



Hello Everyone

Welcome to the September issue of our Members Newsletter. In this issue; we celebrate success at Nantwich Show, say thank you to Debbie Davies for representing us so well at the WAFA qualifier event and share information about the National Show. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Open Demonstration in Lymm – a chance to see two demonstrators from Ireland (one of whom is our NAFAS National President!) and maybe enjoy a spot of lunch at the hotel beforehand. See them first in Cheshire before they demonstrate at the National Show next year! Also, if you want to see Mark Entwistle before he retires, head to the 'Around the Clubs' section for details of where and when. Plus, the final call for AGM demonstration tickets at the Early Bird price.

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

Happy Reading!

Success at Nantwich Show



Best in Show – exhibit
by Collette Dunkley
www.theweb.org

The Nantwich Show took place on Wednesday 29th August 2026 at Reaseheath Old Hall Farm. The Floral Art competition and activities took place in the newly named Garden Pavilion which also included Eggs and the relaunched Horticulture section.

The overall theme was "Through the Decades" to celebrate the Emerald anniversary of Nantwich Flower Club and the Blue Sapphire anniversary of Wistaston Flower Club.

Pictured are the winning exhibits in each class. Congratulations to Collette Dunkley for Best in Show and to Denise Hubbard as Runner Up to Best in Show. The People's Choice was in Class 3 "Let's Disco", congratulations to Anne McNally.



Runner up to Best in Show –
exhibit by Denise Hubbard
'The Great Outdoors'

People's Choice Award
– Anne McNally

The judge thought that the standard was very high. A big thank you to everyone who took part - your support is really appreciated.

There were demonstrations and talks throughout the day and thanks go to Carol Baker and Anne Shevlin (Flower Clubs of Cheshire), Karen Robinson (Floren) assisted by Dani Harrington (Canalside Garden Centre) and Helen Longshaw (Reaseheath Floristry) for providing their time and creativity. Flower Clubs of Cheshire publicity stand was hosted by Sharon Hooper.

Children were kept entertained with “Flower Arranging in a Tin” and making their own dreamcatchers.

It was a fabulous day and special thanks go to the Floral Art subcommittee, Jayne Bettley, Jill Briggs, Carol Campbell, Sandra Owens, Kath Roden, Jane Stockton and Janet Wright for all your help and support during the year.

Judy Gratton (Floral Art Secretary)



Winner of Class 1 – Blue Green
Exhibit by Pat Murphy



Winner of Class 4 – The Handbag.
Exhibit by Judy Gratton



Winner of Class 2 – Swinging
Sixties. Exhibit by Judy Gratton



Winner of Class 3 – Let's Disco.
Exhibit by Carol Baker



Winner of Class 7 – A Royal
Wedding (Novice Class).
Exhibit by Mark Gratton

Thank You Debbie



On 16th July, Debbie Davies represented Flower Clubs of Cheshire at the National WAFA elimination competition. The successful entrant would stage an Honorary Exhibit at WAFA Australia in 2027. The competition title was 'Land of my Fathers' and was staged on a brown wooden floor, width 100cm, depth 100cm and height 220cm.

Although Debbie was not the winner of the event, she certainly did Cheshire proud. Her exhibit was absolutely stunning. Thank you so much Debbie for all your hard work in planning, preparing and creating the stunning exhibit. Details of the process, mechanics and materials used can be viewed on her blog on her website www.louiseanddeb.com/blog

We will be showcasing some of the mechanics at the forthcoming Area AGM and I am told that the dragon 'will fly again'. Watch this space!

The winner was Diane Fauch of
Flowers North West



Area Events 2026

We will be holding a Member's Floral Design Competition, once again, at the AGM. The title is: 'Seasonal Trends'. The Competition Schedule, with all the details, is appended to this newsletter.



