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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone

Welcome to the November issue of our Members Newsletter. In this issue; we look back on our 56th AGM anniversary celebrations and look forward to plenty of demonstrations and workshops for the 'tinsel' season. Yes – the first Christmas demonstration is on 3rd November @ Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme Flower Club!

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!

Celebrating at our 56th AGM





At the beginning of October, Flower Clubs of Cheshire held the 56th AGM at Frodsham Community Centre. Grateful thanks were given to both Janet Schofield, who stepped down from her role as Co-Chair (National Liaison), and Jean Jones as Co-Chair (Pastoral). New appointments to the Chairman's Office included Christine Leigh and Collette Rednall, who will share the role of Co-Chair (Pastoral). Welcome to the team ladies. Tracy-Anne Clancy was appointed Co-Chair (National Liaison). The new Leadership Team is presented below. The AGM flower arranging competition was staged once again – title being 'Seasonal Trends', which was judged by Edena Joughin. Club Anniversaries were recognised and we appointed a new Area Associate of Honour and Area President. Our grateful thanks go to Dorothy Irvin, outgoing President of Flower Clubs of Cheshire, and we welcomed Pam Fleming-Williams as our new Area President. Janet Schofield (outgoing Co-Chair National Liaison) was created an Area Associate of Honour – congratulations Janet! This year, the Flower Arranger awards were re-instated, recognising those Clubs who sell the most magazines / headcount. Following the AGM, members enjoyed a fabulous demonstration by Julia Loudon, titled 'A Floral Scottish Tapestry'. AGM stage flowers were arranged by Jackie Burns of Macclesfield Flower Club. All our winners, awards and anniversary photos are shown below:

Flower Clubs of Cheshire Leadership Team 2026/27

President -	Pam Fleming-Williams
Co-Chair (National Liaison) -	Tracy-Anne Clancy
Co-Chair (Administration) -	Vacant
Co-Chair (Pastoral) -	Christine Leigh & Collette Rednall
Area Secretary -	Vanessa Lees
Area Treasurer -	Judy Gratton
Support Officer -	Kate Hughes
Judges Representative -	Carol Baker
Demonstrators' Representative -	Beryl Cotton
Education Representative -	Pam Mosedale
Flower Arranger Representative -	Sharon Hooper
Minutes Secretary -	Eileen Fantom
Cluster Leads -	Anne Walton, Colette Dunkley, Jean Jones, David Mason & Christine Leigh, Tracy-Anne Clancy

AGM – 'Seasonal Trends' Flower Arranging Competition



Class 1 – Winner, Judy Gratton, is congratulated by Area President Pam Fleming-Williams



3rd Place -

Jean Jones





2nd Place – Pam Mosedale



Class 2 Winner, Sylvia Bower, receives her prize from Pam Fleming Williams. Pictured L – R: Jane Kilpatrick (3rd Place), Pam Fleming-Williams, Sylvia Bower (1st Place) Barbara Fisher & Carole Chia (2nd Place)



2nd Place – Carole Chia (L)





Sylvia's Winning design above. 3rd Place – Jane Kilpatrick (L)



Competitors in Class 3. Pictured L – R are: Pam Fleming-Williams, Carol Baker (1st Place & Best in Show), Diane Fair (2nd Place), Janet Schofield, Gillian Jackson & Eleanor Griffiths (3rd Place & Winner of the People's Choice Award)



!st Place & Best in Show – Carol Baker





Eleanor receives 'The People's Choice' Award from Area President Pam Fleming-Williams.

Eleanor's design is pictured left



2nd Place – Diane Fair



Left: Carol receives the Emerald Trophy for 'Best in Show' from Area President Pam Fleming-Williams







Class 1 entries above, Class 3 entries right & Class 2 above right

Club Anniversary Awards – Congratulations to……





Chairman of Wistaston Flower Club, Judy Gratton, receives the 60th Anniversary certificate from Area President Pam Fleming-Williams

Above: Leek Floral Art Society celebrate 65 years. Janette Newall, Club Chairman, is presented with the Club's Anniversary certificate.



Vanessa Lees, Chairman of Lymm Floral Art Group, receives the Club's 55th Anniversary Certificate

Flower Arranger Magazine Awards – Congratulations to…



1st Place – Wilmslow Guild (Flower Arranger Officer Sylvia Bower accepts the award on behalf of her Club)

Pam Fleming-Williams receives her President's Badge of Office from outgoing Co-Chair (National Liaison) Janet Schofield. Pam offers her congratulations to Janet on being appointed an Area Associate of Honour.





