

SURREY AREA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

I hope you all enjoyed looking at the photos and reading all the names in the recent edition of the Area Show 2024 Special Newsletter I sent out to you all.

Welcome to the September Edition of the Surrey Area Newsletter.

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.

Aldershot Floral Design: Club Garden Open: Dee Kelly.

On Sunday 28th July many of our members went along to have a look around Christina William's garden. We were in for a treat as the gardens are amazing, so much time and effort has been spent organising the garden into a paradise.

Many thanks to Cristina and her friends who helped with the tea and cakes, the sun shone for us all and it turned into a lovely afternoon, beautiful garden, flowery friends and CAKE; what more do you need.





Malden & Coombe: Sent in by Karen Gaunt.

Malden and Coombe Flower Arranging Club celebrated its 70th anniversary in May this year. We started with a buffet supper with table arrangements in styles which have been popular over the last seven decades, created by our President Brenda Faulkner with assistance from Pauline Dobbie. This was followed by a demonstration by Jennifer Thompson titled "Let's Celebrate" which she had designed especially for the occasion.

Please see below two photographs, one is of all members at the end of the evening and the second is the President, Committee, Area Chair and Demonstrator. Left to right they are: Lesley Hickman (Secretary), Pauline Dobbie, Theresa Clarke, Brenda Faulkner (President), Margaret Trepant (Area Chair), Karen Gaunt (Chair of Malden & Coombe), Jennifer Thompson (Demonstrator), Pam Humphreys (Treasurer), Denise Lie and Alison Honor.



BANSTEAD FLOWER CLUB: Sent in by Vicki Hollands.

Banstead's July meeting was a lovely afternoon with National Demonstrator Coral Gardiner. Coral as always provided us all with a funny and entertaining demonstration while putting her beautiful designs together. Coral was the first of three National Demonstrators coming to Banstead over the next three months. In August David Thomson will be demonstrating and in September we will be welcoming Margaret Rummens to the Club, so we really have some exciting demonstrations to look forward to. Below, one of Coral lovely arrangements.





Above 1st in the Snr Adv Class by Angela Norman



1st in the Adv Class went to Linda Milne above



Eleanor Redshaw was awarded 1st in the Int. Class for the lovely sunflower design above.
And finally; below Trixie Muirhead was given a 1st for her entry into the Novice Class.



AFDC Workshop: Dee Kelly:

Thursday 1st August: After days of really hot weather the biggest thunderstorm for a long while hit as we were all getting ready for club night. All the roads in the surrounding area were completely flooded, with drain covers being lifted in the road and water spouting out like a fountain.

Many of the members could not make it and one brave soul arrived quite late having taken one and a half hours to get there, that is dedication to the club.

Eventually more and more arrived each with their own travel tale.

I tutored this workshop entitled “Ring/s” but having suffered terrible headaches for four days the designs I had planned did not materialise and could only show one, but the members really excelled with their designs. See the photos below





Aldershot Floral Design Club Platinum Anniversary Event: Dee Kelly

Sunday 4th August turned out to be a lovely sunny day for this special event. Nina Eglington came up with an idea for this celebration and many thanks go to her for all the very hard work she did to make this come to fruition. Nina asked her friend Sandy Bailey to come and give the club a demonstration, Sandy was previously a National Demonstrator, but she gladly accepted the invite and what a wonderful demonstration she gave us. The title was "Let's Celebrate" and we certainly did.

The stage was filled with glorious flowers of all different colours and each design was so different from the last, a very enjoyable and entertaining demonstration, along with wonderful music. Nina helped Sandy on the stage and what a double act they were. Val Clark the Club President gave a lovely vote of thanks and Sandy received a standing ovation which was well deserved.

After the demonstration we all sat down to a delicious cream tea with cakes made by the members which were yummy, you could not be on a diet that afternoon.

Janet Arm had composed a poem (Below) many thanks to Janet who was also the Event Secretary and made a very good job of it.

A Platinum Tribute

In 1954, a new club was formed and endorsed,
The Floral Art Group of the Garden Lovers Society, of course,
Aldershot and District section – it had to be changed.
Perhaps the word to include is “Arrange”?
After several attempts to get it quite right,
Aldershot Floral Design Cub remains on our Platinum night.

Original members mostly did their church flowers,
Or entertained Officers at parties in towers.
They came to the club meetings in gloves and smart hats,
And even the demonstrators placed vases on mats.
Chicken wire and pin holders just had to be used,
Full circle now that “Oasis” is a name that’s abused.

