

Claygate Floral Club December 2024 Newsletter

Affiliated to Surrey Area, NAFAS



WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

CLUB CHAIR

Not long now until our Open Demonstration.

I hope you now all have your tickets, there are some left, but numbers are limited. Please remember that on the night, you will be unable to park in the Village Hall Car Park before 7pm, as the car park will be full with dance class parents. There is plenty of parking in the surrounding roads.

I look forward to seeing many of you for our last club night of the year, our Christmas workshop with Karon (please see details below).

Claygate Floral Club
presents
Snowflakes
An evening with Tracey Griffin
Friday 29th November 2024
1900 for 1930 start
Claygate Village Hall
Church Road
Claygate, KT10 0JP
Tickets £16
Contact: cfcopend@gmail.com
Light refreshments included
Tickets non-refundable
www.claygatefloralclub.co.uk

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER



Please do join us for our final club gathering of 2024, The Annual Christmas Workshop with Karon McKnight. Shortly you will be receiving a separate email with a list of what to bring but even if you choose not to make an arrangement, please do come along to enjoy the evening.

Karon will be presenting two different versions of this linear modern Christmas arrangement and then it will be over to us to give it a go! The Christmas workshop is always tremendous fun so come prepared for lots of smiles.

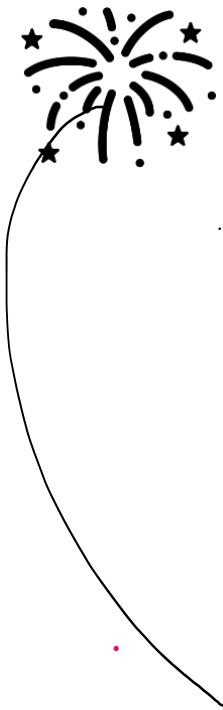
Please bring your cups for refreshments! Thank you

THANK YOU TO VIJAY BHATIA - "INSPIRATIONS" - OUR NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATION

We enjoyed a fabulous evening with a record number of arrangements and a lot of happy raffle winners!



.....and Wow, November's competition "Fireworks" saw some whizz bang entries.
Thank you so much to everyone who entered.



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!



We would love someone additional to help out with the floral planning and organisation of the Claygate Village Show. As you know, this takes place in July but there is lots that goes on behind the scenes. Sue Clarke and Anne Roberts have done an amazing job to date but if anyone else is interested in helping out with the programme for next year's Flower Show please send Emma an email over the Christmas break on emmelicop@aol.com

**CLAYGATE FLORAL CLUBS NEW YEAR DINNER, TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY, 1900 FOR 1930
AT THE HARE AND HOUNDS, CLAYGATE, KT10 0JL**

All members are invited to join together for a delicious dinner in January!

MAIN COURSE CHOICES

Oven baked Cod with new potatoes, tender stem broccoli and a bisque sauce - this is the "Not Gluten containing Ingredients" NGCI

Rosemary and garlic lamb cutlets tenderstem broccoli, potato gratin, red wine jus - NGCI

Butternut Squash, lentil and Almond Wellington new potatoes, tender stem broccoli and gravy -Vegetarian option.

Slow braised Beef Bourguignon, creamy mash curly kale.

DESSERT CHOICES

Bakewell Almond Tart with Chocolate sauce and Coconut ice cream -vegetarian

Chocolate brownie with pecan ice cream

Sticky toffee pudding and vanilla ice cream -NGCI

Ice Cream - choice of Honeycomb, Double chocolate chip, Pistachio, and vanilla.

The club will pay for the service and for a drink of your choice, which will be either a soft drink, wine or beer. There will be jugs of water on the table. Of course you can purchase additional drinks at the bar throughout the evening if you wish.

