



Hello Everyone

Welcome to the 'end of the summer' Members' Newsletter as we look back on the summer celebrations and look forward to plenty of demonstrations and workshops during the Autumn months. Our 55th Emerald AGM is on 2nd October and with only a few days left to buy your AGM Demonstration tickets at the Early Bird price of £20, don't delay! Will you be entering our special AGM Emerald Competition? The competition schedule is attached. Finally, the National Show is less than a month away and we wish all our Cheshire competitors every success at the show.

If you have some news or photos to share or would like your Club event featured in this newsletter, please send details to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

Happy Reading!

A CHESHIRE SUMMER CELEBRATION

On the 14th July, Flower Clubs of Cheshire celebrated 'everything Cheshire' at the Summer Celebration event held at Abbeywood Estate and Gardens. As we are celebrating our Emerald year, members enjoyed an afternoon tea and 6 floral demonstrations (each one depicting a different decade), created by our own Cheshire demonstrators (past and present). A huge thank you to; Dorothy Monks (1970's), Debbie Davies (1980's), Diane Fair (1990's), Kathleen Williams (2000's), Kate Russell (2010's) and Mark Entwistle (2020's) who not only embraced the decade creating fabulous floral designs but also dressed for the decade!



President of Flower Clubs of Cheshire, Dorothy Irvin, alongside welcome flowers created by Eleanor Griffiths





Dorothy Monks created a foam free design for the 1970's, complete with chicken wire and a figurine. Dorothy's hat and gloves (placed to one side whilst she arranged her flowers) were a fabulous nod to 'how it used to be'!



'Girls just wanna have fun' – Debbie Davies embraced the 1980's with a neon design and wore matching legwarmers and fingerless gloves!



Diane Fair looked back to the 1990's, reflecting on the Millenium Flower Festival she co-organised at Chester Cathedral and managed to find / wear her demonstrating outfit from back in the day!



Cheshire's very own 'Taylor Swift' took us through the 2010's, including reflecting on a Royal wedding or two!

Kathleen Williams welcomed the 'noughties' in with a bang. Quite literally as her designs were firework inspired (along with her outfit)



Mark Entwistle was our 'grand finale' and didn't disappoint with a fabulous exotic design! The 2020 decade started with a pandemic (hence 'Dr Entwistle' on the stage) but that's now behind us and we look forward to enjoying more fabulous flowers with friends.



Huge thank you to the organising team – fabulous event. Even made the pages of Cheshire Life (September issue – out now)!

Show Successes

Nantwich Show 2025

A fabulous day, the weather was kind with many attractions on site.

In the Floral Art marquee, we celebrated "Cheshire Delights" and included a children's school competition inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

Congratulations go to Carol Baker for her exhibit "Festival of Food" which was awarded Best in Show, and to Pat Murphy for her exhibit "Bee Friendly, awarded Runner Up. The Bee-Friendly exhibits attracted a lot of attention including many bees! Many thanks to Sioned Hughes for judging.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, the marquee looked absolutely stunning.

Our many visitors were entertained by our lovely demonstrators, Tracy-Anne Clancy and Carol Baker, Kathryn Cronin from Fierceblooms, Helen Longshaw from Reaseheath Floristry and Ros Anwyl from Flower Clubs of Mercia and North Wales.

There were plenty of activities on hand for our younger visitors.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a fabulous event, to those who competed, demonstrated, to the fabulous Floral Art Committee and to the many volunteers who made this possible.

Let's do it all again next year!

Judy Gratton
Floral Art Secretary
Nantwich Show



Southport Flower Show 2025

Congratulations to all our Cheshire competitors at Southport Flower Show – whether you were placed or not. Designs were fabulous and thank you for representing our Area. Here are some of the photo's I have received but there's plenty more on social media too!



Above: Louise Jones' design 'Pink' was Commended

Left: Louise Jones' design 'Spiralling out of Control'

Far Left: Debbie Davies' design 'Fairest Damsel of the Green' was Highly Commended



Above: Eleanor Griffiths' design 'Scents of Summer'



Above: Carol Baker received VHC



Above: Dawn Weaver placed 1st and best contemporary exhibit

Left: Dawn & Graham Weaver placed 3rd

Club News

Tarporley Flower Club

Tarporley FC Committee member, Carole Chia, demonstrated at the Tarporley Flower Club afternoon tea - fundraiser. Her title was: 'Hints & Tips for using a Bunch of Flowers'.

Whilst sharing amusing stories, Carole delighted the audience by creating a variety of wet foam and foam free designs describing the types and textures of the foliage and naming each flower chosen, many from her own garden.

