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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Flower Arrangement Societies

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Hello Everyone

Welcome to the March issue of our Members Newsletter. Did you know that 30th March is 'Cheshire Day'? As the Head of Marketing for 'Cheshire' states: 'Cheshire is a county built on work, ambition, creativity and care'. I'd like to think that Flower Clubs of Cheshire fits this brief. Our Demonstrators have already enjoyed a refresher course, Education gave us an insight into Es & Ps and there are plenty of Club and Area events on the horizon. Last chance to buy your Area lunch ticket. Showtime is fast approaching too – there's definitely plenty of 'creativity' in Cheshire. 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!

Refreshing start for Demonstrators in 2026

On 22nd February, our Cheshire demonstrators were joined by demonstrators from our neighbouring Areas (Mercia & North Wales and Flowers North West) for a Demonstrators Refresher Day, organised by Beryl Cotton and tutored by Alan Beatty. The group enjoyed a mini demonstration deliberately 'littered with errors' by Alan,



Cheshire demonstrators join Alan Beatty (centre)

to check if they were paying attention(!), studied designs brought by their contemporaries and practiced dressing the stage. It was also a great opportunity to network with friends old and new. Thank you to Beryl, the refreshments team and everyone else for helping and supporting the event.





Cheshire Demonstrators joined by their contemporaries from Mercia & North Wales and Flowers North West - a huge amount of collective creative talent.



Getting Es & Ps in order.....



Es&Ps or Elements and Principles of Design day was held on 8th March. A great opportunity to learn about Elements & Principles and also to enjoy a 'refresher' ahead of the competition season. Thank you to Pam Mosedale for organising the event and to Pam F-W for stepping in to tutor the course. Theme for the exhibits was 'A Good Yarn'.



Ready, Steady, Compete.....

'Theatre of Flowers'

2026



Will you be competing this year @
The Royal Cheshire County Show

The Schedule is now available to view on our website:

www.nafascheshire.org.uk

The entries are coming in

Will you 'Have a Go at the Show'?

Royal Cheshire County Show

2026

Are you able to help in some way for our Area Show. We are looking for:

Volunteers to move tables in the marquee on Friday 12th. 10am start @ Tabley.

Volunteers to help with refreshments (12/13/14/15th) in the marquee. Ensuring we have hot water for cuppas, bringing the milk and biscuits. Keeping the kitchen area organised.

Volunteers to load / unload the trailer on morning of 18th and pack away equipment in the store at Tabley (Max 2 hours)

Stewarding on Show Days.

Please email:

administration@nafascheshire.org.uk if interested or speak to Chris Middleton.



The Nantwich Show takes place on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at Nantwich Showground, Reaseheath College, Wettehall Road, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6EL

This year Floral Art can be found in the Garden Pavillion, kindly sponsored by Cheshire Life Magazine.

The overall theme this year is "Through The Decades" to celebrate two significant anniversaries, Nantwich Flower Club Emerald (55 years) and Wistaston & District Flower Club Blue Sapphire (65 years).

The Floral Art schedule is attached to this newsletter. We do hope that you will consider taking part.

With kind regards

Judy Gratton
Floral Art Secretary
Nantwich Show

**The schedule is appended to
this newsletter**



Photo shows Bryony Tomlinson holding her competition entry which gained first prize at the March meeting of Tarporley Flower Club. It depicts so well that "Springtime is Here "

Bryony explained that she went for a walk and saw the log which then inspired her to be creative!

Bryony is our 'jolly' welcomer as she takes the register every month and often offers to do the Vote of Thanks too. Bryony travels from North Wales to join us at Tarporley. A valued friend and member. Congratulations Bryony from all your friends at Tarporley Flower Club

**Well done, Bryony! Why not 'Have a Go'
at the Shows?**



RHS Malvern Spring Festival 7 – 10 May 2026
Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6HW
Floral Art Schedule

Closing date: Friday 27th February 2026

ENTER NOW at www.rhs.org/malvern or call 01684 596000

COUNTRY FEST:

Dates: Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May

Venue: Westmorland County Showground,
Crooklands, LA7 7NH

Website: <https://westmorlandshow.co.uk/whats-on/country-fest/>

The Floral Art competition schedule will be available soon.

SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW:

Dates: Thursday 20th – Sunday 23rd August

Venue: Victoria Park, Southport, PR8 1RX

Website: <https://southportflowershow.co.uk/>

Area Events 2026

Limited availability
Last few tickets

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Area Lunch

Tuesday 21st April 2026

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

12.30pm for 1pm

Ticket price: £27 (members only)

(includes lunch followed by after-lunch entertainment)

(To book a place, please email: Administration@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 10th April.

All bookings must be paid for at time of booking – 80 places max.



Come & Meet Us
Share your Knowledge &
Information
Make new Contacts



YOU are invited to our Club Officers Refresher Days

? When & Where?

- Thursday 30 April 26 at Five Villages Hall Chester
- Thursday 07 May 26 at Plumley Village Hall
- Please tell us which date you want when booking

?What time? 10.00am – 1.30pm

?Both? No, you only need to come to one – they are the same format

?How many people? There should be space for at least 3 officers per Club

?How much? Free to affiliated clubs in Flower Clubs of Cheshire

?Booking? Yes, you will need to book by emailing your name and which club you belong to secretary@nafascheshire.org.uk

?Who? Any existing or prospective Club Officers but especially Treasurers, Chairmen/Club Co-ordinators, Programme Secretaries

?What? Refresher on roles of club officers and debunking the myths

?Can I find out more? Details are being finalised and will be circulated to anyone who has booked a place

?Will I know anybody? This is a great opportunity to network with officers from other clubs to share expertise and experience

Area Education Days in 2026

SAVE THE DATES

Helen Hare Workshops

17th Oct – Experienced Members @ Plumley

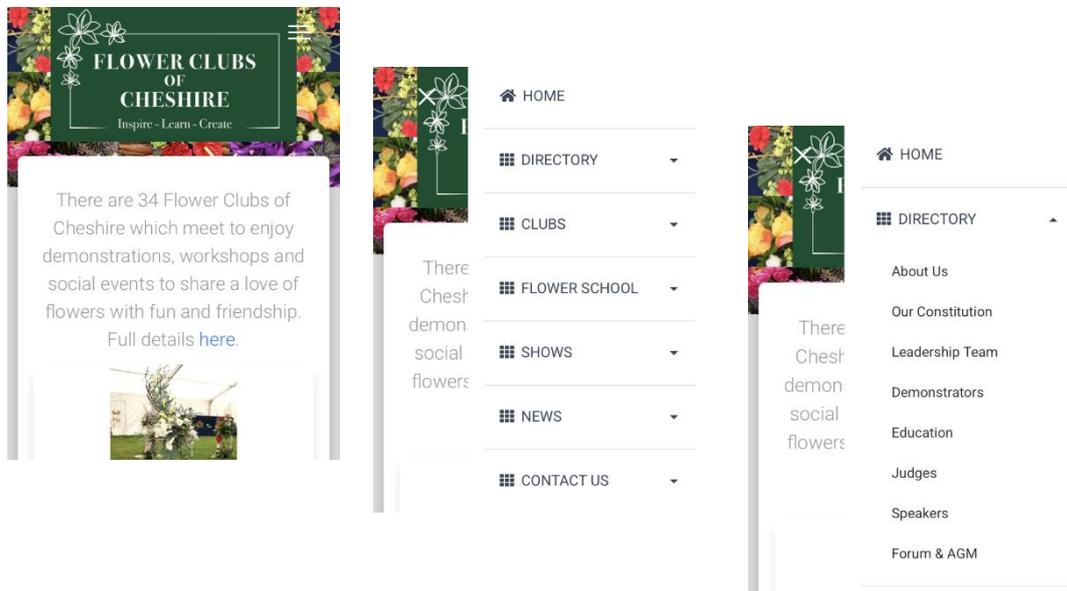
18th Oct – Experienced / Teachers @ Tarvin

Contact Pam Mosedale Education@nafascheshire.org.uk



Spotlight on Area Website

Like most organisations, Flower Clubs of Cheshire has an informative website: www.nafascheshire.org.uk with a series of drop-down menu options. If you want to find out more about who we are, what we do, what's going on at Area and Clubs or need to find a demonstrator, here's your answer.....



