

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER JULY 2026

A very warm welcome to the July 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.

Chichester Flower Festival: Jacqui Arm.

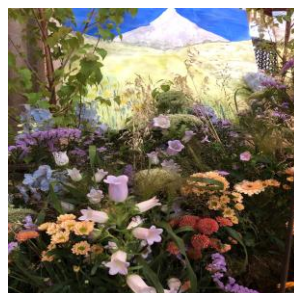
The team was all from AFDC and consisted of myself (as team leader), Jeanie Osborne, Kate Brown, Nina Eglington, Linda Lloyd, Frances Gawthrop and Lesley Honor Thompson.

Here are some of the quantities of flowers we used.....

For the sun and the floor area we used approx 600 Pampas plumes and 150 Hydrangea heads (which we collected, coloured and preserved last autumn), 600 Germini, 80 sunflowers, 180 stems of spray chrysanthemums, plus other filler flowers.

Another 485 stems of flowers went into the meadows each side.

Other than using 2 blocks of the new Oasis Renewal Foam for the arrangement under the High Altar, the whole design was foam free and used containers with chicken wire so that all fresh flowers were in water.



Walton & Weybridge

It has been a busy month for Walton & Weybridge Flower Club, and a very enjoyable one as well.



On Thursday 4th June we held our Annual Open Meeting at Whiteley Village, and our demonstrator on this occasion was Kathy Stangaard who was wonderfully entertaining with her demonstration called "Going with the Flow". She regaled us with stories of her locality, about the conservation area in Epping Forest nearby and her lovely garden with its lights everywhere. Kathy is a very natural speaker, and we could really feel we were present when she took us on the tour. Her designs throughout contained some wonderful colour combinations, and ranged from the formal in a silver urn to a delicate wildflower arrangement with cornflowers and campanula. There was also an incredibly vibrant

arrangement in a Clarissa Cliff-inspired container which Kathy herself had created.

Our 80 or so members and friends really had a wonderful afternoon – and even had the opportunity of a little retail therapy as we had our friend Nikki Legg with her stall with scarves, skirts and accessories, and Jan who was selling handmade beaded goodies on behalf of our local hospice.

Then on the weekend of 13th /14th June various of our members contributed arrangements for St James Church in Weybridge's flower festival. This was based on the lovely anthem "For the beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter, and we could choose a line of the anthem to illustrate in flowers. Two of us produced an arrangement based on "For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night" (pictured), two more members each did "For the beauty of the Earth" and another member "Graces human and divine". The Festival was a big occasion, opened by Sarah Squire, the chairman of Squires Nurseries, and with various additional celebratory events during the following week. Their choral evensong was divine – they have an excellent choir. We were delighted to have been asked to contribute.

One the weekend of 27th /28th June we are contributing ten arrangements for the National Rose Show at Squires in Shepperton on the theme of "My Favourite TV Show" – we will report on that next time!

Bookham Flower Club: Carolyn Trott.

Bookham Flower Club supported Bookham Village Day with their usual stall selling baskets of flowers donated by members. The stall was decorated to illustrate the theme of the event which was 'My Favourite Story'. 'The Owl and the Pussycat' was chosen for the bunting and some of the baskets were displayed on piles of books. The stall was decorated with clematis, ivy and lavender. Unfortunately, the club did not win the award for the best dressed stall but raised a good amount of money for the community association, which funds the hall where the club meets and holds its shows. It was a very hot and humid day but the event attracted a great many residents of all ages so hopefully a few people will be interested in visiting a club meeting.



Four of Bookham Flower Club's members received their Certificates for completing the Level1 course at the Area meeting in June. They are Pat Crawford, Gillian Brand, Lesley Palmer and Carolyn Trott.

Ash Floral Club.

Ash Floral Club at The Ash Summer Fair - the bright sunny day was perfect for showing off the lovely summer arrangements for sale, meeting new friends and telling them about our Club.



Reigate Flower Club: Wendy Jolley.

As St. Katharine's Church in Merstham did not have enough arrangers to put on a flower festival, Reigate Flower Club were asked to design and create the display.

The arrangers arrived on Friday 19th June ready with their garden foliage to create these designs.

The following day the church was full a visitors admiring the wonderful displays. Photos below:





St. John's & Cobham Flower Club

Members and visitors were delighted to attend the June Saturday morning workshop. Kathryn Austin, the Club's Chairman, was the tutor for a fan based design to depict a 'sunrise'.

Kathryn offered two ways to arrange the sunrise and had a lovely array of wool covered sticks to help to depict the sun's rays. The title was very appropriate for the heat wave! As you can see, the sun was certainly rising in the Chobham Parish Hall.



Banstead Flower Club: Vicki Hollands.

Banstead Club Members were thrilled to welcome International Floral Designer Dr Solomon Leong to the Club in May.



It was the second time Solomon has visited the club and given a demonstration, and needless to say he provided the members and many visitors with a wonderful afternoon which resulted with a several beautiful exhibits using both dried and fresh flowers.

Prior to Solomon's afternoon demonstration, he tutored a workshop decorating Parasols. It was a well informed and entertaining morning attended by 25 Banstead members. Solomon was very generous with his instruction and time and there were some beautiful exhibits to put on show by the end of the morning, as can be seen in the photographs.

Adverts for Clubs

Horley Flower Club

Horley Flower Club are holding their Show "Summer Sizzler" on Saturday 11th July at English Martyrs Church Hall, Vicarage Lane, Horley RH6 8AR. Doors open 1.30pm-4.30pm. Admission: £4.00, Children Free, Free parking, Teas and Cake, Tombola and Raffle.

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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 Christmassyl'

on
Wednesday 11th November 2026
10.00 for 10.30am - 3.00pm

at
The Old Barn Hall
Great Bookham
KT23 3PQ

Cost £40

Booking for this workshop will open on September 1st 2026 when a form with full information (including on line payment details) will be available on the Surrey Area of NAFAS website.

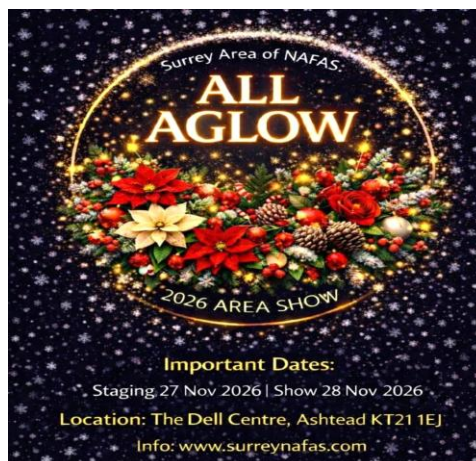
Enquires to
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Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group
Will be taking a coach trip to
Winchester on Wednesday 16th September for
WILD! Festival of Flowers and Nature



There are spaces available for Area members and friends to join on a 'first come' basis.
The cost for coach and entry is £45 (non-refundable)
Please book your seat by Monday 27th July
Tickets available at Ashtead's next club meeting on Wednesday 1st July
Or
Contact: Pauline Score on 07947 047464

Area Show Schedule now live on the Surrey Area Website



Dates for your Diaries:

2026

- Area Council Meetings: 21 September, 23 November.
- 11 July: Horley Flower Club Show "Summer Sizzler" See Above.
- 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 - 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. 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.
- 27 November: Claygate Open Demonstration. This year Alison Penno will be demonstrating with the title "Winter Wonderland". Claygate Village Hall 7pm for 7:30pm. More details later.
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2027:

- **17 -23 March: WAFAS - 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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