



Hello Everyone

Welcome to the November Members' Newsletter. We look back on our 55th AGM anniversary celebrations and look forward to plenty of demonstrations and workshops for the 'tinsel' season. Yes – the first Christmas demonstration is on 5th November @ Sale Flower Club!

If you have some news or photos to share or would like your Club event featured in this newsletter, please send details to treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk.

Happy Reading!

CONGRATULATIONS & CELEBRATIONS



At the beginning of October, Flower Clubs of Cheshire held the 55th AGM at Frodsham Community Centre. The Emerald Anniversary year celebrations started back in January with the arrival of the new 'Area mascot' for the year – a bottle of Croft Original sherry. The very first meeting of Flower Clubs of Cheshire (or The Cheshire Flower Arrangement Society as it was originally called) commenced with a 'tot' of sherry and so, 55 years on, it felt appropriate to do the same. President of Flower Clubs of Cheshire, Dorothy Irvin, treated everyone to 'a drop of Croft'

at the start of the AGM and we raised a glass to our future. An AGM flower arranging competition was staged – title being 'Emerald' with the AGM being subsequently followed by a demonstration by Nick Grounds, titled 'Glorious Green'. AGM stage flowers were arranged by Lorraine Short of Lymm Floral Art Group and the vote of thanks, after the demonstration, was given by Anne Walton of Eddisbury and Sandiway Flower Club.



Dorothy Irvin (President) proposes the toast to 'Flower Clubs of Cheshire'



Janet Schofield (National Liaison Representative) announces the results of the competition. Dorothy Irvin (President) presented the awards.



‘Glorious Green’ Demonstration



55th AGM Floral Design Competition – ‘Emerald’



Class 1 – Competition Winners. Pictured L – R are:
Pam Fleming-Williams (Judge), Vanessa Lees 2nd Place (Area Secretary), Dorothy Irvin (President), Tracy-Anne Clancy 1st Place (Area Co-Chair Admin & Finance) and Jean Jones 3rd Place (Area Co-Chair Pastoral)





Class 2 – Competition Winners.
 Pictured L – R are: Pam Fleming-Williams (Judge), Denise Hubbard 3rd Place (Goostrey), Dorothy Irvin (President), Heather Bateson 1st Place & People's Choice Award (Disley) and Sylvia Bower 2nd Place (Wilmslow)



Class 3 – Competition Winners. Pictured L – R are: Janet Schofield (Co-Chair National Liaison), Pam Fleming-Williams (Judge), Dorothy Irvin (President), Margaret Delany 1st Place & Best in Show (Disley) and Debbie Davies 2nd Place (New Brighton & Lymm). Eleanor Griffiths (Frodsham) was awarded 3rd Place.



Pictured above is Margaret Delany 1st Place & Best in Show (Disley) with her award-winning exhibit.



Pictured L – R are: Pam Fleming-Williams (Judge), Dorothy Irvin (President), Margaret Delany 1st Place & Best in Show (Disley) and Tracy-Anne Clancy (Co-Chair Admin & Finance), who donated and presented the new Flower Clubs of Cheshire Emerald Award for Best in Show.

Pictured L- R are: Kate Hughes (Hale Barns President), Heather Bateson (Disley) and Dorothy Irvin (President). The People's Choice Silver Salver was presented to Heather Bateson by Kate Hughes (the Salver being donated by Hale Barns Flower Club)



Club Anniversaries

Certificates were presented at the AGM by Flower Clubs of Cheshire President, Dorothy Irvin, to those Clubs celebrating special Anniversaries.



Nether Alderley Flower Club celebrated their 70th Anniversary. Shirley Baulkwill accepts the certificate on behalf of the Club

Disley & District Flower Club celebrated their 65th Anniversary. Chris Middleton accepts the certificate on behalf of the Club



Upton-by-Chester Flower Club celebrated their 65th Anniversary. Eileen Fantom (below) accepts the certificate on behalf of the



Mid Cheshire (Hartford) Flower Club celebrated their 60th Anniversary. Diane Hewitt accepts the certificate on behalf of the Club



Heald Green Flower Club celebrated their 60th Anniversary. Marilyn Baker accepts the certificate on behalf of the Club



