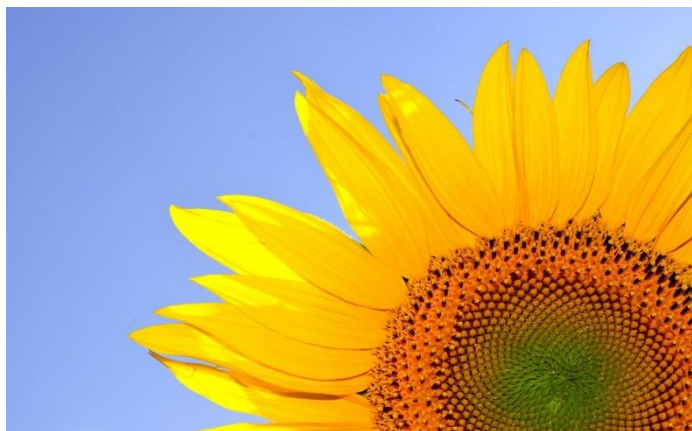
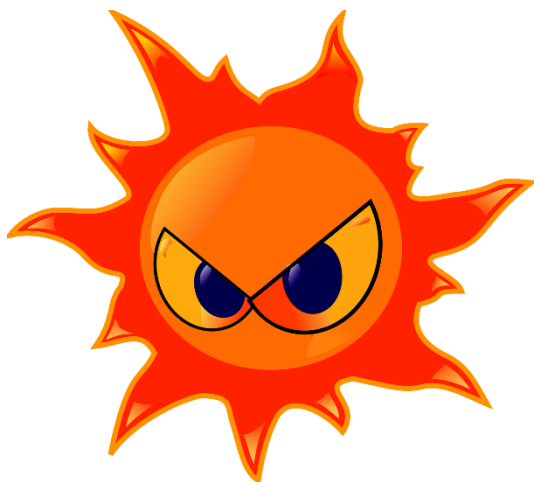


SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

Welcome to the July Edition of the Surrey Area Newsletter.



What a scorcher it has been, trying to stay cool and hydrated has proved a challenge when you have a lot to do.

Many thanks to all the Clubs and Individuals that have contributed to this edition; it is very much appreciated. The email address to send any photos and articles to is: **Dee47nafas@gmail.com**
I look forward to receiving them and thank you in advance.

Blue Sapphire Celebratory Members Day 20th June 2025

Margaret, Lynis, Dee, Di and James Burnside pose for a traditional cutting cake photo. We are working on a special newsletter edition to reflect on a lovely day spent with flowery friends and flowers. Our thanks go to the Committee for all their hard work and especially to Di for organising us so brilliantly and of course to our very talented Demonstrators who took us to decades when we were young and carefree. More to come in our special edition Newsletter



Coulsdon Flower Club: Ann Nicholson

The ladies of the Coulsdon Floral Arrangement Group celebrated VE Day at their monthly meeting on 7th May with an afternoon tea party. The room was decorated with bunting and the tables had special VE Day serviettes and small Union Jack flags in vases down the middle. The committee ladies made scones and a variety of cakes, and along with sandwiches and cups of tea, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of chat and reminiscences from some of our older ladies!

After the party we enjoyed an evening of fun, laughter and gorgeous floral designs from Graham King who managed to make arrangements with a red, white and blue theme.



Area Council Meeting 16th June:

Margaret Trepant (Area Chairman) giving Pam Askew and Jane Rickard their Associate of Honour Badges.



Below Photos of Anne Langley, Pat Crawford, Susan Hay and Celia Rose all receiving their NAFAS Certificates from the Education Chairman Jane Rickard.



Flower Arranging Day Success – A Blooming Good Time!

Members of Guildford Flower Club, Helen Kirkby and Sarah Robinson took advantage of National Flower Arranging Day and used the event to spread the word about the club. They created some beautiful arrangements using the clubs signature flower the Red Rose, complimented with Sweet Williams, Lisianthus, Pink Spray Carnations and Glamini. These were delivered to several local establishments including Visit Guildford, Guildford Institute, Yvonne Arnaud, Queen Elizabeth Care Home and a few more well-known Guildford businesses.

The response was overwhelmingly positive! Each recipient was thrilled to receive their surprise gifts and promised to display them and share information about the Club.

This was a great way for the club to make new friends and contacts and hopefully we see some new members visit the club from this activity over the coming months.



Sarah Robinson, Guildford Flower Club



INCREASE IN FLOWER ARRANGER SUBSCRIPTION:

Just a head's up: The price of the subscription for the Flower Arranger next year will go up to £17.00, still great value if you purchase from your club.