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

Getting to know you.....

Do you know who the Leadership Team are for Flower Clubs of Cheshire? Do you know what they do? Would you like to join them? Do you have skills to share? How do we manage to communicate with all our members?

These were some of the questions asked at our Leadership Team succession planning meeting held earlier this year. So, in an attempt to dispel some myths about us, let me make a start.....

Brief Overview:

Our President is Dorothy Irvin (Rural Chester). We have one Leadership Team consisting of 12 people, covering all aspects & disciplines. All decision making is shared by the whole team including the Support Officers and the Cluster Leads. We meet via Zoom, usually in an evening, 6 times per year. This is essentially the pre-meeting before the Club Representatives Forum (of which there are 4 per year plus the AGM).

What is a Cluster?

We have 34 Flower Clubs in Cheshire which are 'clustered' together (loosely geographically) into 5 Clusters. Representatives from those Clubs can meet with their 'neighbours' to share news, information, events, workshops and friendship. Each Cluster has a 'Cluster Lead' who is invited to be part of the Leadership Team.

The Clusters are as follows:

Peony (Jean Jones) – Elworth, Leek, Macclesfield, Nether Alderley, South Cheshire, Wistaston.

Iris (Anne Walton) – Ashton Hayes & Tarvin, Chester, Eddisbury & Sandiway, Frodsham, Holt, Mid Cheshire, Rural Chester, Tarporley, Widnes, Winwick. Also Handbridge.

Lily (Collette Dunkley) – Handbridge, Hoyle, Neston, New Brighton, Upton-by-Chester, Wirral.

Rose (Tracy-Anne Clancy) – Goostrey, Heald Green, Knutsford, Lymm, Sale.

Sunflower (David Mason) – Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme, Bramall Hall, Disley, Prestbury, Romiley, Stockport Afternoon, Wilmslow Guild.

Unlike other Areas of NAFAS, we don't have just one Area Chairman, we have three!

Cheshire has a 'Chairman's Office' with the following roles:

- Chairman's Office – National Liaison Representative – Janet Schofield (Lymm)
- Chairman's Office – Administration & Publicity – Tracy-Anne Clancy (Lymm)
- Chairman's Office – Pastoral – Jean Jones (Eddisbury & Sandiway)

Other Leadership Team Members are:

- Area Secretary – Vanessa Lees (Lymm)
- Area Treasurer – Judy Gratton (Wistaston)
- Demonstrator's Representative – Beryl Cotton (Handbridge)
- Judge's Representative – Carol Baker (Frodsham)
- Education Representative – Pam Mosedale (Lymm)
- Support Officer – Kate Hughes (Heald Green)

Our Constitution is available to read on the **Area Website**. All the **Role Descriptions** for all the aforementioned roles are also available to read on the **Area Website**.

Simply being able to make contact with all our members would be a fabulous achievement, but we require your help on this one, please! **If you can share this newsletter with your Club members, it would be a tremendous start, and we would like to say 'Thank You' in advance.**



Flower Arranger Magazine 2026

Please place orders for additional copies via your Club Flower Arranger Officer



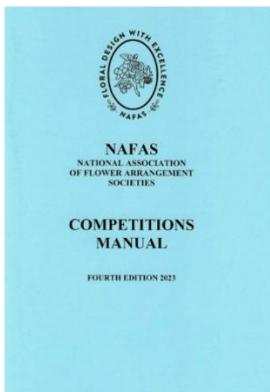
Our Flower Arranger Magazine co-ordinator is Sharon Hooper. Sharon can be contacted via email on: flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk. If you would like to increase your order or have a change of delivery address to advise, please let Sharon know as soon as you can.