Prestbury Flower Club celebrated their 60th Anniversary. Margeurite Wahab (L) with Jackie Burns (R) accept the certificate on behalf of the Club



Stockport Afternoon Flower Club celebrated their 55th Anniversary. Christine Leigh accepts the certificate on behalf of the Club



New Brighton Flower Club celebrated their 60th Anniversary. Louise Jones accepts the certificate on behalf of the Club



Rural Chester Flower Club celebrated their 45th Anniversary. Ann Ashton accepts the certificate on behalf of the Club

Winwick Flower Club celebrated their 55th Anniversary. Ann France accepts the certificate on behalf of the Club



Area Secretary, Vanessa Lees, thanks Dorothy for chairing Flower Clubs of Cheshire 55th AGM

Are your Club details up to date on our Website?

Don't forget to send your latest **2025 / 26 Club Programme** to Mike Gallagher for inclusion on our website. Additionally, if you have classes to offer, please let us know so that we can include them on our 'Flower School of Cheshire' classes page / advertise for free!

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NAFAS Publications

2026 Diaries and Calendars

£.4.50 each plus postage. Available from
treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk



2026 Midi Calendar (206mm x 206mm)



Blue Forms are available from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk priced £1.50 for 10 plus postage.

Flower Arranger Magazine 2026

The subscription for 2026 (4 issues) is £17.00

Please place your order via your Club Flower Arranger Officer

before 8th November 2025



Introducing Sharon Hooper - our newly appointed Flower Arranger Magazine co-ordinator. Sharon was elected at the recent AGM and is a member of Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club. Sharon can be contacted via email on:
flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk

NAFAS News which used to be included inside the Flower Arranger magazine can now be viewed online, on the NAFAS website.

www.NAFAS.org.uk / About / NAFAS News



Education Day 2025

Our tutor for Education Day 2025 at Frodsham Community Centre was Vanessa Wellock. Leaf manipulation was one of the topics covered as well as creating foam free Christmas designs with drills and hairdryers!!!!



Around the Clubs

Looking for a guest speaker for a social day or AGM? Elaine Meredith of Tarporley Flower Club writes:



‘After the formal business of the AGM held on 7th October 2025, Tarporley Flower Club Members and their guests enjoyed a delicious catered two course lunch with scrumptious pudding treats. The tables were decorated with cup and saucer flower designs kindly donated by President Ann Schuberth and Committee member Sue Evans. We were delighted to welcome **Tina Saunders, former dressmaker to the late Queen Elizabeth II**, to give a presentation with the aid of slides and framed samples of her detailed exquisite work. Tina kept us amused with tales of her life and how she gained such regal employment. She gave permission for her contact details to be published so that she may receive further bookings through the Flower Clubs of Cheshire Newsletter. ‘

I am a traditionally trained dressmaker & embroiderer with over 20 years experience. I rarely come across something that can't be fixed!



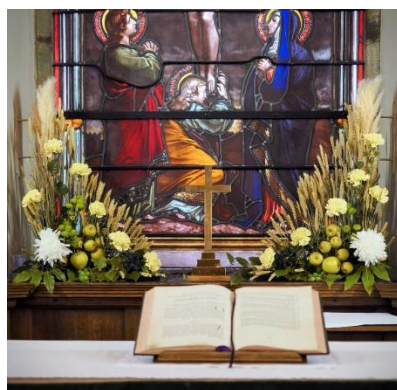
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Lymm Floral Art Group enjoyed an Owl workshop recently, with Debbie Davies and Louise Jones (both Lymm zoom members). Introducing our 'Parliament of Owls' including; Olly, Arnold, Wol, Henry, Simon C'Owl..... yes, it was compulsory to name them!



Goostrey Flower Club did a fantastic job decorating St Luke's Church for Goosfest at the beginning of October [beautiful work ladies].



Hoylake Flower Club were joined by other members of the Lily Cluster Clubs, for their Autumn Social Evening & Competition.

Josie Swan from Wirral flower club gained 'Best in Show' for her

exhibit in the open class and Maureen Walker won the popular vote for her pristine exhibit in the novice class. Wendy McKeown presented Maureen with the trophy, in memory of the late Hilary Storey, a former chairman and president, who did so much for the club.

