



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Flower Arrangement Societies

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Hello Everyone

Welcome to the February issue of our Members Newsletter. In this issue; we offer our support to Dawn Weaver who will be the demonstrator at the National Demonstrator's Symposium on 1st March, look forward to getting our Ps&Es in order on 9th March with Jackie Charnock and can start planning those exhibits for the Cheshire Show (Competition Schedule is out now and attached to this newsletter). If you are a keen competitor, you have probably already earmarked your favoured classes for the National Show? Also featured are demonstrations and workshops taking place at our Clubs, to which visitors are most welcome.

Don't forget to book your ticket for the **Area Member's Lunch @ Lymm Golf Club on 9th April** – see poster at end for menu and details.

If you would like your Club event featured in this newsletter, please send details to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

Happy Reading!

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by National Demonstrator
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and Bar Drinks | On-site Parking

A fantastic opportunity to meet the delegates attending the symposium

Tickets £22 (limited availability)
Contact Vanessa Keys Tel: 020 7247 5567
vanessa@nafas.org.uk

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Space FORMS Space

There are still a few tickets available to watch this brand new demonstration by Cheshire's own Dawn Weaver. Anyone can attend this demonstration – it's not just for symposium delegates. All the details are on the poster – a great day out! Please support our own National Demonstrator!

**If music be the food
of love..... 'read' on**



Royal Cheshire Show

incorporating

CHESHIRE AREA SHOW

in the

'Theatre of Flowers'

TUESDAY 17th &

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE 2025

**MAKE YOUR OWN KIND
OF MUSIC**

Best in Show 2024 – Petite
Exhibit by Gill Davies

'All Wrapped Up'



This year the Competition Schedule has a musical theme. There are 12 classes in total with opportunities for the novice competitor, a chance to enter as a team, two craft classes, semi imposed, plus classes for petite, hanging and still life exhibits. Please refer to the separate attached document for the full schedule and entry form.

[Note: The description and staging for Class 8 has been revised since the first published schedule]

Club Demonstrations February & March

Can't wait to see another demonstration? 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

At a glance.....




Club	Date	Demonstration / Workshop	Demonstrator
Ashton Hayes & Tarvin	12th March	Patisserie of Flowers	Sarah Tomlinson
Chester F C	19th February	Workshop	
Chester F C	19th March	Colours of a Rainbow	Sara Barrow
Disley & District F C	12th March	Those we have Loved	Dorothy Monks
Eddisbury & Sandiway F C	11th March	Floral Chocolate Fantasy	Jane Pugh
Elworth F C	17th February	A Floral Dance	Sarah Fenton
Frodsham and District F C	12th March	Demonstration	Jane Cowan
Goostrey F C	13th March	Surprise Surprise	
Heald Green F C	20th February	Poetry in Motion	Kathleen Williams
Heald Green F C	20th March	A Touch of the Exquisite	Kate Russell
Knutsford Floral Design Club	19th February	Bouquets from Broadway	Ian Lloyd
Knutsford Floral Design Club	19th March	Mama Mia	Jo Purdy
Lymm Floral Art Group	17th February	Inspired by Nature	Becca Morris

See Events

Mid Cheshire F C	26th February	Garden Gleanings	David Ryland
Mid Cheshire F C	26th March	Colours of Life	Debbie Davies
Neston Flower Society	20th February	Artistic Creations	Dawn Weaver
Neston Flower Society	20th March	Flowery Adventures	Lynne Rowlands
Prestbury Flower Club	5th March	Botanical Life	Mark Entwistle
Rural Chester F C	11th March	Joy of Spring	Catherine Baines
South Cheshire Floral Society	11th March	Mini Open Demonstration	Mark Entwistle
Stockport Afternoon F C	24th February	Tree of Life	Anne Russell
Stockport Afternoon F C	31st March	Back to the Future	Louise Jones
The Bramall Hall F C	25th February	Workshop	Dawn Weaver
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Upton-by-Chester FC	26th February	Demonstration	Vanessa Wellock
Upton-by-Chester FC	26th March	Wood Aye	Ann Morgan
Widnes Blossoms	5th March	Poetry in Motion	Kathleen Williams
Wilmslow Guild F C	26th February	Let's Celebrate	Kathleen Williams
Wistaston & District FC	5th March	Floral Innovations	Dawn Weaver



Education, Classes & Workshops

Elements and Principles of Design

A workshop for new and existing affiliated members
Led by Jackie Charnock

Sunday 9th March
Tarvin Community Centre, Cheshire CH3 8LY
10.00am – 4.00pm

£25

Elements of design

Principles of design

Texture
Colour
Line

Balance
Contrast
Dominance

Form
Space

Proportion
Scale

Rhythm
Harmony

To find out more and to book your place email Pam at education@nafascheshire.org.uk



