

# The Cheshire Area of NAFAS

## Minutes of Area Council Meeting held at Plumley Village Hall

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Present: Mrs Val Seed Chairman  
Mrs Sharon Nolan 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman  
Mrs Nicky Wylie 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman  
Mrs Chris Middleton Area Treasurer  
Mrs Morag McCord Area Secretary  
Mrs Ann Jackson Minutes Secretary

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL - Mrs Val Seed**

Very warm welcome to Ann Jackson who has volunteered to be our Minute Secretary—thank you SO much Ann.

Welcome and Happy New Year—Sapphire Anniversary, so very special year, hope you had a sweet on the way in??

Deaths of Denise Woolley—former Cheshire Area Treasurer, (Pam Ankers , Disley Flower Club) **and Anne Clayton, treasurer of The Bramall Hall Flower Club**. Mark son of National President Janet Hayton and also Gareth son of Liliias Hoskins, former National Demonstrator's rep. Cards to all these families.

Thanks to The Bramall Hall Flower Club for doing the flowers today in memory of our lovely Anne whom we love and miss very much.

Congratulations to everyone who gained awards at Festive Food and Flower Show, results are on the board. But to **everyone** who competed, grateful thanks for representing Cheshire so well.

### **ARE YOU PROUD TO BELONG TO THE CHESHIRE AREA OF NAFAS?**

I hope you are because we have PLENTY to be proud of!!

Last December, at VERY short notice, Knutsford Flower club was asked to help with the Christmas Decorations at Arley Hall.

Some Cheshire members also helped at Gawsworth Hall which this Christmas was designed by Craig Bullock and Muir Simpson from the North West Area.

This year, Cheshire will be represented widely at various events:

As we speak, Sylvia Bower, Disley and Linda Deakin, Ashton Hayes and Tarvin are in London competing at the RHS Early Spring Show—good wishes have come from Sheila Hadlow--National Chairman and of course from us.

Seen a mock-up in Joan Wilkinson's barn and it looks great.

### **HARROGATE SPRING SHOW 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Team led by Janet Schofield with the title of the Lost City of Atlantis. It will be a different interpretation which I look forward to seeing very soon.

### **RHS TATTON**

Team led by Mark Entwistle—Pat will tell you more  
And 2 members will be going to Westminster Abbey in March to arrange  
flowers for the Commonwealth Observance Day

**ALL THESE AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO US  
BECAUSE WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHESHIRE AREA OF NAFAS.**

These are wonderful ways to show the general public what we can do and  
what a fantastic organisation we belong to.

When we take part in these events, we are NOT just representing  
Cheshire, we are representing NAFAS as a whole!

We are fortunate that Cheshire can afford to do these things AND have the  
talent within the Area to do wonderful creative work. We are fortunate that  
we have an **Officers Team and an F and GP team**, all willing to work on  
your behalf to keep Cheshire moving forward. Other Areas are NOT so  
fortunate and at this moment we do not know what will happen to them  
long term.

SO, BE PROUD OF CHESHIRE, BE PROUD THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF  
CHESHIRE AND BE PROUD OF **YOURSELVES** FOR MAKING SURE THAT  
CHESHIRE SEES NOT ONLY ITS **SAPPHIRE** ANNIVERSARY BUT ITS  
**GOLDEN AND DIAMOND** ANNIVERSARIES TOO!!!

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Area President, Shirley Robinson, Catherine Bower, Flower Arranger Officer,  
Carol Black, Area Speakers Rep, Edena Joughin, Editor Cheshire Chat,  
Bebington Flower Society, Heswall Flower Club, Liz Kennan, Handbridge  
Flower Club, Group 2000 and Pam Dimeloe .

## **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015  
were approved and signed by the Area Chairman with the following  
amendments: Emily Broomhead's name should appear in the Social report.  
Tarpoley are unable to support the Sapphire Afternoon Tea.

## **3. Matters Arising**

Will be dealt with later under reports.

## **4. Correspondence**

None.

## **5. REPORTS**

### **5(a) Secretary -Mrs Morag McCord**

Reminders: Delegates to ensure that information is given to club officers  
as soon as possible. Only 1 vote per club.