Flower Clubs of Cheshire



56th AGM

Thursday 1st October 2026

@ Frodsham Community Centre

Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN

AGM: 11.00am until 12.30pm

1.30pm floral art demonstration by:

Julia Loudon

**National Demonstrator from SAFAS and
Northumberland & Durham**

'A Floral Scottish Tapestry'

Tickets £25 or early bird £20 before 31st August

**Email administration@nafascheshire.org.uk to
book your tickets**

**Members & guests are welcome to attend the demonstration
even if not attending the AGM**

Area Education Days in 2026



Saturday 17th October at Plumley Village Hall WA16 0TR

Sunday 18th October at Tarvin Community Centre CH3 8LY

10.00am until 3.30pm

£35 each day

An opportunity to learn some contemporary design skills and techniques from the very talented

Helen Hare



Saturday 17th October at Plumley – some simpler designs

A fun, relaxing day learning new contemporary techniques to arrange flowers ready for Christmas using natural materials such as bark, wood shavings, logs and phormium weaving. Not suitable for absolute beginners, but everyone with some hands on experience is welcome.

Sunday 18th October at Tarvin – more complex designs

Aimed at experienced floral designers. The topic will include contemporary designs using circles and copper pipes.

Photo of the optional designs, a list of materials, inexpensive flowers and foliage will be sent out prior to the events.

Bring your own lunch – tea, coffee and homemade cakes provided. To find out more and to book your place email Pam at

education@nafascheshire.org.uk

Spotlight on the Area Website

Like most organisations, Flower Clubs of Cheshire has an informative website: www.nafascheshire.org.uk with a series of drop-down menu options. If you want to find out more about who we are, what we do, what's going on at Area and Clubs or need to find a demonstrator, here's your answer.....

Are your Club details up to date on our Website?

Don't forget to send your information to Mike Gallagher (or Vanessa our Area Secretary) 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! webmaster@nafascheshire.org.uk

Flower Arranger Magazine 2027

Please place orders for copies via your Club Flower Arranger Officer



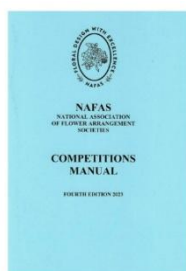
Our Flower Arranger Magazine co-ordinator is Sharon Hooper. Sharon can be contacted via email on: flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk. The Winter edition will be delivered in October. The order form for 2027 will be out shortly

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

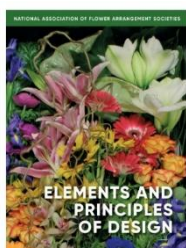
NAFAS Publications

2027 Diaries and Calendars will be available at the AGM

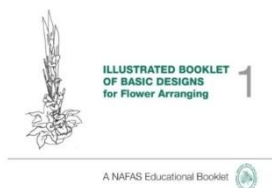
Flower Clubs of Cheshire have these books in stock and can be bought / collected at our meetings to save postage. Alternatively, email administration@nafascheshire.org.uk and we can arrange to post one to you.



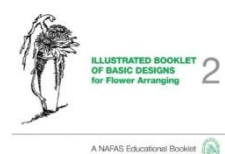
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£9



£5.50



£4.50

Blue Forms are available from treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk

priced £1.50 for 10 plus postage

Around the Clubs

Lymm Floral Art Group
invites you to our Emerald Anniversary

We're 55!
Let's Celebrate!
with
**James Burnside
and Alan Beatty**
NAFAS National Demonstrators
Flower Arranging Demonstration

**Monday 21 September 2026
at 2.00pm**
@ Statham Lodge Hotel, Lymm
(Warrington Road, Lymm,
WA13 9BP)

Tickets £30 (Early Bird £25 before 31st July)
Email lfagzoom@gmail.com to book

If you would like to see Cheshire's own Mark Entwistle before he retires the dates are as follows:

1st September @ Tarporley Flower Club
(Tarporley Community Centre, High Street,
CW1 0AY) 1.30pm start £10 for visitors

13th October @ New Brighton Flower Club

28th October @ Mid Cheshire Hartford
Flower Club (where it all started). Refer to
poster below for all the details.

If you are considering attending the LAST
demonstration, please ensure that you have
checked availability via email in advance.



Mid Cheshire Hartford Flower Club
Wednesday, 28th October 2026 at 7.00pm

"This That and a Bit of the Other"
by Mark Entwistle

*Join us as Mark's flower club demonstrations finish
in Mid Cheshire where he started*



Mark's charismatic approach has endlessly:

- Influenced floral designers
- Introduced new techniques
- Styled incredible floral displays

Please check availability with Club, by email

Email: HartfordFDClub@gmail.com
£10 entry on door

Hartford Methodist Church Hall, Beach Road CW8 3AD
Limited car parking available, please consider car sharing



**GOSFREY
FLOWER CLUB**

NEXT DEMONSTRATION

**SARAH
TOMLINSON**
'PATISSERIE OF FLOWERS'

10th Sept 2026
Visitors Welcome.