Club Demonstrations in November & December

Missing a Club demonstration? Visitors are welcome to attend demonstrations and workshops at all our Flower Clubs in Cheshire, with the Club's annual programme and all the details being available on our Flower Clubs of Cheshire website. Visitor's fees vary from club to club – please check the website www.nafascheshire.org.uk See all the posters at the end of this newsletter for a selection of Christmas demonstrations.

Club	Date	Demonstration / Workshop	Demonstrator
Ashton Hayes & Tarvin	12th Nov	Charismata	Debbie Davies
Chester F C	19th Nov	Glitter, Glamour & Glitz	Gill McGregor
Chester F C	21st Nov	Christmas Workshop	Gill McGregor
Disley & District F C	12th Nov	T'was the Night Before...	Mark Entwistle
Eddisbury & Sandiway F C	10th Nov	All I want for Christmas	John Thexton
Eddisbury & Sandiway F C	26th Nov	Christmas Workshop	
Eddisbury & Sandiway F C	8th Dec	Quintessentially Christmas	Sionedd Hughes
Elworth F C	17th Nov	A little bit of Glitz & Glamour	David Ryland
Elworth F C	9th Dec	Tis the most Wonderful Time of the Year	Sionedd Hughes
Frodsham and District F C	12th Nov		Linda Hardman
Frodsham and District F C	10th Dec	Floral Festivities	Robin White
Goostrey F C	13th Nov	The Key to Christmas	Karen Schofield
Hale Barns F C	11th Nov	Christmas Cracker Workshop	Kathleen Williams
Hale Barns F C	9th Dec	Charismata	Debbie Davies
Handbridge F C	20th Nov	Festive Flair, Flight & Fantasy	Gill McGregor
Hoylake Flower Club	19th Nov	Christmas Sparkle	Catherine Baines
Knutsford Floral Design Club	19th Nov	It's Written in the Stars	Jane Pugh
Lymm Floral Art Group	17th Nov	Christmas at the Castle	Dawn Weaver
Mid Cheshire F C (Hartford)	26th Nov	A Victorian Christmas	Kathleen Russell
Neston Flower Society	20th Nov	A Touch of Frost	Jacqui Owen
Nether Alderley	20th Nov	Santa Claus is coming to Town	Sara Barrow
New Brighton F A S	11th Nov	Santa Claus is coming to Town	Sara Barrow
Prestbury F C	5th Nov	Autumn Fun	Dean Sharp
Prestbury F C	3rd Dec	Christmas Present	Ian Lloyd
Romiley F C	10th Nov	Christmas Car Boot Collection	Lynne Sharpe
Romiley F C	8th Dec	Christmas is Coming	Andrew Key
Rural Chester	11th Nov	Wreath Making Class	Club Committee
Rural Chester	9th Dec	Christmas Present	Ian Lloyd
Sale Flower Club	5th Nov	T'was the Night Before...	Mark Entwistle
South Cheshire Flower Club	9th Dec	Charismata	Debbie Davies
Stockport Afternoon F C	24th Nov	It's Christmas	Kathleen Williams
Tarporley F C	4th Nov	Green Spirit	Catherine Baines
Tarporley F C	2nd Dec	Sparkle & Shine	Dawn Weaver
The Bramall Hall F C	18th Nov	Workshop	Led by Dawn Weaver
The Bramall Hall F C	16th Dec	Workshop	Led by Dawn Weaver
Upton-By-Chester	11th Dec	It's Christmas	Dawn Weaver
Widnes Blossoms	5th Nov	My Other Half	Izzy Liston
Widnes Blossoms	10th Dec	Charismata	Debbie Davies
Wilmslow	26th Nov	What are you doing for Christmas?	Linda Hardman
Wirral F C	3rd Nov	A Christmas Cracker	David Ryland
Wirral F C	1st Dec	Sparkle & Shine	Dawn Weaver
Wistaston & District FC	3rd Dec	Don't get your Tinsel in a Tangle	Linda Hardman