Although Carole is not a NAFAS trained demonstrator, she was willing 'to have a go', encouraged by the need to raise funds to assist our Club finances. At the recent Flower Clubs of Cheshire Representatives Forum we were encouraged to ask our members to 'Have a Go' at entering Club and Area competitions. Carole already does that so has taken a greater leap by 'having a go' at demonstrating!!

A Big Thank you Carole.

Elaine Meredith (Chair of Tarporley Flower Club)



National Flower Arranging Day

We have received some lovely photos and stories from Clubs as they spread the love and joy of receiving flowers and supported National Flower Arranging Day at the same time. Our main exhibit for National Flower Arranging Day was at the Cheshire Show and we also encouraged members of the public to have a go with our social media competition on 20th June. Here's a selection of floral designs from around our Clubs, supporting the event:



Tarporley Post Office is in the centre of the High Street and offers services appreciated by all local customers. Feeling extremely fortunate to still have our Post Office it gave me great pleasure to present the design to Sandra who runs the Post Office. Tarporley Post Office attracts many customers from our village and surrounding villages, who were able to see the design donated by Tarporley Flower Club. Let's shop local and keep our Post Offices as the hub of any Community.

Elaine Meredith – Chairman, Tarporley Flower Club

During the week of National Flower Arranging Day, Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club had a choir perform at their last big Blue Sapphire Year event.



Anne Walton – Chairman, Eddisbury & Sandiway Club: We held a members' lunch at Owley Wood and were entertained by a ladies choir "Cantate". We presented each of them with a posy as a thank you and in recognition of NFA day. The bouquet left outside Owley Wood was actually picked up by a young lady who had just attended a family funeral wake. It brought a smile to her face. Our £25 from Area will, as usual, go into our Charity Fund. We

were able to give Cantate a cheque for £150 which will go towards a donation to St. Luke's Hospice. Many thanks to Flower Clubs of Cheshire for their support of National Flower Arranging Day. It is such a lovely idea to spread joy through flowers.



Neston used the opportunity to support two local charities in their community, highlighting the fundraising appeal with flowers.



Disley & District created 5 designs for their community to enjoy:

Nationwide BS

The Aviator

Medical Centre

High Lane Doctors

Disley Church





Ashton Hayes & Tarvin Flower Club created four hand-tied bouquets in boxes.

Merryn Shaw – Chairman, Ashton Hayes & Tarvin: We gave them to 4 ladies in the village who are over a 100 yrs old. One is now 104 and 3 of them are still living at home. They were very pleased with them.



Handbridge Flower Clubs left bunches around their village. Janet Edwards – Chairman, Handbridge Flower Club: I have received a call from one lady who picked them up and she is hoping to join us for the September meeting.



Lymm Floral Art Group supported Lady Captain's Charity Day at Lymm Golf Club (venue for the Area lunch) and also National Flower Arranging Day

Neston Flower Society

The Club were recently asked to do a couple of workshops for the ladies and gentlemen who attend weekly social gatherings run by the Methodist Housing Association. One was in Ellesmere Port and one at Churchill Court, Neston, where they kindly gave us permission to take some photos. We had two lively sessions, and a good time was had by all.

Pam Fleming-William – Chairman, Neston Flower Society



[Just looking at these photos it's evident that flowers spread such joy!]

Club, Area and National Events



Knutsford Floral Design Club Open Demonstration and Workshop with Ioachim Erema

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

Early bird Ticket £25 (paid before 31st August),
£30 from 1st September.

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

Early bird Ticket £45 (paid before 31st August),
£50 from 1st September

Venue: Chelford Village Hall, SK11 9AS

For Tickets (non refundable)

Email : Treasurer@Knutsfordfloraldesign.co.uk



NESTON FLOWER SOCIETY INVITE YOU TO A CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

CALLING all Church Flower Arrangers and all members of the congregation who have a passion for flowers and would love to 'have a go'

Do you find arranging Pedestals scary?.....Fonts a bit tricky....arranging Wedding Flowers a bit overwhelming?..... Then come to our **Church Flower Arranging Workshop** on Tuesday, 16th September 2025 between 10am and 3pm and develop your arranging skills using a pedestal and flowers of your choice. There will be a small charge of £15 for the day. We can also explain how to use more sustainable methods of arranging and save our planet!



We will show you how to best use flowers and foliage cheaply, and in season, to help you achieve a traditional or modern design – all in time for **Harvest Festival!** The workshop will be run by our qualified NAFAS teachers (National Association of Flower Arrangers Societies) and expert flower arrangers, to offer you a really fun day. Why not bring a friend?

