



Home Counties Area of NAFAS



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

Dear Club Chairmen, Committee Members and Members,

This is my first newsletter to you as Area Chairman. I would like to begin by introducing you to the new Area Officers. These are **Roberta Ward**, Vice Chairman, **Marina Sweatman**, Area Secretary, **Jayne Hale**, Flower Arranger Magazine Officer and **Sue Calver**, lead for Social Media.

The Area Executive met in January to make plans for the next two years. This will include training demonstrators beginning later this year concluding with an Area Demonstrators test in 2026. If anyone is interested in becoming a demonstrator and would like to know more, please do get in touch via e-mail anne.mcpherson@ntlworld.com

Area Members Day Tuesday 29th April at the Marford Memorial Hall, Wheathampstead. You will have received publicity about this. We have a National Speaker in the morning Simone Squires, a buffet lunch followed by National Demonstrator Alison Penno. Tickets are £25. The day should be an enjoyable occasion for all.

NAFAS Webinar 15th May at 6.30pm. Once we have the link to join the webinar, it will be sent out to our clubs and others who might wish to take part. In the past HQ have asked for questions to be submitted in advance. It is your opportunity to raise any issue or concern directly with the NAFAS Board.

Green Fest Sunday 8th June at Cedar Park in Broxbourne close to J25 of the M25. The event is about sustainability. We will be promoting NAFAS and flower arranging, talking about the benefit of plants for mental health and encouraging membership of our clubs.

National Flower Arranging Day Friday 20th June is being left up to clubs and Areas to decide on how to mark the day and publicise NAFAS. Publicity materials will be provided by NAFAS in a digital format.

Digital Competition 'Aspects of Summer' 2nd July. This is the deadline to submit photographs of your design to Sue Calver at homecountiesflowers@gmail.com. The exhibits will be judged by the Area Judges and collated by National Judge Lesley Sturdy. Photographs of the entries will be published on the Area Facebook page once the winners have been announced.

With best wishes to you all,

Anne McPherson, Chairman Home Counties Area.