

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

Welcome to the August 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. 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.

Horley Flower Club:

Horley Flower Club has continued its Sapphire Anniversary celebrations with a vibrant Summer Show fittingly titled “Let’s Celebrate...65 Years”. The event featured ten competition classes including five open categories and four others tailored to different skill levels - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Master Class. From as early as 8am on Saturday 5th July, English Martyrs Church Hall was buzzing with activity. Competitors arrived carrying either completed floral displays or buckets brimming with fresh blooms and foliage ready to craft their arrangements on-site. Within a few hours, the hall was transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour and scent. By 11am, all 35 entries were in place, each accompanied by its exhibit card. Once the final touches were made the hall quieted as the competitors stepped back, leaving their displays to speak for themselves. Jackie Squance had the challenging task of judging the beautifully varied entries. In the afternoon, visitors poured in to admire the arrangements, discuss their favourites and cast votes for the People’s Choice award. Teas and cakes proved popular, while the tombola and raffle tables stayed busy throughout the day. Special guest, Pam Askew, former Chair of the RHS Wisley NAFAS Flower Show presented trophies and certificates to the delighted winners. She offered warm congratulations to all who took part. A big thank you goes to the hardworking Show Committee, whose careful planning and tireless effort behind the scenes helped make the show such a resounding success. Congratulations to all participants! See Photos below:

Here Comes Summer – Novice

FIRST: Sue Winter



Green and Gorgeous – Intermediate

FIRST: Joyce Worts & BEST USE OF TEXTURE



Rhapsody in Blue – Master Class
FIRST: Carole Fitchett & BEST IN SHOW)



Keep it Simple – Open
FIRST: Monica Read



All Tied Up – Open
FIRST: Angela Twine & PEOPLE'S CHOICE



Contain Yourself - Open
FIRST: Janet Aslett



Floral Fiesta – Open
FIRST: Marcia Atkinson & HORLEY IN BLOOM

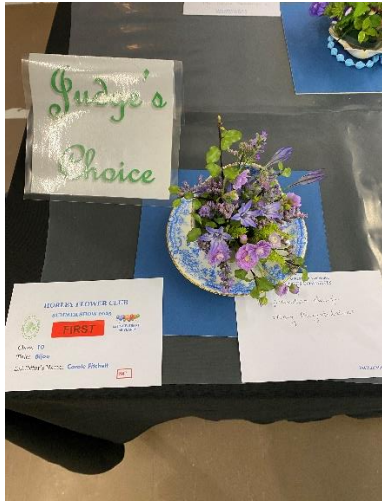


Let's Celebrate – Open
FIRST: Gill Freeman



Bijou – Open

FIRST: Carole Fitchett & JUDGES CHOICE



Let's Celebrate – Open

BEST USE OF COLOUR: Janet Aslett



Ashted Flower Arrangement Group - News

On the 19th July Ashted Flower Arrangement Group joined the Ashted Horticultural Society to celebrate their 150years anniversary. We had 18 entries with some clever and interesting designs, categories ranging from: "Away from it all", "Sea Drift", "Film night" and "Cocktail hour".

The afternoon was a great success despite the torrential rain that day!

Photo shows Sue Whittaker, Pat George and Di Stirling receiving their awards



**Ashtead Horticultural Summer Show 2025
Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group
"Away From It All"**

Senior Advanced "Sea Drift"

Pat George



Rachel Sherwin



Sue Whittaker



Diane Melton



Best use of Colour –
Patti Hodkin Trophy



**Advanced "Colourful Carnival"
Penny Anslow**

Intermediate "Countryside Walk"

Susan Eddleston



Best Exhibit In Show –
Joan Newlyn Trophy

Pauline Score



Angela Wiseman



**Novice "Time For Tea"
Pam Freeman**



Rosie Welton



**Open Class "Film Night"
Diane Melton**



Di Stirling



Lynis Williams



Judges Choice –
Joan Cooper Trophy

**Open Class Petite "Cocktail Hour"
Pat George**



Rachel Sherwin



Sue Whittaker



Best Petite Exhibit –
Sheila Jones Trophy
Silver Challenge Cup &
Banksian Medal –
Highest Number of Points

If you would like to download this document for clearer photos please visit:

[FLOWER CLUBS | Surrey Area of NAFAS](https://www.surreyareaofnafas.com/flower-clubs)

[and go to Ashtead Floral Arrangement Club/
Horticultural Show 2025](https://www.ashteadfloralarrangementclub.co.uk/)

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.

NAFAS CERTIFICATED COURSES

FLOWER ARRANGING PART 1

6 class courses of 3 hours per class Total 18 hour

NO WRITTEN WORK OTHER THAN A RECORD OF THE PRACTICAL DESIGNS

COMPLETED AT EACH CLASS

Jane Rickard and Sue Slark are offering the above course to any NAFAS members or non members

Dates of course to be decided, later in the year, when enough students show interest

APPROX COST £153 PER STUDENT FOR THE COURSE (Class of 10)

Classes will be held in BOOKHAM BARN HALL as soon as we have enough students showing interest in the course.

CLASS NUMBER TOPICS COVERED PRACTICAL

Class 1 Demonstration of practical for following class

Health & Safety.

Posy in a leaf covered jam jar

Class 2 Demonstration of practical for following class

Identification and conditioning of plant material

Basic tools and equipment

Line design in a pin-holder

Class 3 Demonstration of practical for following class

Radial stems and recession

Sundries for flower arranging including floral foam, Agra

Wool and Fibre Floral

All round posy arrangement in a container using chicken wire

Class 4 Demonstration of practical for following class

Enhanced focal area, radial stems and proportion

Introduction to Elements of Design

Symmetrical triangle using floral foam, Agra Wool or Fibre Floral

Class 5 Demonstration of practical for following class

Enhanced focal area, radial stems and proportion

Introduction to Principles of Design

Pave design using any medium

Class 6 Recap on previous class content

Emphasis on vertical stems and use of space

Parallel design using any medium emphasising form and contrast

TO REGISTER INTEREST PLEASE CONTACT JANE RICKARD

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Ashted Flower Arrangement Group:

Save the date 3rd September Dawn Weaver

We are delighted to have National Demonstrator, Teacher and Judge Dawn Weaver coming to demonstrate "Artistic Licence" as a Professional florist, floral designer and multi-Chelsea Gold Medal winner we are in for a fantastic afternoon.

Ashted Peace Memorial Hall KT21 2BE 2.00 pm doors open 1.30pm. AFAG members free visitors welcome £10 on the door

Tea and biscuits included, all arrangements will be entered into the raffle.

Bookham Flower Club: Floral Design Show: "Autumn Glory"

Judged by Margaret Rumens

The Old Barn Hall

Church Road, Bookham, KT23 3PQ

Saturday October 25th 2025

1.00pm—5.30pm Prize giving 5.00pm

Admission £5.00. Children under 12 Free

Refreshments in the Harrison Room

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.

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.

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