*Enjoy a flowery afternoon watching
an expert at work, win the raffle
and take a creation home!*

Doors open 1.30pm
Demonstrations start 2pm

LOWER WITHINGTON VILLAGE HALL, SK11 9DY
SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Eco Church Flower Arranging Workshop

With Chelsea Gold Medallist Debbie Davies

October 10th 10 – 4pm cost £75

Venue: St Cross Church Hall, Mobberley Rd, Knutsford. WA16 8EL

Five-hour workshop that will include:
 Creating pedestal arrangements for the church using chicken wire.
 Designing floral arrangements in a variety of containers using chicken wire.
 Guidance on sustainable floristry practices, including alternatives to floral foam and more eco-friendly mechanics.
 Each participant will have a pedestal arrangement and another flower arrangement to take home.
 Attendees are also very welcome to bring along any containers you're particularly struggling with, and we can help you work with those during the session.
 Refreshments provided but please bring a packed lunch.

Contact Allison Whiteley to book your place
 Allison.Whiteley@ntlworld.com
 07912 971562



Autumn wreath workshop

Create your own autumnal door wreath, full of seasonal leaves, berries and flowers.
 Hands on tuition. Visitors welcome.

WED 21ST OCTOBER 2026 7.15PM



**Visitors £20
 Members £16
 Booking essential**

Enquiries@ddfc.org.uk

**Basic materials provided (metal ring, moss, wire, foliage) Bring own flowers, pumpkin etc.
 Design based around image (not exact).**

**Disley & District Flower Club
 Wed 21st Oct 7.15pm
 High Lane Village Hall, Windlehurst Road, High lane, SK6 8AB**



Members of Tarporley Flower Club and guests were delighted to sample the chocolate treats made by Charles Hardy during the August fundraiser which included Charles demonstrating the art of chocolate making.

The President supplied the posy table arrangements made at home by her granddaughter. Member Debbie Terry and her granddaughter were excited winners of the raffle. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon promoting Flower Club. (Elaine Meredith – Chair. Photos supplied with permissions)



