



FLOWER CLUBS OF CHESHIRE

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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone,



In this newsletter we look back at how we celebrated National Flower Arranging Day, enjoyed another fabulous foam-free workshop and now look forward to celebrating special Club anniversaries (see the Events section), showcasing our talents for 'The Flower Arranger' magazine photoshoot in July and creating a marquee full of wonderful designs at our Area show in the 'Theatre of Flowers' at the RCCS, Tabley.

Happy Reading!

National Flower Arranging Day – 3rd May 2024.



What did you create?

(Work -in-Progress: Two members from Knutsford Floral Design Club supporting the event – see below for the completed bottle designs)



It has been lovely to see some of the designs created in Cheshire to celebrate National Flower Arranging Day (3rd May). The flowers brought so much joy to many people and some touching comments about the 'random acts of kindness' have been received. This is an email Upton-by-Chester Club received from a member of the public after finding a posy by the war memorial:



'Hello,

I would just like to say 'thank you' for the lovely posy of flowers someone left on the bench near the war memorial this week.

My husband was out walking the dog & saw the flowers, left with the informative label & brought them home for me. I've been fighting a chest infection for over 3 weeks & feeling very down. Must say they are beautiful & they did put a smile on my face.

We moved into Upton from Nottingham 18 months ago to be near our children & have settled quite nicely into the village. It's lovely, especially on a sunny day!

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness & kindness.'

Thank you for supporting this event and receiving such lovely feedback is very heartwarming. Enjoy our photographic montage:



Another posy created by an Upton member



Modern & traditional designs created by Tarporley Flower Club



Knutsford members (with some doggy help) busy creating their 50 bottles which went out to traders, vets, doctors, garden centres and featured as part of the bridal display in the Adventure Farm Trust window.



Eddisbury & Sandiway sharing a lot of floral joy.



A selection of arrangements created by Prestbury Flower Club and placed in Henry's café in the village

A foam free arrangement by Heather Bateson in the Disley Community Centre (above left) which also houses the Library. It was hosted by the Council representative in the foyer then passed onto the Librarian at lunch time. Retained for the Library coffee morning on Saturday then given away at close of business. A well-travelled tulip arrangement! [Sharing the joy!]



Posies, created by Neston Floral Society, disappeared very quickly (15 minutes!)

Ashton Hayes & Tarvin Club looked for anyone who was a hundred or nearly a hundred in Tarvin or nearby.



One lady is 103 and two others will be 100 in the summer, so they were presented with a basket of flowers on National Flower Arranging Day.

Wistaston's venue were kind enough to display their arrangement, to be seen by all hirers, on 3rd May and for the following week.

Stockport Afternoon Flower Club

Just a few of the designs our members did to celebrate the day. They were displayed in libraries, gardens and public areas. They were donated to neighbours, Willow Wood Hospice raffle and members of the public. Thank you to all who took part and supported our club and NAFAS.



Raffle prizes at Willow Wood Fashion Show



Sue Jacklin garden design



Members of Hale Barns Flower Club creating and delivering their bottle designs

Floral Café @ Lymm.....

Lymm Floral Art Group hosted a Floral Café, teaching absolute beginners how to create floral designs to take home.



Each Club that supported the event will receive £25 from Area. Simply send photos of your design(s) to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk

It wouldn't be May without a Maypole.....

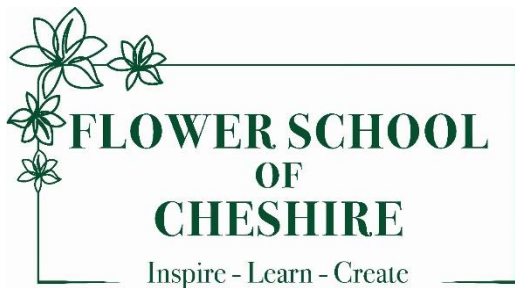


Clare Downing from Goostrey Flower Club and Sarah Tomlinson from Wrexham Flower Club - both **Area Demonstrators in Training** were part of the team of six Reaseheath OCN Floristry students who created the colour wheel Maypole at Arley Hall last month as part of their final year assignment.

Downcast when the family fun day in Nantwich where they were due to showcase their Floral Maypole was cancelled at short notice, Arley Hall stepped in to save the day with accommodation for their large floral display inside its 1471 Cruck Barn.

