

Claygate Floral Club

April 2026 Newsletter

Affiliated to Surrey Area, NAFAS



WELCOME TO THE APRIL EDITION OF YOUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Spring. We are finally here, even if the weather is trying it's best to get cold again - hopefully just a temporary blip.

Many thanks to everyone who paid their Club subs last month. Please remember to pay in April if you have yet to do so.

We have a fantastic line up of demonstrators for you this year and our April Demonstrator, Ellouise is no exception. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend our April club night, as I will be giving a Demonstration myself in Coulsdon, Surrey (one of the nearer ones!) Sue Lewin, will take over hosting for the night and I will leave you in her more than capable hands!

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL CLUB NIGHT



This month we have the pleasure of welcoming back Ellouise Hasler Stott as our demonstrator on Wednesday 1st April and her floral presentation will be "A Spring Walk".

Ellouise is an award-winning floral designer and business owner with a passion for creativity and competition. She is the proud recipient of a prestigious Chelsea Gold Medal and was named RHS Best in Show, Young Chelsea Florist of the Year in 2018. Demonstrating since 2016, one of her standout achievements includes passing her NAFAS Area Test. Ellouise loves sharing innovative techniques, combining them with practical approaches to help others create striking, individual floral designs.

CLUB COMPETITION

This month's competition title is “A Spring Arrangement” - in your favourite container.



SITUATIONS VACANT

CLUB CHAIR

Our friendly Club is seeking an enthusiastic and organised individual to take on the role of Club Chair. This is a rewarding opportunity to lead a welcoming community of floral art enthusiasts, helping to coordinate meetings, support committee members, and ensure the smooth running of club activities.

CLUB TREASURER

We are also looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer. This is a key position that helps keep our club running smoothly by managing our finances and supporting the committee.

The role involves maintaining simple financial records, handling membership fees and payments, and providing occasional updates on the club's finances. No formal accounting experience is required—just a good level of organisation, attention to detail, and basic confidence with numbers.

If you'd like to support the club and are interested in either of these roles, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to a committee member or contact our Club Chair Vivien on withersv@gmail.com.

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

PREPARING FOR THE CLAYGATE FLOWER SHOW - SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026

A Note from Sue Shackel

Time for planting!

*Please plant some seeds / summer bulbs in your garden to produce some flowers for our stall in July.
Everlasting, small sunflowers, cornflowers etc*

Plan to save pruning your shrubs to give us your cuttings, earmark some roses or hydrangeas etc

Large tins / pretty jugs still needed

Please volunteer to help on the day, come and make up some pretty arrangements or offer to make some at home and we will collect them.

Any materials we can use for "mechanics" also needed, chicken wire and jam jars.

*Thanks so much,
Sue*



THANK YOU TO MIG KIMPTON

Our first demonstration of 2026 was a wonderful evening.

Mig was as entertaining as ever and produced some fabulous floral creations.

We also had lots of competition entries so thanks to all who entered, making the evening so lovely.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Surrey Area of NAFAS
invites members to a workshop with
Helen Hare
Teacher and Demonstrator from
Kent Floral Art

SPRING THEMED WORKSHOP

on
Wednesday 22nd April 2026
10.00 for 10.30am - 3.00pm

at
The Old Barn Hall
Great Bookham
KT23 3PQ

Cost £40

Booking for this workshop will open on January 31st 2026 when a
form with full information (including on line payment details) will be available on
the Surrey Area of NAFAS website

Enquires to
aeillott@gmail.com
07811 088949

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

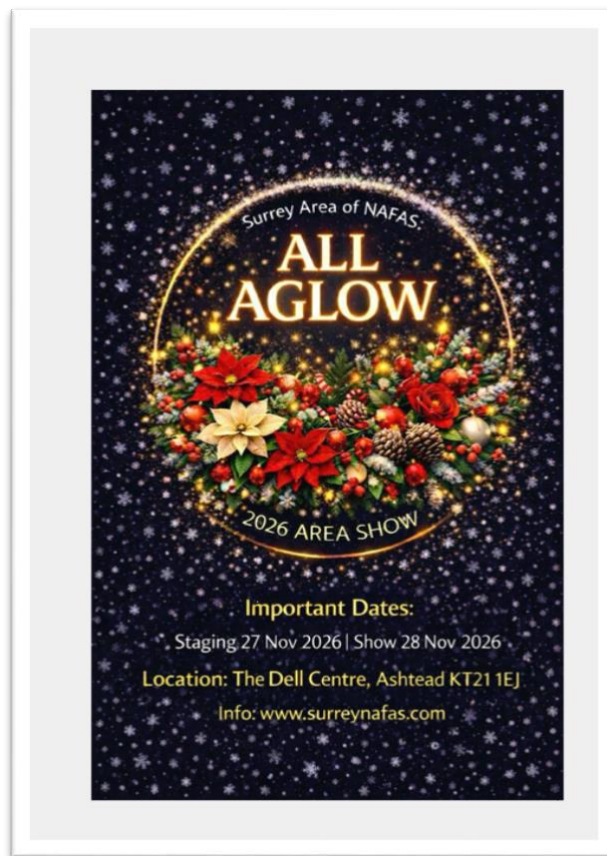
<https://rwrhs.com/royal-windsor-flower-show/#tickets>

This is a wonderful day out and some members will be going along. There is no organised transport so everyone will need to make their own way but we will be agreeing a meeting point and time to gather for anyone who wants to go around with Flower Club friends.

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026 CLAYGATE FLOWER SHOW- CLAYGATE

MONDAY 31 AUGUST WISLEY SHOW ‘THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT’ – Schedule to follow in April.

SAVE THE DATE - Surrey Area Show 27/28 November 2026 at the Dell Centre, Ashted. Schedule to be released in June 2026



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