4 editions: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Well worth ordering from your Flower Arranging Representative.

RHS WISLEY SHOW:

Wisley Flower Show will be 2nd-7th September (Staging Monday 1st) the title of this year's Show is "Wish You Were Here". Put the dates in your diary.

No floral foam is allowed but Agra wool, Fibre Floral also Oshun Pouches can be used. Or other forms of non-foam mechanics. Some classes can be bought ready assembled (see schedule).

It is your entries that make the show. Good luck!

If you would like to help any day, please contact the new Chairman of the Wisley Show Alison Honor

alisonhonor@hotmail.co.uk I am sure any offers will be greatly received by the committee.

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

COACH TRIP TO GLOUCESTER TO SEE THE NAFAS NATIONAL COMPETITION

Aldershot Floral Design Club are booking a coach and tickets to the NAFAS National Competition in Gloucester Cathedral.

The total cost- coach fare, entrance ticket and driver's tip- will be £45 per person.

We hope/need to fill a 53-Seater coach.

We shall be picked up at the car park on Ash Hill Road, Ash- opposite the Victoria Hall GU12 5DN. Time of pick-up is expected to be 9.00am and we should be back around 5.00pm.

This car park is free, and of a reasonable size, but it would be advisable to share cars, as we would be parked there all day.

If you would like to join us then please indicate your interest by emailing me, Yvonne Farrar, at chair.afdc@gmail.com.

The bank details for BACS payments and any further information about the trip will be sent to you in due course.

ASHTREAD FLORAL ARRANGEMENT CLUB:

We are delighted to have Carole Stables from the The Flower Stables demonstrating on 2nd July demonstrating "As if by Magic".

Carole has an eye for design & a passion for flowers. She originally trained at Sparsholt College & was awarded 'Best Overall Performance' on the course, at Winchester Cathedral.

This amazing venue has remained at the centre of her career. She has been honoured to display floral works at three Winchester Cathedral Flower Festivals (as well as decorate the venue for several weddings)!

A few career highlights - being selected by NAFAS to dress Westminster Abbey, winning 'Commended' at the Floral Art & Design Show (Business Design Centre, London), acting as Otterbourne Flower & Garden Club's Chairman, training as a NAFAS Area Demonstrator & studying to be a Floral Design.

Ashtead 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: Di Stirling 01372 279501

OXTED AND LIMPSFIELD FLORAL DESIGN CLUB

Wednesday 12th November: "Winter Warmth" An Open Meeting demonstration with Tracey Griffin

Doors open at 12.30, for tea and coffee and a chat, the demonstration starts at 1pm. We meet at St. Peter's Hall, High St, Limpsfield, Oxted RH8 0DG. Visitors are most welcome, tickets £10 can be bought on the day. All the lovely designs from the demonstration goes in our flower raffle, so make sure you buy lots of raffle tickets!

For more information, please contact: maibrittbartin@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Surrey Area of NAFAS

invites its members to a workshop with

Christine Picton

Experienced flower arranger from the East of England Area of NAFAS,
National Teacher and Judge, member of the National Education Committee

CHRISTMAS THEMED WORKSHOP

on

Wednesday 12th November 2025

10.00 for 10.30am – 3.00pm

The Old Barn Hall

Great Bookham

KT23 3PQ

Booking for this workshop costing £40 will open on 1st September 2025 when
a form with full information (including on line payment details) will be
available on the Surrey Area of NAFAS website
Enquires to - aegillott@gmail.com 07811 088949

ONE DAY COURSE FOR SURREY WORKSHOP LEADERS

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025

BOOKHAM BARN HALL KT23 2PQ

10.30 – 3.30PM



**IF YOU ARE ONE OF OUR WONDERFUL WORKSHOP LEADERS IN SURREY BUT DO NOT HAVE A
TEACHING QUALIFICATION – THIS IS THE COURSE FOR YOU!**

A ONE DAY CLASS TUTORED BY JANE RICKARD, WITH LOTS OF HINTS AND TIPS TO ENSURE
THAT YOUR CLASS IS RUN AS EFFECTIVELY AS IT CAN BE

PART OF THE BOOKING FEE OF **£10** WILL INCLUDE A DOWNLOAD OF THE NAFAS BASIC
TEACHING MANUAL (worth £5 online)

Just bring your lunch and notepad and pen for notes.