The cost is **£24.50** per person

Please reserve you place and purchase your ticket at our December Christmas Workshop where you will be able to confirm your food choice too. Contactless payments preferred but we are also accepting cheques made payable to 'Claygate Floral Club' or by Bank Transfer:

Claygate Floral Club
Sort Code: 30 19 22
Account No.:00392987

Please remember to reference your transfer with your last name followed by H&H (e.g. LewinH&H)

OUR 2025 AGM ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY AND UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMME

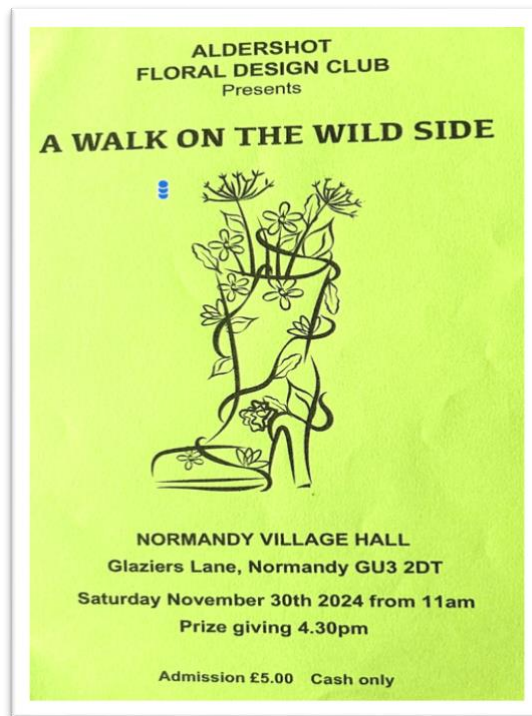
We have a tremendous 2025 lined up for you and will be meeting again for the first time on Wednesday 5th February for our AGM, please try and attend if you can.

Sneak Peak Preview of our 2025 Programme

Date	Demonstrator	Demonstration Title	Competition Title
1 st Jan	No Meeting		
5 th Feb	AGM		
5 th March	Kathryn Austin	Flights of Fancy	Defying Gravity
2 nd April	Jackie Page	The Flower Arranger	An arrangement in your favourite style
7 th May	Angela Woodley	Gardeners Galore	Fantastic Foliage- an arrangement without foam
4 th June	Yan Skates	TBC	Phantasmagoria
2 nd July	Trudie Easton	Queen Bee	Pollinator Paradise
August	No club meeting		
3 rd September	Nina Tucknott	Fashionable Flowers	Flower Power
1 st October	Jennifer Thompson	Flowers in Rhyme	My Favourite Poem
5 th November	Anna Steven	New Horizons	Light Up The Sky
OPEN DEM	Richard Twistleton	Classical Christmas	
Friday 28 th Nov			
3 rd Dec	Christmas Workshop		TBC

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

Saturday 30th November 2024:



Events in 2025:

Wessex and Jersey Area of NAFAS – Speakers’ Training

As an Area we would very much like to run a training course for Speakers over next year (2025) with the Mock and Final tests in March and April of 2026. There are several Wessex and Jersey members wishing to train, but we would like to increase the numbers.

If like me, you were born to be inquisitive and love to investigating things or are passionate about certain subjects this could be for you. We have members who speak on photography, gardens, flowers, floral design, historical subjects and people. The subject matter is never ending. You may use PowerPoint, projectors or props suitable to illustrate your talk.

Speaking takes you out and about to meet many others who share your interests and often in turn become friends. It is a wonderful social experience.

The course will be run by National Teachers and Speakers. The course will cover 11 different training sessions. There are 3 certificated days which you should attend together with the tests. Once you are qualified your name and contact details will be added to the Area Speakers’ list. It also can lead to eventually training as a National Speaker and speaking to other organisations.

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Gill Pelton, Wessex and Jersey Area Speakers’ Representative on Mobile: 07764942008 or on email: gilljohn.leopelt1@btinternet.com, we look forward to hearing from you.

Tuesday 13th May – Sunday 18th May: Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival, “The Spirit of Water”

Friday 19th September – Saturday 20th September: National Show, “Natures Challenge” to be held at Gloucester Cathedral

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