

Claygate Floral Club

October 2025 Newsletter

Affiliated to Surrey Area, NAFAS



WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER



CLUB CHAIR

I hope you are all enjoying the Autumn sunshine. This is definitely my favourite time of the year. There is so much inspiration for beautiful flower arrangements all around us. Seasonal home grown Dahlias and Chrysanthemums, Rose hips, berries, late season perennial flowers - the list is endless. I really loved giving my seasonal Demonstrations in Jersey and was so well looked after. Those of you who attended our September meeting had a wonderful time creating your own beautiful seasonal designs with Karon. We are so grateful to her for filling in at short notice.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In line with NAFAS requirements, the Committee has reviewed our **Health & Safety Policy** and **Risk Assessment**. Copies are attached to this newsletter and are also displayed at the reception desk during demonstration evenings. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with them so we can keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FLOWER ARRANGER SUBSCRIPTIONS

I hope that you are enjoying this year's Flower Arranger magazines. It is always an interesting and inspiring read. If you would like to continue or become a new subscriber, can you please let Vivien know at the October meeting. She will also distribute the remaining Autumn copies then.

As usual there are 4 seasonal magazines - Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The special NafAS price for the 4 magazines will be £17 next year - still very good value.

UPCOMING DEMONSTRATION ON WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER “FLOWERS IN RHYME”



We're delighted to welcome **Jennifer Thompson** this month. Jennifer is a qualified Master Florist with a NAFAS Level 4 Certificate in Floral Art and Design, as well as a NAFAS Teaching Training Certificate.

With more than 30 years of experience, Jennifer combines her work as a florist with her passion for teaching. Her demonstration, “Flowers in Rhyme”, promises to be both creative and inspiring.

This month's competition title is “My Favourite Poem”

Please bring your cups for refreshments! Thank you



LOOKING BACK - A FANTASTIC SEPTEMBER



September was a busy and memorable month!

Workshop with Karon McKnight

Members enjoyed creating beautiful autumnal displays and picked up some great tips, such as pinching off the top of gladioli stems to encourage flowers lower down to open fully.

Trip to Strawberry Hill Flower Festival – [The Faery Tale Castle](#)

The visit was truly magical. From innovative designs in staircases and historic rooms to striking dried flower arrangements, the creativity on display was inspirational. A big thank you to everyone who helped with transport, and especially to **Emma** for coordinating the trip so smoothly.



CLAYGATE FLORAL CLUBS OPEN DEMONSTRATION 2025

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

AT CLAYGATE VILLAGE HALL

Please remember to save the date of our Open Demonstration on Friday 28th November. This year we have the wonderful Richard Twistleton with his 'Classical Christmas' demonstration.

Tickets cost £16 and will be on sale at our October demonstration evening.

Contactless payments preferred but we are also accepting cheques made payable to 'Claygate Floral Club'.

Remember to invite your friends and family too!



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 20th January 2026 - Claygate Floral Club's Annual Post Christmas Dinner at the Hare and Hounds, Claygate. Details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

Saturday 25th October 2025: Bookham Flower Club Floral Design Show: "Autumn Glory"

The Old Barn Hall

Church Road, Bookham, KT23 3PQ

Saturday October 25th 2025

1.00pm—5.30pm Prize giving 5.00pm. Admission £5.00. Children under 12 Free Refreshments in the Harrison Room

Wednesday 12th November 2025: Surrey Area Workshops

Surrey Area of NAFAS

invites its members to a workshop with

Christine Picton

Experienced flower arranger from the East of England Area of NAFAS,
National Teacher and Judge, member of the National Education Committee

CHRISTMAS THEMED WORKSHOP

on

Wednesday 12th November 2025

10.00 for 10.30am – 3.00pm

The Old Barn Hall

Great Bookham

KT23 3PQ

Booking for this workshop costing £40 will open on 1st September 2025 when
a form with full information (including on line payment details) will be
available on the Surrey Area of NAFAS website

Enquires to - aegillott@gmail.com 07811 088949

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