Save the Dates in 2025

- ❖ Sunday 11th May – Tarvin Community Centre 10-3.30pm Member's Workshop with Julie Pearson
- ❖ Saturday 18th October – Plumley Village Hall 10-3.30pm Master Class with Gill McGregor
- ❖ Sunday 19th October – Frodsham Community Centre 10-3.30pm Education Day with Gill McGregor

Bespoke Classes @ Eleanor's Studio (WA6 6XH)

Wednesday 22nd January 1.30pm

Tuesday 4th February 1.30 pm

Wednesday 19th February 1.30 pm

Tuesday 4th March 1.30 pm

Wednesday 19th March 1.30 pm

£45 a lesson - everything included

Message for a place 07761 022871 Email griffithseleanor96@gmail.com

2025 Basic Flower Arranging Classes @ Eleanor's Studio (WA6 6XH)

Saturday 10 am - 12 noon

18th Jan

1st Feb

22nd Feb

8th Mar

22nd Mar

5th Apr

£25 a lesson - everything included

This is for everyone, including children (accompanied by an adult)

Message for a place 07761 022871 Email griffithseleanor96@gmail.com



**DISLEY & DISTRICT
FLOWER CLUB**



2025 Workshop Dates Open to non members

20 th March	Spring Tulips & Twigs
16 th Oct	Autumn Door wreath
04 th Dec	Christmas Centrepiece

JOIN US: 7pm for 7.30pm, High Lane Village Hall,
Windlehurst Road, Stockport SK6 8AB
Enquiries@ddfc.org.uk



Knutsford Floral Design Club

Spring Fun with Flowers
with Joan Wilkinson

Wednesday 2nd April 2025, 2-4pm,
at Plumley Village Hall, WA16 0TR

£25 for all materials and refreshments,
just bring your scissors.

Tickets from Linda Clowes:
01477 532266



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Start your flower
arranging journey with us!

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Neston
Flower
Society

**FLOWER SCHOOL
OF
CHESHIRE**
Inspire - Learn - Create

Learn about Elements & Principles of Design
Explore Vertical, Parallel and Triangular shapes
Learn how best to use that Supermarket bunch!

A simple vertical design with
supermarket flowers

A buttonhole
for a
wedding

No-floral foam
design

Contemporary
wire bouquet holder



Classes take place fortnightly at the URC Community Hall,
Moorside Lane, Neston CH64 6UZ. 10.30 to 12.00

Starting on February 11th 2025 Cost: 6 sessions £45

email: nestonflowersociety@gmail.com for more info.

or call Pam on 0151 342 2060

Registered Charity No. 1161124

Knutsford Floral Design Club Open Demonstration and Workshop with Ioachim Erema



Save the dates :

Demonstration: Friday 10th October
2025 at 7:30pm (doors open 6:45pm)

Workshop : Saturday 11th October,
10am start (doors open at 9:30am)

Venue: Chelford Village Hall,
SK11 9AS More details to follow.

Are your Club details up to date on our Website?

Don't forget to send your latest **2025 Club Programme** to Mike Gallagher 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

Publications

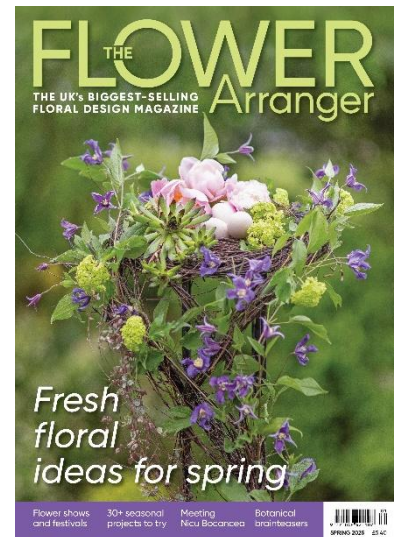
The NAFAS publication 'Leaf & Plant Techniques Part Two' is available from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk priced at £4.75

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



Julie Pearson's new book 'FLORAL design'.

The book retails at £29.99.



Orders should be placed via your Club Flower Arranger Officer who will notify Catherine on the email below.
Four 2025 seasonal issues for £16.50

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

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Demonstrators Symposium

The National Demonstrators Committee are organising a Demonstrators Symposium open to National, Area and Trainee Demonstrators commencing Friday 28th February 2025 finishing on Sunday 2nd March 2025. The event will be held at the Telford Golf & Spa Hotel, Telford TF7 4DT.

To attend the symposium and a demonstration by Dawn Weaver, National Demonstrator, a single room is £399, a twin room is £350 per person.

On Saturday 1st March a workshop will take place open to Demonstrators and Trainee Demonstrators priced at £125 which also includes the afternoon demonstration – limited places available..

For those members wishing to attend the demonstration only on Saturday 1st March at 2pm tickets are priced at £22 per person – limited places available.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Vanessa Keys by emailing events@nafas.org.uk to request an event booking form.