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

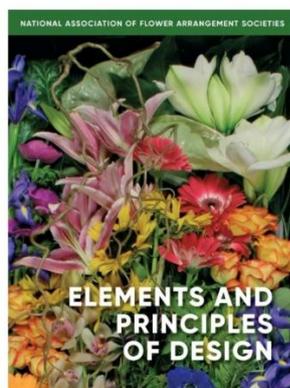
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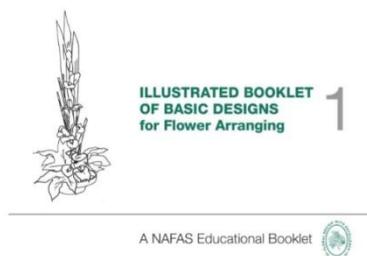
Flower Clubs of Cheshire have these books in stock and can be bought / collected at our meetings to save postage. Alternatively, email administration@nafascheshire.org.uk and we can arrange to post one to you.



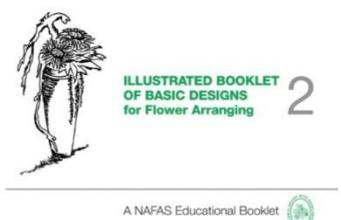
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£5.50



£4.50

Blue Forms are available from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk

priced £1.50 for 10 plus postage

Flower Arranging Classes



Diane Fair

Floral Art

My floral art classes for people who enjoy trying new techniques and ideas when given a title to interpret begin again next Tuesday 27th January from 12.30-3pm at The Five Villages Hall, Backford, Nr Chester

At this class we shall interpret "Highland Mist"

Other dates this spring are -
10th February-Inspired by Japan
24th February- Dynamic Balance
24th March - Easter Meadow
28th April-Fabrication

Each session costs £7

So why not come along and get creative

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

WITH SYLVIA BOWER

Weekly on

WEDNESDAYS 9.30 til 11.30

at

The Guild for Lifelong Learning,
Bourne St, Wilmslow SK9 5HD

A course designed for all abilities, from beginners to advanced level, covering basic and traditional techniques, with the opportunity to develop and explore old and modern designs.

Spring term - from now until 27 March - please contact the Guild on 01625 523903 for availability and cost

Summer term - starts w/c 13 April. 12 weeks. £199.20

www.guildlifelonglearning.org



INVITATION TO A CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP ON 2ND APRIL 2026



Following the success of our Pedestal Workshop in Sept 2025 aimed at all Church Flower Arrangers, Neston Flower Society would like to invite you to join us for our second workshop, concentrating on the decoration of other areas within the Church e.g. Window Ledges, Fonts, Pillars etc.

We understand that the ruling body of the C of E, and others, are becoming increasingly concerned about the use of floral foam and the cost to the environment.

With this in mind, we are offering you the opportunity to learn more sustainable ways of arranging flowers, plus advice on the flowers and foliage that you can grow in your garden or obtain from flower farms, etc., making your arrangements **cost effective** and **biodegradable**.

Venue:- Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church Hall, Moorside Lane, Neston CH64 6UZ

Date:- Thursday, 2nd April 2026

Time:- Between 10am and 3pm but, depending on numbers we may split the day offering morning or afternoon sessions.

The cost of the Workshop is just £15 and we will be providing teas/coffees and cakes throughout the day.

As Easter Sunday will be on 5th April it will follow the Workshop and your arrangement can be placed in your church for the upcoming services.

If you would like to book your place on the Workshop or need any further information then please don't hesitate to call me :- Barbara Fisher **Mobile**:- 07919983209 or **email** barbfish54@gmail.com

Neston Flower Society are running another workshop tailored to church flower arrangers on 2nd April. Please let anyone in your club who is a church flower arranger know that it is happening and they are invited to take part.

