

# Claygate Floral Club June 2026 Newsletter

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## WELCOME TO THE JUNE EDITION OF YOUR NEWSLETTER



*Welcome to flaming June! Here's hoping that it will be considerably cooler than May, which I think surprised everyone.*

*In May, I had a lovely time in Estepona, Spain demonstrating for Nafas. It was a bit more challenging than usual because I didn't get to choose my flowers until the day before and then had to create my demo accordingly. It was lots of fun and I was looked after really well.*

*Thankfully, it was cooler than here, so the flowers stood a chance of decent survival!*

*The Claygate Flower Show is fast approaching. This is our annual big event in July and we would love as many people as possible to volunteer to help out on the day please. We will also need donations of flowers and foliage before the Show.*

*Please see below for specific details of how you can help to make our stand a big success! "*

## SATURDAY 11th JULY 2026 - CLAYGATE FLOWER SHOW - CLAYGATE RECREATION GROUND



The **Claygate Flower Show** is a highlight of the local calendar, and the **July 2026 floral competition** promises to be as vibrant and creative as ever.

Please check the Claygate Flower Show website for this year's Floral Exhibits classes which is due to be published anytime now. You can access the Flower Show website [here](#).

## **BE A PART OF THIS MUCH LOVED CLAYGATE COMMUNITY EVENT AND HELP US TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL FLORAL STAND IN THE MAIN SHOW TENT THIS YEAR.**

Claygate Flower Show is an opportunity to showcase our club at this wonderful village community event. Please come and support the club by helping out on the 11th of July.

We aim to be Oasis and plastic free, recycling and up cycling containers, and using more homegrown flowers and foliage.

### **How you can help:**

*Please help by growing flowers we can use on the day, and by offering to donate foliage.*

*Offer 90 minutes of your time on the stall to get a complementary flower show entry ticket, and hopefully a voucher for a cup of tea and a piece of cake.*

*We need Stewards, makers and creators, sellers and just anyone who would just like to chat and promote the club.*

*We still need large glass jam or coffee jars, jugs or vases and tin cans , coffee tins .*

*Don't be shy, it's great fun.*

*There will be signup sheets at club night and I will be bringing along some of the items we have up cycled to show you what we plan to do.*

*Hopefully, see you on the day.*

*Best wishes, Sue Shackel*

## **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE CLUB NIGHT – CAROLE STABLES “AS IF BY MAGIC”**



It is a great pleasure to welcome Carole Stables to our club this month.

Carole is a highly respected NAFAS Area Demonstrator and teacher with more than 30 years of experience in floral art and design. Based in Hampshire, she runs The Flower Stables and travels extensively throughout the UK sharing her creativity, expertise, and passion for flowers and foliage through her inspiring demonstrations.

Trained at Sparsholt College, where she achieved the award for Best Overall Performance, Carole has also had the honour of being selected to dress Westminster Abbey. Known for her warm personality, engaging stage presence, and imaginative themed presentations such as: ‘*As if by Magic*, *DIY SOS*, and *as it was in the Beginning*, she always entertains as well as inspires her audiences. We are delighted to have her with us on Wednesday and look forward to an enjoyable and creative demonstration.

## **JUNE COMPETITION – “A MAGIC SPELL”**

## MAY'S DEMONSTRATION

A big thank you to Graham King who wowed us all with his “Inspirational” demonstration and to all of you who entered May’s competition.



## SAVE THE DATE! A SUMMER WORKSHOP WITH VIVIEN

### WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST CLAYGATE FLOWER CLUB'S SUMMER WORKSHOP WITH VIVIEN

This year I will be organising a Summer Workshop. I thought it would be fun to try something a little different and so we are going to have a go at making some floral jewellery and maybe floral hair slides.

When I did my floristry training, we used to make floral bracelets using coloured floristry wire, shiny beads and small delicate flowers. The result was lovely and of course the jewellery can be reused with fresh flowers again and again.

You can come along and have a go or just watch and enjoy getting together with friends for a Summer Workshop and chat. I will need to have an idea of numbers nearer the time so that I can purchase the necessary materials and sundries. I will also give a more detailed idea of what we will be making in upcoming newsletters.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2026 ROYAL WINDSOR FLOWER SHOW 10AM TO 6PM

<https://rwrhs.com/royal-windsor-flower-show/#tickets>

This promises to be a wonderful day out, and several members will be attending. No organised transport is arranged so if you want to attend, please make your own way or coordinate car sharing with fellow members or

friends.

To help people connect on the day, we have arranged a meeting point. Anyone who would like to go around with fellow members please gather at 11:00am outside the Demonstrations Marquee.

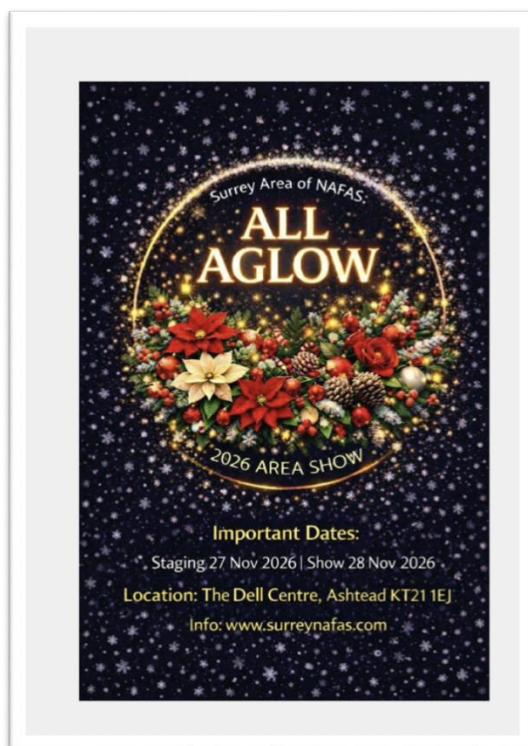
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More information about the event can be found on the show's website:

<https://www.claygateflowershow.co.uk/>

**TUESDAY 1st – SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER - WISLEY SHOW ‘THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT’**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> – SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2026 SURREY AREA SHOW AT THE DELL CENTRE, ASHTEAD. SCHEDULE TO BE RELEASED IN JUNE 2026**



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