Club Demonstrations in September & October

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

Club	Date	Demonstration / Workshop	Demonstrator
Ashton Hayes & Tarvin	9th Sept	Little by Little a Bird Builds its Nest	Jacqui Owen
Ashton Hayes & Tarvin	14th Oct	Viva La Vida	Leanne Williams
Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme Flower Club	1st Sept	Remember When	Linda Hardman
Chester Flower Club	16th Sept	May to September	Andrew Key
Chester Flower Club	21st Oct	Colours of Life	Debbie Davies
Disely & District Flower Club	9th Sept	Coco Chanel	Alex Gracey
Disely & District Flower Club	14th Oct	Mama Mia!	Jo Purdy
Eddisbury & Sandiway Flower Club	8th Sept	Colours Bright & Beautiful	Donald Morgan
Elworth Flower Club	21st Sept	Contrasts	Penelope Harrison
Elworth Flower Club	19th Oct	Little by Little a Bird Builds its Nest	Jacqui Owen
Frodsham Flower Club	9th Sept	All Things Bright & Beautiful	Beryl Cotton
Frodsham Flower Club	14th Oct	Vanniere en Osier	Dawn Weaver
Goostrey Flower Club	10th Sept	Patisserie of Flowers	Sarah Tomlinson
Goostrey Flower Club	8th Oct	Inspired by Ceramics	Jane Tully
Handbridge Flower Club	17th Sept	The Spirit of Autumn	Julie Evans
Handbridge Flower Club	15th Oct	All Around the World	Namije Sianga
Knutsford Floral Design Club	16th Sept	A Little of what you Fancy	Kate Russell
Knutsford Floral Design Club	21st Oct	Let's Imagine	Beryl Cotton
Lymm Floral Art Group	21st Sept	We're 55! Let's Celebrate!	James Burnside & Alan Beatty
Macclesfield Flower Club	15th Sept	Let's Celebrate	Kate Russell
Macclesfield Flower Club	20th Oct	Gardens of Delight	Sara Barrow
Mid Cheshire Flower Club	23rd Sept	What a Wonderful World	Sionedd Hughes
Mid Cheshire Flower Club	28th Oct	This, That & a Bit of the Other	Mark Entwistle
Neston Flower Society	17th Sept	A Florist's Tale - 30 Years at the Sharp End	Linda Hardman
Neston Flower Society	15th Oct	The Gift of Autumn	Clare Downing & Maggie Earl
Nether Alderley Flower Club	17th Sept	A Musical Interlude	Debbie Davies
Nether Alderley Flower Club	15th Oct	Garden Gleanings	David Ryland
New Brighton Flower Club	8th Sept	Little by Little a Bird Builds its Nest	Jacqui Owen
New Brighton Flower Club	13th Oct	I'm Sorry, I haven't a Clue	Mark Entwistle
Prestbury Flower Club	2nd Sept	Floral Fantasy	Penelope Harrison
Prestbury Flower Club	7th Oct	Patisserie of Flowers	Sarah Tomlinson
Sale Flower Club	2nd Sept	Elements	Louise Jones
South Cheshire Floral Society	8th Sept	Green Spirit	Catherine Baines
Stockport Afternoon Flower Club	28th Sept	Flowers in everything we do	Pauline Foster
Stockport Afternoon Flower Club	26th Oct	Lakeland Life	Derek Morgan
Tarporley Flower Club	1st Sept	I'm Sorry, I haven't a Clue	Mark Entwistle
Tarporley Flower Club	6th Oct	The Cutting Patch	Dianne Lloyd
Upton-by-Chester Flower Club	23rd Sept	Patisserie of Flowers	Sarah Tomlinson
Upton-by-Chester Flower Club	28th Oct	Inspired by Ceramics	Jane Tully
The Bramall Hall Flower Club	15th Sept	Workshop	Dawn Weaver
The Bramall Hall Flower Club	27th Oct	Workshop	Dawn Weaver
Widnes Blossoms	2nd Sept	Floriana	Kate Russell
Widnes Blossoms	7th Oct	Vanniere en Osier	Dawn Weaver
The Guild for Lifelong Learning (Wilmslow)	30th Sept	Patisserie of Flowers	Sarah Tomlinson
The Guild for Lifelong Learning (Wilmslow)	21st Oct	A Year of Celebrations	Tracy Davies
Wistaston Flower Club	2nd Sept	Splendours of Autumn	Vanessa Wellock
Wistaston Flower Club	7th Oct	One Born every Minute	Sionedd Hughes

**Eleanor's Flower Classes, The Studio,
Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XN**

Basic flower arranging
All take place on a Saturday between 10-12 costing £35 with all materials provided

September 12th
October 3rd
October 31st

Bespoke classes
Classes cost £45 with all materials provided from 1:30pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 23rd September
Tuesday 13th October
Tuesday 10th November

Christmas classes
Classes cost £45 with all materials provided

Wednesday 18th November 1:30-3:30pm
Sunday 22nd November 10:00-12:00 noon
Tuesday 1st December 1:30-3:30pm
Saturday 5th December 10:00-12:00 noon
Saturday 12th December 10:00-12:00 noon
Saturday 19th December 10:00am-12:00 noon

Please contact Eleanor on 07761 022871 or
griffithseleanor96@gmail.com

Note that any cancellations with less than 48 hours notice require
payment of 50% of the class amount







Flower Arranging Classes

WAFA 2027

**Land of Contrasts -
2027 World Flower Show**

Taking place in Sydney,
Australia

March 16th - 23rd, 2027

If you are planning on competing at WAFA in 2027, you are welcome to join the Competitor's Support Group led by Janet Schofield. Please contact Janet via email on administration@nafascheshire.org.uk



News from Flowers North West

Flowers North West are celebrating their 65th Anniversary year. Preparations are now gathering pace for Petals and Pistons, Flowers North West's anniversary flower festival to be staged at the British Commercial Vehicle Museum at Leyland from 17th to 20th September.

PETALS AND PISTONS

Flowers North West 65th Anniversary Flower Festival

Dates: Thursday 17th - Sunday 20th September - 10am - 4pm each day

Venue: British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland, PR25 2LE



Tickets £15 for adults £7 for children can be purchased through the museum website - <https://www.britishcommercialvehiclemuseum.com/upcoming-events/petals-pistons/> or on the day.