Club Demonstrations in April & May

Visitors are welcome to attend demonstrations and workshops at all our Flower Clubs in Cheshire. Visitor's fees vary from club to club – please check the website www.nafascheshire.org.uk

Club	Date	Demonstration / Workshop	Demonstrator
Ashton Hayes & Tarvin	8th Apr	All Things Bright and Beautiful	Namija Sianga
Ashton Hayes & Tarvin	13th May	Tea Time with Flowers	Sharon Nolan
Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme Flower Club	5th May	A Bit of This and That	Ann Morgan
Chester Flower Club	15th Apr	My Journey with Plants	Don Billington
Chester Flower Club	20th May	Colour my World	Lorena Dyer
Disely & District Flower Club	8th Apr	Anything Goes	Kate Russell
Disely & District Flower Club	13th May	Colours of Life	Debbie Davies
Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club	14th Apr	Animal Magic	Jane Cowan
Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club	12th May	Six of the Best	Liz Bishop
Elworth Flower Club	20th Apr	My Journey with Plants	Don Billington
Elworth Flower Club	18th May	Back to the Future	Louise Jones
Frodsham Flower Club	8th Apr	Inspired by Ceramics	Jane Tully
Frodsham Flower Club	13th May	Floral Fantasy	Pen Harrison
Goostrey Flower Club	9th Apr	A Year of Celebrations	Tracy Davies
Goostrey Flower Club	14th May	Stamps in my Passport	Sue Hodgson
Heald Green Flower Club	16th Apr	The Gift of Flowers	Clare Downing & Maggie Earl
Heald Green Flower Club	21st May	Darling Buds of May	Susan Maddocks
Holt Flower Club	21st Apr	Back to the Future	Louise Jones
Holt Flower Club	19th May	Inspired by Nature	Becca Morris
Knutsford Floral Design Club	15th Apr	Branching Out	Debbie Davies
Knutsford Floral Design Club	20th May	A Bit of This and That	Ann Morgan
Leek Floral Art Society	8th Apr	Springtime Classics	Beverley Artis
Leek Floral Art Society	13th May	Viva la Vida	Leanne Williams
Lymm Floral Art Group	20th Apr	Chocolate Fantasy	Jane Pugh
Lymm Floral Art Group	18th May	Inspired by Ceramics	Jane Tully
Macclesfield Flower Club	21st Apr	Club Workshop	
Macclesfield Flower Club	19th May	Summer Sizzlers	Liz Bishop
Mid Cheshire Flower Club	22nd Apr	Inspired by Ceramics	Jane Tully
Mid Cheshire Flower Club	27th May	Going for Gold	Julie Pearson
Neston Flower Society	16th Apr	April Showers	Andrew Lloyd
Neston Flower Society	21st May	Colours of a Rainbow	Sara Barrow
Nether Alderley Flower Club	16th Apr	This, That and a bit of the Other	Mark Entwistle
Nether Alderley Flower Club	21st May	Catch of the Day	Susan Fairhurst
New Brighton Flower Club	14th Apr	I Do it My Way	Donald Morgan
New Brighton Flower Club	12th May	Viva la Vida	Leanne Williams
Prestbury Flower Club	1st Apr	A Floral Delight	Sarah Fenton
Prestbury Flower Club	6th May	A Walk in the Woods	Tracy Davies
Romiley Flower Club	13th Apr	Into the Woods	Judy Watker
Rural Chester Flower Club	14th Apr	Memories	Marina Ashton
Rural Chester Flower Club	12th May	Inspired by Nature	Becca Morris
Sale Flower Club	1st Apr	A Florist's Tale - 30 Yrs at the Thorny End	Linda Hardman
South Cheshire Floral Society	14th Apr	Takes Two	Peggy & Pam
South Cheshire Floral Society	12th May	Floral Fantasy	Pen Harrison
Stockport Afternoon Flower Club	30th Mar	Tiffany & Co	Alex Gracey
Stockport Afternoon Flower Club	27th Apr	Spring into Summer	Karen Longbottom
Stockport Afternoon Flower Club	18th May	A Walk in the Woods	Tracy Davies
Tarporley Flower Club	7th Apr	A Walk on the Wild Side	Jane Pugh
Tarporley Flower Club	5th May	There's one Born every Minute	Sionedd Hughes

