



Hello everyone,

Autumn is really showing us its finest colours at the moment – such a rich colour palette to enjoy ‘free of charge’! In this issue we welcome our new President of ‘Flower Clubs of Cheshire’, enjoy the fabulous designs from the ‘World of Books’ floral exhibition and reflect on a fabulous AGM demonstration. Events to partake in and enjoy include; Education Day, a fashion show at Plumley, the National Pre-Assessments & Tests at Frodsham plus plenty of Cheshire Christmas demonstrations. Also, if you are looking to sell your pre-loved floral design equipment, accessories, books etc then we will be launching our market-place in the next issue.

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

Happy Reading!

## Welcome to ....

.....our new **President of ‘Flower Clubs of Cheshire’**. At our 54<sup>th</sup> AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Dorothy



Irvin was invited to be our new President, the first one under our new name. Dorothy is a National Associate of Honour, Cheshire Area Associate of Honour, member of Rural Chester Flower Club and an Honorary Member of Sale Flower Club. Dorothy brings an enormous amount of expertise to the role, having been Chairman (1991-1995) and President (1995-1998). She has also served on several National Committees, including WAFA. We are absolutely delighted to welcome her to our Leadership Team.

(Dorothy is pictured receiving her President’s badge of office and a spray of orchids from Flower Clubs of Cheshire National Liaison Representative, Janet Schofield.)

## Other AGM News....

The meeting was chaired by Beryl Cotton our Area Demonstrators’ Representative. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to meet and greet, sell raffle tickets, serve refreshments, man the publications and Christmas trading table and wash up! Dorothy Monks (Knutsford & Goostrey Flower Clubs) kindly arranged the welcome / hall flowers – which looked absolutely stunning (thank you Dorothy – photo below).



The 54<sup>th</sup> AGM was Louise Jones' last AGM on the Leadership Team. Having been elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair in 2018, Louise stepped up to be Chairman in 2020 - in the middle of the pandemic (the AGM having to be held on Zoom). Louise served as Chairman for 3 years and then a further year as part of the Chairman's Office in the Pastoral role. We extend our thanks to Louise for all she has done for our Area, the knowledge and expertise she has shared and the friendships made along the way. [Louise is continuing to work with the team to 're-invent' the Blue Forms – thank you Louise].

We also bade farewell to Sharon Nolan who steps down from the position of Education Representative. Sharon has been a member of the Leadership Team for at least 12 years in various roles, notably Chairman from 2016-2018. Thank you Sharon, for all the time you have dedicated to Area (and National projects) over the years - you have been a great asset to the team.

Pam Mosedale was elected to the role of Education Representative at the AGM. Pam brings extensive knowledge of teaching, coaching and mentoring to the role and will be sharing her expertise at the forthcoming Education Day for all our Area educators / teachers. If you would like to find out more about how to share your flower arranging expertise, teach beginners, become a National teacher or run a workshop for your Club, then the Education Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> October is for you (see poster below). We welcome Pam to the role and look forward to working with her.

Having been a Support Officer on the Leadership Team for several years and championing 'Flower School of Cheshire', Jean Jones stepped up to the Pastoral role – Chairman's Office. Jean is a member of both Eddisbury & Sandiway and Frodsham Flower Clubs and is also the cluster lead for the Peony Group.

Judy Gratton, our Young Person's Representative and Support Officer has also agreed to shadow the role of Treasurer for this year with a view to taking on the role of Area Treasurer in 2025.

#### **The Leadership Team 2024/25 comprises:**

Chairman's Office – National Liaison Representative	Janet Schofield
Chairman's Office – Administrative & Finance	Tracy-Anne Clancy
Chairman's Office – Pastoral	Jean Jones
Area Secretary	Vanessa Lees
Support Officer	Judy Gratton
Demonstrators' Representative	Beryl Cotton
Judges' Representative	Pam Fleming-Williams
Education Representative	Pam Mosedale
Young Persons' Representative	Judy Gratton
Cluster Leads	Anne Walton, Colette Dunkley, David Mason, Jean Jones, Tracy-Anne Clancy

Catherine Bower continues in her role as Flower Arranging Officer for Flower Clubs of Cheshire.

