

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone

Welcome to the August mini edition of our Members Newsletter. Due to summer holidays, this is an abridged newsletter just highlighting the forthcoming events for Flower Clubs of Cheshire, particularly those with **Early Bird ticket offers**. The Emerald competition schedule for the AGM is also attached. All other news, photographs and celebrations will feature in a follow up issue later this month.

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!

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, 16^{th} 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.

TARPORLEY FLOWER CLUB



Invites you to our SUMMER SOCIAL & TEA

'Take a bunch of Flowers'

Carole Chia shares some floral ideas. Chance to win one of the arrangements in a Raffle

Tuesday, 19th August 2025, 2pm – 4pm Taporley Chapel, Tarporley High Street

Admission £10, includes tea, cakes and demonstration
Please bring cash to purchase Raffle tickets

Please phone Ann – 07731 376079 or Kim – 07751 681267 to order tickets and inform us of any dietary requirements

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



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

Cost £35

Station Road, Backford Chester. CH1 6NT

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





FLOWER DEMONSTRATIONS

Wed 09 July 2025

Walk in the woods Tracey Davies Stamps in my passport Sue Hodgson

Wed 08th Oct 2025

Wed 10th Sept 2025

Seasonal Splendour Leane Williams Wed 12th Nov 2025

T'was the night before Christmas Mark Entiwistle

HANDS ON FLORAL WORKSHOPS

Wed 15th Oct 2025

Autumn Door wreath making

Tue 04th Dec 2025

Create a Christmas centrepiece

OIN US:

7.30pm High Lane village hall Stockport SK6 8AB For further details: Email: enquiries@ddfc.org.uk

Club Demonstrations in August

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

12th August Hale Barns Flower Club Beyond Mere Words Sionedd Hughes

27th August Mid Cheshire (Hartford) Flower Club Woodland Walks Derek Morgan



AGM Flower Arranging Competition

'Emerald'

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







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

<u>education@nafascheshire.org.uk</u>



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



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	