



# CHESHIRE AREA OF NAFAS

## Members' Newsletter

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Hello everyone. What a busy month May has been so far. Floral creations appearing everywhere for National Flower Arranging Day (5<sup>th</sup> May), the Coronation and a National Show (oh, and Liverpool hosting the Eurovision!). This issue is a celebration of the floral design talents of our Area members as we showcase some of the creations from the National Show and National Flower Arranging Day. Looking forwards, we have the Royal Cheshire County Show just round the corner (20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> June) with more floral design treats to be exhibited in 'The Theatre of Flowers'.

Happy reading!

If you would like to feature anything in this monthly newsletter, then please email your information to [treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk).

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## NATIONAL FLOWER ARRANGING DAY ....



## .....WHAT DID YOU CREATE?

It has been lovely to see some of the designs created in Cheshire to celebrate National Flower Arranging Day (5<sup>th</sup> May). The flowers brought so much joy to many people and some touching comments about the 'random acts of kindness' have been received. Enjoy our photographic montage:

Ashton Hayes & Tarvin embraced the Coronation for their theme...



Hale Barns created three crowns for the community to enjoy



Lymm created a floral ring to add to the village's Coronation decorations and made buttonholes for older members of the community to wear whilst watching the Coronation....



One of the creations from Tarporley



Two of the 5 posies created by Handbridge Club. The residents of Doddleston were very touched by these 'random acts of kindness'.

Winwick's 'Lonely Bouquet'



Lonely Bouquets around Neston

In the Memorial Hall, where  
Wistaston meet, for all to enjoy



Ten little baskets created by Prestbury Flower Club – they  
quickly disappeared!



Eddisbury & Sandiway spread their kindness as far afield as Anglesey



A lucky recipient of one of Elworth's 'Lonely Bouquets'



Several of the bouquets created by Hoylake

Well done and thank you to everyone who supported this event

## SHOWTIME

The National Show seemed to be on the horizon for so long and now it's all over! How time flies! Congratulations to everyone who took part – without exhibitors there wouldn't be a show for us to enjoy. Special congratulations to all our Cheshire Area prize winners including our Chairman Louise Jones, Gill Davies, Debbie Davies. By all accounts, the show was very well attended including a sell-out demonstration by 'Penno & Price' on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Here are a selection of photos available so far....



Louise's Design in the Class 'A Feast for the Eyes'



Third Prize for Gill Davies in the Petite Class



Candles & Canticles by Debbie Davies



## CHESHIRE AREA FLOWER SCHOOL MEETS CHESHIRE YOUNG FARMERS

We were recently invited to join a group of Young Farmers to give hints and tips for flower arranging. Judy Gratton (Young Persons Liaison Officer) and Jean Jones (Area Support) discussed selecting and conditioning flowers and using a variety of mechanics.

We went on to explore ideas for entering competitions, how to interpret titles and tips for show day. Judy presented her title 'Treasure Island' and Jean depicted 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

While we devoured drinks and the most delicious cakes, scones and biscuits baked by the young farmers, the ladies broke into groups to begin designing their own entries for their rally. We hope to be invited back to watch the ladies practice their exhibits and offer any further suggestions if needed.

Judy and I were grateful to Margaret Baldini from Eddisbury and Sandiway Flower Club for the introduction and all her help. Eddisbury and Sandiway Flower Club very kindly offered visitor's vouchers. Although the ladies were keen to come along, they would struggle to get there in the afternoons. If any evening clubs in the Northwich, Tarporley, Frodsham area would like to offer vouchers or to promote their club's activities please let us know.



## Royal Cheshire County Show



Royal Cheshire  
Show 2023  
20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June

**'The Shape of Things to Come'**

in the

**Theatre of Flowers**

**(Cheshire Area Show)**

- Will you be competing this year?
- Floral design schedule now available on Cheshire Area of NAFAS Website
- Closing date for entries 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Volunteers required for both days - are you willing to help? (volunteers will get free entry to the show)
- Please support your Area Show in 2023

**Are you able to help at your Area Show?**

If you have already volunteered to help – Thank you!

If you would like to help read on.....

Once again, we are asking Flower Clubs to provide members who would like to steward at the Royal Cheshire Show. The stewards are extremely important to us, as it means that we have a friendly face to interact with our visitors, and their help is gratefully acknowledged.

We are offering 4 time slots and would like volunteers to sign up for any 2 of them.

The slots are:

**Morning:** 10.00 am – 11.30 pm. AND 11.30am – 1.00pm.

**Afternoon:** 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm. AND 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

We also would like volunteers to help with 'hands-on' activities as well as stewarding. Please send an email to [maur19een@gmail.com](mailto:maur19een@gmail.com) on or before Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> clearly indicating your preferences (day, times, stewarding or hands-on) including the name of your club.

The task of stewarding entails sitting or standing in an allotted position and being ready to answer the visitors' questions, discussing Flower Clubs with those who show an interest, and directing them to the Publicity table if required and distributing the voting slips for "The People's Choice Award". This has proved to be very popular and provides a good opportunity to engage with the visitors. The success of this award depends on the stewards giving out lots of voting cards and persuading visitors to vote for their favourite designs. It encourages people to look more closely at the exhibits, and appreciate the work involved.

It is also necessary to discourage members of the public from touching or moving any component of the exhibit, explaining that some plant materials may cause allergies, and pointing out interesting features in the exhibit. A sash or badge will be provided to identify stewards.

Tea and coffee making facilities are available to use before and after each shift, but drinks not to be brought to stewarding positions.

**Stewards will receive a free entry ticket** a few days before the show. All parking is free and disabled parking is close to the entrance. Should the volunteer have to cancel for any reason it is important that they let the steward's secretary know as soon as possible.

Email [maur19een@gmail.com](mailto:maur19een@gmail.com) on or before Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your help and support.

Maureen Hernon (Steward's Secretary)

## Silver Celebration

Visitors are welcome to join Group 2000 for a very special celebration – their Silver Anniversary.

### GROUP 2000

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

A demonstration by Laura Leong, Interflora Florist of the year and Chelsea winner

at 2.00pm Antrobus Village Hall,  
Knutsford Rd, Antrobus, Northwich CW9 6LB



Join us for a very special celebration of 25 years of Group 2000. Wine, nibbles and cake from 12.30 followed at 2.00 p.m. by a demonstration by Laura Leong a very talented floral designer and friend of Group 200.

To celebrate our Silver Anniversary this event will only cost visitors £10.00. Tickets available from [treasurer@group2000.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@group2000.org.uk) or contact the Chairman by phone 0161 633 5830 or email [chairman@group2000.org.uk](mailto:chairman@group2000.org.uk).

### Flower Arranger Magazine

Would you like to order future copies of the magazine?

Contact Catherine on

[flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:flower.arranger@nafascheshire.org.uk)

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All of us @ Cheshire Area