Upton-by-Chester Flower Club	22nd Apr	Tree of Life	Anne Russell
Upton-by-Chester Flower Club	27th May	A Walk in the Woods	Tracy Davies
The Bramall Hall Flower Club	21st Apr	Workshop	Dawn Weaver
The Bramall Hall Flower Club	26th May	Workshop	Dawn Weaver
Widnes Blossoms	8th Apr	Nature's Artistry	Debbie Davies
Widnes Blossoms	6th May	Viva la Vida	Leanne Williams
The Guild for Lifelong Learning (Wilmslow)	29th April	Branching Out	Debbie Davies
The Guild for Lifelong Learning (Wilmslow)	20th May	Saturday Night at the Movies	Kathleen Williams
Wirral Flower Club	13th Apr	A Floral Fantasy	Wendy Graveston
Wirral Flower Club	11th May	A Special Place	Patti Dawson
Wistaston Flower Club	1st Apr	Poetry in Motion	Kathleen Williams
Wistaston Flower Club	6th May	Are you Sitting Comfortably?	Lorena Dyer

Club Events 2026

Widnes Blossoms
A fun-filled community flower club affiliated to NAFAS presents

Nature's Artistry

A evening of stunning floral arrangements by acclaimed demonstrator
Debbie Davies

Wed 8th April | 7.30 p.m.
Farnworth Methodist Church Hall
Derby Rd WA8 9JX

Free taster evening!
The fresh flower arrangements created on the night are raffled, along with a special Pamper Hamper
Bakery
Sales Stall
Refreshments available




Knutsford Floral Design Club invites you to a

Willow Workshop
with **Juliette Hamilton**

Wednesday 29th April 2026 at Plumley Village Hall, WA16 0TR

Morning Dragonfly workshop £32
Afternoon Obelisk Workshop £35
Full Day £65

Programme for the day:
09:30-10:00 Arrival, tea, coffee & biscuits
10:00-12:30 Dragonfly workshop
12:30-13:00 Lunch (not provided) and arrival of afternoon participants
13:00-16:00 Obelisk workshop

Tickets at Club meetings or email: treasurer@knutsfordfloraldesign.co.uk



DISLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB PRESENTS

THUR 11th JUNE 2026
7.30pm

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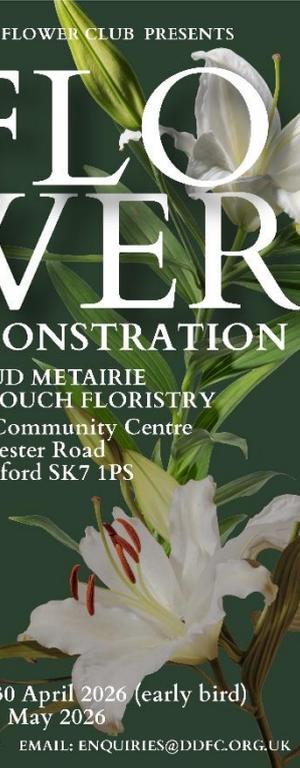
OPEN DEMONSTRATION

ARNAUD METAIRIE
of FRENCH TOUCH FLORISTRY
Woodford Community Centre
Chester Road
Woodford SK7 1PS

Arnaud is an award winning floral designer, bringing a touch of French joie de vivre to his arrangements

Tickets: £25 before 30 April 2026 (early bird)
£30 from 01 May 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: ENQUIRIES@DDFC.ORG.UK