Parking at Plumley - take care when parking on the grass.

Any paperwork to be with Morag by Friday before Council or  
by 9.15am on the day.

Included in packs:

1. Agenda
2. New Club Officer's Form. Please complete these after your next club AGM. The information with contact details will be going on the website. The contact person must sign the form.
3. Barbados letter from Anne Williams
4. New Code of Practice booklet from HQ
5. Media Permission form for Cheshire Area Demonstrators.
6. Letter- Pedestal Workshop for Members
7. Letter- Pre-Demonstrator Training Course
8. Letter- Start a Fashion, Share your Passion
9. Flyers for "Colourburst" Weekend NAFAS; Ashton and Sale Floral Presentation; Wilmslow Guild
10. The Gift; Knutsford Floral Design Club Saints and Heroes Flower Festival.
- 11.5 Cheshire Show Schedules and letter.
- 12.3 Cheshire Show Photographic Competition forms
13. Letter and form - Stewarding at Cheshire Show
14. Letter - invitation from Area Chairman to Club Chairman to attend meeting at Plumley.
15. Also included in letter - invitation from Area Treasurer to Club Treasurers to attend meeting.
16. Plumley reply slips included
17. Publicity Report
18. Letter and advert - Social day 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

### **Additional Diary Dates 2016**

Chairman and Treasurer's Meeting - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - 7 for 7.30pm.

**Open Council Meeting date** - Frodsham Wednesday evening **27 July 2016**  
7 for 7.30pm. 4 members per club but only 1 voting member. Tea/ coffee and cake - Social Committee. **This replaces Council date 25 July at Plumley**

### **Correspondence**

Invitation - Malvern Spring Show - decided not to do this year

Several email enquiries re clubs, demonstrators etc., sent on to appropriate person.

Tunstall and District Flower Club sent list of members willing to do the flowers in Westminster Abbey.

**Thank you** to hostess Ann Watson and Chris O'Hara from F & GP for great help today with

registration.

### **5(b) Treasurer - Mrs Chris Middleton**

1. Balances Current Account and Savings £34k but that includes over £14k in Affiliation Fees and Afternoon Tea. Bond £31k.
2. Affiliation Fees - 3128 members, 47 clubs, average membership 67. The trend is still downwards. 124 members. Some clubs are up and some down

3. Sapphire Anniversary Chester - 332 tickets
4. Shows:       The National Show at Blackpool  
                   WAFSA - £207 (plus £20 in Eliminator stage)  
                   Designer of Year - £483 (plus £237 in Eliminator stage)  
                   RHS Tatton Exhibit - £338 (plus £350 hire van excess)

Harrogate Spring Show- Cheshire has been invited to enter the show. The budget of approximately £3,700 is for an all-round exhibit with a team of 4.

**Budget** - Proposed: Mrs Chris Middleton   Seconded: Goostrey Flower Club  
 All agreed

Although this is unlikely to result in club members in Cheshire the important thing is to promote NAFAS as members anywhere in the organisation is good for all us. To keep the organisation alive and keep the affiliation fees down.

5. Plumley Village Hall have increased their prices by a very small margin.
6. Treasurers' (and Chairman's) meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June Coffee and cake as incentive.

### **5(c) Publicity - Mrs Chris Middleton**

1. Area Media Officer meeting in London 22/3/16 - Tony is attending as the emphasis is on Social Media.
2. New National Demonstrators List is now available from Louise although a copy will be sent from NAFAS to each club.
3. Arley Garden Festival: this year it doesn't clash with Cheshire Show, rather following it. Consequently the Publicity team would like to take up the offer to move into the Floral Marquee. This would provide plenty of room to have an exhibit, sales and promotion plus a hands on section. There is £50 grant towards petrol etc and the possibility of winning a prize. £250 - £80. However this will be a really good opportunity to promote our art form regardless. The Publicity team consists of Pat Murphy, Edena Joughin, Louise Jones, Catherine Bower all of whom are good at modern designs.
4. The team has been asked to have a presence at Cheshire Agricultural Show similar to last year

### **5 (c) (i) Flower Arranger -Mrs Catherine Bower/ Mrs Pam Dimeloe**

**2016 orders.** Thank you for returning the orders on time, and this year only 2 clubs did not include the order form. There were some minor under and overpayments. Catherine will contact clubs on return from holiday.

