

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

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

Happy Easter to you all. Don't eat too much chocolate, save some for the Officers.....haha.

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.

JDS&E Booking Instructions for the Helen Hare Area Workshop in April

Surrey Area of NAFAS
invites members to a workshop with

Helen Hare
Teacher and Demonstrator from Kent Floral Art

SPRING THEMED WORKSHOP
on
Wednesday 22nd April 2026
10.00 for 10.30am - 3.00pm
at
The Old Barn Hall
Great Bookham
KT23 3PQ

Cost E40
Booking for this workshop opens on January 31st 2026
Numbers limited so book early.

Please email Alison Gillett 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 HH 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

aegillott@gmail.com
07811 088949

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

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

Our demonstrator in February was Lee Berrill. The hall was full with members and Visitors and Lee gave us a thoroughly entertaining demonstration along with several beautiful arrangements to raffle off at the end of the afternoon.

We are very proud of our in-house competition at Banstead which is going from strength to strength. In February we had 17 entries, the title was 'Frosty' and there were some fabulous interpretations. Congratulations go to Angela Norman: Senior Advanced. Sune Larsen-Walsh: Advanced. Wanda Adach: Intermediate. Diane Randall: Novice & Carole Giovenetti, Advanced Judges Choice. Photo's of the winning entries can be seen below.



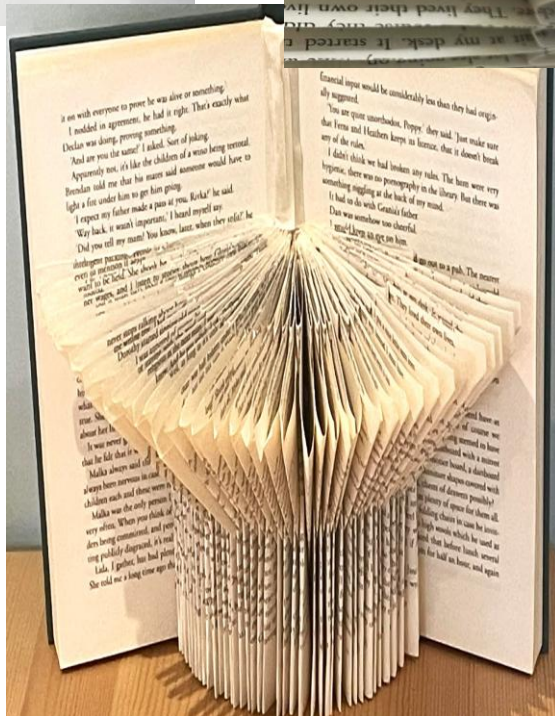
Oxted & Limpsfield: Maibrigg Bertin

Workshop March 4th 2026 with Sue Byrom

We had a lovely creative afternoon making a container from second hand books, cutting and folding the pages in a certain way to create a container. We then made origami flowers, cutting, folding and gluing to use in the arrangement along with the chosen flowers and foliage. Very clever techniques, expertly shown to us by Sue. Thank you for a lovely afternoon. We were also treated to hot cross buns and lovely home made cake made by Jane! Photos Below:

Upcoming workshops:

We have 3 more dates for workshops this year, please make a note in your diaries! They all take place at St.Andrew's Hall, Limpsfield, Chart. 12.30-4.30pm. The dates are: Wednesday June 3rd, Wednesday October 7th and Wednesday December 2nd.

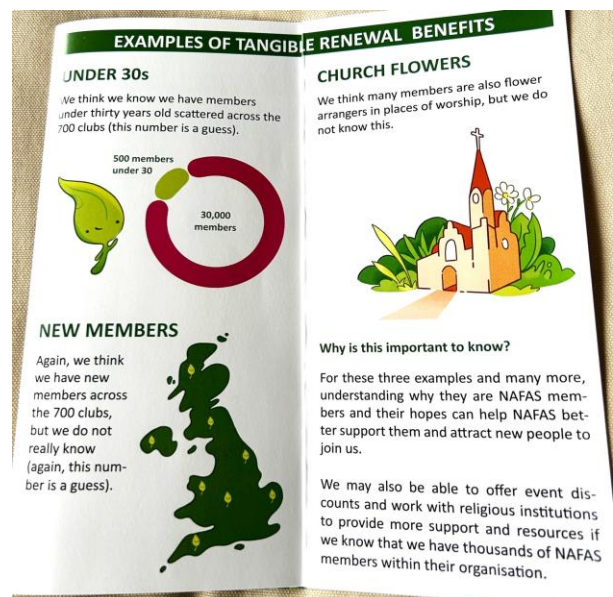
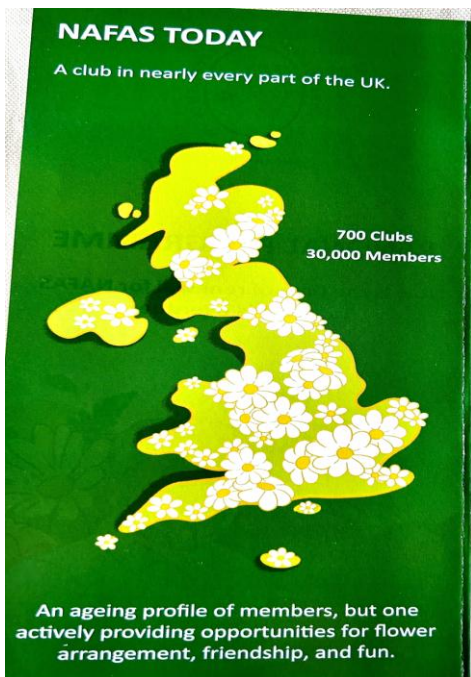
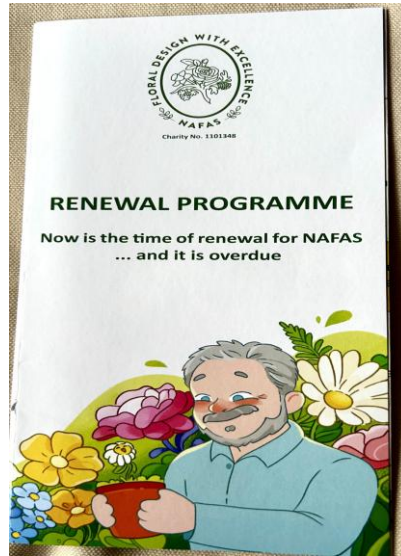


Focus Group Workshop tutored by Master Florist Max Hurtaud:



NAFAS Renewal Programme:

Richard Abraham at the Surrey Council Meeting



Adverts for Clubs



GUILDFORD FLOWER CLUB



Annette Urquhart
National Demonstrator



"Oranges and Lemons"

On Wednesday 1st 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



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.

22 April: Area Workshop: Helen Hare "Spring Themed Workshop" See Surrey website under JDS&E for details.

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.

20th June: AFDC Annual Show "A Midsummer Show" Normandy Village Hall, 11am-4pm. Admission £5.00.

26th June: 10-6pm; 27th June: 9-4pm. Wessex and Jersey Area Show: Crosfield 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 (more detail to follow shortly).

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.

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, Ashted. 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.

I hope our Clubs and Members will send in lots more for you all to see and read in the year ahead.

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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