Commented Clare 'The whole team at Arley were so supportive and we had so many positive comments from the visitors who we encouraged to walk or even skip around the Maypole installation'.

[Editors Note: Congratulations ladies – absolutely stunning! Good luck Clare and Sarah with your Demonstrator's Tests later this year (1st September @ Tarvin – see poster)]



A fabulous 'Members Foam Free Workshop' with Mark Entwistle on 12th May @ Tarvin Community Centre.



What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday – creating some beautiful floral designs with Mark Entwistle as our tutor for the workshop. Thank you to Pam Mosedale for organising this event (with Sharon in support) and for the delicious cakes!



Wonderful concentration!



Demonstrator Training



AREA DEMONSTRATOR TESTS

to be held at
Tarvin Community Centre
Meadow Close, Tarvin, Chester CH3 8LY

on
SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2024

Tickets £10

Doors open at 9.30am – Audience must be seated by 10.00am

Tests should finish around 1.30pm

Refreshments will be available
(Plenty of car parking at venue)

Electronic tickets available from
treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk



Cheshire Area Demonstrator's Tests are being held on 1st September 2024 at Tarvin Community Centre. **Tickets are now on sale for this event priced at £10. Please apply to: treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk** All details are on the poster below.

We wish all our candidates every success with their training and look forward to seeing them soon at our Clubs.

Cheshire will once again be hosting the National pre-assessments and National tests for demonstrators at Frodsham. All ticketing is being managed by NAFAS HQ and tickets are £15. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket should contact Vanessa Keys vanessa@nafas.org.uk or call 020 7247 5567. Please note – admission is strictly by ticket only. Any Area Demonstrator with two years' experience wishing to step up can still make an application to take their Pre-National Assessment by contacting Head Office on 020 7247 5567.

NATIONAL PRE-ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL TESTS FOR DEMONSTRATORS

Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane Frodsham WA6 7QN

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st October 2024

A great opportunity for Programme Secretaries and Club Members to watch Demonstrators stepping up

****Stalls to Browse** **Raffle** **Day out with Friends****

If you are able to volunteer at either of these events, please contact either treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk or berylcotton06@gmail.com

SHOWTIME



Congratulations to Cheshire member Sylvia Bower on achieving a 2nd at Harrogate Flower Show in the class 'Trash to Treasure'.

Congratulations also to Carol Baker on her successes at the RHS Malvern Show including a 2nd place in the class 'Whoosh'



Congratulations also to Joan Quinland on her success at Malvern Spring Show, gaining a Highly Commended for her 'Apothecary' still life design and a Commended for 'Riverdance' created with Denise Hubbard.



Cheshire Area's 'Theatre of Flowers' will once again be at the Royal Cheshire County Show @ Tabley on 18th & 19th June.

If you are considering entering, please don't delay as some classes are already full. **Deadline for applications is Friday 7th June.**

(Pictured left is last year's entry created by Denise Hubbard (Elworth Flower Club), placed 2nd in the class 'Stark Contrast')

Stewarding at the Show

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to steward in the Theatre of Flowers this year. Your support is very much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you in the marquee.

The Nantwich Show – 31st July 2024

Schedule is out now

'Olympiad in Paris'

Southport Flower Show – 15th -18th August 2024

The show is celebrating 100 Years. Novice class for the first time this year and an opportunity for a Club / Group entry. Interested? Contact Louise Jones for more information.

'Cheers to 100 Years'

Club/Group Class. Depict a Decade of Your Choice.

Restricted to Four Clubs or Groups Affiliated to NAFAS.

Space allowed: Width 120cm, Depth 120cm, Height optional.

Staged on a base Width 120cm, Depth 120cm. 5cm thick. To be viewed all round.

Staging painted Dark Grey.

TROPHY CLASS. Maximum 2 people. Allowance of £200 maximum per group/club. Free entry to this class only.

Wild World.

Novice Class - Open to any exhibitor who has not previously won a prize or award in the Floral Art section.

Space allowed: Width 80cm, Depth 80cm, Height 122cm. Staged on a box base raised 60cm from ground with a solid backing.

Staging painted Pale Grey.

TROPHY CLASS. Restricted to 6.