If you would like to join the Leadership Team for a short time to 'see how it all works' with a view to becoming a member of the team in the future, please get in touch.

At the AGM, we also took the opportunity to congratulate and celebrate Club Anniversaries from the last two years. In her first job as President, Dorothy Irvin presented Club Representatives with their certificates:

### 70 Years:

Wendy McKeown receives the certificate on behalf of Hoylake Flower Club



### 65 Years:



Anne Walton – Eddisbury & Sandiway,

### 55 Years:



Pictured with Dorothy from L to R:

Ros Heywood – Wilmslow Guild, Pat Wood – Neston, Diane Fair – Chester

Felicia Dykstra receives the certificate on behalf of Knutsford Floral Design Club

### 50 Years:



Kate Hughes from Hale Barns Flower Club receives the club certificate from Dorothy

### 15 Years:



Jackie Burns representing The Bramall Hall Flower Club receives their certificate

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AGM DEM

Our AGM demonstration 'Diamonds & Rust' was a 'feast for the eyes', as National demonstrators Lucy Ellis and Coral Gardiner entertained us and created some fabulous designs. The stage was absolutely stunning at the end of the demonstration and quite rightly, the 'girls' received a standing ovation.



## Well Done!

The event took place at the end of September, when our Wirral arrangers created fabulous floral depictions of books ranging from Harry Potter to Sherlock Holmes. Great Gatsby to Casino Royale. Congratulations to everyone on stunning designs and for showcasing your floral talents for all to enjoy.





**Cheshire features in the Winter Edition**



The designs created at the ‘Christmas in July’ photoshoot for the Flower Arranger magazine are published in this Winter edition.

Congratulations to Edena Joughin (New Brighton Flower Club), whose design was selected for the front cover of the magazine.

Huge well done and thank you to everyone involved – the designs all look fabulous!

## 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](mailto:flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk)

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

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



The UK's biggest-selling floral design magazine

## NATIONAL PRE-ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL TESTS FOR DEMONSTRATORS

Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane Frodsham WA6 7QN

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 is hosting the National pre-assessments and National tests for demonstrators at Frodsham on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October.

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



We were out and about at the end of September tutoring a beginner's class hosted by Disley & District Flower Club. A simple vertical design using 7 roses and some large leaves – and some very pleased students!



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Lymm Floral Art Group

Autumn Workshop on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October @ 7pm

Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street, Lymm

‘Structural Spirals’ with Alison Cooper

Some place still available - £20 for affiliated members

Contact: [lfagzoom@gmail.com](mailto:lfagzoom@gmail.com) to book

## A Contemporary Pumpkin Workshop

October 25th @ 1.30 pm

£40 some places still available 07761 022871 or e mail me [griffithseleanor96@gmail.com](mailto:griffithseleanor96@gmail.com)



Embrace the fun at Eleanor’s studio (WA6 6XH Tarvin Road, Helsby)

## Education Day 2024

This year our Education Day on 20<sup>th</sup> October @ Frodsham will be a little bit different..... Places are still available. Please see poster below for all the details.

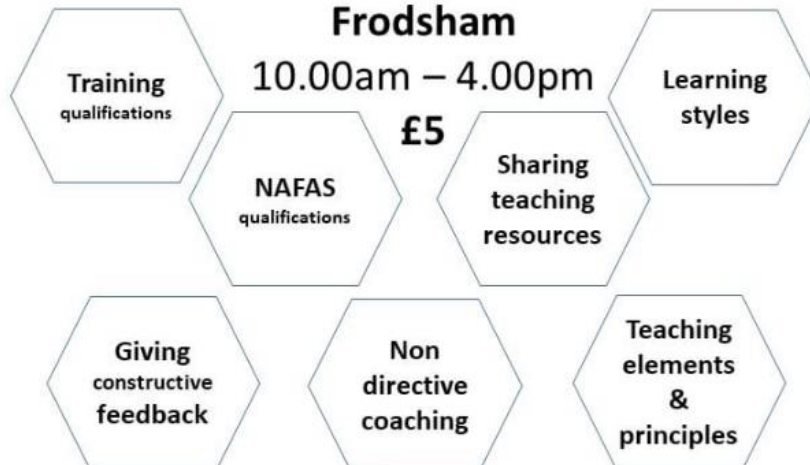


## Education Day

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

Facilitated by Pam Mosedale  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:education@nafascheshire.org.uk)