Club Christmas Happenings



Bramall Hall @ Christmas 2025

Several clubs and floral designers from around the Cheshire area are involved with the decoration of Bramall Hall once again. This year's Christmas theme is 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' with 12 Christmas Trees being decorated, one for each day of the Twelve Days of Christmas. It's not all plain sailing this year however, as there are roof repairs taking place at Bramall Hall and the trees are not being delivered until a day or two before they open to the public! The team are hoping to get started on decorating the Hall from Tuesday 25th November and the Hall will open to the public on the Thursday 27th November. Some of the designers will still be working whilst the public are viewing the Hall. Bramall Hall is not open every day, so check out the website www.stockport.gov.uk/museums for more details. The Christmas trees will be up until the 7th January 2026. **Wishing you all every success with the staging – it's always fabulous.**

**Disley & District
Flower Club**

**Christmas Floral
Demonstration**
celebrating our 65th
anniversary

**T'was the night before
Christmas**
by Mark Entwistle

Wed 12th Nov 2025

Visitors welcome £9

High Lane village hall, Disley SK6 8AB
7.30pm E: enquiries@ddfc.org.uk

Lymm Floral Art Group
Monday 17 November 2025

Christmas at the Castle

Christmas Floral Demonstration

**Lymm Golf Club, Whitbarrow Road,
Lymm WA13 9AN**
7.15pm for 7.30pm

**Dawn
Weaver**

**National Demonstrator
Multiple Chelsea Gold
Medallist**

Visitors welcome £15 pay at door

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Nether Alderley Flower Club

Christmas Demonstration

At
Chelford Village Hall
On
**Thursday 20th November
2025**
at 2:00 pm

by Sara Barrow
National Demonstrator

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"

Tickets £15 incl. tea and mince pie
from Mrs M Nicolson 07847 564211
or email
naflowerclub000@gmail.com

CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Friday 21st November 2025
10.00am to 3.30pm

**FORTHCOMING FESTIVE
FUN WORKSHOP
WITH GILL MCGREGOR**

**INTERNATIONAL FLORAL DESIGNER, NAFAS NATIONAL
TEACHER, NAFAS AREA DEMONSTRATOR AND AUTHOR**

This forthcoming fun, flower arranging workshop will include 2 festive designs - a festive table design which will showcase distinctive techniques and how to make "candles" with leaf manipulation.

The second design will be free standing to enhance your home with a festive feel. Each technique will be taught individually to ensure all delegates can complete each component and then each design will be demonstrated with clear, concise explanation of the Elements and Principles of Design and construction methods. So you go home with 2 festive designs to decorate your home whilst enjoying fun and friendship with flowers.

Suitable for all abilities except absolute beginners.

At The Five Villages Hall
Station Road, Backford
Chester. CH1 6NT

Cost £35
to include tea and coffee,
bring your own lunch

For information re booking please call Diane 07803 964548
Any queries re the workshop please e-mail gill@gillmcgregor.com




THE GUILD FOR
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What are you doing for Christmas?

An amazing floral demonstration by
Linda Hardman
Wednesday 26th November
at 1:45pm
at Wilmslow Guild

1 Bourne Street, Wilmslow SK9 5HD
01625 523903

Members: No charge
Guests welcome: £10
Contact: Ros Heywood
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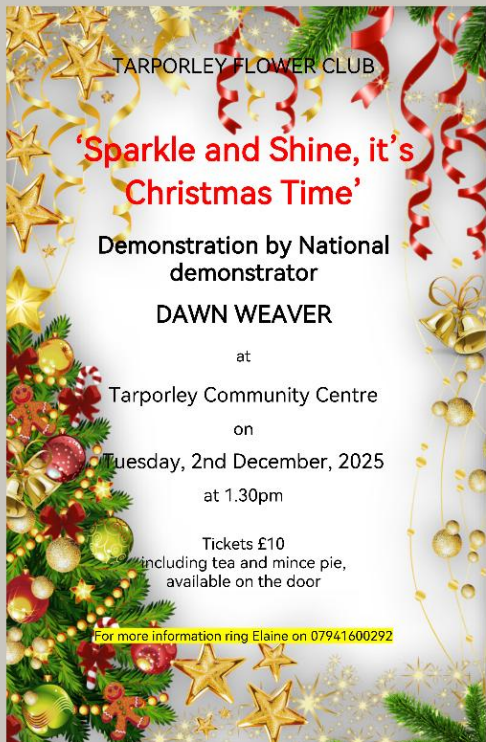
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TARPORLEY FLOWER CLUB

