



Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMER MESSAGE

'Here Comes Summer' - long gone are the dark, wet and cold mornings; trees are in bud and with lovely blossom everywhere, hopefully long hot days are ahead to do the garden and pick wonderful flowers and foliage to create arrangements in your homes.

In May, Area President Trish Ducker & Julie Sparkes (Chair of Lydney & Severnside) represented our Area arranging flowers at the High Altar in Westminster Abbey for the Florence Nightingale service.

Many Congratulations to Fownhope Flower Club who staged an exhibit on behalf of our Area at the Malvern Spring Show. They were awarded a GOLD medal for their superb design in the Area class 'Pzazz!'.



At the end of May we were treated to the most fabulous Area Day at Haberdashers School, Monmouth. Congratulations to Sue Walton and her team for organising the event. Well done to all who took part in the Floral Art Competitions. Irene Manson's talk on the morning was most interesting. In the afternoon we all enjoyed the flower arranging extravaganza created by 'The Floral Haberdashers' Elizabeth Gordon & Emily Broomhead.



On 22nd June at The Larruperz Centre, Ross on Wye we are holding the Area eliminations for the RHS / NAFAS Chelsea 2025 competition. The winner will represent our Area at the National competition being held at the Malvern Autumn Show. The overall winner will stage an exhibit on behalf of NAFAS at the Chelsea Flower Show next year.



The JDSE team have arranged a workshop with NAFAS President Elect, James Burnside on the same day. Please contact Daphne Furneaux (JDSE Secretary) for further details.

In August, hopefully all clubs in Area will be helping out various church flower festivals, town & county shows showcasing the wonderful talent we have in our Area.

On September 7th, Trish Ducker is hosting her President's Day at Ysgol Bro Dinefwr Llandeilo. Tickets are now available - please contact Trish for details.

Have a wonderful time arranging flowers over the summer - take plenty of photographs and send some into Area to go on the website. All have a lovely summer & remember flowers are fun and it's a lovely way to meet friends.

Best wishes, Adrian



THREE COUNTIES & SOUTH WALES AREA OF NAFAS

Autumn Council Meeting - FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2024, 10.30am

The Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye

To receive further details / an Agenda please email Emily :

3cswarea@gmail.com

THE FLOWER ARRANGER MAGAZINE

The Summer edition of The Flower Arranger is now available.

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CHRIS LYNCH
07794 934091

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THE FLOWER Arranger

THE UK'S BIGGEST-SELLING
FLORAL DESIGN MAGAZINE

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Three Counties & South Wales Area of NAFAS

A workshop with James Burnside 'INSPIRED BY...'

**SATURDAY 22nd JUNE
10.00am - 3.30pm
The Larruperz Centre
Ross-on-Wye**

Cost £20
contact: Daphne Furneaux 01792 390754
daphnefurneaux@gmail.com

There will also be an opportunity to view the Chelsea Elimination Competition entries

Connect Design Group

Lizzie Newcombe

INTERFLORA FLORIST
OF THE YEAR 2022
presents

**THE WOW FACTOR
ON**

**10TH OCTOBER 2024
AT 2.30pm**

**THE CONGRESS THEATRE,
CWMBRAN, NP44 1PL**

(5 minutes from M4 Newport/A449)

Tickets £20 (non-refundable)

from Chris Lynch on 01531 670037
or 0779493 4091

email: chris.lynch54@btinternet.com



NATIONAL FLOWER ARRANGING DAY 2024

Using the midelino frames created at Friday Flower Fix online club, Celia Davies of Winterbourne Flower Club created this stunning design (left) for her local library.

Bewdley FAC worked with Wribbenhall Guides to create a superb display of posies (pictured below).

Well done to all!

Bewdley Floral Art Club Presents.....

