

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

A very warm welcome to the September 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**

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.

Claygate Floral Club's Summer Highlights

Claygate Floral Club enjoyed a busy and successful summer, with members taking part in the Claygate Village and Flower Show and coming together for a fun social evening and workshop.

Flower Show Success: The Club's stand at the Claygate Village and Flower Show featured creative upcycled containers, dried flowers and beautiful floral arrangements. Despite the hot weather, the stand attracted plenty of interest and raised over £400 for the Club.



Members also entered a range of floral competition classes, producing an impressive collection of exhibits that showcased their creativity and skill

Summer Social and Workshop

The Club's August social evening combined wine, nibbles and good company with a hands-on floral workshop. Members learned how to create floral jewellery and decorative hair slides, with many enjoying the opportunity to try the techniques for themselves.

Together, these events made Summer 2026 one to remember!



Banstead Flower Club - Vicki Hollands

After a very busy in-house demonstration in July, it was lovely to sit back, relax and enjoy our August demonstration with Vivienne Withers. It was a pleasure to welcome Vivienne to Banstead for the first time and during the course of the afternoon she took us on a lovely personal 'Floral Journey', reminiscing of places visited both home and abroad. The In-house competition 'Floral Cascade', had 16 beautiful entries all very different in design & size.

Congratulations to the following who gained 1st in their class, Yan Skates, Snr Adv, Sune Larsen- Walsh, Adv, & Gill Mead Int. & Diane Hammond, Novice. Photo's can be seen below.



Sunbury-on-Thames Flower Club:

60th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunbury Flower Club was delighted to be celebrating their 60th Anniversary this year. In June we held a delicious LUNCH for members and a few local guests, prepared and decorated by the committee.

In July, we had a special Demonstration given by Claire Bryant, who did us proud.

Our celebration cake was baked and decorated by Janet Errington - please note the beautiful sugar Seasons, crafted by Janet.



Award-Winning National Floral Demonstrator Brings "Winter Wonderland" to Claygate

Join Claygate Floral Club for a magical evening of festive inspiration. Travelling from Cornwall, we are delighted to welcome Alison Penno, NAFAS National Demonstrator and RHS Chelsea Silver Gilt medallist, whose exceptional floral artistry has captivated audiences throughout the UK and beyond. In her Christmas Floral Demonstration, "Winter Wonderland," Alison will enchant us with a collection of spectacular festive designs, showcasing her creativity, flair and passion for floral art, all infused with seasonal magic and Christmas charm. Whether you are a flower enthusiast, looking for Christmas decorating inspiration, or simply seeking a wonderful evening out, this promises to be an event not to be missed. The beautiful arrangements created during the demonstration will be **raffled at the end of the evening**, and **non-members are very welcome**.

Friday 27th November 2026

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Claygate Village Hall, KT10 0JP

Tickets: £16

To book, email claygatefloralclub@gmail.com

Book early – tickets are expected to be in high demand for this special festive event

www.claygatefloralclub.co.uk



JDS&E Autumn Workshop – Booking Now Open

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

The Old Barn Hall
Great Bookham
KT23 3PQ

Cost £40

Booking for this workshop opens on September 1st 2026
Numbers limited so book early.
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 JA as a reference.

Workshop recipe with materials needed will be sent nearer the time.
Refunds can only be given if a replacement can be found

agillott@gmail.com
07811 088949

National Show Tickets Released For Show – 9th&10th July 2027

Wide Horizons

The wait is over, tickets for the NAFAS National Show 2027 are now live!

For the first time, the prestigious NAFAS National Show will be held at the Lincolnshire Showground on 9–10 July 2027, bringing together two unforgettable days of floral art, creativity and inspiration.

Expect spectacular floral displays, inspiring demonstrations, workshops, competitions, talks and shopping, all under one roof.

To book use this address <https://show.nafas.org.uk/purchase-tickets/>

For more information use this address <https://show.nafas.org.uk/about/>

Club Adverts

Banstead Flower Club has a workshop end of September

BANSTEAD FLOWER CLUB

INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM IN A WORKSHOP

WITH

ANN KENNEDY

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TRANSFORMATION



Wednesday 30th September 2026

10am - 4.00pm - £25.00

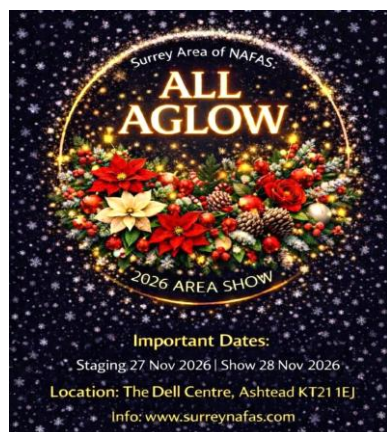
at Banstead Community Hall, Park Road, Banstead SM7 3AJ

During the course of the workshop, Ann will show you some innovative ideas and tricks for your future use, in addition to the designs you will work on through the day. There are 4 designs (it is suggested you choose 2).

For further information or to book a place please contact Sarah

Mewett on 07979 325754 or email

bansteadflowerclub@hotmail.co.uk



Dates for your Diaries:

2026

- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.
- 11 November: Oxted & Limpsfield: Open Meeting "Harvest Hues Beats the Winter Blues" a Demonstration by Morgan Douglas Nuth.
- 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*
- 27th Staging Day: 28th November: The Surrey Area Show "All Aglow" to be held at The Dell Centre, Ashted. **Details now on the Surrey Area website, entries for Class Acceptance starts this month, so get your thinking caps on and submit your entry.**

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.
- 9/12 July: The NAFAS National Show "Wide Horizons" to be held at the Lincolnshire showground. Tickets now available at this address: <https://show.nafas.org.uk/purchase-tickets/>

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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