The club had big buffets, decorated boxes galore,
Had teaching groups which were full to the door.
Some well-known names came right to the top, such as,
Anne Blunt and Anne Winkworth – the cream of the crop.
Barbara Collier, Illona Barney and Dorothy Bye’
Popular names in our flower world, and that’s not a lie.

However, styles change and its now jerseys and jeans,
But members still raise money for charitable means.
We decorate Guildford Cathedral and Chichester too,
Make “Secret Bouquets” and put Shows on to view.
Our love of our gardens and flowers never ends,
Making our members, visitors, and everyone friends.

Val Clark (President) and Dee Kelly (Chairman) cut the gorgeous cake that Dot Towner had made and Chris Brown decorated.

Dee Kelly, Chairman, gave a short speech to close the day. This day would not have been such a success without the help of the following members:

Nina Eglington, Janet Arm, Val Clark, Jacqui Arm, Frances Gawthrop, Jane Price, Jane Randell, Jeanie Osborne, Linda Buckett, Linda Lloyd. Thanks to all the members who made cakes.

Special thanks to Dot Towner who worked tirelessly in the kitchen, making 84 scones for the day and Patrick who served the drinks and set out all the chairs and tables, which he does for our club every month.

Many, many thanks to them all from the club members, we are so pleased you volunteered your time and worked so hard for us all.

We then drew the raffle and everyone left clutching their treasures.

Below are photos from the day for you to enjoy.





WELL DONE ALDRSHOT, CONGRATULATIONS, AND CHEERS TO THE NEXT ANNIVERSARY THAT WE CAN ALL SHARE IN.

Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group: sent in by Celia Rose.

The Ashtead Flower Arrangement Group recently created a Floral Design Exhibition at the Ashtead Horticultural Summer Show, held at the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall.

A number of our members created floral designs based on a title of their own choice, which were greatly admired and enjoyed by visitors to the Horticultural Show.

The attached PDF to this Newsletter is a review of the designs

Oxted and Limpsfield Floral Design Club
Summer Social Wednesday August 14th
Sent in by Mae-Britt Bertin



Like many other flower clubs, we feel the pinch as the costs increases for demonstrations, flowers and hall hire. We decided to make our Social into a fund raiser this year. We asked members for preloved accessories like handbags, scarves, custom jewellery, watches etc.

back in March. We also asked for prizes for the Tombola and homemade cakes for the afternoon. The response was amazing! Members have been so generous helping at the event the different tables and serving tea and coffee. Many of us brought family and friends, we had a lovely afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the event, and we raised an incredible amount, which is a great boost to the finances this year.

Oxted and Limpsfield Floral Design Club



*Invites you to An Open Meeting Wednesday November 13th
With National Demonstrator Angela Turner
"A Natural Christmas"*



*St. Peter's Church Hall. Limpsfield High Street, Limpsfield, Surrey, RH8 0DG
Doors Open at 12.30pm for Tea & Coffee, Demonstration starts at 1.00pm.
Members ticket £5, Visitors £10
To book tickets please contact Treasurer Angela Griffin,
Email: angela.23griffin@outlook.com*

Area (Surrey and Other Area's) and National News:

Dates for your Diaries:

Area Council Meetings 2024: 30 September; 25 November.

Wisley Show: This year's Show dates are 3–8 September (Staging Monday 2nd). The title of the Show will be "Thank You for the Music".

15 October NAFAS National AGM – Online

7-9 November W&J Area Show "Winter Wonders" Broughton Village Hall, High Street, Broughton Stockbridge SO20 8AX

The Next Surrey Area Workshop will be on Wednesday 27th November

Surrey Area of NAFAS invites members to a workshop with **Richard Twistleton**; Experienced flower arranger, retired National Demonstrator, member of Southern Demonstrators Group and Midlands Area of NAFAS; Very successful competitor at the Wisley Floral Art competitions.

A Christmas Themed Workshop on Wednesday 27th November 2024; 10.00 for 10.30am – 3.00pm; at The Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham, KT23 3PQ. Cost £40

Booking for this workshop was opened on June 24th when a poster with full information (including on-line payment details) went live on the Surrey Area of NAFAS website. Enquires to aegillott@gmail.com 07811 088949

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

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

See poster below.

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,

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