



FLOWER CLUBS OF CHESHIRE

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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone,

It's the 'Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness'. Yes, it's that time of year already when the glorious colours of Autumn start to appear everywhere – nature's wonderful colour palette. In this issue we celebrate the successes at the Area Demonstrator Tests, the successes at Southport Flower Show and look forward to a successful AGM and demonstration (have you got your ticket?). Events to enjoy include; a fashion show at Plumley, beginners class hosted by Disley & District, Wirral's 'World of Books' craft and flowers exhibition, Education Day, the National Pre-Assessments & Tests at Frodsham and the first of our Christmas demonstrations is advertised. Also, if you are looking to sell your pre-loved floral design equipment, accessories, books etc then you may be interested in a table at our Education Day (see poster in this newsletter).

Oh – did I mention that Christmas cards, diaries and calendars are now available!!

Happy Reading!

Congratulations....

.....to our new Area Demonstrators. 100% pass rate at the tests on 1st September at Tarvin. Well done and thank you to Beryl Cotton for her tuition, coaching and encouragement to support 'our girls' along their training journey. Thank you to Sharon Nolan for your support and P&E instruction and to everyone who volunteered at both the mock and actual tests and our audience members. Genuinely, it would not have been possible without you.

We look forward to seeing our new demonstrators at our clubs soon.



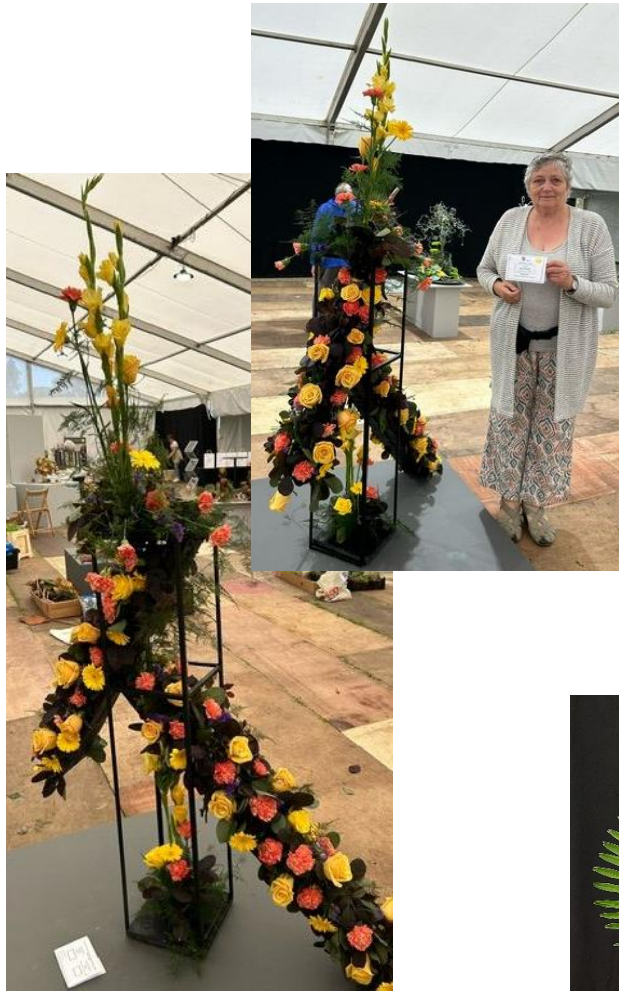
Area Demonstrators from L to R: Sarah Tomlinson, Clare Downing, Marina Ashton, Jane Tully, Tracy Davies.

Beryl relaxes after the tests with test adjudicators Alan Beatty and James Burnside.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SOUTHPORT

Congratulations go to all our competitors, prize winners and trophy winners at Southport Flower Show this summer:



Elaine Wood (pictured left) awarded 3rd Place for 'Another Level' and Shirley Vance with her design for 'Curious Corner'. Marina Ashton received Commended for 'Step this Way'



Sylvia Bower was awarded 2nd Place for 'Looped, Tangled & Twisted' (above) and The Tony Cafferkey Memorial Trophy for Most Contemporary Exhibit. Sylvia also gained a 2nd Place for 'All that Jazz (left) and runner up for People's Choice.