**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 Nationals (30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>) where you can buy or collect Club orders. If you wish to order individually, please email [treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto: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	SOLD OUT
	Festive Pyramid (Pack of 10)	128mm x 128mm	£3.00
	Seasonal Ring (Pack of 10)	128mm x 128mm	SOLD OUT
	Wire and Roses (Pack of 10)	150mm x 150mm	£3.00
	Festive Cornucopia (Pack of 10)	118mm x 174mm	SOLD OUT
	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

## Publications

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

Blue Forms are also available from [treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk) priced £1.50 for 10 plus postage.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



### Malvern Show Result:

15 competitors from 15 NAFAS Areas took part in the "New Talent" Competition held at the Three Counties Showground on 27th September 2024, with the winner representing NAFAS at RHS Chelsea in 2025 is:

**First Prize awarded to Denise Jones**

**Dorset & Guernsey Area**

Denise is a member of Weymouth Floral Design Group, an Area Demonstrator and a member of NAFAS for 25 years. An Area elimination competition was held in April with 7 competitors; a speechless moment for Denise when she achieved first place!

We remember.....

Sadly Shirley Monckton, Special Associate of Honour passed away on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. Shirley was also a Kent Honorary Member, a Past Area Chairman and a widely respected member for her excellence in all disciplines of flower arranging.

The Three Counties and South Wales Area are very sad to announce the death of Alwyn Stanley on 24th September 2024. Alwyn was a stalwart of both the Area and Pershore Flower Club and will be very sadly missed by all who knew her.

Alison Mount, Area President of BB&O died on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October peacefully at home.

## Forthcoming Events.....





**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 Ratcliffe 01625 615213

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



PRESTBURY FLOWER CLUB  
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WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
12.15 PM FOR 1.45 PM

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PRESTBURY SK10 4PT

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ALL FLORAL DESIGNS RAFFLED




**SNOWSTORM**



**Mark Entwistle's  
brand new Christmas Floral  
Demonstration**

A fantastic flower demonstration by a fabulous floral artist

**Sandbach Town Hall  
Tuesday 10th December  
Tickets £15**

Tickets on sale at Elworth Flower Club, next meeting Oct. 21st  
Contact 07971513290 or 01477 544166 or 07720696132, phone or text  
or email swifty.2009@yahoo.co.uk



**THE GUILD FOR**  
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# New Year's Lunch

The Alderley Edge Hotel, SK9 7BJ  
Thursday 30th January 2024  
12 for - 12.30pm

**MENU**

Warm bread to start  
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Fillet of Salmon, herb & olive crushed new potatoes,  
seasonal vegetables, tomato & red pepper sauce  
or  
Woodland Mushroom & Spinach Risotto,  
Parmesan crisp, soft poached egg, herb truffle oil  
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Baked cherry & amaretti cheesecake  
with a black cherry purée, pistachio ice cream  
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Tea or coffee and petit fours

**Grand Raffle**

Includes a floral demo by the fabulous **Mark Entwistle...**  
"This, that and a bit of the other!"  
£35.00

Book online: [www.guildlifelonglearning.org](http://www.guildlifelonglearning.org)  
Then please call Ros on 01625 529 467 with your meal choice

## Theatre of Flowers @ RCCS 2025

The planning for the 2025 Floral Competitions is underway. However, this will be the last year both Sylvia and Carol will be our Show Chairpersons. We are hoping two people will volunteer to join the team this year (to see how it all works) with a view to take the lead for 2026.

**PLEASE ENSURE OUR AREA SHOW  
CONTINUES IN 2026**

We look forward to hearing from you –  
thank you



Instagram

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](mailto:treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk)

**Best Wishes**

**From All of Us**

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