

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024

Welcome to the first edition of the Surrey Area Newsletter for 2024.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed celebrating the New Year.

I have been very unwell since the last week of November with a terrible cough and cold and I am still feeling poorly. Has anyone else had this virus? It certainly knocks you for six. I was sent a news item to say that it is Whooping Cough!!!

Many thanks to all the clubs and individuals that have contributed to this edition; it is greatly appreciated.

Although I have retired as your Area Secretary I will still be producing the Area Newsletter, the email, address to send any photos and articles to is: deeandpatkelly@sky.com
I look forward to receiving them.

Reigate Flower Club: Wendy Jolley.

Reigate Flower Club's workshop. Some created a long, low table arrangement and some a Christmas sandwich. See photos below:







Young Floral Designers

Many thanks to Marlene Davies for sending in photos and write-ups of what the youngsters are getting up to.

The first two photos are the designs they made being tutored by Alison Gillott; using test tubes, secured with wool and festively decorated, with just a few flowers in the tops.



The photos below are from the Christmas Workshop tutored by Cynthia Bromwich.



Area News:

Events:

2024:

There will a Surrey Area Workshop led by Mark Entwistle from Cheshire on **Wednesday 13 March 2024**. It will be held at the Barn Hall Bookham. Bookings will be taken from 8th January.

Wednesday 20th March 2024: **Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group “Absolutely Fabulous”**

Stephen Mc Donnell: Charity Evening in aid of Alzheimer’s Society.

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, KT21 2BE

Tickets available from Di Stirling - £20 (including refreshments) 01372 279501

Stephen has been successful at many shows including the Chelsea Flower Show, winning Gold medals & twice Best in Show. He has also represented the Sussex Area at The Designer Show of The Year Competition . All Arrangements will be entered into the raffle

Exciting News: Our Next Area Show: The next Surrey Area Show will be on Saturday July 13th 2024, (Staging on Friday 12th). The Show Schedule will be released online in January 2024.

Watch this space for more details; but please put this date in your diaries so you do not miss it.

Area Council Meetings 2024:

18 March; 24 June; 30 September; 25 November.

As this is your Area Newsletter please forward to me anything of interest that is happening in your club for inclusion so that other club members can read all about it. Just drop me a short resume and photographs if you have taken any of the event to the email address below.....Over to you all.

Have fun with your arranging.

Dee Kelly, **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: deeandpatkelly@sky.com**



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