Louise Jones was awarded 3rd Place for 'Looped, Tangled & Twisted' (far left) and Highly Commended for 'A Different Corner'





Debbie Davies received Very Highly Commended for 'Wonderful Willow' (far left) and was awarded 2nd Place for 'Hang On' and the trophy for 'Best Use of Colour'



Pat Murphy was awarded 2nd Place for 'Meshing About' (above centre), 3rd Place for 'Look to the Future' (above) and 1st Place and The Evelyn Cotterell Challenge Trophy for 'Wonderful Willow'

Disley & Lyme Horticultural Show

Disley & District Flower Club took part in the annual Disley & Lyme Horticultural Show in August. Club Members submitted 16 designs following 'The Wonder of Wood' as a theme. The show is judged as a 'People's Choice' award, and this year's winner was Margaret Delany.

Pictured left to right: Club Chair Chris Middleton and with her winning design, Margaret Delany



Some of the other entries by members of Disley & District Flower Club



Are you looking for a floral design class? Beginners class hosted by Disley & District and supported by 'Flower School of Cheshire' on 26th September (see poster in Events).

Knutsford Floral Design Club

Floral Design Classes

- ❖ Classes are held at The Methodist Church Hall, Plumley (park at Plumley Village Hall and walk through) on 3rd Tuesday of every month 2-4pm
- ❖ Cost is £40 for 4 classes
- ❖ The tutor (Dorothy Monks) helps and advises on all aspects of floral design and encourages participants to enter the monthly competition
- ❖ Participants will be expected to join the club after a trial period
- ❖ Everyone welcome – from complete beginners to more advanced arrangers
- ❖ Contact Linda 01477 532 266

CHESHIRE ARRANGERS AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Having been asked if 'Cheshire' would like to submit names to be added to the Flower Arranging rota for Westminster Abbey, it wasn't long before we got the call. Not just two, but four arrangers were required to arrange flowers for the RAFs Battle of Britain Service on 14th September. This is the message we received from Jilly Griffin, Joint NAFAS Westminster Abbey Co-ordinator:

'On behalf of NAFAS and Westminster Abbey, Linda O'Sullivan and I would like to thank the Cheshire Area for arranging flowers at The Abbey for the RAF's Battle of Britain Service. Thank you too for sending such delightful ladies. They were a delight to work with.'

Well done ladies – so proud of you. Pictured L-R are: Louise Jones, Carole Chia, Debbie Davies and Carol Baker



If you have any photos / news to share, please email to: newsletter@nafascheshire.org.uk. Thank you.

Have you got your tickets ?.....

NATIONAL PRE-ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL TESTS FOR DEMONSTRATORS

Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane Frodsham WA6 7QN

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st October 2024

A great opportunity for Programme Secretaries and Club Members to watch Demonstrators stepping up

****Stalls to Browse** **Raffle** **Day out with Friends****



Cheshire will once again be hosting the National pre-assessments and National tests for demonstrators at Frodsham. All ticketing is being managed by NAFAS HQ and tickets are £15. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket should contact Vanessa Keys vanessa@nafas.org.uk or call 020 7247 5567. Please note – admission is strictly by ticket only.


If you are able to volunteer at either of these events, please contact either treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk or berylcotton06@gmail.com


Christmas is Coming.....



The Christmas cards, diaries and calendars stock 2024 has arrived. Order forms have been sent out to Clubs and there will also be a stall at the Area AGM on 3rd October where you can buy or collect Club orders. If you wish to order individually, please email treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk with your order. Payment details will be provided on receipt of your order. Here's a selection of this years' goodies;

Item	Description	Size	RRP
	Christmas Candle (Pack of 10)	150mm x 150mm	£3.00
	Festive Pyramid (Pack of 10)	128mm x 128mm	£3.00

	Seasonal Ring (Pack of 10)	128mm x 128mm	£3.00
	Wire and Roses (Pack of 10)	150mm x 150mm	£3.00
	Festive Cornucopia (Pack of 10)	118mm x 174mm	£3.00
	Contemporary Christmas (Pack of 10)	150mm x 150mm	£3.50
	Pine Cone Angel (Pack of 10)	150mm x 150mm	£3.50
	Moonlit Stag (Pack of 10)	118mm x 174mm	£3.50
	Three Little Robins (Pack of 10)	126mm x 126mm	£3.50
	Three Christmas Trees (Pack of 10)	126mm x 126mm	£3.50
	Christmas Cockapoos (Pack of 10)	150mm x 150mm	£3.50
	NAFAS 2025 Diary	170mm x 90mm	£4.50

	NAFAS 2025 Calendar	206mm x 206mm	£4.50
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Please note, that because we order in bulk, we are able to offer these items at a discounted price.

