



# Newsletter

## CHAIRMAN'S AUTUMN MESSAGE

The nights are drawing in and long gone are the warm days of Summer. There are now Autumn colours all around us – in the leaves on the trees and the berries in the hedgerows, giving us a blaze of colours... oranges, golds, browns and reds to arrange for harvest festivals.

June 22nd saw a busy day in Ross-on-Wye. The JDSE workshop with James Burnside was enjoyed by all who attended. Also, we held the elimination competition to find 'New talent for Chelsea 2025'. Our Area winner was Chris Lynch. Chris went on to represent our Area at the National competition held at the Malvern Autumn Show where she was awarded a 'Commended' card. Many congratulations Chris.

Trish organised a wonderful President's Day at Ysgol Dinefwr, Llandeilo on 7th September. The day was well supported and enjoyed by all. Congratulations Madam President on a lovely day.

The NAFAS National AGM will be held live on YouTube on

Wednesday 16th October, 10.30am. It will be followed by a Q&A Session on Microsoft Teams at 1.30pm with the NAFAS Board of Trustees. All are welcome to attend.

We have an Area workshop on the 26th October in Ross-on-Wye with the very talented Valerie Best - 'Looking Back, Moving Forward'. More details from Daphne Furneaux.

This is all for now. My eye is getting better, and I will make extra welsh cakes and bara brith for the Winter Council Meeting. Going to start making jams and chutneys in the next few days. Adrian



## THREE COUNTIES & SOUTH WALES AREA OF NAFAS

Winter Council Meeting, AGM & Christmas Demonstration  
FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2024, 10.30am

The Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye

To receive further details / an Agenda please email Emily :  
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Chris Lynch's superb design at the  
NAFAS RHS Chelsea 2025 New  
Talent Competition



Members of Pershore Flower Club gathered to celebrate their Diamond Anniversary in July.

Alwyn Stanley provided a summary of the history of the club. Kath Lee was a special guest as she is, and her mother and grandmother were, members of the club. Lunch was followed by a super demonstration by Lorena Dyer.



Three Counties & South Wales Area of NAFAS  
explore current trends with the fantastic Valerie Best

**'Looking Back...  
...Moving Forward'**

**SATURDAY 26th  
OCTOBER  
10.00am - 3.30pm**

**The Larruperz Centre,  
Ross-on-Wye HR9 7QD**

Cost £20  
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A fabulous foam-free design in the church font created by Liz Barnes and other Area members as part of the Flower Festival at Twynning.



The Friday Flower Fix Online club Christmas Workshop will be led by Mark Pampling (Australia).

The Friday Flower Fix Online club enjoyed the most fantastic seasonal demonstrations this Autumn with Solomon Leong (Hong Kong) and Tina Parkes (British Academy of Floral Art)





# NAFAS NATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES  
AGM 2024**



**CLICK HERE to view the NAFAS AGM  
Wednesday 16th October 10.30am**



**CLICK HERE to join the  
NAFAS members Q&A  
Session  
Wednesday 16th October  
1.30pm**



**National Show 2025**

**Venue: Gloucester Cathedral**

**Date: Friday 19th & Saturday 20th September 2025**

## **Pre-National Assessment and National Demonstrators Tests**

**Wednesday 30th & Thursday  
31st October 2024**



**CLICK on an event for more info**

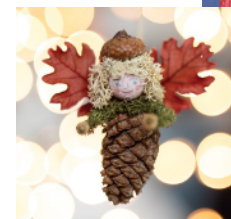


## **Demonstrators Symposium 2025**

**Friday 28th February 2025**



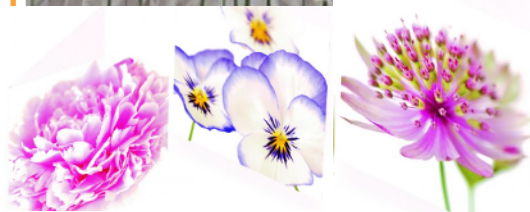
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# A Piece from the President

Autumn, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness; cooler weather bringing its own seasonal flowers and the changing of green leaves to yellows, oranges and reds. And, of course equinoxal storms, though we do seem to have had storms throughout the summer. Hopefully Flower Festivals and Flower Shows were still successful.



We had a lovely day down in Llandeilo, luckily the rain held off until the end of the day, or rather until Coral Gardiner received a well deserved standing ovation inside the hall as the heavens opened outside. My thanks to all who helped in any way on the day and to those who came to Ysgol Bro Dinefwr for the day.

It is nearly two years since I had the privilege of becoming Area President and what an eventful time it has been.

Starting with Area Days at Brecon and Monmouth. Both were incredible events with super speakers and demonstrators (it'll be a long time before we start to forget the 'Mum and Daughter' duet at Monmouth!), and an opportunity for members to showcase their talents in the competitions, as well as the rest of us meeting old friends and making new ones. Thank you again to Lilian Bevan and Sue Walton and their respective teams for two super events.

Talking of competitions, we knew that the National Show at Gloucester would be good, but I think it exceeded all expectations. Our own Liz Gordon's design awarded Runner up to Best in Show, and many of our Area members gaining awards, and Delyth Price being on stage for what was a truly amazing evening.