Have you got the latest Competitions Manual (Fourth Edition 2023)? Copies can be obtained from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk priced £5 plus postage.

WEBSITE REVIEW & UPDATE

Following our name change, new logo and publicity materials, the next step is to update our website accordingly. Please bear with us as all the changes are put in place. The website will still be up and running but we are aware it is out of date in places.

Website 'How To.....'

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to create a design to be photographed for our website 'How To....' Pages. Pam Mosedale already has some 'in the bag' which will be released over the forthcoming months. If you would be willing to create a design (funding is available) would you please contact education@nafascheshire.org.uk. We would like to feature 6 new designs, Pam M will do the photography (so no need to worry about that bit!) and we will provide a venue for you to be creative in. We have so much floral design talent in Cheshire, would you share some please....?

Christmas in July – Flower Arranger Photoshoot



Would you like one of your festive designs to feature in this year's Winter edition of the Flower Arranger magazine? Read on for more details:

Cheshire will be hosting the photoshoot for festive designs on 11th July 2024 in Tarvin. Sharon N has very kindly agreed to us using her cottage for the photoshoot. Chloe, editor of the magazine has provided us with the following information;

'We are looking to create 15-20 designs, at least half should be step-by-steps across the beginner, enthusiast and expert levels; the rest should be inspiration items - these can be a bit freer.

Theme: **Celebrating the Festive Season at Home**

She would like us to try and include at least one of each from the following. Chloe doesn't mind whether the designs are contemporary or traditional - nice to have a variation! However, we are requested to include as much red and green as possible please.

- Centrepiece
- Door wreath
- Sitting room table design
- Hall table design
- A tablescape
- A design for the mantelpiece
- A design that could be used in church
- The calm after the storm - some after Christmas designs for when the decorations are down and you want something beautiful to look at
- A design inspired by a crisp Christmas walk
- A gift design to take to friends or family you are visiting over the festive season (easy to transport, maybe in a container from a charity shop that you can leave behind).

The Autumn edition has already gone to print with the following trailer for the Winter issue;

In the next issue

- A great northern Christmas with floral inspiration from Cheshire arrangers
- Seasonal step-by-step projects for every level
- Ideas for your seasonal flowers, from warm wreaths to sparkling party décor and quiet moments
- Flowers that will last the festive season
- Inspirational designs, botanical brainteasers and much, much more

The Winter issue will be on the shelves from 15 October. Don't miss out.

Interested? If you haven't already been in touch to express your interest, please contact Treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk ASAP. There is a generous flower allowance, travel expenses and lunch included. This is our opportunity to showcase our Cheshire talent.

Flower Arranger Magazine 2024

Price for 2024 is £16 for 4 issues

To order additional copies or for more information contact your Club Flower Arranger representative who will liaise with Catherine on flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk

Order your winter copy by 22nd August 2024

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Westminster Abbey Flowers: If you are interested in being on the **Cheshire list** to arrange flowers in Westminster Abbey would you please email Chairman@nafascheshire.org.uk

National Show 2025: The National Show 2025 is taking shape! Our Standing Committees are busy making their plans for the show and the Judges are planning a visit to the Cathedral in June to finalise the schedule.

Our two demonstrators for the Friday night Guildhall event have been chosen and we will release further information soon.

After his guest appearance at the 2023 show, Yan Skates will be creating a large exhibit in the Nave.

National Show 2027: The intention is to hold this event 'up north'. All suggestions for suitable venues are welcome. Please let us know.

New National Lists: The 2024-25 book of Accredited Judges, Demonstrators and Speakers of NAFAS, Qualified Teachers of NAFAS and Qualified Teachers of Ikebana is now available priced at £2.75 from HQ. [Note: All Cheshire Clubs received one free copy at the Club Representatives Forum on 30th January at Frodsham Community Centre]



Nature's Challenge
The UK's most prestigious Flower Arranging Experience

Fri 19th & Sat 20th September 2025
at Gloucester Cathedral

Demonstrations, workshops & talks
Competitive flower arranging classes

Stunning floral exhibits
Food, drink & retail
Music

Tickets available from www.eventbrite.co.uk

www.nafas.org.uk
The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies
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Events to Enjoy.....

Please come along to **Goostrey Open Gardens** in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice on 9th June 11am-5pm. Tickets £14.

