Claygate Floral Club
October 2026 Newsletter

Affiliated to Surrey Area, NAFAS



WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

CLUB CHAIR



It really does feel like Autumn now, with cooler mornings (although I think temperatures are set to rise again this week!) This is my favourite time of year and a brilliant inspirational time for flower arranging with beautiful Autumn colours, berries and fruits. Please try our competition this month; the title is "Fruitful" and it is a real chance to be inspired by some seasonal fruit, berry and flower combinations.

We still urgently need new Committee members please (see details below). It is your chance to have your say each month and be involved in the running of your Club".

This month our thoughts turn to our upcoming Open Demonstration at the end of November. Please see details in this newsletter. Ticket prices have been held at the same price as last year (£16) will be on sale at the October club night. Payment can be made by Sum Up, Cheque or Cash. As always, please encourage your friends, relations and neighbours to come along. This is a great night out and really gets everyone in the mood for Christmas.

Vivien



COMMITTEE MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED - WHY NOT JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR MEETINGS

Secretary

The Secretary supports the smooth running of the Club by coordinating meetings with the Chair, maintaining minutes and the membership list. The secretary also circulates correspondence to the members.

Treasurer

The Treasurer oversees the Club's finances, including maintaining accurate financial records, managing income and expenditure, preparing financial reports, and ensuring the Club's funds are properly administered.

General Volunteers

We would also love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved with the Club more generally and help out where they can. You are very welcome to come along to one of our meetings to find out more about what is involved.

If you would be interested in volunteering please contact Vivien at withersv@gmail.com or Emma at emmelicop@aol.com.

We really do appreciate all the help we can get. The continued existence and success of the Club relies entirely on volunteers giving their time and taking their turn to contribute.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Club — every bit of help makes a difference!

UPCOMING DEMONSTRATION ON WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER "INTO AUTUMN"

We are delighted to welcome **Claire Bryant** for our October demonstration, **"Into Autumn."**

Claire is an experienced flower designer and NAFAS demonstrator based in Surrey. She is known for her imaginative approach to floral design, taking familiar ideas and developing them with her own creative interpretation. Her demonstration titles include *"Under the Influence"* and *"And Now for Something Completely Different,"* reflecting her lively and individual approach to flowers.

Claire has demonstrated for flower clubs across the region, and we are very much looking forward to seeing how she captures the colours, textures and atmosphere of the season in **"Into Autumn."**

We hope you will join us for what promises to be an inspiring and enjoyable evening with Claire.

This month's competition title is "Fruitful." Here are a few arrangements for inspiration.



Please bring your cups for refreshments! Thank you



THANK YOU TO ANGELA WOODLEY "GARDENERS GALORE" IN SEPTEMER



Many thanks to **Angela** for her beautiful demonstration.

Award-Winning National Floral Demonstrator Brings "Winter Wonderland" to Claygate

CLAYGATE FLORAL CLUBS OPEN DEMONSTARATION 2026

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026, 7PM FOR 7.30PM

CLAYGATE VILLAGE HALL

Step into a magical **Winter Wonderland** and join us for a truly inspiring Christmas Floral Demonstration by **Alison Penno**, one of Cornwall's most talented and respected floral artists. A NAFAS National Demonstrator, Alison has delighted audiences across the UK and beyond with her creative flair, engaging personality, and innovative floral designs. Her achievements include exhibiting at prestigious shows such as RHS Chelsea Flower Show, where she won Silver Gilt medals, and demonstrating internationally in both Ireland and Portugal. Renowned for transforming flowers into stunning works of art, Alison's demonstrations are not only beautiful but packed with ideas, inspiration, and festive magic. Whether you are a flower enthusiast or simply looking for a wonderful seasonal evening out, this promises to be a spectacular event.

Tickets are expected to be in high demand, so book early and let Alison transport you into a breathtaking Winter Wonderland of Christmas creativity and festive charm.



OPEN DEMONSTRATION HELPERS REQUIRIED

If you are able to help at the Open Demonstration this year the Committee would be very grateful.

There will be a helpers sign-up sheet at the October demonstration evening so please take a look and see if you could help your club.


Claygate Floral Club
presents
WINTER WONDERLAND
An evening with Alison Penno
Friday 27th November 2026
7pm for 7.30pm start
Claygate Village Hall
Church Road
Claygate, KT10 0JP
Tickets £16
Contact: claygatefloralclub@gmail.com
Light refreshments included
Tickets non-refundable

CLAYGATE FLORAL CLUB OUT AND ABOUT - STRAWBERRY HILL HOUSE FLOWER FESTIVAL

What a lovely day we had at Strawberry Hill House Flower Festival. The house looked magical, with beautiful floral displays throughout the historic rooms.