2nd Place – Stockport Afternoon Club (Christine Leigh accepts the award on behalf of her Club)



3rd Place – Disley & District (Margaret Delany accepts the award on behalf of her Club)







Members and guests enjoyed the post AGM demonstration by Julia Loudon – 'A Floral Scottish Tapestry'. We were treated to some fabulous designs, gorgeous flowers and some very funny stories!

Spotlight on the 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 information 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

Flower Arranger Magazine 2027

Please place orders for copies via your Club Flower Arranger Officer – Deadline 6th Nov



Our Flower Arranger Magazine co-ordinator is Sharon Hooper. Sharon can be contacted via email on: flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk. The Winter edition has been delivered and contains some wonderful inspiration for Christmas and Winter designs. The deadline for ordering your 2027 Flower Arranger Magazines is 6th November 2026 and the price remains the same as for 2026 at just £17 for 4 seasonal issues.

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

Around the Clubs

South Cheshire Floral Society – Celebrate 70th Anniversary

South Cheshire Floral Society arranged a visit to Quirky Flowers in Cheddleton, near Leek, on 14 July, to celebrate the Club's 70th anniversary this year. Based on a dairy farm in the North Staffordshire countryside, Quirky grows flowers for weddings, workshops, wholesale and events. The weather on the day was sunny with a lovely cooling breeze, so members and guests were able to enjoy lunch on a terrace overlooking the flower field. This was followed by a tour of the flower beds and poly tunnels with owner Pam Moseley, whose floral knowledge and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated.



Club member Alison Gibson had baked an impressive and tasty 70th celebration cake, which was cut by Pam Fower, Treasurer and longest serving member of the Committee.

(l-r) Denise Page (Committee), Pam Fower (Treasurer), Erika Roberts (Secretary) and Alison Gibson with the celebratory cake

Following tea and cake, Pam Moseley showed the group how to create a beautiful hand-tied bouquet using a wide variety of flowers grown on site. One lucky member, Jean Broadhurst, had her name pulled out of the hat and was able to take the arrangement home.



Jean Broadhurst (l) receives the bouquet from Pam Moseley of Quirky Flowers (r)

Many thanks to Quirky Flowers for such an enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

(Supplied by: Erika Roberts, Secretary South Cheshire Floral Society)









Lymm Floral Art Group – Celebrate 55th Anniversary



The obligatory cake cutting! Lorraine Short (President) and Vanessa Lees (Chairman) cut the Anniversary Cakes alongside longest standing members, Gwenda, Sue, Barbara and Lesley.



Ladies who lunch! Celebratory Anniversary Lunch at Groobarbs.







James Burnside and Alan Beatty joined us from Northern Ireland to put the Emerald Isle seal of approval on our celebrations. The Club's Open Demonstration was held at Statham Lodge Hotel, Lymm in September. They gave us The Glens of Antrim (with harp and fiddle), Van Gogh Sunflowers, a Trip on Safari, a seasonal Cornucopia, a stunning pair of pink hand tied bunches and finally two gigantic glasses of champagne to end our 'Let's Celebrate' event in style to a standing ovation.

(Words by Vanessa Lees – Chairman)





Tarporley Flower Club AGM

Tarporley Flower Club held their AGM on 6th October, followed by a delicious catered lunch. Prizes were awarded to Carole Chia winner of the 2025/26 Monthly FC competition and Sue Evans winner of the Daphne Bridge Trophy who came second. Trophies presented by Chairman Elaine Meredith.







L to R : Elaine presents the trophies to Carole and Sue. Congratulations Ladies!

Diane Lloyd lloydsflowerfarm@gmail.com (pictured above) gave a slide presentation and talk on the formation of her Tarporley Flower Farm. She kindly donated three bouquets containing seasonal flowers from her farm, cut on the morning of her talk. They were prizes in the generous raffle. Diane is taking bookings to visit Flower Clubs

And that's a wrap – the 'last hurrah' hosted by Mid Cheshire Flower Club

On 28th October 2026, Cheshire's very own Mark Entwistle did his last floral demonstration at Mid Cheshire (Hartford) Flower Club. It was a full circle moment, as this is where it all started (all those years ago!) when Mark did his first demonstration as a NAFAS qualified demonstrator. It was a wonderful evening for both club members and visitors – fabulous designs, gorgeous (exotic) flowers, interesting facts and some fun stories, all delivered in Mark's usual style. Thank you Mid Cheshire for making us all feel so welcome – an evening of fun, friendship and flowers.

Flower Clubs of Cheshire wishes Mark a very happy and relaxing 'retirement'.