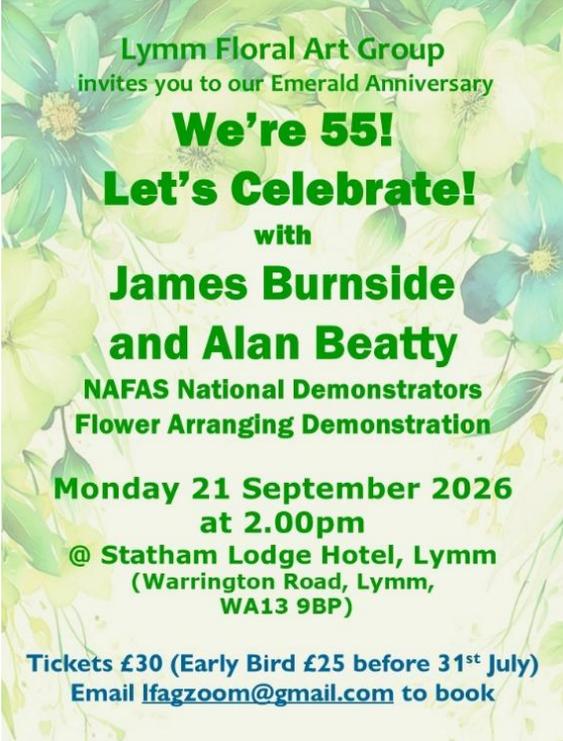


Lymm Floral Art Group
invites you to our Emerald Anniversary

We're 55!
Let's Celebrate!
with
James Burnside
and Alan Beatty
NAFAS National Demonstrators
Flower Arranging Demonstration

Monday 21 September 2026
at 2.00pm
@ Statham Lodge Hotel, Lymm
(Warrington Road, Lymm, WA13 9BP)

Tickets £30 (Early Bird £25 before 31st July)
Email lfagzoom@gmail.com to book



News from Flowers North West

This year Flowers North West will be celebrating its 65th year, the Sapphire Anniversary.

FORTHCOMING FLOWER SHOW DATES

CHORLEY FLOWER SHOW:

Dates: Friday 31st July – Sunday 2nd August

Venue: Astley Park, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 1DP

Website: <https://chorleyflowershow.com/>

AlsoAnd now for something completely different. **Petals and Pistons**, the Area Flower Festival will be held at the Leyland Motor Museum from **17th to 20th September**.

The museum has a fantastic collection of vintage vehicles just asking to be decorated or surrounded with flowers.

Just off the M6 motorway it is easy to find, has plenty of parking and a cafe for coffee, cake and light lunches. It might appeal to the men in your lives!

FNW Newsletter Signup

To get more news out to your members and anyone interested in reading about the many events and activities which take place throughout the North West Area, encourage people to sign up to the FNW newsletter. This can be found at the foot of the FNW website page - www.flowersnorthwest.org.uk

News from National

NAFAS Renewal Programme

Every NAFAS member should, by now, have received information about the NAFAS Renewal Programme. Flower Clubs of Cheshire National Liaison Representative, Janet Schofield, has sent a letter for the attention of every Cheshire Flower Club member of NAFAS, to ensure you are informed of the forthcoming changes. If this hasn't landed with you, as yet, this is what you need to know:



The Renewal Programme will be split into four parts:

1. Strengthening and streamlining governance
2. Introducing a new membership database to securely store and share member information, helping clubs and Areas understand members' needs and aspirations
3. Launching a new and improved website to better represent NAFAS externally and provide accessible, up-to-date information for members
4. Conducting brand and market research to develop a modern, inviting brand that respects our traditions



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

A FUNDRAISING EVENT IN AID OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES
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Wafa 2027

Land of Contrasts - 2027 World Flower Show

Taking place in Sydney, Australia

March 16th - 23rd, 2027



Pre-National Assessments & National Demonstrators Tests

The Shirley Centre, Solihull

Saturday 11th April & Sunday 12th April

10-4pm (Doors open at 9.30am)

Tickets are £15 for a full day.

