

Claygate Floral Club

April 2024 Newsletter

Affiliated to Surrey Area, NAFAS



WELCOME TO THE APRIL EDITION OF YOUR NEWSLETTER



Spring has now officially begun; the evenings are lighter and there is the promise of some sunny warmer weather to come (we hope!). There is so much to look forward to with new leaves sprouting and blossom making the trees look magical. Please try to get outside as much as you can to make the most of the new season. Just a few twigs of blossom in a vase and some catkins can look so good at this time of the year.

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL CLUB NIGHT



This month we have the pleasure of welcoming Helen Hare as our demonstrator on Wednesday 3rd April and her floral presentation will be inspired by “Travelling Down Under”

Helen holds a GNVQ in floristry and a Diploma in NAFAS Floral Art and Design and has been sharing her passion for flower arranging with members across the country since 2016. She is a well-known figure within the NAFAS community and has several videos which you may like to check out!

[Spring Demonstration for the Flower Arranger Magazine](#)

[Summer Demonstration](#)

[A Hand Tie Bouquet Using Garden Plant Material](#)

CLUB COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who submitted entries to the March competition. So many clubs no longer have a competition because entries dwindled and we think that it is an important element of our club. The old adage is: - 'Use it or lose it' and that may be very true in this case.

PLEASE enter if you can. This month's competition title is "**Upside Down**" and here are some photos to inspire you too.



Note From Our Wonderful Refreshments Team:

Please would all members who would like a hot drink in the Interval bring their mug and place it in the tea, coffee or hot water area (i.e. cup already contains herbal teabag) before the meeting starts.

Or request black coffee/black tea (decaf options available) from Steve or Sue, and the mug can be collected from the hot water area.

Thank you



THANK YOU TO GRAHAM KING



Our first demonstration of 2024 was a wonderful evening.

Graham King entertained us all with his fabulous floral designs and out of this world self-crafted floral containers!

A huge thank you to everyone who entered the competition "Out of the Ordinary". Holy Trinity Church Hall was awash with wonderful floral designs and it was a great start to our floral club year.



MEMBERSHIP FEES

If you have not done so already, please remember your membership fees are due. They can be paid by bank transfer: Claygate Floral Club 30-19- 22 00392987 or by cheque made payable to 'Claygate Floral Club'. Please use your first and last name as a reference.

If paying by cheque please send your cheque to our Club Secretary Emma Cope **as soon as possible** and before our April club night. Emma's address is:

Mrs E Cope
 Claygate Floral Club Secretary
 1 Telegraph Lane
 Claygate, KT10 0DT

Club programmes will be distributed to all those who have paid at the April club night.

If for any reason you are not intending to renew your membership, please let us know.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 13TH JULY - CLAYGATE FLOWER SHOW - CLAYGATE RECREATION GROUND

This has traditionally been a big event for the Claygate Floral Club and we would love as many members as possible to submit floral exhibits to the show. We will let you have further details once we have them.

The club is allocated a central area inside the large marquee and we have many flower arrangements and hand ties for sale. As you can imagine, there is always plenty of work behind the scenes and help needed. We hope as many members as possible will be able to spare some of their time on the day and/or in the lead up to the event. It is a lovely afternoon out and there is plenty to see and do at the Show.

THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST - CLAYGATE FLORAL CLUB'S SUMMER OUTING TO BORDE HILL GARDEN AND NYMANS HOUSE AND GARDEN



Please mark your calendars! We're really excited to announce our summer outing will be to Borde Hill, one of the country's truly great Grade II* listed historic gardens.



Going onto the National Trust's Nymans House and Garden which is set around a romantic house and ruins.

Watch this space for further details!

SURREY NAFAS NEWS [Click Here](#) to catch up on the latest news from Surrey NAFAS.


UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 14th April 2024 (NGS): Dunsborough Park Tulip Festival and Spring Garden Opening. Bookings must be made on line and all information can be found on Dunsborough Park's website <https://dunsboroughpark.com>

Wednesday 17th April 2024: Barbara Newell Workshop, Chobham Pavilion GU24 8AL 10am to 2pm

This free workshop is open to Members of the Club who wish to prepare an exhibit for The Surrey NAFAS Area Show on 12th - 13th July. It is only open to Members who have not exhibited there before.

If anyone is interested, please first contact Vivien (withersv@gmail.com), as the workshop is INVITATION ONLY.



BARBARA NEWELL WORKSHOP
CHOBHAM PAVILION GU24 8AL
10.00am – 2.00pm

Here is your opportunity to get all the help you need to enter the Area Show

The Barbara Newell FREE workshop is designed to encourage **inexperienced** members to compete in competitions, particularly in larger shows. A condition of acceptance is that participants enter the upcoming Area Show in July 2024 either in the specially designed Barbara Newell Class or any other class of their choice.

Chairmen of each Surrey Club have been asked to nominate members to join us at this free workshop Courtesy of the late Barbara Newell.

The free workshop will be held on:
WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL

PLEASE CONTACT JANE RICKARD IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS FREE WORKSHOP.

CHAIRMEN, PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR ANYONE IN YOUR CLUB WHO WOULD BE ELIGIBLE AND WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS FREE WORKSHOP

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Saturday 1st June 2024 (NGS): Chelsea Plant Sale - Chilworth Manor, Chilworth, Surrey 10am to 5pm [Click Here](#)

Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th June 2024: London Open Gardens Weekend. To find our more [Click Here](#)

Saturday 15th June 2024: The Hidden Garden of Dreams, Francine Thomas, King Georges Concert Hall Blackburn



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 Georges 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

Saturday 13th July 2024: Surrey Area Show (Staging on Friday 12th). The show schedule is detailed on Surrey NAFAS website. [Click Here](#)



Surrey Area of NAFAS
Presents the
Area Show 2024

GREEN PLANET

12th - 13th July 2024
at **The Dell Centre**
Park Lane, Ashted, KT21 1EJ

Staging 12.7.24, 8am - 12noon
Preview evening 12.7.24, 7-9pm **£12**

Tickets will be available at the Council meeting in March
Show Open 13.7.24, 10am - 4pm **£5**

Schedule now available on the Surrey NAFAS website Surreynafas.com

Friday 27th – Sunday 29th September 2024 - Ferrie Florale Flower Show - Alden Biesen

Trish Ducker, who is the link between NAFAS and ECT, has shared the following event information:

Féerie Florale Flower Show, Alden Biesen 27th—29th September 2024

The Grand Commandry of Alden Biesen will once again be the setting for magnificent floral displays in this new event created by BefloristBe. Féerie Florale promises to be a visual spectacle as the castle and grounds are transformed into a floral wonderland filled with displays by leading European Floral Designers.



Accommodation is at the Holiday Inn Hasselt 4*. This contemporary hotel is located just 200 metres from the shops, bars and restaurants of Hasselt city centre. The stylish bedrooms have all modern conveniences and the recently renovated Brasserie De Boulevard is a comfortable place to relax with a Belgian beer, or to enjoy a regional dish.

Hasselt is a modern city and the hotel is perfectly placed for exploring. The 17th century building next door is home to the Mode Museum and its collection of 18,000 garments and accessories. Also within an easy stroll are the Z33 House for Contemporary Art, Design and Architecture, and the Japanese Garden. Designed in traditional 17th century style, this is the largest Japanese garden in Europe.

Flights are with Brussels Airlines from London Heathrow and Manchester on the Friday morning. You will be met by an ECT representative at the airport before transfer to the hotel. Return flights are on the Sunday evening.



For further information please contact: sales@ecttravel.com or call 01225 333747



You will be among the first to visit this brand new flower show and be inspired by the spectacular floral creations on display. You will spend a full day and morning at the show itself and have the opportunity to explore the city of Hasselt, home to boutique shops, tempting cafes, pretty gardens and fascinating museums too.



MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



Don't forget to bring your £1 coins for the raffle and to purchase any goodies from the Debra table!