Mark creates a hand-tied using one of his signature style kebab stick frames. Pictured right, Diane Hewett (Chairman of Mid Cheshire (Hartford) Flower Club) thanks Mark at the end of the demonstration.



Christmas Happenings 2026

Lymm Floral Art Group
Monday 16 November 2026

A Christmas Patisserie of Flowers

Christmas Floral Demonstration

Lymm Golf Club, Whitbarrow Road, Lymm WA13 9AN
7.15pm for 7.30pm

Sarah Tomlinson
Area Demonstrator from Wrexham

Visitors welcome £15 pay at door

www.lymmfloralart.org.uk email: lfagzoom@gmail.com
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Nether Alderley Flower Club

Christmas Demonstration

At
Chelford Village Hall
On
Thursday 19th November 2026
at 2:00 pm
by Ian Lloyd
National Demonstrator
"Deck the Halls"
Tickets £17.50 incl. tea/coffee & mince pie
from Mrs J Ratcliffe 01625 615213
or email
naflowerclub000@gmail.com

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We invite you to begin your Christmas celebrations with a beautiful floral demonstration ...

Christmas at the Castle

with National NAFAS Demonstrator
Dawn Weaver

Wednesday
25th November
at 1:45pm

at Wilmslow Guild
1 Bourne Street, Wilmslow SK9 5HD

£12 inc prosecco and mince pie
(The Guild for Lifelong Learning
Floral Design Club members free)

Wine and mince pie

Book at: www.guildlifelonglearning.org



Floral Design Club Christmas Workshop

Saturday 19 December
10am to 2.30pm
at The Guild for Lifelong Learning £33

The Guild for Lifelong Learning · Floral Design Club ·

Join Northwest Demonstrator Kathleen Williams, and get into the holiday spirit by crafting an everlasting Christmas centerpiece! A cozy, hands-on workshop where you will learn to construct your very own realistic poinsettia out of premium crepe paper.

Whether you are a complete beginner, an experienced paper crafter, or a lover of floral design, this festive session is open to everyone. Bring your creative spark and leave with a handmade piece of holiday decor to cherish for seasons to come.

All materials are available to purchase on the day at £5 per person (please bring cash).

Please bring your own lunch.

Book at: www.guildlifelonglearning.org



Knutsford Floral Design Club presents
A Christmas Wreath Workshop on Saturday 28th November 2-4pm



At Plumley Village Hall, WA16 0TR
All materials provided

£45 per person

email for tickets
Treasurer@knutsfordfloraldesign.co.uk

Club Demonstrations in November & December

Missing a Club 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

Club	Date	Demonstration / Workshop	Demonstrator
Ashton Hayes & Tarvin	11th Nov	Quintessentially Christmas	Sionedd Hughes
Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme Flower Club	3rd Nov	Jacqui Owen	Christmas Demonstration
Chester Flower Club	18th Nov	It's Christmas	Donald Morgan
Disely & District Flower Club	11th Nov	Winter Wonder	Vanessa Wellock
Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club	9th Nov	Garden of Delights	Sara Barrow
Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club	14th Dec	Festive Flourish	Vanessa Wellock
Elworth Flower Club	16th Nov	Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Sara Barrow
Elworth Flower Club	9th Dec	Sparkle & Shine	Leanne Williams & Sionedd Hughes
Frodsham Flower Club	11th Nov	For the Love of Flowers	Anne Whysall
Frodsham Flower Club	9th Dec	Winter Wonderland	Graham King
Goostrey Flower Club	12th Nov	Quintessentially Christmas	Sionedd Hughes
Handbridge Flower Club	19th Nov	Christmas Sparkle	Catherine Baines
Heald Green Flower Club	19th Nov	Charismata	Debbie Davies
Knutsford Floral Design Club	18th Nov	Christmas Demonstration	Club Members
Lymm Floral Art Group	16th Nov	A Christmas Patisserie of Flowers	Sarah Tomlinson
Macclesfield Flower Club	17th Nov	What are you doing for Christmas?	Linda Hardman
Neston Flower Society	19th Nov	Seasonal Stories	Kate Russell & Patti Dawson
Nether Alderley Flower Club	19th Nov	Deck the Halls	Ian Lloyd
New Brighton Flower Club	10th Nov	You'll know it's Christmas	Don Billington
Prestbury Flower Club	4th Nov	Inspired by Nature	Becca Morris
Prestbury Flower Club	2nd Dec	Yuletide Cheer	Vanessa Wellock
Romiley Flower Club	9th Nov	Inspired by Nature	Becca Morris
Romiley Flower Club	14th Dec	The most Wonderful Time of the Year	Karen Longbottom
Rural Chester Flower Club	8th Dec	Christmas Demonstration	Eleanor Davies
Sale Flower Club	4th Nov	Charismata	Debbie Davies
South Cheshire Floral Society	8th Sept	Green Spirit	Catherine Baines
Stockport Afternoon Flower Club	30th Nov	Mistletoe & Vine	Julie Pearson
Stockport Afternoon Flower Club	26th Oct	Lakeland Life	Derek Morgan
Tarporley Flower Club	3rd Nov	Patisserie of Flowers	Sarah Tomlinson
Tarporley Flower Club	1st Dec	Charismata	Debbie Davies
Upton-by-Chester Flower Club	10th Dec	What are you doing for Christmas?	Linda Hardman
The Bramall Hall Flower Club	15th Dec	Workshop	Dawn Weaver
Widnes Blossoms	4th Nov	Quintessentially Christmas	Sionedd Hughes
Widnes Blossoms	9th Dec	Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Sara Barrow
The Guild for Lifelong Learning (Wilmslow)	25th Nov	Christmas at the Castle	Dawn Weaver
Winwick Flower Club	4th Nov	Sparkle & Shine	Leanne Williams
Wirral Flower Club	2nd Nov	Anything Goes	Kate Russell
Wirral Flower Club	7th Dec	Seasonal Sparkle	Coral Gardiner
Wistaston Flower Club	2nd Dec	Christmas is Coming	Andrew Key

