and teach-ins during the year but in January we have our special 3 Amigos - who are Eunice Burr, Chairman, Michiko Yamada, Purchasing, and Bridget Gover treasurer, (all Wisley Entrants) and beautiful flower arrangers. (They were presented with the three hats by a club member which made us all laugh). They combine their sometimes completely different arrangements with talking to us about the flowers and what they are doing. As you can see by the pictures the members were delighted to win many flower arrangements which included all the containers.

All are welcome at our club.

Joan Endean Programme Secretary.

Photos below:



### **National Show Schedule: 19 / 20 September: Gloucester Cathedral. SHOW DETAILS**

Demonstrators in the Chapter House. Speakers in the main Cathedral.

Education in the Lady Chapel. Music throughout the Cathedral

Trading Stands in the Cloisters

#### Tickets:

Early Bird Day Tickets on sale 1st - 28th February @ £25.

Preview Evening Tickets on sale 1st March 2025 @ £20, Thursday 18th September, 6.30-8.00pm,

Visitors receive a glass of bubbly or soft drink, Ticket does not give access to the prize giving

Trading stands will be open

Day Tickets on sale 1st March 2025 @ £30

Group Tickets on sale 1st March @ £25 (minimum 10)

Two Day Tickets on sale 1st March 2025 @ £50

Prize Giving in the Chapel is Ticket Only. Maximum of 150 people. Only available to Competitors and Invited Guests. Competitors **MUST** claim their tickets from Head Office.

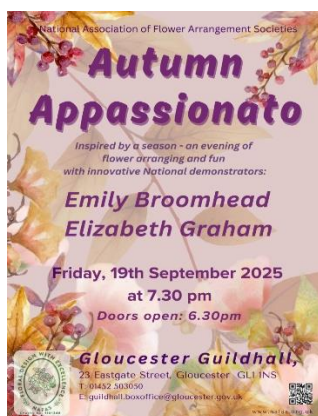
Competition Schedule for this year's Show is now available via the NAFAS website using the following link:

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<https://www.nafas.org.uk/national-show-natures-challenge/>

Competitors applications are to be received between 1st and 15th April 2025 via this website, however any member wishing to use paper format please use the Individual Entry Form.

## Gloucester Guildhall Demonstration:



National Demonstrators: Emily Broomhead and Elizabeth Graham  
Friday 19th September 2025  
Tickets on sale 1st March @ £25 available from the Guildhall in March 2025.

## Area:

### Judges Training:

Come along to the Judges' Refresher Day 21st May, for judges, also anyone interested in training to be a judge. Let Sue Slark know if you are interested.

### Education: Jane Rickard:

We have an Education Day booked for Wednesday 8th October 2025 in Bookham Barn Hall. I hope that each Club will put forward their workshop/ class tutors who are not necessarily qualified teachers to join this day.

### Speakers Day:

Anyone interested in becoming a speaker, here is a day for you to join.

#### **Flower Arranging & Design Sussex**

**A Refresher Day: For Demonstrators, Judges and Teachers.**

**Tutor: Michael Bowyer: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025: Coffee 9.30 for 10.00 start.**

**Thakeham Village Hall, 1 Abingworth Crescent, Thakeham, Pulborough, West Sussex. RH20 3GW**

**Cost: £25.00 participants and £10.00 observers.**

Tea, coffee and biscuits available, please bring a packed lunch. (There is a shop and café next to the Hall and FREE car parking outside the Hall.)

**Contact: Barbara Caldecourt** email: [bcaldecourt@gmail.com](mailto:bcaldecourt@gmail.com) Or Phone 01798 875508

### RHS Wisley Flower 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". Put the dates in your diary. Show Schedule will be available at the March Council Meeting.

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.

### NOTICE FOR CLUB'S

**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)**

### Ham House:

Many of our Area Members arrange flowers at Ham House (National Trust), the team are looking to increase their numbers, if you would like to help the flower arranging starts in April on Friday mornings between 10 and 12 and the members arrange until end October. All flowers are from the gardens of this beautiful house. You will only have to arrange 4 or 5 times a year. Please contact Karen Gaunt (Co-ordinator): [kmtgaunt@me.com](mailto:kmtgaunt@me.com)  
Your help would be gratefully accepted, plus there are many perks for you.....

**Surrey Area of NAFAS: invites members to a workshop with**



**Morgan Douglas Nuth: Award winning International Floral Designer  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025: 10.00 for 10.30am – 3.00pm  
The Old Barn Hall Great Bookham KT23 3PQ  
Cost £40**

**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 MDN as a reference**

**Workshop recipe with materials needed will be sent on receipt of payment. Refunds can only be given if a replacement can be found.**

**[aegillott@gmail.com](mailto:aegillott@gmail.com)**

**07811 088949**

**Area Workshop : Alison Gillott:**

JDS&E are looking forward to Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> as we welcome Morgan Douglas-Nuth to be our tutor for the day. There is an article about him in the Spring 2025 Flower Arranger magazine and his work can also be viewed on You Tube - search for Flower Circus where you can watch his recent demonstration.

There are still a few spare places for Morgan's workshop. These workshops are for all our members - please pass on this information. Full details on the Area website.

**Dates for your Diaries:**

**2025**

**17 March; 16 June; 22 September; 24 November:** Area Council Meetings.

**12<sup>th</sup> March:** Surrey Area Workshops.

**15<sup>th</sup> May:** Webinar for members to have direct contact with the NAFAS Board: 6-7.30pm. (As usual you will be able to register interest and get the link from the NAFAS website).

**13-18 May:** Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival, "The Spirit of Water"

**20<sup>th</sup> June:** Surrey Area Blue Sapphire Celebration Day.

**20<sup>th</sup> June:** National Flower Arranging Day will co-inside with British Flowers Week.

**19-20<sup>th</sup> September:** National Show "Natures Challenge" to be held at the Gloucester Cathedral.

**15<sup>th</sup> October:** NAFAS AGM.

**12<sup>th</sup> November:** Surrey Area Workshop: Christine Picton.

**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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