**Spring Edition.** Delivered w/c 26<sup>th</sup> January. Judith Blacklock is to stand down as editor at the end of 2016.

The Flower Arranger magazine now has a Facebook and Twitter account. Look out for members posting their own designs inspired by the magazine.

Full address and details can be accessed Flower Arranger page on the national web site.

Search for Flower Arranger (profile picture is a yellow Gerbera) and send a "friend" request, also look for *the Flower Arranger* page and "like it".

Our Twitter name is: @FlowerArrMag and the page name is *The Flower Arranger*.

Links to Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/flower.arranger.1> and <https://www.facebook.com/Theflowerarrangermagazine/>

Link to Twitter <https://twitter.com/FlowerArrMag>

Flower Arranger Award for 2015

1. The Bramall Hall Flower Club
2. South Cheshire
3. Tarporley
4. Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme

The awards will be made at the Area day at Chester Race Course.

#### **5 (c)(ii) Photography - Mrs Pat Murphy**

Club Delegates were asked to encourage their members to enter the photography competition at the Cheshire show.

#### **5(c) (iii) Cheshire Chat - Mrs Chris Middleton**

Cheshire Chat - new edition available at May Council. Please send in articles.

#### **5(c) (iv) Social Media - Mrs Nicky Wylie**

Getting better at Facebook and quickly getting things out. Recent status received over 2500 views so it is the way to promote ourselves. Clubs need to keep sending things to get out on the FB page and to tweet. We aren't as good at twitter so if anyone can tweet and would like to be involved then please contact the publicity team.  
[social.media@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:social.media@nafascheshire.org.uk)

#### **5(c) (v) Website - Mr Tony Middleton**

A change has been made to the pages for each club, adding meeting time and location details. This uses the same information as that shown on the list of clubs page.

Some work has taken place in preparation for adding Council Minutes for download from the website. Hopefully the minutes of the February meeting will be available this way.

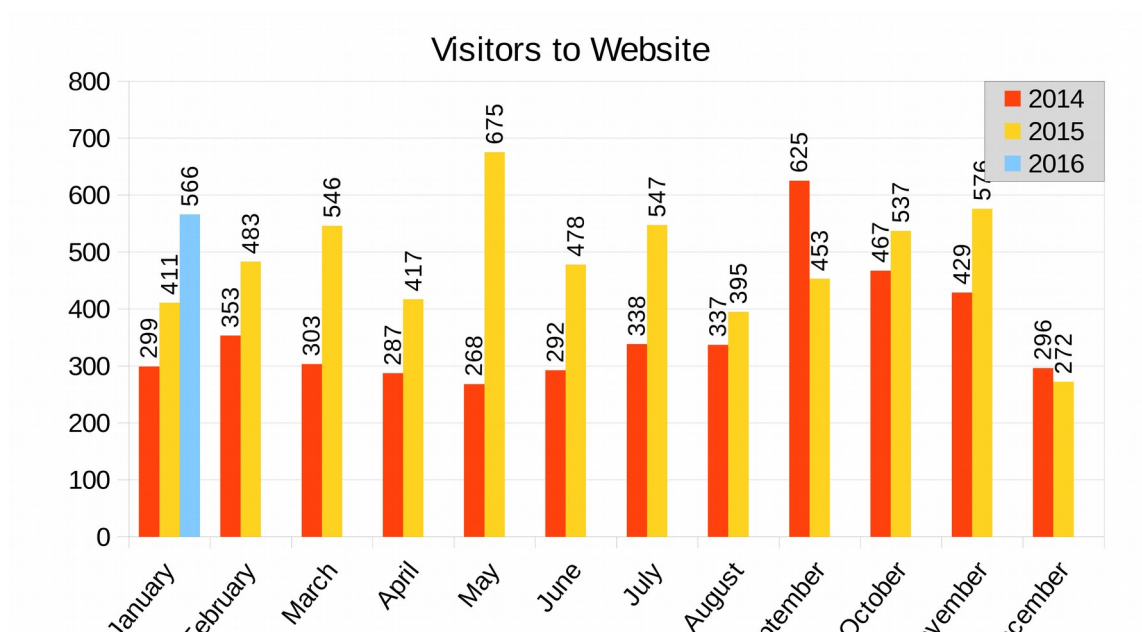
At the November Council it was announced that contact details for all clubs would be added to the website, unless opted out. This has now been done and now all but one club has details shown. The information will be updated from Club Officers' forms returned to the Secretary.

