

## SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

A very warm welcome to the May Edition of the Surrey Area Newsletter.

At last we are enjoying the lovely sunshine, let's hope it continues as it makes everyone so much happier, we can all get in our gardens and tidy up after the winter storms. It is so nice to see all the new green shoots on our trees.

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**

**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.

**AREA TREASURER NEEDED URGENTLY:**  
**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP; LET US KNOW; PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD.....**

### **IMPORTANT:**

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

We originally had two of each and now there is only two, one has returned. If you or your club have them tucked away somewhere or know someone who used them this year could you please let a member of the Area Committee know asap as they are needed. Many thanks.

### **Plant Sale: Area Council Meeting on Monday 22nd June.**

Book a table for your club, sell your plants for your club funds or chosen charity.

If you are pricking out or potting up now, any left over that you do not require, please save them for this special date.

Bookings for a table taken now email: Di Henderson (Events) [merlinscrafttime@gmail.com](mailto:merlinscrafttime@gmail.com)

All Surrey members, please come along and purchase plants for a bargain price, why spend your hard earned cash in Garden Centres, when you can get a lovely plant at a really good price from us.

Look forward to seeing lots of members on the day.

### **Banstead Flower Club: Vicki Hollands.**

Banstead's Club Day in March was a fantastic afternoon with National Demonstrator Nick Grounds. We have been lucky enough to have Nick demonstrate at Banstead a couple of times before, so knew we were in for an entertaining afternoon.

Needless to say we were not disappointed. Nick kept us all on the edge of our seats both laughing loudly, and at other times close to tears as he amused us with anecdotes of village life, auctioneering and flower arranging.

At the end of the afternoon we were able lucky enough to witness Nick with his Auctioneer hat on.

One of our members had generously donated a couple of beautiful bouquets, which Nick kindly agreed to Auction off and as expected did so expertly. You can see in the photo below some of the lovely exhibits created by Nick during the afternoon.



Ashted Flower Arrangement Group – Charity Eveing in aid of Parkinson’s UK On 18th March:

Ashted held a charity event in aid of Parkinson’s UK. National Demonstrator, Angela Turner produced some fantastic arrangements under the title ‘You only live once’ (YOLO). Canapes for the 100 attendees (produced by the Committee) were served in the interval. Drinks were served by two volunteer husbands and everyone was excited when the raffle was drawn to see which of the fabulous flowers they might win. The evening was a great success with £1800 being raised for the charity. Below are some of Angela’s fabulous designs plus the committee I-r Sue Reynoldson, Lorna Moyle, Pat George, Diane Melton, Pauline Score, Sue Whittaker, Susan Eddleston and Janet Bickford and two handsome wine waiters! (Lawrie Bickford and Nigel Reynoldson).