Publications

Have you got the latest Competitions Manual (Fourth Edition 2023)? Copies can be obtained from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk priced £5 plus postage.

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

Flower Arranger Magazine 2025

To order your copies or for more information contact your Club Flower Arranger representative who will liaise with Catherine on flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk

2025 Orders to Catherine Bower - no later than 9 November 2024

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Any Changes to Catherine no later than	Saturday 9 November	Saturday 15 February	Saturday 17 May	Saturday 16 August
Club Deliveries guide date	Thursday 9 January	Wednesday 9 April	Thursday 10 July	Thursday 9 October



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WEBSITE REVIEW & UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for sending your latest information to Mike Gallagher to ensure our website is kept up to date. If you have your programmes ready for 2025 don't forget to send them to Mike. 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. webmaster@nafascheshire.org.uk

Website 'How To.....'

If you would be willing to create a design (funding is available) would you please contact education@nafascheshire.org.uk. We would like to feature 6 new designs, Pam M will do the photography (so no need to worry about that bit!) and we will provide a venue for you to be creative in. We have so much floral design talent in Cheshire, would you share some please....?

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

NAFAS AGM

Notice is hereby given of the 65th Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies which is to be held virtually.

Arrangements have been made to hold a live webinar following the AGM which will enable members to post questions directly to the Board of Trustees and the CEO.

If anyone is unable to attend the webinar and may have a question, please email vanessa@nafas.org.uk by Friday 4th October who will ensure questions are answered during the live event.

Nearer the time a Zoom link to the AGM and details of how to join the webinar will be posted on the NAFAS website – www.nafas.org.uk.



Nature's Challenge
The UK's most prestigious Flower Arranging Experience

Fri 19th & Sat 20th September 2025
at Gloucester Cathedral

Demonstrations, workshops & talks
Competitive flower arranging classes
Stunning floral exhibits
Food, drink & retail
Music

Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.uk

www.nafas.org.uk
The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies
Charity Registration No. 101524

Layla Hill, Education Administrator

We are sad to announce that Layla is leaving NAFAS to take up a new position with a university as their student administrator. Layla has been with us for just over two years and has been a valuable member of the team. We wish Layla all the very best for the future.

Forthcoming Events.....

DISLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Beginners floral workshop

Thurs 26th Sept 2024 at 7.15pm

If you enjoy flowers but lack the courage or confidence to do no more than plonk them in a vase, this class is for you.

With step-by-step tuition, you'll go home with your own amazing floral arrangement and some newfound skills.

No experience necessary

Join us with a smile & pair of scissors!

Tickets £20

All materials, including flowers will be provided on the night

Booking is essential Email: Enquiries@ddfc.org.uk

Venue: High Lane Village Hall, Windlehurst Road, Stockport SK6 8AB

Free parking



Wirral Flower Club
Presents
The World of Books

An exhibition of Floral Arrangements & Crafts
at United Reform Church,
Telegraph Road, Heswall (next to Tesco)
on Friday 27th September
and Saturday 28th September
10am - 5pm

Refreshments served all day
Craft Stalls - Raffle
Tombola
Book Stall



Admission £1

AGM 2024

Our 54th AGM is being held on 3rd October at Frodsham Community Centre in the morning with a demonstration by Lucy Ellis and Coral Gardiner in the afternoon. All the details are in the poster.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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invites you to the 54th AGM on
Thursday 3rd October 2024
at Frodsham Community Centre
(Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN)

The AGM starts at 11.50am until approx. 12.30pm and will be followed at
1.50pm by

‘Diamonds & Rust’
A Floral Art Demonstration by
Lucy Ellis & Coral Gardiner

Tickets for the demonstration are £20 to include refreshments

Email Treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk to book your
tickets and details of how to pay

All affiliated Club members may attend the AGM
Why not bring a friend?
Non-members are welcome to purchase tickets

Stalls to browse and a chance to socialise
Please bring your own lunch
See you there!