Tea/Coffee will be provided

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT

JANE RICKARD janer.163@btinternet.com

RE ABOVE: LEADERS WORKSHOP:

The JDS&E are holding this very interesting event above to help clubs get the best possible workshop, please ask your members who do tutor workshops to attend, maybe the club could pay the fee for them!!

The majority of teaching in the Surrey Area is done by faithful club members who very successfully lead workshops or classes to club members.

If you are one of these faithful workshop leaders or teachers and have no teaching qualifications, then this day is for you! We will spend one day going over the basic theory of teaching so that you can improve the delivery of your classes with confidence. This is an interesting subject which I think you will find invaluable. We would love to see you there.

The JDS&E are also holding an Education Day, booked for Wednesday 8th October 2025 in Bookham Barn Hall. This will be for Qualified Teachers in the Area.

NEWS FROM WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB.

On Thursday 5th June we held our annual OPEN MEETING at Whiteley Village Hall – and what a lovely occasion it was. We were delighted to welcome so many members and friends of the Club to the wonderful demonstration “Going for Gold” by Julie Pearson from Bolton – who certainly lived up to her reputation, and was really deserving of her Chelsea Gold Medal status. Here are a few photographs of her arrangements.



Added attractions were the tempting retail opportunities - Avni with her fabulous jewellery, and Nikki with her accessories, and there were Danish Pastries and other goodies to eat. As ever, Whiteley made us very welcome.

Walton & Weybridge Flower Club

28th /29th June the National Rose Show at Squires Garden Centre at Shepperton. Mr Colin Squire hosts this annual event, and rose growers from all over the country come to show off their beautiful roses. Mr Squire asks our Club to provide some “floral art” which we are very happy to do.

This year we chose as our theme for the arrangements “Tea for Two” which, of course since it is a Rose Show had to contain roses. Ten of our Members were kind enough to provide an arrangement, all very different, and with the freedom of knowing that they would not be NAFAS judged, some did rather push the boundaries! However, it was all great fun.

We asked the general public attending the show to “be the judge” and to give their own views. After the two- day event we received 540 public votes and our very assiduous stewards had an opportunity of speaking to an enormous number of people to tell them about the Club and its activities. Whether this generates any additional members or guests at our meetings remains to be seen – but we certainly tried very hard. You may like to see some of the exhibits – please do not be too hard on those who have “thought outside the box”!



BANSTEAD FLOWER CLUB - VICKI HOLLANDS

Banstead members & friends enjoyed a lovely day out in June at the Windsor Flower Show. The forecast wasn't looking good for the day, but not to be put off by the weather, everyone turned up in good spirits, armed with brollies & waterproof coats. As it was also Epsom Derby Day we set off from Banstead early to avoid traffic and ensure we would get to Windsor Great Park in plenty of time. On arrival our driver was wrongly directed by stewards along a restricted route around the park, and after a lovely unexpected tour, taking in views of private residences and a magnificent wake of kites, we were finally put back on the right road and directed to our drop off point.

It was a lovely show, small but very well organised with something for everyone. Plants stalls - not over-priced, garden ornaments, flower show, activities for the children, food stalls, wine tasting, talks tent, craft marquee, & demonstrator's marquee. Banstead member Yan Skates gave an entertaining & humorous demonstration with assistance from 'Flowers by Sarah' on how to create an alternative top table arrangement using vegetables & fruit. You can see the results of this interesting idea below which goes to show, lovely designs can be made without oasis. See Photos below:



NOTICE FOR CLUBS

IN CASE YOU DID NOT KNOW, THERE IS A DIARY OF EVENTS ON THE AREA WEBSITE FOR CLUBS TO ADD ANY SPECIAL DATES. SO, IF YOUR CLUB HAS A SHOW OR OPEN MEETING COMING UP, PLEASE ADD THIS DATE TO THE ONLINE DIARY SO OTHER CLUB'S DO NOT BOOK THE SAME DATE.
EMAIL LINDA: mediasurreynafas@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAIL

2025

22 September; 24 November:

Area Council Meetings.

2nd-7th September:

RHS Wisley Flower Show at Wisley

19-20th September:

National Show "Natures Challenge" to be held at the Gloucester Cathedral.

24th September:

One day course for Club Workshop Leaders

8th October:

Education Day open to all teachers and workshop leaders

15th October:

NAFAS AGM.

12th November:

Surrey Area Workshop: Christine Picton.

2026: Area Council Meetings: 19 January, 23 March, 22 June, 21 September and 23 November with the AGM at 1.30

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.

To the smaller clubs we would love to hear from you, just a couple of photos of your members or activities is all that is needed with a short write-up.

Dee: Dee47nafas@gmail.com