

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025



Welcome to the January 2025 Edition of the Surrey Area Newsletter.

As your new Area President I would like to wish every member of the Surrey Area a very Happy New Year; I hope we all have a healthy and enjoyable 2025. I look forward to meeting as many of our members as possible over my 3 year role, please invite me to come along to your club even if its only to meet the members and have a chat .

Many thanks to all the Clubs and Individuals that have contributed to this edition; it is very much appreciated.

The email address to send any photos and articles to is: **Dee47nafas@gmail.com**
I look forward to receiving them and thank you in advance.

Banstead Flower Club - Vicki Hollands

For our November Demonstration the Committee, with the help of a few other club members, decided to present an in-house 'Christmas Extravaganza'. After weeks of planning, it finally all came together on the day. The idea of the demonstration was to remind everyone of Christmases past & present. A lovely fireplace was put together by James & Sue Long which was decorated with Christmas Stockings & mantelpiece decorations by Gail Fraser & Alison Gallant and finished with a lovely warm Flower Fire for the hearth by Sue Long. Photo 1. Below.

A Frosty Window reminding us of days gone by, when the frost was on the inside as well as the outside of the window, was designed by Angela Norman. Pamela Askew in her role as "The National Elf Service" and sidekick Monica Gerlach as "Jack Frost" gave us a fab & funny demonstration designing the frosty garden outside. Photo 2. Below.

Margaret Trepant designed the floral decorations to go inside the stack of Christmas Parcels. Photo 3. Below.

Angela Norman had the idea of making a Christmas tree with several individual decorations. 10 trays with oasis and foliage were put together by some of team members. The audience were then invited to come and place a rose into the foliage filled trays. Once complete they were placed onto a ready-made tiered structure on the stage which then produced our beautiful tree. Photo 4. Below.



Our Christmas Cracker complete with 'snaps' was cleverly made by James Long and the Floral Decoration designed by Sune Larsen-Walsh & Vicki Hollands.

And finally; Marilyn Luson demonstrated a Pedestal design with Anthuriums, Red Roses & Green Chrysanthemums to compliment Sune & Vicks' design, which was placed behind the cracker as the explosion when pulled. Photo 5. Below.

Huge thanks go to James & Sue Long for designing and putting together many of our props, particularly the cracker and the time dedicated to making them, which in turn helped to make our afternoon fun, entertaining and successful.

Surrey Area Workshop tutored by Richard Twistleton

A great day with lots of chatter and laughter; Richard was so helpful and his designs were very inspirational.

Photos taken by Alison Gillott (Thanks Alison).

Richards Ring below: stunning.





Aldershot Annual Show “A Walk on the Wild Side” Dee Kelly

Once again; Aldershot held their Annual Show on 30th November; the Show was a great success with so many wonderful designs done by the members with a special class for the Male relations of club members.

Many thanks to all the Surrey Clubs who entered the Inter-Society class, your arrangements were stunning.

A BIG thankyou to Nina Eglington and her merry band of helpers who worked so hard to make this happen.

Aldershot Workshop Evening 5th December 2024.

What a fun evening we had at the club; Nina Eglington and her friend Pete tutored the workshop. Pete had made over 30 Reindeers for the members to decorate; he made the bodies and head out of logs and the legs out of strong branches and added ears; all we had to bring were two eyes; two antlers (Pete drilled the holes for them for us all) and a nose and anything Christmassy we wished to decorate our reindeer with. We paid £5.00 for the reindeers which all had names starting with R at previous meetings, so we did not see our chosen reindeer until the night. Much laughter was had by all as they came up to collect the named reindeer, each had its own character.

A few burnt fingers on the hot glue later; we all enjoyed a drink and nibbles supplied by the Committee.

Many thanks to Nina and Pete, our little deer are in the garden ready to welcome guests over the Christmas.



A Council meeting not to miss:

Di Henderson mentioned that Judith Blacklock who used to be the Editor of the Flower Arranger is a member of her club (Staines), Judith has just closed her flower school in London and has donated quite a few boxes of her flower arranging items to the club. These will be sold at the Council meeting on Monday 20th January.