As usual, routine maintenance has been carried out - eg club diary updates and event photographs.

A decision has been taken that in future the HowTos on the website will be created at a workshop. This will cover a whole year.

A new website for NAFAS HQ is under development and will go live shortly. The home page will have a slideshow of photographs and members are invited to submit their own pictures for this. Photographs must be landscape orientation and cropped/resized to 1900x500 pixels. NAFAS will assume the image is free of copyright unless a copyright statement is included as a watermark in the bottom right hand corner.

The website will have a "members only" area accessed via a secret password.



To contact the Website officer, please either use the contact form on the website or email [website@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:website@nafascheshire.org.uk).

## **5(d) NAFAS - Mrs Val Seed**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO GILLY PLATT on being awarded and MBE in the New Year's Honours List**

Usual concerns about falling membership! Suggestions—go to other related shows such as sugar-craft and take space there to show what the REAL flowers look like when arranged.

### **LONELY BOUQUET**

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2016**---generally still popular

Also, this year, can we have 9 volunteers to make special bouquets left in prominent places to mark the 9 decades of HM The Queen's life? Same wording as before but to include '- in celebration of HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday'

**Advise Caroline Jackson at NAFAS HQ what we are doing.**

**MILEAGE RATES—stay at 45p unless advised otherwise**

### **NATIONAL DEMONSTRATOR'S DEMONSTRATIONS**

Suggestion put forward to all Areas—would they be willing to 'host' a large National Demonstration—possibly with 2 or 3 Demonstrators combining?? Do they have a suitable venue in the Area for this?

I suggested we could work with the North West on this—perhaps at Southport.

Need a venue to seat 800 to 900 people. Just an embryo idea at the moment as not so many opportunities for National Demonstrators to show what they can do. NAFAS would sort out the financial bit and Areas would facilitate.

#### **EDUCATION FUND**

Is available-write to Sheila for consideration

#### **JUDITH BLACKLOCK RETIRING**

Officers and F and GP have agreed £25.00 cheque which I will take in April—hard act to follow.

#### **FESTIVE FLOWER AND FOOD SHOW**

Many, many letters of congratulations which far out-way the ones with criticisms—BUT they are aware of the issues which arose like signage, stairs etc. More letters than after any other National Show!

#### **All Chairmen were asked to vote on having another National Show there in 2017—with the problems ironed out!!! UNANIMOUS 'YES!!'**

#### **JANET HAYTON AND LILIAS HOSKINS**

Both asked that we convey their thanks to Areas and individuals on the huge numbers of letters of condolence they have had on the death of both their sons.

#### **COLOUR BURST WEEKEND—Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Posters available. £ 298.00 Twin room £ 340.00 single

Lots of interest shown already—first come first served basis.

#### **2017 CALENDAR GOING AHEAD**

**NICKY CHAPMAN**—came to talk to us ALL -been up since 3.am!!

Inspirational and SDO professional!!

Really does support us—hands are tied as she works for BBC who cannot be seen to be favouring one charity over another. New boss coming in so may be a bit more lenient—no guarantees.

Background—In Promotion Dept. of RCA and MCA records—in PR ruthless business of helping to make people like David Bowie, Phil Collins, Eric Clapton, Spice Girls etc. famous AND keeping them famous.

#### **She works in a 'lifestyle' industry. And perhaps we do too!!!**

The ONLY way forward is to use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Blog and a REALLY good web site and a GREAT web designer—if necessary PAY someone to do it professionally. This is where all the younger people look and they will certainly NOT come to a Flower Club as we know it!!!!

