



Hello Everyone

Welcome to the December Members' Newsletter. I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your contributions to this newsletter during 2025 and for all your support. We still have a few Christmas demonstrations in Cheshire (featured later in this newsletter) and we look forward to a New Year, with events already planned (Demonstrator's Refresher Day on 22nd February, Competitors Support Group Zoom sessions 13th Jan & 10th Feb to get you ready for the 2026 competition season, E&P workshop with Jackie Charnock 8th Mar plus two workshops with Helen Hare 17th and 18th Oct and a Judges Refresher day being planned for May) – add them to your 2026 diaries!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2026.

If you have some news or photos to share or would like your Club event featured in this newsletter, please send details to administration@nafascheshire.org.uk.

Happy Reading!

'55 Tins for 55 Years'



Members of Flower Clubs of Cheshire concluded their Emerald Year celebrations by bringing 55 tins (there were 88 actually!!) to the Club Representatives Forum at the beginning of December, to be donated to the Trussell Trust food bank. Thank

you everyone for being so kind and hopefully we will give others a little joy this Christmas.



It's beginning to look a lot like.....

Bramall Hall @ Christmas 2025

Several clubs and floral designers from around the Cheshire area have been involved with the decoration of Bramall Hall once again – Stockport Afternoon Club (7 Swans a' Swimming & 12 Drummers Drumming),

Bramall, Romiley (3 French Hens, 8 Maids a' milking & 10 Lords a' Leaping) and Disley & District (4 Calling Birds). Margaret Delany created 6 Geese a' Laying. And a 'Partridge in a Pear Tree' (Jackie Burns). As you have probably guessed, this year's Christmas theme is 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' with 12 Christmas Trees being decorated, one for each day of the Twelve Days of Christmas. It's not all been plain sailing this

year however, as there are roof repairs taking place at Bramall Hall. The Hall opened to the public from Thursday 27th November. Bramall Hall is not open every day, so check out the website www.stockport.gov.uk/museums for more details. The Christmas trees will be up until the 7th January 2026.





Other Christmas Happenings



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Having prepared everything in advance, Mary Brownhill, Christine Leigh and Joan Quinland (Stockport Afternoon Club) helped vulnerable adults, at Lisburne Court, make their door swags.





Lymm Floral Art Group ladies created their door wreaths at E Smiths Plant Nursery, Lymm. Very handy when one of your members owns the nursery! (Thank you Sarah)



Elworth Flower Club wreath making workshop tutored by Joan Wilkinson and Dorothy Monks (Goostrey Flower Club)



A masterclass in concentration at Eddisbury & Sandiway wreath making workshop!

Are your Club details up to date on our Website?

Don't forget to send your latest **2026 Club Programme** to Mike Gallagher (or Vanessa our Area Secretary) for inclusion on our website. Additionally, if you have classes to offer, please let us know so that we can include them on our 'Flower School of Cheshire' classes page / advertise for free! webmaster@nafascheshire.org.uk

NAFAS Publications

Blue Forms are available from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk priced £1.50 for 10 plus postage.

Flower Arranger Magazine 2026

The subscription for 2026 (4 issues) is £17.00

Please place your order via your Club Flower Arranger Officer

Our Flower Arranger Magazine co-ordinator is Sharon Hopper. Sharon can be contacted via email on: flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk. If you would like to increase your order or have a change of delivery address to advise, please let Sharon know as soon as you can.

NAFAS News which used to be included inside the Flower Arranger magazine can now be viewed online, on the NAFAS website.

www.NAFAS.org.uk / About / NAFAS News



Refresher & Education Days in 2026



DEMONSTRATORS' CERTIFICATED REFRESHER DAY

TO BE TAKEN BY ALAN BEATTY
NAFAS DEMONSTRATOR INSTRUCTOR AND ADJUDICATOR

TO BE HELD AT
TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, MEADOW CLOSE, TARVIN, CHESHIRE CH3 8LY

ON SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2026

STARTING 10 AM – FINISHING LATEST 4 PM

(Open to all demonstrators, trainee demonstrators and any NAFAS member who has a strong interest in demonstrating)

£25.00 payable to secure your place

Please make application to: berylcotton06@gmail.com
Flower Clubs of Cheshire Area Demonstrators' Representative who will send further information and details of payment



SAVE THE DATES

Competitor Support Group Zoom

13th Jan – 'What you need to know to enter and compete'

10th Feb – 'A walk through the Cheshire Show schedule'

Elements & Principles Workshop

8th Mar – Jackie Charnock @ Tarvin (10am – 4pm) £25

Helen Hare Workshops

17th Oct – Experienced Members @ Plumley

18th Oct – Experienced / Teachers @ Tarvin

Contact Pam Mosedale;

Education@nafascheshire.org.uk

Club Demonstrations in December

Looking for a final Christmas dem? Visitors are welcome to attend demonstrations and workshops at all our Flower Clubs in Cheshire, with the Club's annual programme and all the details being available on our Flower Clubs of Cheshire website. Visitor's fees vary from club to club – please check the website www.nafascheshire.org.uk See all the posters at the end of this newsletter for a selection of Christmas demonstrations.