This will be a CASH only sale, so come early to pick up a bargain, Di said that there are some special items just waiting for you to buy.

Horley Flower Club:

'Feast for the Eye'

This year's Horley Flower Club Christmas Show took place on Saturday 7 December, entitled 'Feast for the Eye', was certainly a feast of floral delights.

The day started very windy, dark and rainy. It didn't dispel the competitors from turning up with their abundant creations and setting the scene for another very enjoyable occasion.

With a hall full of superb floral displays it was difficult to decide which way to go, to see and take in the impressive work. The competition was tough, so many wonderful designs it definitely was a 'Feast for the Eye'.

Best in Show was Carole Fitchett's stunning display for 'A Touch of Drama', Carole said she was inspired by the Paso Doble, beautiful work and worthy winner.

Judges Choice was Amanda Pindar's 'Add Touch of Sparkle' as well as being first in the novice class.

Best use of Colour went to Gill Freeman for her 'Christmas Delight'

Best use of Texture went to Joyce Worts for her 'Getting in Shape'

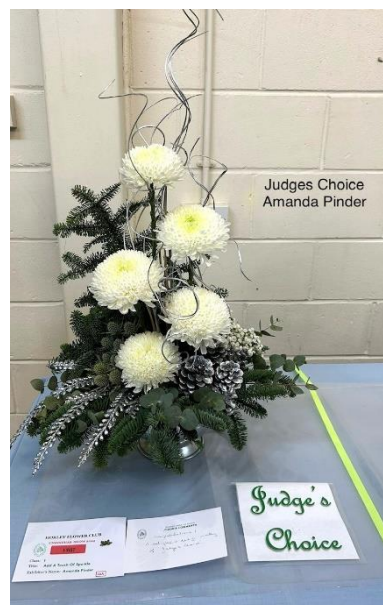
Visitors Choice went to Carole Fitchett.

Janet Aslett Chairman said "Despite the terrible weather today we had a wonderful show. A big Thank you to everyone who entered, the committee who helped put it on, and especially to all our visitors that braved the wind and rain this afternoon."

It was a shame about the weather, if it put you off coming you missed a treat. Thank you to the organising committee for another wonderful show.

Duncan Ward

Horley Flower Club



Bookham Flower Club were delighted to have the opportunity to propose our club member, Sally Fulton, for a Surrey Area 'Unsung Hero Award'. The citation was as follows:

Sally has provided Bookham Flower Club members and guests with tea and biscuits at nearly every monthly meeting at The Old Barn Hall in Bookham for the past 20 years. During that time, she has also planned and organised our AGM lunches and our Summer Garden Party food and catered for all the club's shows. She is always around to support anyone who needs a helping hand. Now has come the time for her to retire. We would love her to receive the recognition of Surrey Area for her very important role within our club. She is indeed our 'Unsung Hero'

Sally has also been an invaluable member of the committee during this time so has not been able to be awarded the club's own award for services to the club.



Winkworth Floral Designers

December meeting and 10th Anniversary celebration lunch.

Winkworth Floral Designers celebrated their 10th year Anniversary in December. We all made "Christmas in a Ring" photos attached. We also had a celebratory lunch and delicious cake made by Di Henderson.

We are not a conventional flower club we do not have demonstrations as other clubs, we do have monthly workshops with tutors to expand our knowledge and experience of flower arranging. We have a couple of spaces free for new members and we are also happy to have visitors who pre book with Cynthia. Our program and details are on the area website so if you are interested in joining or visiting we would love to hear from you.

Cynthia Bromwich – Club Chairman





Dates for your Diaries:

2025

20 January; 17 March; 16 June; 22 September; 24 November: Area Council Meetings.

12th March & 12th November 2025: Surrey Area Workshops.

13-18 May 2025 Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival, "The Spirit of Water"

20th June: Surrey Area Members Day.

19-20th September 2025: National Show "Natures Challenge" to be held at the Gloucester Cathedral.

16th October: NAFAS AGM.

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