Must UPDATE ALL THE TIME! Nobody wants to see out of date 'stuff' on there.

Every other organisation has been doing this for at least 10 years --we are JUST catching up! We are losing members through age and boredom! We need to be DYNAMIC, SEXY whist still embracing who we are.

We have a story to tell so TELL IT—with passion and 'bling'. Find out what happens in other Areas, schools etc. or nearby and link in with them. We need to become the Radio 2 of Floral Design—look at Radio 2 as a role model of change

Offer FREE things—free workshops, free equipment, anything to attract the younger end of the market—offer it OUTSIDE not to the members who are already keen and committed (we hope!)

There is a wonderful COMMUNITY called NAFAS so sell it.

DAILY MAIL is the biggest social media in the world—on line newspaper.

**(Remember---We have a unique talent and we MUST not sell ourselves short!!)**

### **5(e) Finance and General Purposes - Mrs Val Seed** **SAPPHIRE AFTERNOON TEA**

**Janet Hayton, National President, is delighted to come, as is Janet Phillimore who doesn't know she will be made an AOH there.**

#### **AOH**

Slight oversight last Council when we should also have brought the name of **Jean Mangnall** to you. She was Secretary and then Minute Secretary for many years and the Officers and F and GP recommend to Council that Jean should also be made an AOH at the Afternoon tea. **Show of hands please. All agreed.**

#### **STAGING MATERIALS AND MECHANICS**

Joan Wilkinson has offered her barns to anyone staging large exhibits on behalf of Area (or anything else.) This is perfect as a mock-up can be left in situ all the time.

It will mean that nobody need feel they cannot represent the Area or Club because they don't have the room and we are very grateful for this generous offer.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Merilyn Haslam, Chairman of Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme Flower Club has accepted the invitation to come on F & G P.

#### **BARBADOS 2017**

Anne Williams has had another quote from ECT and will report at Council

#### **WESTMINSTER ABBEY**

I had a call from Jane Rowton-Lee to invite me personally to represent Cheshire to do flowers for Commonwealth Day in Marchand to take one other person with me so I have asked Chris O'Hara on this occasion. As you know, I keep asking for people who are interested to give me their names and, as a result, we have been able to spread this wonderful opportunity around the Area.

Received a whole list of names from Tunstall which is great. Other Clubs please note and add to the list. Need to be really good traditional arrangers.

#### **CHRISTMAS MARKET 2016**

Anne Watson has applied for space on Altrincham Market on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to sell very nice Christmas Decorations etc. Workshops on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sat 26<sup>th</sup>, which will be FREE to members, to make good quality designs to sell. Not yet heard from them to confirm price and space.

#### **CHESHIRE'S GOT TALENT!!** Form went out at last Council

Only 4 forms returned, Please let me have them so that we know where our amazing talent is!!! NOT just for arranging flowers but to be part of the Officers Team too. If we don't have folk up here then we don't have an Area so PLEASE volunteer, WE NEED YOU!!!

#### **OPEN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 7.0 for 7.30 pm at Frodsham—coffee and cake. 4 people may come, 2 delegates and 2 other members to see what it is like. We MUST have new members and perhaps this will encourage those who work to come along.**

#### **CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S EVENING**



**7<sup>th</sup> June Coffee and cake. To share ideas and see how we can encourage new members.**

## **5(f) Judges, Demonstrators, Speakers and Education - Mrs Sharon Nolan**

### **1 JUDGES**

**1.1 National Judges Training:** 13 national candidates, 4 from Cheshire. Test in October 2016. (No Area is running judges training in 2016.)

### **2 DEMONSTRATORS**

#### **2.1 Introductory Course for NAFAS Disciplines, Plumley:**

Diane Fair, Edena Joughin. This has been rescheduled to Mondays 29/2, 4/4, 16/5/16 to avoid floristry exams - important as we hope to attract florists who cannot take part in training on Saturdays. £45 for the 3 days. Some people already signed up (students retaking the demonstrators test, florists, newcomers from North West, etc.). Flyer in pack. Please pass it on to anyone in your club who is considering becoming a demonstrator - this will give them an idea of what to expect.