If you would like to attend the workshop or find out more about Neston Flower Society please contact: The Secretary, **Barbara Fisher on 07919983209 or email barbfish54@gmail.com.**

Stockport Afternoon Flower Club

*Emerald Celebration Luncheon
and floral entertainment*

Mark Entwistle 'The Emerald Years'

Oaklands Hall

Beech View, Hyde SK14 3DE

Monday 15 September 2025

12.30pm for 1pm

2 Course Meal with tea/coffee and cake
Tickets £30

Open to visitors family and friends

Contact chrisleigh55@icloud.com to book and select meal choice

Lymm Floral Art Group

**Bee friendly, Bee kind,
Bee inspired**

Floral demonstration

Monday 15 September 2025

Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street WA13 0JB

7.15pm for 7.30pm

**Jacqui
Owen**

Area Demonstrator
From Nantwich

Visitors welcome £15 pay at door



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Disley & District Flower Club

MID SEASON OFFER

**40% off
new member
discount**

New members joining between June & Sept 2025
pay £36 instead of £60

Offer entitles new members up to

- 4 floral demonstrations
- 4 Club social events
- discount off x2 workshops

OFFER VALID UNTIL

10 SEPT 2025

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES FEB 2026

Club meet every 2nd Wed at 7.30pm
High Lane village hall, Stockport SK6 8AB

Further details:
Email: enquiries@ddfc.org.uk
Call: 07702 188404

**AUTUMN DOOR
WREATH WORKSHOP**

Join us to make a rustic door
wreath. Step by step tuition.
All materials provided.

Wed 15 October 7.15pm

£20
Members £16
Booking essential
Email: enquiries@ddfc.org.uk

Disley & District Flower Club
High Lane village hall, Disley SK6 8AB

CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Friday 21st November 2025
10.00am to 3.30pm

**FORTHCOMING FESTIVE
FUN WORKSHOP
WITH GILL MCGREGOR**


INTERNATIONAL FLORAL DESIGNER, NAFAS NATIONAL
TEACHER, NAFAS AREA DEMONSTRATOR AND AUTHOR

This forthcoming fun, flower arranging workshop will include 2 festive designs - a festive table design which will showcase distinctive techniques and how to make "candles" with leaf manipulation.

The second design will be free standing to enhance your home with a festive feel. Each technique will be taught individually to ensure all delegates can complete each component and then each design will be demonstrated with clear, concise explanation of the Elements and Principles of Design and construction methods. So you go home with 2 festive designs to decorate your home whilst enjoying fun and friendship with flowers.

Suitable for all abilities except absolute beginners.

At The Five Villages Hall
Station Road, Backford
Chester. CH1 6NT

Cost £35
to include tea and coffee,
bring your own lunch

For information re booking please call Diane 07803 964548
Any queries re the workshop please e-mail gill@gillmcgregor.com

**Basic Flower Arranging Classes @
Eleanor's Studio**

Tarvin Road, Frodsham, WA6 6XH

£30 for Adults, £20 for Children (accompanied)
everything will be provided

Saturday	4 th October	10am - 12 noon
Saturday	18 th October	10am - 12 noon
Saturday	25 th October	10am - 12 noon

For more information / to book a place message
07761 022 871 or email
griffithseleanor96@gmail.com

**Bespoke Flower Arranging Classes @
Eleanor's Studio**

Tarvin Road, Frodsham, WA6 6XH

£40 (everything provided)

Wednesday	24 th September	1.30pm
Tuesday	7 th October	1.30pm
Wednesday	22 nd October	1.30pm

For more information / to book a place message
07761 022 871 or email
griffithseleanor96@gmail.com

Club Demonstrations in September

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	10th Sept	The Gift of Flowers	Clare Downing
Chester F C	17th Sept	September Song	Andrew Lloyd
Disley & District F C	10th Sept	Seasonal Splendour	Leanne Williams
Eddisbury & Sandiway F C	9th Sept	Colours of Autumn	Andrew Key
Elworth F C	15th Sept	Birds of a Feather	Namiye Sianga
Frodsham and District F C	10th Sept	A Walk on the Wild Side	Jane Pugh
Goostrey F C	11th Sept	Autumn Leaves	Susan Maddocks
Hale Barns F C	9th Sept	Workshop	
Handbridge F C	18th Sept	Birds of a Feather	Namiye Sianga
Hoylake F C	16th Sept	Demonstration	Mark Entwistle
Knutsford Floral Design Club	17th Sept	Car Boot Collection	Lynne Sharpe
Lymm Floral Art Group	15th Sept	Bee Friendly, Bee Kind, Bee Inspired	Jacqui Owen
Mid Cheshire F C (Hartford)	24th Sept	Floral Magic	Wendy Graveston
Neston Flower Society	18th Sept	Coronation Calamities	Paula Routledge
Nether Alderley	18th Sept	A Special Place	Patti Dawson
New Brighton F A S	9th Sept	Autumn Splendour	Donald Morgan
Prestbury F C	3rd Sept	Diamond Life	Linda Hardman
Romiley F C	8th Sept	The Business of Blooms	Anya Norris
Sale	3rd Sept	Inspired by Ceramics	Jane Tully
South Cheshire Floral Society	9th Sept	Flowers & Fashion	
Stockport Afternoon F C	29th Sept	Spirit of Sherwood	June Borrowdale
Tarporley F C	2nd Sept	This, That and a Bit of the Other	Mark Entwistle
The Bramall Hall F C	23rd Sept	Workshop	Led by Dawn Weaver
Upton-By-Chester	24th Sept	Travellers Tails	Denise Hubbard
Widnes Blossoms	3rd Sept	What a Wonderful World	Sioned Hughes
Wilmslow	24th Sept	Come Fly with Me	Karen Schofield
Wirral F C	1st Sept	I'm Sorry, I haven't a Clue	Mark Entwistle
Wistaston & District FC	3rd Sept	Branching Out	Debbie Davies