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NATURE'S CHALLENGE



NAFAS
NATIONAL SHOW
2025

SEPT 19&20 | GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

PURCHASE TICKETS AT WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM



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CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 1101348



National Show

Competition Schedule

This is now available to view on the NAFAS website www.nafas.org.uk

Click on 'About' 'Latest News'

Competitors applications are to be received between 1st – 15th April via the NAFAS website

Stewards required for the National Show – see later

National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies

Autumn Appassionato

Inspired by a season - an evening of
flower arranging and fun
with innovative National demonstrators:

**Emily Broomhead
Elizabeth Graham**

**Friday, 19th September 2025
at 7.30 pm**
Doors open: 6.30pm

Gloucester Guildhall,
23 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1NS
T: 01452 503050
E: guildhall.boxoffice@gloucester.gov.uk

 www.nafas.org.uk

Tickets for Show

www.trybooking.com

EARLY BIRD DAY TICKETS on sale 1st - 28th February @

£25

PREVIEW EVENING TICKETS on sale 1st March 2025 @ £20

Thursday 18th September, 6.30-8.00pm

Visitors receive a glass of bubbly or soft drink

Ticket does not give access to the prize giving

Trading stands will be open

DAY TICKETS on sale 1st March 2025 @ £30

GROUP TICKETS on sale 1st March @ £25 (minimum 10)

TWO DAY TICKETS on sale 1st March 2025 @ £50

2025 Club Events



Knutsford Floral Design Club

Wednesday February 19th

AGM starts 1:30pm

followed by

"Bouquets from Broadway"

by National Demonstrator Ian Lloyd

Members Competition is

"Love is in the air"
placement by 1pm.

Visitors welcome £10 each

Mid Cheshire Hartford Flower Club

Wednesday 26th February 7:00pm

'Garden Gleanings' with **David Ryland**



Floral artist,
RHS Chelsea
Gold medal
winner,
National
Demonstrator

David just loves
nature, and is
National trophy
winner for best
use of garden
plant material.



**Join us to see his contemporary and
traditional floral designs.**

Visitors are welcome £8 entry

Hartford Methodist Church Hall, Beach Road CW8 3AD

Email HartfordFDClub@gmail.com

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MidCheshireHartfordFlowerClub>



TARPORLEY FLOWER CLUB

'FLORAL JEWELS AND ARTISTRY'

DEMONSTRATION BY GILL MCGREGOR, INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATOR

at

TARPORLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday, 3rd June 2025 at 1.30pm

TICKETS £15

including refreshments

available at the door

For more information contact Carole Chia (carolechia59@gmail.com)

On Wednesday 4th June 2025, Wistaston are welcoming **National Demonstrator Gill McGregor 'Floral Jewels and Artistry'**. Visitors are most welcome. The event takes place at Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre, Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8ER at 2.30 pm (doors open 1.45pm).

On the 5th June, Gill will be running a workshop at 10.00am at the same venue. Further information to follow. If you are interested in reserving a place, please contact Carol Campbell caz47@gmail.com or call 07989880679.

Save the Date

Celebrating 55 Years of 'Cheshire' our Emerald Anniversary Demonstration will be by

Nick Grounds

(National Demonstrator)

2nd October @ Frodsham Community Centre
following the AGM

(Details to Follow)



Our Instagram page is '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

From All of Us

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Flower Clubs of Cheshire

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FLOWER CLUBS
OF
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Inspire - Learn - Create

Flower Clubs of Cheshire Area Lunch

Wednesday 9th April 2025

At Lymm Golf Club, Whitbarrow Road, Lymm, WA13 9AN

12.30pm

Ticket price: £25 (members only)
(includes lunch followed by after-lunch speaker)

(To book a place, please email: Treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk)
(Tickets will be issued)

Menu

Cold meats - turkey/ham/poached salmon
Homemade quiches
New potatoes - hot
Bread rolls and butter
Salads - various

Dessert: Choice of lemon tart or fresh fruit salad and cream
Tea/coffee and mints

Dietary requirements must be notified at time of booking and no later than 26th March.

All bookings must be paid for at time of booking – 100 places max.



NAFAS NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2025

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

Friday 19th September to Saturday 20th September 2025

REQUEST FOR PEOPLE TO ACT AS STEWARD

If you are planning to attend this prestigious event, would you please consider extending your visit and do a 2 hour stint as a Steward for one of the classes?

Stewards are required for 2 hour stints between
10.00am and 6.00pm on the Friday and Saturday.

Stewards will also be required for the staging session on
Thursday morning 18th September between 7.00am and 12.00noon.

There will be a secure area for Stewards' personal belongings.

Light refreshments will be available.

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer any parking facilities.

If you are interested, would you please send the following information by email to:

bob@darklight.net

Full name	Email address	Date available	Hours available
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Correspondence will be handled by email for the most part.