**2.2 Demonstrator Training:** Will hopefully follow the Introductory course. Neither M&NW nor NW running demonstrators course in 2016, so in contact with both Areas.

**3 SPEAKERS:** Nothing to report.

### **4 EDUCATION**

**4.1 Education Day, Laura Leong, 21/11/15** Well-attended day (teachers' list only).

**4.2 Start A Fashion, Plumley 12/9/15, 10/10/15, 28/11/15, 16/1/16:** Completed, extra day added in January.

**4.3 Start A Fashion, Plumley 2/4, 30/4, 14/5/16:** Val Seed, Chris O'Hara. Cost £45 for 3 days. Application form in pack. This is aimed at anyone of any standard, including beginners, who wants to improve their skills.

**4.4 Education Day, Plumley, Gill McGregor, 12/3/16:** £25.

Education days are only for those people who are either in the Cheshire Book as teachers, or who runs workshops/classes for their club, and hence are by invitation only. Please see Diane Fair if you think you should be on the list.

**4.5 Members Day, Pedestal Workshop, 9/7/16:** Diane Fair, Chris O'Hara, Chris Gibbons. By popular demand at £20 for the day. Will cover both traditional and contemporary pedestals. Pedestals may be borrowed from Area. Application form in pack - please get your applications in quickly and this is expected to fill up fast.

**5 JUNIOR LIAISON:** Nothing to report this time, but watch this space at the next Council meeting.

**6 MISCELLANEOUS:**

**6.1 Cheshire Book:** This is being updated and will be distributed to all clubs at May Council.

**5 (g) Social - Mrs Nicky Wylie**

**Afternoon Tea**

All tickets have been sold. We have managed to increase numbers by not having any stalls. If anyone has any returns can you please let me have them as we have a waiting list.

**Social Day 7th July**

Speaker is Julia Summers who wrote jam busters and home fires and the demonstration is by Emily Broomhead who won the Wafa award 2015. Tickets will sell out quickly and are limited to 250 so please get applications in quickly. I will not be able to increase tickets. There will be new stalls.

**5 (h) RHS - Mrs Pat Bannister**

Our Application form to the RHS Tatton Show 2016 has been submitted to London along with sketches and plans. This year the team will be led by Mark Entwistle. The other members are Louise Jones, Lynn Picken, Jennifer Williams and a colleague of Mark's from Black Rose Karen Gilliver. The team come from a number of different clubs, Elworth, New Brighton, Padga eand Bramhall. Their ideas are very striking, bold and innovative.

The overall title in the design studio will be 'Wonderland'. We have been told that there will be many design changes in the design area.

Mark's title will be 'The Necessity of Wonder' with his ideas being headed with '*floral art to catch the eye and capture the imagination*'. It sounds amazing.

We all wish them luck and look forward to a wonderful exhibit.

**5 (i)Cheshire Show Team - Mrs Lynda Braddock**

The Cheshire County Show has now been granted **Royal Status** and from now on will be known as the '**Royal Cheshire Show**'. This is quite an accolade as there are only 7 Royal Shows in the Country.

Unfortunately this news came too late for the NAFAS Schedule as it had just been printed. However we have managed to incorporate the Royal Status by giving our large non- competitive exhibits, that are created by tutors and their students, titles such as:

Royal Garden Party, Royal Ascot, By Royal Appointment, Royal variety Performance and not forgetting that it is the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday - Happy Birthday Ma'am.

In your packs you will find the following:

- 5 copies of our schedule entitled 'Lets Face the Music' along with entry form
- Photographic schedule for the Photographic competition
- Stewards letter
- There is also a letter asking your club for support in sponsoring a class or session.

We still need to encourage our younger generation (your grandchildren, nephews and nieces) to have ago at the junior entry which can be made in advance and brought on the day or given to Ann France to stage. There is no entry fee for children so please encourage them to show their skill and have a go.