Club	Date	Demonstration / Workshop	Demonstrator
Eddisbury & Sandiway F C	9th Dec	Letters to Father Christmas	Dawn Weaver
Elworth F C	9th Dec	Tis the most Wonderful Time of the Year	Sionedd Hughes
Frodsham and District F C	10th Dec	Floral Festivities	Robin White
Hale Barns F C	9th Dec	Charismata	Debbie Davies
Romiley F C	8th Dec	Christmas is Coming	Andrew Key
Rural Chester	9th Dec	Christmas Present	Ian Lloyd
South Cheshire Flower Club	9th Dec	Charismata	Debbie Davies
The Bramall Hall F C	16th Dec	Workshop	Led by Dawn Weaver
Upton-By-Chester	11th Dec	It's Christmas	Dawn Weaver
Widnes Blossoms	10th Dec	Charismata	Debbie Davies

Eddisbury and Sandiway Flower Club

Are you ready for the Big Man to arrive? Maybe we can help you to write your.....

Letters to Father Christmas

Come and be inspired at our Christmas Flower Demonstration by the amazing National Demonstrator from Chester

Dawn Weaver



Tuesday 9th December 2025

At 2PM (Doors open at 1.30pm)

Owley Wood Recreation Club,
Barrymore Road, Weaverham.CW8 3LS

Visitors are welcome : £10
(includes Registration and Christmas Refreshments)

Raffle Tickets £1 ...with a chance to win one of Dawn's beautiful arrangements

Come and join us for an afternoon of Christmas inspiration, festive flowers, friendship and fun!

Widnes Blossoms
invite you to

'Charismata'

A captivating evening awaits
at this festive floral demonstration by
Debbie Davies

On Wed 10th December at 7.30pm
Farnworth Methodist Church Hall
Derby Rd WAB 9JN

Entrance £12 on the door
Festive refreshments included

**Luxury Hamper & Flower
Arrangement Raffles
Bakery & Sales Stalls**

All Welcome!

**THE GUILD FOR
LIFELONG LEARNING**

**New Year's
Lunch**

at The Alderley Edge Hotel, SK9 7BJ

Thursday 29th January 2026
12 for 12.30pm

**Grand
Raffle**

MENU

Chargrilled Garlic & Herb Marinated Chicken Breast
Mediterranean Vegetables, Sautéed Greens, Wild Mushroom Jus
& Dauphinoise Potatoes
or
Open Lasagne of Roasted Vegetables, Tomato Fondue,
White Sauce & Garlic & Parsley Ciabatta
.....
Warm Chocolate Brownie, Black Cherry Coulis,
Vanilla Pod Icecream & Orange Crisp
.....
Tea or coffee

Includes a floral demo by the fabulous Mark Entwistle...

"Surprise! Surprise!"

£36.50

Book online: www.guildlifelonglearning.org
Then tell Amanda your meal choice at our next club meeting
or text Ros on 07748 638923

News from National

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES





National President's Northern Ireland Event FOR NAFAS MEMBERS

Spirit of the North

ENJOY A MIDWEEK BREAK OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FLOWERS

Armagh City Hotel
2 Friary Road, Armagh BT60 4FR
Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th August 2026

PROGRAMME

Tuesday

- Afternoon arrival
- Evening meal and entertainment

Wednesday

- Breakfast
- Teaching demonstration
- Lunch
- Gala demonstration by two National Demonstrators
- Drinks reception, Gala Dinner and Ceilidh

Thursday

- Breakfast
- Talk by a National Speaker
- Close of Conference by NAFAS National Chairman

Additional attractions

- Traders/retail therapy
- Tombola and Raffle

Full event cost

Single room	£399
Two people sharing	£350pp

Day delegate cost (Wednesday)

Teaching Demonstration, Lunch, Gala Demonstration	£100
Above plus Gala Dinner and entertainment	£150

To register your interest and reserve places

Please provide your name, contact details and number of places to
Email: events@nafas.org.uk
Tel: 020 7247 5567

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A very Happy Christmas

From All of Us

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Flower Clubs of Cheshire



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