

# Stockport Afternoon Flower Club Newsletter October 2020

## NAFAS News

**50th AGM of the Cheshire Area of NAFAS.**

**This went ahead in Zoom form and our delegates, Joan and Christine both attended online.**

Chris O'Hara, who many of you will know, was appointed president and we send her our congratulations.

Our new Area chairman is Louise Jones, who has demonstrated for us at Stockport. She promised some quite sweeping changes in the Area committee structure and some exciting new ideas. We will let you know about these when we have details.

The meeting followed the usual format and flowed well in its virtual format. You will be pleased to know that the Area is financially sound and that plans are being made for when we are all able to function again with some degree of normality.

### National AGM

**This was held on Youtube and some of our members tuned in.**

Although the meeting was well run, it failed to give any real insight into the reasons why so many mistakes were made in the management of the Diamond Anniversary celebrations.

It did give news of proposed solutions to the financial crisis, the main one of which is the proposed sale of Osborne House for around 4.5 million. New headquarters will be sourced.

A short while after the AGM, we heard that the national chairman, Dr. Christina Curtis, resigned for health reasons and vice chair, Katherine Kear, will take over.

## Flower Arranger Magazine

Thanks, once again, to Sue and Mike Jacklin for delivering the magazine to everyone.

We have received lots of messages of thanks for this service. Great to hear from members.

## Virtual demonstration

**The committee virtual presentations on facebook in September were well received.**

The flower arranging talents of our chairman, Joan, are already known but we marvelled at the spirited video show she presented and the slide shows she organised for other members. Other, less tech savvy, members did colourful photographic displays.

We enjoyed the kind comments given by viewers. If you have not seen them - they are still there. Please leave a comment. It will help us to keep in touch with you. "How to" details below.

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## Club News

**The introduction of Tier 3 in the Greater Manchester area has thrown all plans into disarray .**

Woodley Civic Hall management is prepared to keep our dates open and we will only need to give them 2 weeks notice if we are to hold a club meeting.

We have contacted all our demonstrators for 2021 and asked them if they are prepared to be flexible and we are confident that we can 'go with the flow'.

Your guess is as good as ours at this stage.

## Thanks to The Manchester Evening News for these Halloween themed questions:

1. Which country celebrates the Day of Dead?
2. Where is Transylvania?
3. What were originally used as the first Jack-o'-Lanterns?
4. Is a pumpkin a fruit or a vegetable?
5. What is the name of the first Horror film ever made?
6. After this year's full moon, when will the next full moon fall on Halloween?
7. Who wrote Dracula?
8. Is Frankenstein the doctor or the monster?
9. What do you call a group of witches?
10. What is the name of the phobia that describes the people who are terrified by Halloween?
11. Where did bobbing for apples originate?
12. What is the day after Halloween called?

## Answers for last month:

1. Bluebell
2. Hellebore
3. Hyacinth
4. Primrose
5. Forget-me-not
6. Foxglove
7. Aspidistra
8. African Violet
9. Bush
10. Cedar
11. Gladioli
12. Honesty
13. Iris
14. Narcissus
15. Olive
16. Poppy
17. Tulip
18. Whiterock
19. Beech
20. Corn



*Very relaxed witch in Christine's last club design for Halloween. I think she's been on the pumpkin wine! Check out our facebook page for more spooky designs and another video from our own star performer, Joan. You can add your own - we would love to see them*