Now to the future- Area Day next year at Hereford with Chris Lynch and her team already hard at work ensuring that we will have another super day in April. We then move onto another National Show at Gloucester. Katherine Kear assures me that it will be even better than last time, so who is going to walk off with the top award?

It is with great sadness that I am now coming to the end of my time as President of Three Counties and South Wales Area of NAFAS, I have met so many lovely members of our Flower Clubs, joined in great celebrations of notable anniversaries and had the help and support of a super Exec team.

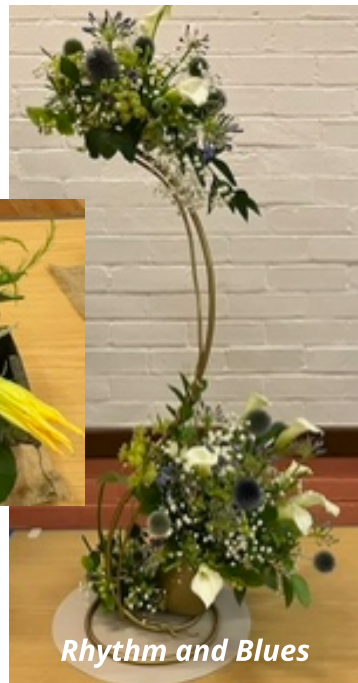
Thank you to all. Trish

## ***Pictures of winning designs at Bushbank Flower Club's show***

### ***Splendours of the Garden***



***A Bountiful Array***



***Rhythm and Blues***



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# Christmas Open Demonstrations

- 24 Oct, 7.30pm** - Nailsworth & District FAS - Wycliffe College GL10 2AF  
**Jane Pugh 'Christmas Cheer & Chocolate'**
- 5 Nov, 7.30pm** - Severnvale Flower Club, Olveston & Tockington Parish Hall  
**Lorena Dyer 'The Magic of Christmas'**
- 6 Nov, 7.30pm** - Worcester FAS - Swan Theatre, Worcs  
**Coral Gardiner 'Seasonal Sparkle'**
- 11 Nov, 7.15pm** - Lydney & Severnside FC - Lydney Town Hall, GL15 5DY  
**Andrew Lloyd 'Christmas with Andrew'**
- 11 Nov, 2pm** - Dursley & District FS - Stichcombe Village Hall GL11 6AW  
**Jo Jacobs 'Christmas with Friends'**
- 13 Nov, 7.00pm** - Llanelli FAS - The Diplomat Hotel, Llanelli SA15 3PG  
**Andrew Lloyd 'The Magic of Christmas'**
- 13 Nov, 7.30pm** - South Pembro FAS - Pater Hall, Pembroke  
**Adrian Cooke 'Christmas with the Craddocks'**
- 19 Nov, 7.30pm** - Rhiwbina FS - Rhiwbina Memorial Hall  
**Arnaud Metairie 'Festive Floral Fantasy'**
- 19 Nov, 7.30pm** - Bushbank Flower Club - Canon Pylon Hall  
**Leanne Williams 'Sparkle & Shine'**
- 20 Nov, 7.30pm** - Porthcawl FC - Hi Tides, Porthcawl CF36 5BJ  
**Elizabeth Gordon 'In the Chic Midwinter'**
- 21 Nov** - Pershore Flower Club, No8 Theatre, Pershore  
**Sarah Fenton 'Christmas'**
- 22 Nov, 2pm** - AREA CHRISTMAS DEMO - Ross-on-Wye HR97QD  
**DAWN WEAVER 'CHRISTMAS PAST & PRESENT'**
- 26 Nov, 7.30pm** - Sodbury & District FAS - Chipping Sodbury Town Hall  
**Arnaud Metairie 'Festive Floral Fantasy'**
- 28 Nov, 7.30pm** - Thornbury & District FC - Thornbury Methodist Hall  
**Arnaud Metairie 'Festive Floral Fantasy'**
- 2 Dec, 7.30pm** - Bewdley Floral Art Club - The Civic, Stourport  
**Andrew Lloyd 'Here we go a Wassailing'**
- 3 Dec, 7.00pm** - Bromyard Floral Club - The Conquest Theatre, Bromyard  
**Jane Pugh 'It's Written in the Stars'**
- 4 Dec, 2.30pm** - Offenham Flower Club, Offenham Village Hall WR11 8QD  
**Vanessa Wellock 'Let's Get Festive'**
- 6 Dec, 7.30pm** - Winterbourne FC - Winterbourne Comm Centre BS36 1QG  
**Tracey Griffin 'Snowflakes'**
- 9 Dec, 2.00pm** - Cheltenham Flower Club - The Pavilion, Cheltenham  
**Ian Lloyd 'A Cheshire Christmas'**
- 11 Dec, 2.15pm** - Monmouth Floral Society - Bridges Community Centre  
**Elizabeth Graham 'Christmas Wishes'**
- 12 Dec, 7.00pm** - Abergavenny FAS - Borough Theatre, Abergavenny  
**Angela Turner 'A Natural Christmas'**