

Claygate Floral Club July 2026 Newsletter

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SUMMERTIME FUN IS HERE – LETS GO TO THE CLAYGATE VILLAGE AND FLOWER SHOW!



SATURDAY 11th JULY 2026 - CLAYGATE VILLAGE AND FLOWER SHOW - CLAYGATE RECREATION GROUND

The Claygate Village and Flower Show is one of the highlights of the local calendar, and the 2026 floral competition promises to be as colourful, creative, and inspiring as ever. If you are thinking of entering, please visit the Show's website to view this year's Floral Exhibits classes and competition details. The website is [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help on the day. It is always great fun and provides a fantastic opportunity to showcase our club to the wider community. If you would still like to volunteer please contact **Sue Shackel** on her details below. As a reminder, anyone who volunteers for 90 minutes will receive a complimentary Flower Show entry ticket.

On our stand, in the Exhibits Marquee we will be showcasing how floral arranging can be both oasis-free and plastic-free by recycling and upcycling containers and using more home-

grown flowers and foliage. We have been busy creating some amazing designs using the recycled materials that members have generously donated.

If you have flowers or foliage growing in your garden that you would be willing to donate, we would be delighted to hear from you. We can arrange to cut or collect materials on Thursday 9th July or Friday 10th July. Please get in touch to organise collection or access to your garden.

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to taking part in, and enjoying, this wonderful village event.



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WELCOME TO THE JULY EDITION OF YOUR NEWSLETTER



The Summer sun is really blazing this year! We have probably now all had enough of the intense heat and hopefully July will be cooler with some much needed rain! Of course, our big event this month is the Claygate Flower Show. This local show has been an annual feature of the village calendar since 1903!

This year our club's floral stand has been themed and co-ordinated by Sue Shackel. Please see full details below and be sure to support us in any way you are able

Many thanks

WEDNESDAY 1st JULY CLUB NIGHT – SALLY HARDY “BEYOND INNOVATION” - NAFAS NATIONAL TEACHER AND DEMONSTRATOR

This month we are delighted to welcome Sally Hardy, a highly respected NAFAS National Teacher and floral art demonstrator from the BB&O Area (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire).

Sally is renowned for her creative flair, technical expertise and engaging presentation style. Her demonstrations combine innovative design ideas with practical techniques, inspiring audiences of all abilities to explore new possibilities in floral art. Through her teaching and demonstrations, she encourages arrangers to look beyond the expected and discover fresh approaches to working with flowers and foliage.

Whether you are an experienced arranger or simply enjoy flowers, Sally's demonstration promises to be entertaining, educational and full of inspiration. We look forward to an enjoyable evening in the company of one of NAFAS's accomplished teachers and demonstrators.

JULY COMPETITION – “CREATE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH UNUSUAL ACCESSORIES

JUNE'S DEMONSTRATION



A big thank you to Carole Stables with her “As If by Magic” demonstration and to all of you who entered June’s competition.

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST 2026 CLAYGATE FLOWER CLUB’S SUMMER WORKSHOP – DETAILS TO FOLLOW BY EMAIL IN JULY

CLAYGATE FLOWER CLUBS 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AFTERNOON TEA

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 2027

LEATHERHEAD GOLF CLUB – 2.30PM TO 5.30PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 11th JULY 2026 CLAYGATE FLOWER SHOW- CLAYGATE

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’

[To keep updated click here](#)

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026 STRAWBERRY HILL HOUSE FLOWER FESTIVAL



Following Emma’s email last month on Friday 11th September some Club members will be going to the Strawberry Hill House Flower Festival. We have booked early entry at 0930 and there will be some car shares from Claygate.

If you have not done so already and would like to go, please book your ticket via the website: [Ticket information here.](#)

If you would like a lift, or can offer a lift, please contact Emma who will be linking people up.

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The UK’s most sustainable flower festival returns this September transforming Strawberry Hill House & Garden into a spectacular celebration of flowers, creativity, and colour.

For four days, over 30 of the UK’s most exciting floral designers will fill the house and gardens with immersive installations, using only British-grown flowers and sustainable techniques.

Brought to you by [Flowers at the House](#) and co-curated by [Flowers on the Edge](#), this year’s festival brings together both established and emerging talent, offering a fresh take on contemporary floral design within one of Britain’s most extraordinary historic settings.

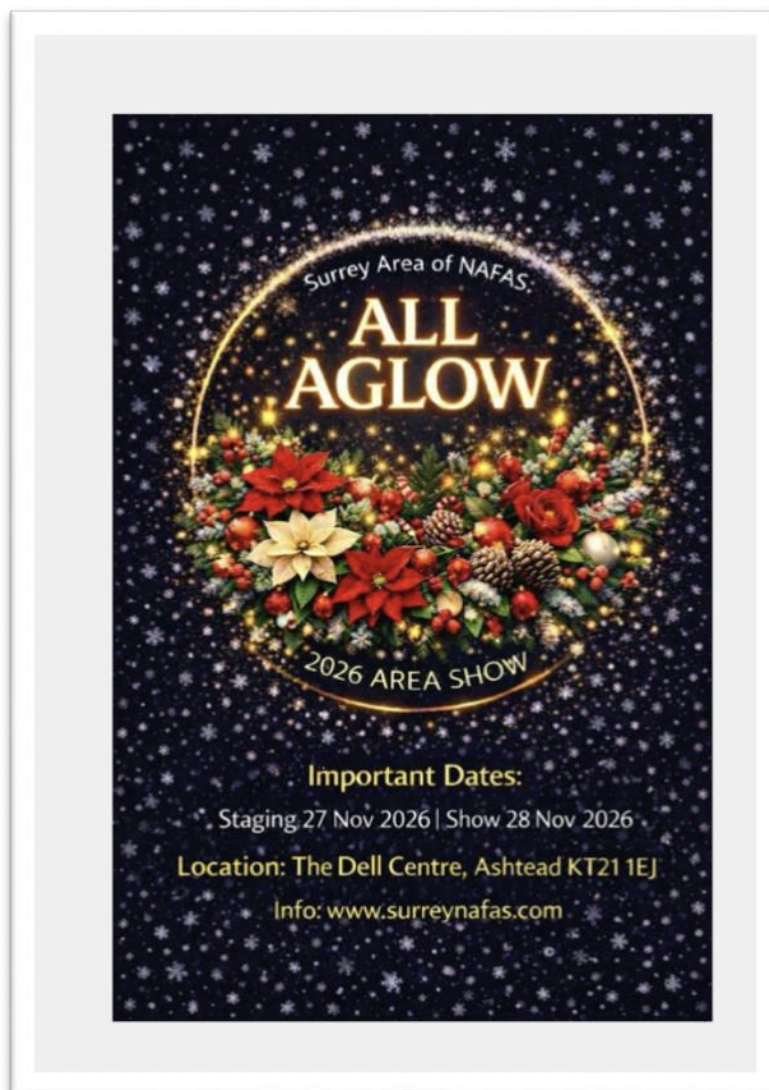
*Complete your visit with a seasonal picnic in the gardens, crafted by our friends at **Roots & Berries** ([click here to preorder your picnic](#)).*

The festival runs for just four days. To protect this Grade I listed building, ticket numbers are limited—advance booking is strongly recommended.

Adult: £30 | Student: £23 | Child (under 14): £18

[Ticket information here.](#)

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



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