We all loved seeing the flowers used in such imaginative ways and the sustainable theme perfectly matched our own sustainable theme at this year's Claygate Flower Show.

The new **Festival Marquee** was another welcome addition for 2026. The programme of free talks and live demonstrations provided an opportunity to hear from established floral designers and growers, with subjects ranging from seasonal bouquets and botanical printing to ikebana, dried flowers and working with locally sourced and foraged materials.

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A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO EMMA FOR COORDINATING US ALL . IT WAS A SPECIAL DAY AND ONE TO RETURN TO



REQUEST

Please remember to save any tins or containers for the Claygate Flower Show 2027. We would also be very grateful for any dried flowers you're able to prepare and set aside over the coming months.

SAVE THE DATE

CLAYGATE FLOWER CLUBS 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AFTERNOON TEA

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 2027

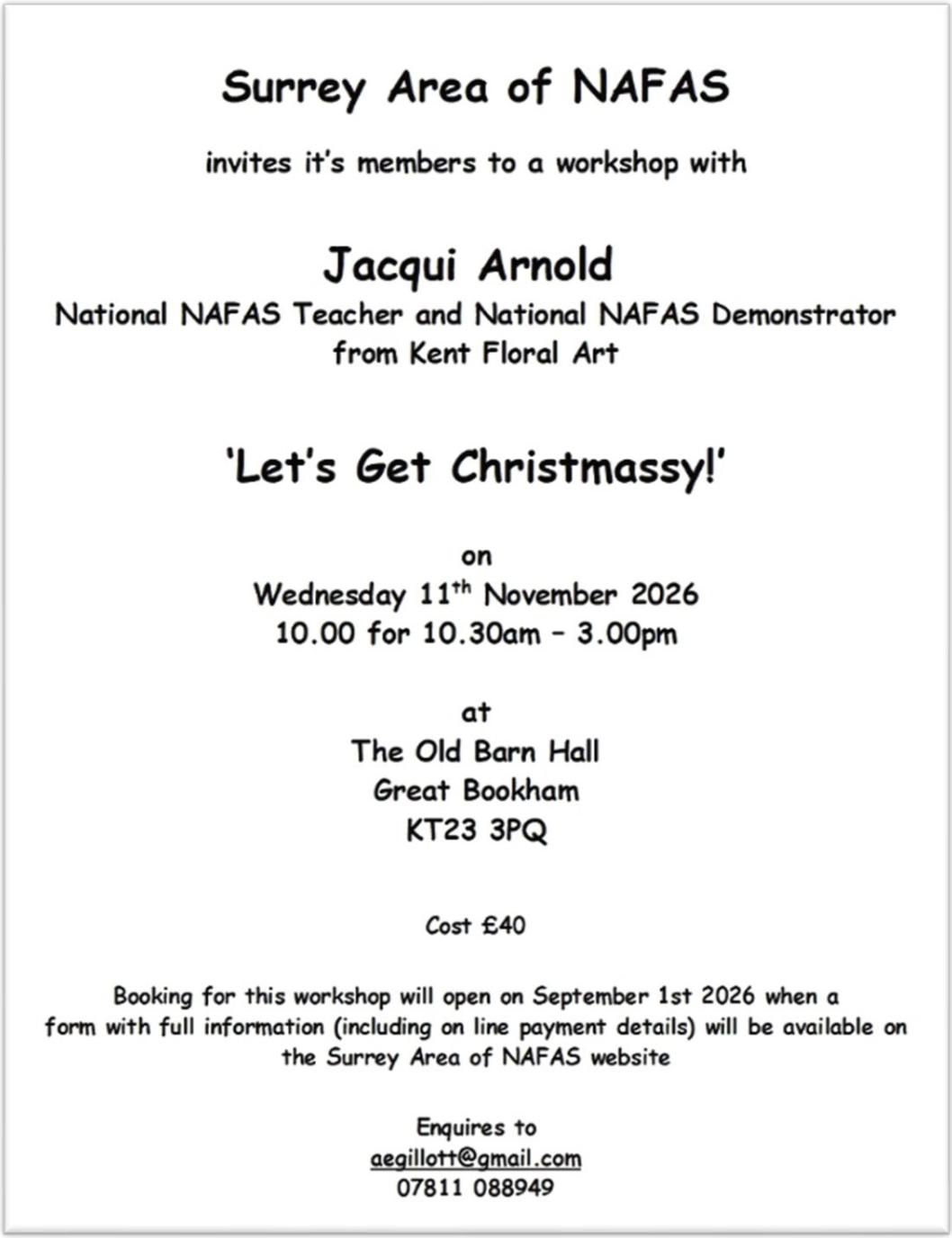
LEATHERHEAD GOLF CLUB – 2.30PM TO 5.30PM

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026 'LETS GET CHRISTMASSY' AT THE OLD BARN HALL GREAT BOOKHAM.