Your help in whatever capacity will ensure that our 2016 show - our first Royal Show - continues the high standards that have been set in the past. We need to show the general public what you can create with a bunch of flowers that can give so much pleasure. Also we need to raise the profile of NAFAS from the "twin set and pearl brigade" to the creative, forward looking organisation that creates wonderful arrangements that are fun to make. The W.I. have managed to raise their profile in the last few years so why can't we?

## **5j NAFAS Sub Committee reports**

### **i) JUDGES - Mrs Pam Fleming-Williams**

#### **National Report:**

No report as last meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015

- Adjudicators and Instructors day to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Next Committee meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Area Judging Representatives Day 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Area:** It is planned to hold a Day for Judges in 2017 to cover changes to booklets and

certificated training days, perhaps collaborating with North West Area for specific day of judges training.

### **5(j) (ii) DEMONSTRATORS' REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - Mrs Pat Murphy**

No report from the National Demonstrators Committee as their meeting is to be held next Tuesday, 23<sup>th</sup> February.

Michael Bowyer - Chairman of the National Demonstrators Committee - asked for the following email to be distributed to all Area Demonstrators on the Cheshire List as follows:-

The National Demonstrators Test will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 with a day of advice and guidance to be held at Osborne House on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February next for Area Demonstrators keen to take the next step to being a National Demonstrator.

Flower Allowances - the recommended flower allowance for a demonstration by an Area Demonstrator to an average sized club for 2016 is **£100**. This is only a recommendation and he reminded Demonstrators that they must not use their fee or travel allowance to subsidise the flower allowance.

Mileage - With the current price of fuel the mileage rate is 45p per mile and will remain so until fuel increases to £1.31 a litre. If the price drops even more the mileage rate never goes below 45p a mile.

An explanation was given to Council members of the new Media Permission Form to be used by Clubs at a Demonstration.

### **5(j) (iii) Speakers - Mrs Carol Black**

No Report

### **5(j) (iv) Education - Diane Fair.**

The Chairman Jane Haas welcomed the new member Julie woods to her first meeting and also Helena Johnson a director and Umbrella to this committee.

Teachers will be included in the new updated Code of Practice.

Insight subscriptions stood at 313 - Cheshire were mentioned regarding various promotions of the magazine we have done and also articles received for Insight from our members.

A lot of discussion took place regarding the Education stand at Blackpool and also the workshops to be held during the Festive Flower and Food Show where sundries would be sponsored by Oasis.

The new book 'Twists and Turns' to be launched at Blackpool Show was at the printers.

AS only 2 students had applied for the workshop at Headquarters on 28 November it was decided to cancel this day.

3 dates for workshops have been agreed by the Board of Directors for 2016 - 16 April and 17 September , half days at £50 and a whole day Christmas workshop on 26 November 2016 at £125.

Joan Woodhead is working on updating The Leisure Initiative - everyone was asked to email suggestions and also any ideas as to a new title.

The Teachers Conference will be held in The Novotel Birmingham on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March 2017.

The next meeting will be on 24-25 February 2016.

## **6. Any Other Business**

**1. WAFAB Barbados** - Anne Williams reminded everyone that if they wanted to go to WAFAS Barbados they should book ASAP as accommodation will be limited. (Information in the pack)

**2. '-----THESE THREE----!'**

Posters and flyers in pack. Demonstration by 2 new demonstrators, Joanna Goodlet and Jenny Williams and myself at Hazel grove Baptist Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Holds about 500 and it would be wonderful, if a little terrifying, to see it full!

Nicky and others will be helping so it is in danger of being quite a professional affair!

The Officers and F and GP have agreed to sponsor this event with a generous donation of £500 and I do hope you will support it with your presence if you can.

**3. BRAMALL HALL**

Re opening in July and fresh Flower Festival in September. NOT an Area event but people from the Area will be involved. STOP PRESS-- Rev Mac has accepted invitation to give a talk on evening of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hall —canapes and fizz and entrance to Festival included in ticket price, and critique a workshop at The Bramall Hall Flower Club on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>.

Diane Fair thanked all the officers for an informative meeting and looked forward to the exciting events ahead.

## **7. Date of next Council Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016**

**10am coffee/ 10.30am Meeting at Plumley**

**Signed**

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**Date**

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