With 15 gorgeous gardens of all shapes and sizes to explore, there's also a special display by Goostrey Flower Club members of their favourite designs on the Bogbean, Goostrey's village green.



Neston Flower Society
Celebrating 65 Years in Neston
1959 - 2024

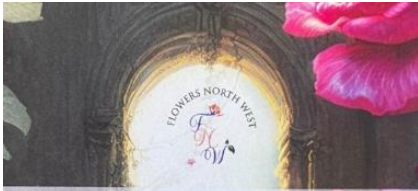
Flowers Galore

Friday 31st May, 9.30am - 3.30pm
Saturday 1st June, 9.30am - 2.30pm
at Neston Town Hall

NESTON'S COLOURFUL PAST IN FLOWERS
PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS
CHILDREN'S HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FOR LADIES DAY
SCHOOLS COMPETITION

FREE ADMISSION
Refreshments available

For further information contact:
nestonflowersociety@gmail.com
Find us on 




Flowers North West presents

The Hidden Garden of Dreams

A floral and musical extravaganza by internationally renowned designer and internet sensation from New Zealand
Francine Thomas

Saturday 15th June 2024
King George's Concert Hall Blackburn.
Tickets £20.00
Floral demonstration commences 2.30 pm
Ticket hotline - Brenda Caslake 01704 821464
b_caslake@hotmail.com
Reg'd charity No.517215



**HANDBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB
OPEN MEETING**

Jacqui Arnold - presenting "Walking on Sunshine"

**St. Mary's Handbridge Centre
Thursday 20th June
2pm**

TICKET £20

Jacqui is not only a double RHS Chelsea Gold Medal winner but also won Chelsea in Bloom for her window display for LK Bennett. For more details, please message Handbridge Flower Club.

ROMILEY FLOWER CLUB'S

Open Demonstration
By Julia Loudon
National Demonstrator

'Out of the Orient'

Monday 22nd July 2024
at 7:30 pm

at
The Carver Theatre,
1 Chadwick St., Marple SK6 7AX

Tickets £15

Contact: romileysflowerclub@gmail.com
07748 073117 David



Knutsford Floral Design Club

Emerald Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday 14th August 2024
1:30 for 2pm
Abbeywood Gardens
CW8 2HS

Members £40
Visitors £45

Ticket includes:

- Garden Entrance
- Prosecco or sparkling drink on arrival
- Demonstration by Mark Entwistle
- Afternoon tea

Contact number for tickets is:

Linda Clowes 01477 532266

AGM 2024

Plans are progressing for the demonstration following our 54th AGM in October. Early bird offer of £15 per ticket, if purchased before 31st August 2024. All the details are in the poster.



FLOWER CLUBS OF CHESHIRE

invites you to the 54th AGM on
Thursday 3rd October 2024
at Frodsham Community Centre
(Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN)

The AGM starts at 11.50am until approx. 12.50pm and will be followed at 1.50pm by

‘Diamonds & Rust’

A Floral Art Demonstration by
Lucy Ellis & Coral Gardiner

Tickets for the demonstration are £20 to include refreshments

Email Treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk to book your tickets and details of how to pay

All affiliated Club members may attend the AGM

Why not bring a friend?

Non-members are welcome to purchase tickets

Stalls to browse and a chance to socialise

Please bring your own lunch

See you there!

Other Diary Dates

All our Diary Dates for 2024 are on our website, but here's a selection of show dates & events:

18 – 19 June

Area Show @ Royal Cheshire County Show

2 – 7 July	RHS Hampton Court
17 – 21 July	RHS Tatton
31 July	Nantwich Show
9 – 10 August	Shrewsbury Flower Show
15 – 18 August	Southport Flower Show
27 – 29 September	RHS Malvern Autumn Show
3 October	Cheshire Area AGM
16 October	National AGM



Instagram

We now have an Instagram page for Flower Clubs of Cheshire. Type in: [flowerclubsofcheshire](#) to find us. Please follow us – ask friends and family too, as we need to increase the number of followers. We would like to help publicise / share information about your Club on our Instagram page – future events, activities, workshops, designs, anything Flower Club related. Please send any photos and a brief description to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk

Best Wishes

From All of Us

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Flower Clubs of Cheshire

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