Surrey Area of NAFAS

invites it's members to a workshop with

Jacqui Arnold

National NAFAS Teacher and National NAFAS Demonstrator
from Kent Floral Art

'Let's Get Christmassy!'

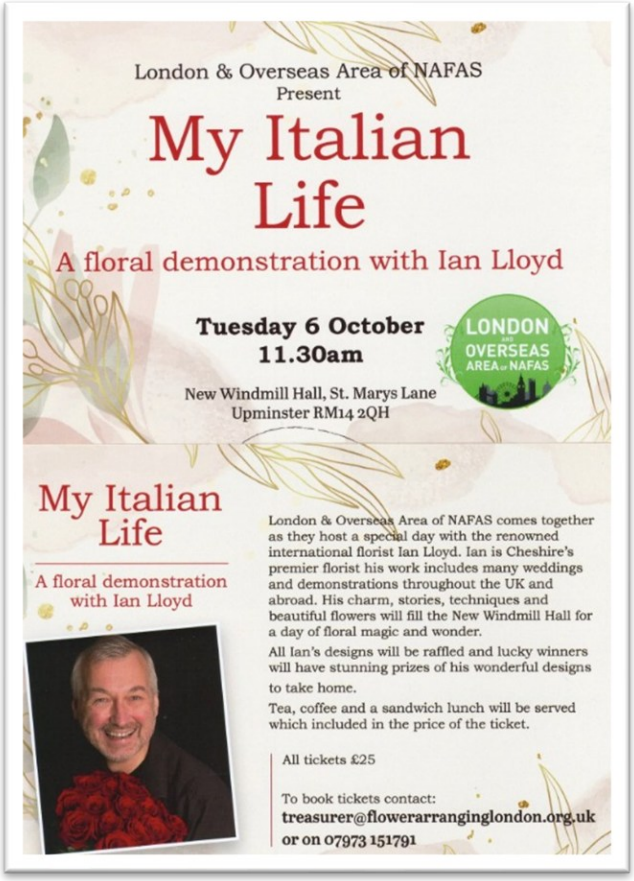
on
Wednesday 11th November 2026
10.00 for 10.30am – 3.00pm

at
The Old Barn Hall
Great Bookham
KT23 3PQ

Cost £40

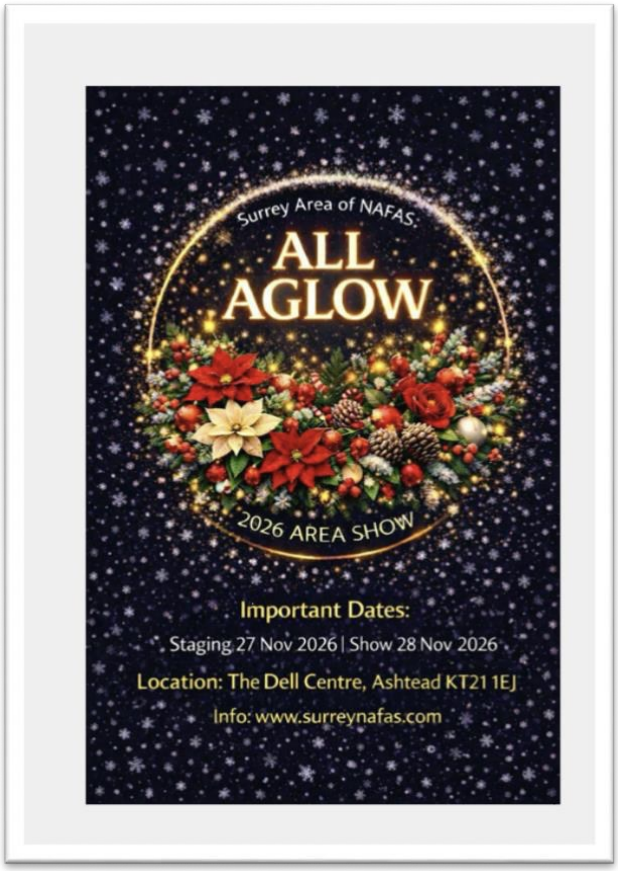
Booking for this workshop will open on September 1st 2026 when a form with full information (including on line payment details) will be available on the Surrey Area of NAFAS website

Enquires to
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07811 088949



TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2026, MY ITALIAN LIFE – FLORAL DEMONSTRATION WITH IAN LLOYD NEW WINDMILL HALL, UPMINSTER

FRIDAY 27TH – SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026 SURREY AREA SHOW AT THE DELL CENTRE, ASHTEAD.



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