The Diamond Divas

Tuesday 25th June
With

Andrew Lloyd

At
**The Civic Stourport
7.30pm**

(Doors open 6.30pm)
Tickets £10.00

Supporting local dementia charities
Tickets available from Bewdley Floral Art Club
Or 01299 402961, 01384 443380



Three Counties & South Wales Area
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

next workshop

**'Alternative Foam Free Designs' with
Delyth Price**

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER

**THE LARRUPERZ CENTRE,
ROSS-ON-WYE**

**10.30am - 4.00pm
contact**

daphnemjackson@outlook.com



Pre-National Assessments & National Demonstrators' Test

Will take place on
Wednesday 30 October 2024
 (Pre-National Assessments)
 and
Thursday 31 October 2024
 (National Test)

At Frodsham Community Centre
 Fluin Lane, Frodsham
 Cheshire, WA6 7QN
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Please put the dates in your diary.
 We are looking for Area Demonstrators with
 2 years' experience who are keen to step up.
 Apply now – see you in Frodsham!



National Show 2025
Venue: Gloucester Cathedral
Date: Friday 19th & Saturday 20th September 2025

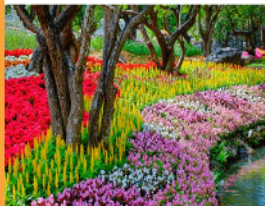


**NAFAS
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 NEWS &
 EVENTS**

NEW Keukenhof 2025 & a Fabulous Flower Parade
 A flower-filled adventure in The Netherlands.
 Wednesday 9th – Saturday 12th April 2025

ENJOY

The spring flowers!
 The flower parade!
 The art!
 The canal cities!



This NAFAS/ECT tour is meticulously curated and includes a Tour Manager and private coach transfers. Staying at the 4* NH Den Haag hotel in the Hague, you will visit the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, enjoy a guided tour of 17th century floral paintings and experience the fabulous Bollenstreek flower parade. Discover the programme and book your place [here](#).

Or why not turn your spring sojourn in The Netherlands into a celebration of tulips? ECT Travel is also offering another holiday combining a visit to Keukenhof Gardens with an unmissable journey along the country's **Iconic Tulip Routes**, a guided tour of the world-famous botanic garden **Hortus Botanicus, Leiden** and three beautiful **private gardens**.
 Wednesday 23rd – Saturday 26th April 2025. Learn more [here](#)



Calligrapher Required...

A calligrapher is required to write the prize cards at the 2025 NAFAS National Show in Gloucester

Could you help? If so, please contact Katherine Kear

katherine@katherinekear.co.uk

Féerie Florale Flower Show, Alden Biesen
 27th–29th September 2024

The Grand Commandry of Alden Biesen will once again be the setting for magnificent floral displays in this new event created by BelfloristBé. Féerie Florale promises to be a visual spectacle as the castle and grounds are transformed into a floral wonderland filled with displays by leading European Floral Designers including Tom De Houwer, Stefan Van Berlo, Max Hurtaud, Olivier Seghin, Jan Thomassen, and Ophelie Depotter. The castle will feature 25 flower-filled interiors with other floral displays around the grounds. They will also be holding the Belgium floristry championship with the winner announced at the start of the show.



Be among the first to visit this brand new flower show and be inspired by the spectacular floral creations on display.

Are you a flower club, school, or group? Please let us know if we can help you with creating a bespoke tour to visit this event: info@ecttravel.com



For further information and the full itinerary please contact: sales@ecttravel.com or call 01225 333747



You will spend a full day and an additional morning at the show itself and have the opportunity to explore the city of Hasselt too. Accommodation is at the Holiday Inn Hasselt 4* in Hasselt itself.

Flights are with Brussels Airlines departing from London Heathrow and Manchester on the Friday morning. You will be met by an ECT representative at the airport before transfer to the hotel. Return flights are on the Sunday



CARMARTHEN FLORAL ART SOCIETY PRESENTS
 CLWB TREFFNU BLODAU CAERFYDDIN YN CYFLWYNO

SUMMER OPENING EVENING / NOSON AGORED YR HAF

With Special Guest / Gyda Gwestai Arbennig
Katherine Kear MDPF
 NAFAS National Speaker and Demonstrator,
 Siarwrwr ac Ardangwrwr Cenedlaethol NAFAS

PRESENTING / YN CYFLWYNO

ROSABUNDANCE

FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2024 AT 7:15PM
DYDD GWENER 12ED ORFFENAF 2024 AM 7:15YH
 At Bronwydd Hall, Carmarthen, SA336BD
 Yn Neuadd Bronwydd, Caerfyddin, SA336BD