Creative Workshops will be taking place at 11am and 2pm on the Thursday and Friday and the cost is £5 per session. Full details of the Workshops will be advertised on Facebook soon.

Bookings can be made through contacting Melanie on 07835 917011

There will be weekend fun for children where they can get involved and be creative in the free children's workshops which will be taking place at 11am and 2pm on the Saturday and Sunday - no need to book!!

A good day out for all the family and friends with something for everyone.

News from National

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NAFAS 2027 National Show Wide Horizons

9-10 July 2027

LINCOLNSHIRE SHOWGROUND

For the first time, this spectacular floral art event is coming to Lincolnshire. The theme 'Wide Horizons' is inspired by the county's big skies and limitless floral creativity.

Discover breathtaking floral displays, bold artistic designs, and inspiration around every corner. Whether you're a flower enthusiast or looking for something extraordinary, this is a show not to miss.



Scan the QR code to
join our mailing list.





National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies

National Show 2027 'Wide Horizons', July 9th and 10th 2027 at the Lincolnshire Showground

Following requests from clubs arranging coach trips to our show next year, here is some early information concerning the show that you may find helpful in planning and costing your visit:

Venue

Lincolnshire Showground
Grange-de-Lings
Lincoln
LN2 2NA

Show Admission Ticket Prices

NAFAS Members	£25 per day	(must be paid up affiliated members as at 9 th July 2027)
Early Bird	£27 per day	(available for a limited time for all non-members)
Full Price	£32 per day	
Groups (8 plus)	£28.80 per day	
Couples' Tickets	£60 per day	
Under 18	£22 per day	

Tickets due to go on sale on 1st September 2026

Show Opening Times

Friday 9 th July:	9am to 5pm
Saturday 10 th July:	9am to 5pm

Live imposed class at 11am daily
Entertainment stage from 10.30 am daily

Additional Events

Thursday 8 th July:	Preview Evening:	7-9pm, admission £25
Friday 9 th July:	Gala Demonstration:	7.30pm at the Showground, tickets £25

Two workshops will be run each day in a dedicated classroom, must be pre-booked, £40 per session, all materials provided.

All details are subject to amendment, but this should help you at this stage.

The NAFAS AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 14th October

**Best wishes from
All of Us @
Flower Clubs of Cheshire**

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FLOWER CLUBS OF CHESHIRE

56TH AGM - Flower Arranging Competition

All classes are titled '**Seasonal Trends**'

- Class 1 – for those that have not won an individual award (1st, 2nd, 3rd or special) at an Area show
- Class 2 – for those that have won an individual award (1st, 2nd, 3rd or special) at an Area show but not at a National OR WAFA Show
- Class 3 – for those that have won an individual award (1st, 2nd, 3rd or special) at a National or WAFA Show

All Classes are open to affiliated members of a Cheshire Club

The competition will be held in the small hall at Frodsham community centre on Thursday 1st October 2026.

Competition Rules

To be viewed and judged from the front

Exhibits to be staged on tables covered with pale green fabric. There will be two exhibits per table

There will be NO background drapes

Space allowed: width 60 cm, depth 60 cm, height optional

Table height 70 cm

All measurements are approximate

All exhibits to be judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual 4th edition 2023

All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitor and must be brought ready assembled

All exhibits must be staged within the space allowed

All exhibits will be staged under fluorescent lighting

Places are limited. Entries to be submitted by email on the attached form (or same details in an email) to administration@nafascheshire.org.uk **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER**. If oversubscribed, places will be allocated by ballot. All entrants will be notified by Saturday September 19th.

Staging and Judging

Staging time will be 10.30am – 11.00am on 1st October

Judging will take place at 11.30am

Prizes and Awards

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class, Best In Show and the winner of the People's Choice vote

AGM Attendees will be able to vote for the People's Choice between 12.30pm and 1.00pm, **prior** to the judged results being released

N.B. If a competitor is staying for the AGM demonstration, they must purchase a ticket.

ENTRY FORM	Flower Clubs of Cheshire 56 th AGM Flower Arranging Competition
Name	
Club	
Class	
Contact telephone number	
Email address	