Email: events@nafas.org.uk or phone Vanessa at Head Office on: 020 7247 5567

The **NAFAS National Show** is moving north in **2027** to the Lincolnshire Showground on **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th July**. A full two days of magnificent floral displays by our talented and inspirational members along with tutorials, workshops and speeches.



Enjoy the Easter Weekend

Best wishes from

All of Us @

Flower Clubs of Cheshire

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THE NANTWICH SHOW 2026

Wednesday 29th July 2026

FLORAL ART SECTION

(Supported and sponsored by Nantwich Flower Club and Wistaston and District Flower Club)

Secretary: Mrs Judy Gratton
487a Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6QP
Tel: 01270 650341 or 07506022709
email: judy.gratton@live.co.uk

Entry Fee: Each class £1.00

Closing Date for Entries: Friday 24th July 2026

Judge: Mrs Penelope Harrison

“THROUGH THE DECADES”

Class 1. Blue/Green: A foam free exhibit.

In celebration of Nantwich Flower Club Emerald (55 years) and Wistaston Flower Club Blue Sapphire (65 years) anniversaries.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional

Class 2. Swinging Sixties: An exhibit.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 3. Let's Disco: An exhibit

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 4. The Handbag!: A petite exhibit

Space allowed: width 25cm, depth 25cm, height 37cm.

Class 5. www.org.theweb: A meadow style exhibit.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 6. The Great Outdoors: An exhibit. Foliage to predominate

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

Class 7. A Royal Wedding: An exhibit.

Space allowed: width 80cm, depth 60cm, height optional.

This is a novice class and is only open to exhibitors who have not been placed first at a previous Nantwich Show Floral Art competition.

This class is being sponsored by Flower Clubs of Mercia & North Wales, and the exhibitor placed first can claim a year's subscription to one of the clubs affiliated to the group.

School Entries

Harry Potter (can be a craft item)

Please contact the Floral Art Secretary for further information.

IMPORTANT

1. All sizes are approximate.
2. All exhibits may be staged or brought in ready assembled.
3. All exhibits are to be staged on tabling approximately 75cm high.
4. The staging cloths are of a mushroom colour.
5. Exhibits will be viewed and judged from the front.
6. Nothing is to be attached to the marquee.
7. The use of aerosol sprays inside the marquee is not permitted.
8. Only one entry per class.
9. All exhibits left at owner's risk.

While we do not prohibit the use of floral foam, we ask that you respect and be mindful of the environment and sustainability.

RULES

All exhibits will be judged in accordance with NAFAS 'Competitions Manual' Fourth Edition 2023. The judges' decision will be final.

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.

Exhibits must be staged at the show venue unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.

Disqualification will take place for the following reasons:-

- Failure to comply with any specific requirement of a class as stated in the show schedule e.g. the measurements or the components.
- Inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have the roots or the cut ends of stems in water retaining material.

Exceptions: Air plants, cacti, fruits, fungi, grass turf, lichen, moss, succulents, vegetables and long-lasting plant material WHICH WILL REMAIN TURGID FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW. (Definition of turgid – the state of firmness of plant tissue relating from adequate moisture causing the plant cells to be fully expanded).

- Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed in the show schedule).

For further details and definitions, please refer to the NAFAS Competitions Manual Fourth Edition 2023, in accordance with which all classes will be judged.

STAGING

Exhibits may be staged or brought in ready assembled between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Tuesday 28th July 2026.

Exhibits may be removed after 5.30pm on show day and must be cleared by 6.30pm.

JUDGING

Judging will commence at 3.30pm on Tuesday 28th July 2026.

In addition, one class will also be judged as “People’s Choice” and voted on by the general public. Voting to close at 3.00pm on show day.

Prizes for all classes: 1st £10, 2nd £7, 3rd £4