Education Day 2024

This year our Education Day will be a little bit different.....



Education Day

for existing teachers and anyone
who might like to become a club or
area floral art teacher

Facilitated by Pam Mosedale

Sunday 20th October

Frodham Community Centre, Fluin Lane,
Frodsham



Bring your own lunch – tea, coffee and homemade cakes provided

To find out more and to book your place email Pam at

education@nafascheshire.org.uk

A table-top sale will be held at this event. For more information and to book a table to sell your pre-loved floral design equipment, accessories, books etc email: treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk



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AND Pop-up Shop!**

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KNUTSFORD
FLORAL DESIGN
CLUB

Thursday 24th October 2024
Knutsford Floral Design Club

Plumley Village Hall, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Cheshire, WA16 0TR

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £8 includes a welcome drink
Tickets to be purchased in advance

Payment for tickets on the door and raffle tickets by cash only

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
Linda - tel: 01477532266



Mercia & North Wales Area
of NAFAS
Presents

**Ready....
Steady...
Cut!**

*A fun afternoon, along similar lines to
Ready..Steady..Cook!*

Mon. 25th Nov.

At 1.30pm following the Area AGM
at The Millennium Hall, Cockshut, SY12 0JE

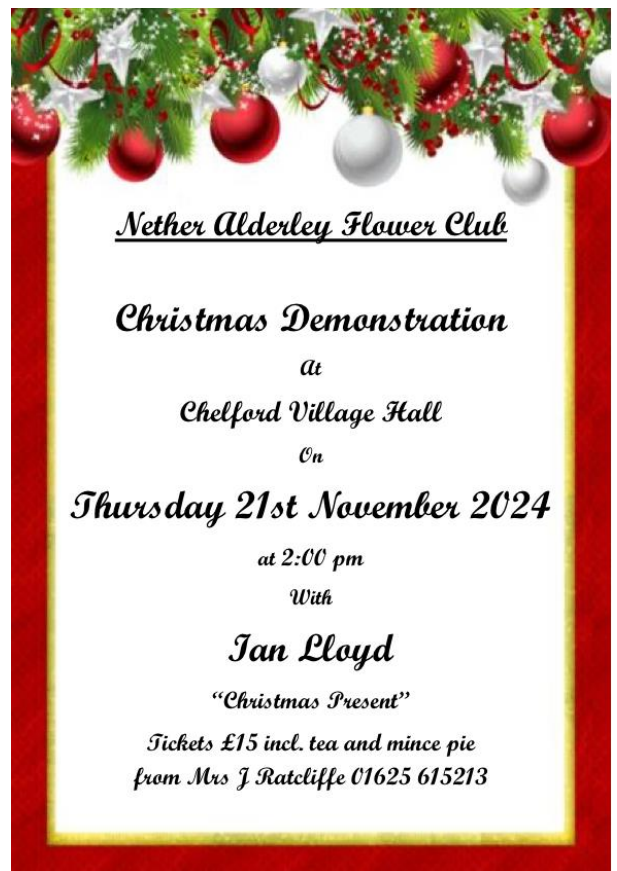
To book a place at £10

Please contact Jill Whitchurch
Tel: 07751 117745
Email: Jill.whitchurch@btinternet.com

Other Diary Dates

All our Diary Dates for 2024 are on our website, but here's a reminder:

27 – 29 September	RHS Malvern Autumn Show
3 October	Cheshire Area AGM (Frodsham)
16 October	National AGM
20 October	Education Day at Frodsham
30 th / 31 st October	National Pre-Assessments & Demonstrator Tests (Frodsham Community Centre)



Nether Alderley Flower Club

Christmas Demonstration

at
Chelford Village Hall

On
Thursday 21st November 2024

at 2:00 pm
With
Jan Lloyd

"Christmas Present"

*Tickets £15 incl. tea and mince pie
from Mrs J. Ratchliffe 01625 615213*



We now have an Instagram page for Flower Clubs of Cheshire. Type in: [flowerclubsofcheshire](https://www.instagram.com/flowerclubsofcheshire) to find us. We would like to help publicise / share information about your Club on our Instagram page – future events, activities, workshops, designs, anything Flower Club related. Please send any photos and a brief description to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk

Best Wishes

From All of Us

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Flower Clubs of Cheshire

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