'Sparkle and Shine, it's Christmas Time'

Demonstration by National demonstrator
DAWN WEAVER
at
Tarporley Community Centre
on
Tuesday, 2nd December, 2025
at 1.30pm

Tickets £10
including tea and mince pie,
available on the door

For more information ring Elaine on 07941600292



Widnes Blossoms
invite you to

'Charismata'

A captivating evening awaits
at this festive floral demonstration by
Debbie Davies
On Wed 10th December at 7.30pm
Farnworth Methodist Church Hall
Derby Rd WA8 9JX

Entrance £12 on the door
Festive refreshments included

Luxury Hamper & Flower
Arrangement Raffles
Bakery & Sales Stalls

All Welcome!



THE GUILD FOR
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New Year's Lunch

at The Alderley Edge Hotel, SK9 7BJ
Thursday 29th January 2026
12 for 12.30pm

Grand Raffle

MENU

Chargrilled Garlic & Herb Marinated Chicken Breast
Mediterranean Vegetables, Sauteed Greens, Wild Mushroom Jus
& Dauphinoise Potatoes
or
Open Lasagne of Roasted Vegetables, Tomato Fondue,
White Sauce & Garlic & Parsley Ciabatta

Warm Chocolate Brownie, Black Cherry Coulis,
Vanilla Pod Icecream & Orange Crisp

Tea or coffee

Includes a floral demo by the fabulous Mark Entwistle...

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£36.50
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Then tell Amanda your meal choice at our next club meeting
or text Ros on 07748 638923

News from National

Richard Abraham has been appointed as the new CEO of NAFAS and will take up his role when Steven Lane retires at the end of December

Lisa Spencer has joined the Head Office team as the Office Administrator

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Head Office updates

New appointment: Elizabeth Simpson

We welcome Elizabeth as the new Digital Marketing and Communications Manager. Elizabeth brings a strong background in digital marketing and a wealth of experience from the charity sector. She is eager to grow NAFAS's online presence, shape effective strategies and deliver inclusive, impactful campaigns.



New Trustee: Julie Pearson

Julie joins the Board of Trustees. A long-standing member of NAFAS, Julie serves as both an Area Demonstrator and a member of the National Education Committee. Julie is Programme Secretary for the Contemporary Floral Design Education Group (Flowers North West), with strong ties to Flower Clubs of Cheshire. She holds the title of British Master of Floristry (formerly NDSF) and has worked widely as a consultant, international tutor and City & Guilds examiner. Julie is delighted to bring her passion and expertise to the Board.



Farewell: Trustee Ellie Meaking

After seven years of dedicated service, Trustee Ellie Meaking steps down from the Board. Ellie reflects on how the work has evolved, now focusing as much on governance, risk and diversity as on flowers themselves. She describes her time as a Trustee as both challenging and rewarding, and values the friendships she has made along the way. Ellie assures us she will remain closely connected to NAFAS in the years ahead.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES

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National President's Northern Ireland Event FOR NAFAS MEMBERS

Spirit of the North

ENJOY A MIDWEEK BREAK OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FLOWERS

Armagh City Hotel
2 Friary Road, Armagh BT60 4FR
Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th August 2026

PROGRAMME

Tuesday

- Afternoon arrival
- Evening meal and entertainment

Wednesday

- Breakfast
- Teaching demonstration
- Lunch
- Gala demonstration by two National Demonstrators
- Drinks reception, Gala Dinner and Ceilidh

Thursday

- Breakfast
- Talk by a National Speaker
- Close of Conference by NAFAS National Chairman

Additional attractions

- Traders/retail therapy
- Tombola and Raffle

Full event cost

Single room	£399
Two people sharing	£350pp

Day delegate cost (Wednesday)

Teaching Demonstration, Lunch, Gala Demonstration	£100
Above plus Gala Dinner and entertainment	£150

To register your interest and reserve places

Please provide your name, contact details and number of places to
Email: events@nafas.org.uk
Tel: 020 7247 5567

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Flower Clubs of Cheshire

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