

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to the first Area Newsletter of 2022, it seems we are living in a Groundhog world when I wake up in the morning, the first thing I think is what day is it and if you were to ask me the date I couldn't tell you.....ha ha.

There is so much to look forward to this year and I hope your club will be putting on Demonstrators to tantalize your taste-buds and making you want to arrange a few flowers yourself.

OXTED AND LIMPSFIELD FLORAL DESIGN CLUB

Our Club (then Oxted and Limpsfield Flower Society) was 'born' in June 1955, and after the inaugural meeting when 24 ladies attended, we had the princely sum of £13.0s.0d in our bank account. In 1956 the highlight was the visit of Constance Spry, no less! In 2017 our Club name changed to Oxted and Limpsfield Floral Design Club.

We were therefore 65 years old in June 2020, but for obvious reasons we could not celebrate this auspicious occasion at that time. However, on Wednesday 8th December (2021) we held our AGM, once again back in our Hall, followed by a delicious tea with sandwiches, pastries and cakes. Members were given a lovely set of coasters depicting blue hydrangeas (made by our Chairman, Angie Street) as a memento of our 'Blue Sapphire Anniversary'.

Our demonstrator, Sue Oaten, whose title was 'Pick and Mix' then delighted us with colourful designs based on the 'Quality Street' chocolates, using lovely supermarket flowers and foliage from her garden (and neighbours)! Her beautiful arrangements incorporated some of the sweets - the gold wrapper in a large lantern, then the much-loved 'purple' chocolates using a glass oil lamp base, ending with 'Strawberry Delight' in tints and tones of red flowers in an antique picture frame.

Over the years, our members have been successful in many high-profile events, including the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show. Visitors and guests have commented that we are a happy, welcoming Club - due in no small measure to our wonderful, hard-working Committee. Hopefully we may look forward to many more years!

Anne Blissett

Godalming Flower Club Celebrations:

Godalming celebrated our Golden Anniversary. We had a very special meeting with a demonstration by Graham King and a guest appearance by Dr Christina Curtis.



I have attached a photo of the committee with our chairman Graham King, Dr Christina Curtis and special guest Chris Brown. A great time was had by all our members.

Cheryl Caswell

Surrey Area Members Day: is being held at the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall on Tuesday 22 March at APMH; Arrival time from 10.15am for a 10.30pm start. There are still a few tickets for you to buy, at the January Council meeting, but get your skates on as they are very popular and we have a limit in the hall for numbers; ticket price £30.00 to include Morning Speaker Katherine Kear; hot lunch and then Afternoon Demonstration by National Demonstrator Emily Broomhead; lots of stalls selling goodies for you to buy from. It really should be a very good day.

THERE IS ALSO **SALISBURY CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL** ON IN MAY; MAYBE GET A CAR FULL OF YOUR CLUB FRIENDS AND HEAD DOWN THERE.

Fancy a Weekend away with your flowery friends?

NAFAS are holding a members get together entitled "Together Again" on Friday 9 - Sunday 11 September at the Marriott Hotel in Leicester; why not get a group of your club friends together and go and enjoy yourselves for the weekend. If you are interested contact: Email: events@nafas.org.uk
Tel: 020 7247 5567

Not forgetting our **Wisley Flower Show** staging on the 5th September and the Show opens to the Public 6–11, always a wonderful Show with such colour and great designs.

This year sees the return of the **Surrey Area Show** and the Venue is De Vere Horsley Towers East Horsley; and the dates for your diaries are 29 and 30 October 2022.

Fundraising activities have been provisionally planned for 2022 as follows:

- 1 April – GK Demonstration at Normandy Village Hall: evening
- 5 April – Gardeners Question Time at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall: afternoon
- 17 June – GK Demonstration at APMH: afternoon
- 24 September – Rotating Workshop again, at APMH: morning and afternoon.

So lot's more to look forward to in 2022 in our flowery world.

Do you like looking at photos and items of interest: The Area still need's a person to organise the Chronicles; if you are interested please contact Chris Brown: ce.brown@hotmail.co.uk

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next Area Council meeting on 24th January 2022 at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall starting at 10.30am....

The other dates throughout the year are: 14 March; 13 June; 26 September; 28 November 10.30am and AGM at 13.30pm

All members of the Area are very welcome.

As this is your Area Newsletter please forward to me anything of interest that is happening in your club for inclusion so that other club members can read all about it. Just drop me a short resume of the event to the email address below.

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