Doors open 6:30pm / Drysau ar agor 6:30yh
 Free parking at the venue / Parcio Di-dâl yn y neuadd

Non-refundable tickets to include light refreshments at £15 each available from:
 Tocynnri £15 yn cynnwys lluswrth, ond ni allw eu ad-dalu, trwy e-bost:
carmarthenforarart@gmail.com / 07812 163636



Members of Abergavenny & District FAS arranged a superb flower festival recently. Pictured are a few exhibits from the festival called 'There's no Business like Show Business'

A Piece from the President

May - the change from spring to the start of summer. Seeds sown, weeds removed, almost time to sit in the garden of an evening, if the weather is warm enough. Unless, of course you are a flower arranger. May sees Malvern Show and many of our brilliant Area competitors did so well in the competitions. Fownhope took GOLD in the Area class, Jean Wilcox won Best in Show, Margaret Thomas took three firsts and one of our youngest Area competitors, Julie Sparkes beat a few well known 'National Names' in the imposed class. Congratulations to all who took part. There have been Flower Festivals, raising money for local charities, churches and chapels; all take time to organise, but are very worthwhile and show visitors that Floral Art is something to get involved in.

We ended the month with an amazing Area Day - Buttons & Bows at Monmouth. Looking at all the magnificent exhibits, I realised just how talented are our members. Congratulations to all, especially Best in Show winner Chris Lynch and Bridgette Manton who gained the award for the most points.

Like so many others I laughed and learned a lot from the morning speaker, Irene Manson, a truly entertaining session on 'One, Two Buckle My Shoe'. Then, the afternoon demonstration, what an absolute delight, mum and daughter in the Haberdashery. I think that we will be talking about that demonstration for a long while yet. Thank you to Sue Walton and her team for a super day.

And now I have to follow that with President's Day 'September Delights' at Ysgol Bro Dinefwr in Llandeilo on September 7th. I am sure that Simone Squire will educate and entertain us in the morning and we will thoroughly enjoy a demonstration by Coral Gardiner in the afternoon. Tickets are now available from myself and details are on the Area Website.

I look forward to meeting many of you in September, in a lovely part of the world. Finally 'Good Luck' to those who have entered the NAFAS / RHS Chelsea elimination competition at Ross -on-Wye on June 22nd and thank you to those who have organised this event. *Trish (Area President)*

SEPTEMBER DELIGHTS
HYFRYDWCH MEDI
PRESIDENT'S DAY 2024
DIWRNOD Y LLYWYDD 2024
SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024
DYDD SADWRN 7FED O FEDI 2024
at
YSGOL BRO DINEFWR
LLANDEILO SAI9 6PE
Morning speaker Siaradwr y Bore
SIMONE SQUIRE
'A LOT MORE THAN A SLAB
OF CHOCOLATE'
LLAWER MWY NA DARN O SIOCED
Afternoon demonstration Arddangoswr y Prynawr
CORAL GARDINER
'AUTUMN OPULENCE'
'YSBLANDER YR HYDREF'
Doors open 10:15 Drysau'n Agored 10:15yb
Non refundable tickets: £25 each £25 y tocyn ond dim ad-dallad
Available from Trish Ducker: trishducker@btinternet.com
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Three Counties & South Wales area of NAFAS Registered charity No. 517110
Awdal Tair Sir a De Cymru o NAFAS Ffônau a ffônfreidrig Rhif No. 517110

Three Counties
An Evening of Magnificent
Summer Flowers with Celebrity
Floral Designer Jonathan Moseley
Linden Suite,
Three Counties
Showground
Friday 28 June 2024
19.30 - 21.30
Book Now and
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Come along and be inspired as Jonathan creates
amazing sustainable flower arrangements,
sharing lots of practical tips for what to grow in
your gardens and how to keep your flowers
lasting longer.
All designs demonstrated will be auctioned.
This event is a fundraiser with all proceeds going
towards the Ken Nottage Memorial Garden build
project.
£25.00 per ticket – including prosecco and
canapés.
Book Now at:
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MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Lynch (Connect Design Group) who won the 'Best in Show' award at Area Day with a very creative foam free design (pictured above) and to Phillipa (pictured right) of Newport Flower Club, winner of the Club Class.