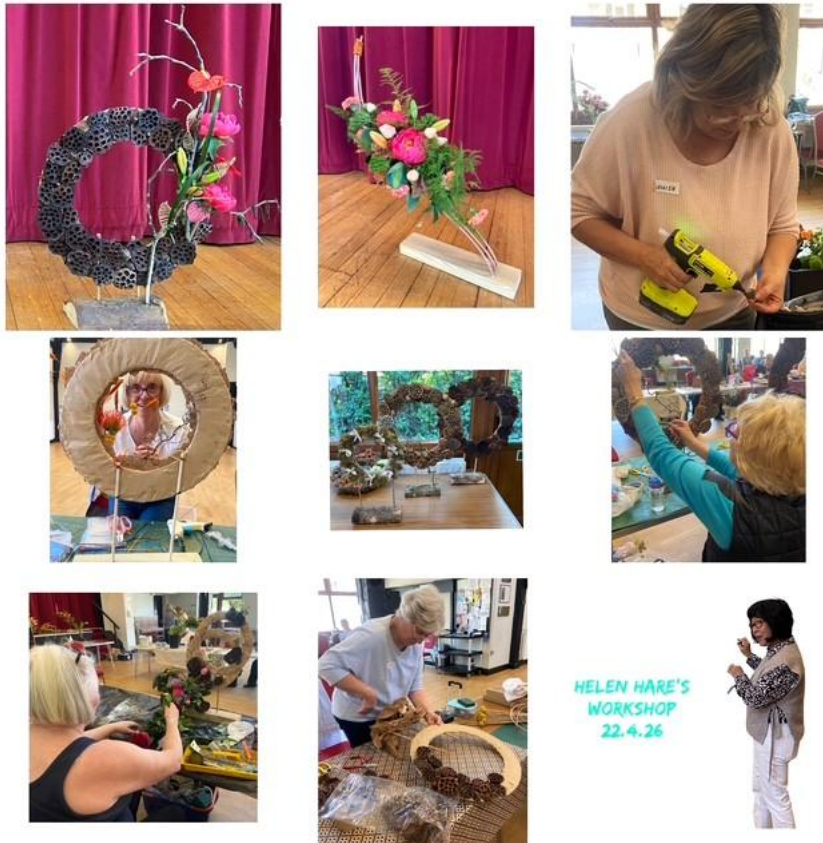


**Sunbury-on-Thames Flower Club.**

Internal Hands-On Workshop at Sunbury-on-Thames Flower Club.  
This was to interpret the subject of seeing water, from above, below, etc.  
The title was 'Looking at Water'.



**Surrey Area Workshop : Tutor: Helen Hare. Wednesday 22nd April**



**Adverts for Clubs**

**Ashted Flower Arrangement Group Wednesday 6th May 2026:**

Vanessa Wellock: NAFAS National Demonstrator and Teacher will be demonstrating 'Let's talk about Vivienne!' 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: Pauline Score 07947 047464

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*BANSTEAD FLOWER CLUB*

*INTERNATIONAL FLORAL DESIGNER*

DR SOLOMON LEONG

Wednesday 27h May, 2026

Banstead Community Hall, Park Road, Banstead, SM7 3AJ

Doors Open 1.15 for 2pm– Visitors £15

**Advance Booking only;**

Contact Sarah Mewett on: 07979325754

or [bansteadflowerclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bansteadflowerclub@hotmail.co.uk)

join us on our Fb page: Banstead Flower Group

## GUILDFORD FLOWER CLUB



Annette Urquhart  
National Demonstrator



### "Oranges and Lemons"

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026  
Demonstration starts at 7:30pm

At Jacobs Well Village Hall, Jacobs Well, Guildford GU4 7PD

All Visitors Welcome - £8.00 payable at the door

If you have any queries please contact Cynthia Bromwich  
Mobile 07576 547772 or email [cynthiabromwich@btinternet.com](mailto:cynthiabromwich@btinternet.com)



Surrey Area of NAFAS  
in conjunction with  
The Royal Horticultural Society  
present  
RHS Wisley Garden Flower Show

# THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026

in the Floral Marquee  
open to all members  
affiliated to NAFAS

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# 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](http://www.surreynafas.com)

**Area Show Schedule to be released at the June Council Meeting**

## Dates for your Diaries:

### 2026

- Area Council Meetings: 22 June, 21 September, 23 November.
- 6<sup>th</sup> May: Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group: Vanessa Wellock, Demonstrating "Let's Talk about Vivienne" Peace Memorial Hall, Ashtead. KT21 2BE. Doors open at 1.30pm. Visitors £10.
- 27<sup>th</sup> May: Solomon Leong will be demonstrating at Banstead Community Hall, Park Road, Banstead SM7 3AJ. Doors open at 1.15pm. Visitors £15.00. Contact Sarah Mewett 07979 325754 or bansteadflowerclub@hotmail.co.uk
- 4th June: Walton & Weybridge Club – Open Meeting at Whiteley Village Hall. Kathy Stangaard presents "Going with the Flow".
- 8th June: Daisy Tuffen Flower Club - OPEN MEETING at Pyrford Village Hall, Dennis van Wonderen Demonstration. This is a ticketed event. Contact Club to purchase.
- 20<sup>th</sup> June: AFDC Annual Show "A Midsummer Show" Normandy Village Hall, 11am-4pm. Admission £5.00.
- 26<sup>th</sup> June: 10-6pm; 27<sup>th</sup> June: 9-4pm. Wessex and Jersey Area Show: Crossfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey. SO51 8GL. Admission £4,00.
- 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 - Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group: 70th Anniversary Show/Exhibition "Spirit of Winter" Ashtead 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, Ashtead. Further details will be available soon.

### 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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