AGM Flower Arranging Competition

'Emerald'

The schedule and all details are included at the end of this newsletter

Happy Arranging!

Deadline for applications: Friday 4th September



invites you to

55th AGM

on 2nd October 2025

@ Frodsham Community Centre

(Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN)

**The AGM will start at 11am until 12.30pm (approx.)
followed at 1.30pm by a floral art demonstration by
Nick Grounds**

‘Glorious Green’

**(Members & guests are welcome to attend the demonstration even if not
attending the AGM)**

**AGM Emerald Anniversary Flower Arranging Competition
will also be held (All Classes entitled ‘Emerald’)**

(Schedule to be issued separately)

Demonstration tickets £25 (Early Bird £20 before 31st August)

Email Treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk to book your tickets

(Please bring your own lunch)



Education Day

Facilitated by Vanessa Wellock
National NAFAS Teacher

Content includes leaf manipulation, wiring techniques and Christmas designs



Suitable for teachers, workshop leaders and experienced flower arrangers

Sunday 19th October 2025

Frodsham Community Centre

WA6 7QN

10.00am – 3.30pm

£25

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



Sunday 2nd November 2025

10.00am until 3.30pm

Plumley Village Hall

**Flower School of Cheshire - Masterclass -
learning from some of our Cheshire best**

We have such a wealth of expert knowledge, skills and experience in Cheshire.

If you would like to hear and learn from some of our Cheshire best, this event is for you.

Dive into the art of floral design with our talented and prestigious award-winning Cheshire members.

You will gain invaluable insights into their various styles of floral design, share their accomplishments, struggles and how they overcame obstacles to become some of the best in NAFAS.

Join us for an enjoyable hands-on floral experience to boost your confidence in floral design. This floral masterclass is designed to ignite your creativity and unleash your potential. **For more information email: education@nafascheshire.org.uk**

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



Our Instagram page is 'Flower Clubs of Cheshire'. Type in: 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 CHESHIRE

55TH 'Emerald' Anniversary AGM - Flower Arranging Competition

All classes are titled 'Emerald'

- Class 1 – for those that have not won an individual award (1st, 2nd, 3rd or special) at an Area show
- Class 2 – for those that have won an individual award (1st, 2nd, 3rd or special) at an Area show but not at a National OR WAFA Show
- Class 3 – for those that have won an individual award (1st, 2nd, 3rd or special) at a National or WAFA Show

All Classes are open to affiliated members of a Cheshire Club

The competition will be held in the small hall at Frodsham community centre on Thursday October 2nd 2025

Competition Rules

To be viewed and judged from the front

Exhibits to be staged on tables covered with pale green fabric. There will be two exhibits per table

There will be NO background drapes

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

Table height 70 cm

All measurements are approximate

All exhibits to be judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual 4th edition 2023

All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitor and must be brought ready assembled

All exhibits must be staged within the space allowed

All exhibits will be staged under fluorescent lighting

Places are limited. Entries to be submitted by email on the attached form to secretary@nafascheshire.org.uk **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**. If oversubscribed, places will be allocated by ballot. All entrants will be notified by Friday September 11th.

Staging and Judging

Staging time will be 10.30am – 11.00am on October 2nd.

Judging will take place at 11.30am by Pam Fleming-Williams

Prizes and Awards

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class, Best In Show and the winner of the People's Choice vote

AGM Attendees will be able to vote for the People's Choice between 12.30pm and 1.15pm, **prior** to the judged results being released

N.B. If a competitor is staying for the AGM demonstration, they must purchase a ticket.

ENTRY FORM	FCOC EMERALD ANNIVERSARY COMPETITION
Name	
Club	
Class	
Contact telephone number	
Email address	