Flower Arranging Classes

Eleanor's Flower Classes, The Studio,

Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XH

Basic flower arranging

All take place on a Saturday between 10-12 costing £35 with all materials provided



September 12th

October 3rd

October 31st



Bespoke classes

Classes cost £45 with all materials provided from 1:30pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 23rd September

Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 10th November





Christmas classes

Classes cost £45 with all materials provided

Wednesday 18th November 1:30-3:30pm

Sunday 22nd November 10:00-12:00 noon

Tuesday 1st December 1:30-3:30pm

Saturday 5th December 10:00-12:00 noon

Saturday 12th December 10:00-12:00 noon

Saturday 19th December 10:00am-12:00 noon





Please contact Eleanor on 07761 022871 or griffithseleanor96@gmail.com

Note that any cancellations with less than 48 hours notice require payment of 50% of the class amount

WAFA 2027

Land of Contrasts - 2027 World Flower Show

Taking place in Sydney, Australia

March 16th - 23rd, 2027

If you are planning on competing at WAFA in 2027, you are welcome to join the Competitor's Support Group led by Janet Schofield. **Please contact Janet via email on administration@nafascheshire.org.uk**

Looking Ahead to 2027

Sale Flower Club

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday 7th April 2027

Andrew Key

'Spring Forward'



Flower demonstration @ 7.45pm
Conservative Club
Dane Road, M33 2NG
Visitors £10

News from National



The NAFAS 67th AGM was held in London on 14th October 2026. Retiring President of NAFAS, James Burnside, chaired the meeting and then welcomed incoming President Beryl Cotton. We are incredibly proud of Beryl and wish her every success in her tenure as National President.

The Member's Charter (attached as a pdf) has now been shared with all members via their Club representative. A summary is included below and the full charter can be accessed on the National website (www.nafas.org.uk). Please continue to be kind and respectful to each other at all times.





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National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies

National Show 2027 'Wide Horizons', July 9th and 10th 2027 at the Lincolnshire Showground

Following requests from clubs arranging coach trips to our show next year, here is some early information concerning the show that you may find helpful in planning and costing your visit:

Venue

Lincolnshire Showground
Grange-de-Lings
Lincoln
LN2 2NA

Show Admission Ticket Prices

NAFAS Members	£25 per day	(must be paid up affiliated members as at 9th July 2027)
Early Bird	£27 per day	(available for a limited time for all non-members)
Full Price	£32 per day	
Groups (8 plus)	£28.80 per day	
Couples' Tickets	£60 per day	
Under 18	£22 per day	

Tickets due to go on sale on 1st September 2026

Show Opening Times

Friday 9th July:	9am to 5pm
Saturday 10th July:	9am to 5pm

Live imposed class at 11am daily
Entertainment stage from 10.30 am daily

Additional Events

Thursday 8th July:	Preview Evening:	7-9pm, admission £25
Friday 9th July:	Gala Demonstration:	7.30pm at the Showground, tickets £25

Two workshops will be run each day in a dedicated classroom, must be pre-booked, £40 per session, all materials provided.

All details are subject to amendment, but this should help you at this stage.

Best wishes from

All of Us @

Flower Clubs of Cheshire

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