



## EAST OF ENGLAND AREA OF NAFAS

**MAY/JUNE**

# **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT**

The warmer weather is here at last and everything in the garden is looking good. Many people lost plants in the winter, so now is the time to treat yourselves to some new plants.

This Chairman's Chat is full of Congratulations to members of the East of England Area of NAFAS.

In March the Area was asked to provide three flower arrangers to go to Westminster Abbey to arrange flowers for the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet.

A team from Cambridge Group, Leoni Braz, Carol Giffen and Nicky Thompson from Herts and Essex Boundary Flower Club were delighted to be asked. They arranged some beautiful pedestals and a visit to Westminster Abbey to arrange flowers is a day they will never forget.



**Congratulations!**

The Area is now represented on the National NAFAS Education Committee with the appointment of Christine Picton from Norwich.

Congratulations!

2024 sees the return of a NAFAS Calendar and three of our members have photographs included from a photo shoot which took place in 2021 at Bishop's Stortford. Sue Tonkin, Leoni Braz and Barbara Collins.

Congratulations!

Fakenham Flower Club are arranging flowers in Sandringham House for the "Sandringham in Bloom" event, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Tickets are available online.

Congratulations to Fakenham Flower Club!

The Area congratulate NAFAS on the National NAFAS Show held at Gloucester Cathedral, a wonderful event enjoyed, I am sure, by all who attended.

The Area was well represented in the Competition Awards List.

**Class 5 - Echoes of the Green Man.**

Commended: Yvonne Wagstaff – Yaxley Flower Club.

**Class 6B - Block and Stone.**

Second Place: Linda Knights – Norwich Flower Club.

Third Place: Chris Picton - Norwich Flower Club.

**Class 7 - Richly Woven.**

Highly Commended: Brenda Evers – Tiptree Flower Club.

**Class 9 - Fanfare.**

Highly Commended: Adele Kent – Costessey Flower Club.

**Class 11B – Quietude.**

First Place: Julia Knights – Bradwell Flower Club.

**Class 13 – Topazes and Cinnamon and Gold Moidores.**

Third Place: Susan Horne - Stanway and District Flower Club.

Bradwell Buds and East Suffolk Juniors are our stars of the future and shone brightly in the Junior Classes.

**Class 14 – Wizardry Age 7-12**

First Place: Isla Skeet – Bradwell Buds.

Second Place: Laurel French-Shepherd – Bradwell Buds.

Highly Commended: Stan Pearson – East Suffolk Juniors.

Commended: Reggie Pearson – East Suffolk Juniors.

Commended: Laura McMahon – Bradwell Buds.

Commended: Callie McMahon – Bradwell Buds.

Commended: Riley Skeet – Bradwell Buds.

**Class 15 Wizardry Age 13-17**

First Place: Poppy French-Shepherd – Bradwell Buds

Second Place: Grace Pearson – East Suffolk Juniors.

Very Highly Commended: Daisy Skeet – Bradwell Buds.

Highly Commended: Isla Mae Pearson – East Suffolk Juniors.

Commended: Isobel Pearson – East Suffolk Juniors.

Commended: Ruby Pearson – East Suffolk Juniors.

**Congratulations to the award winners and all Area members who entered the National Show.**

## **“Calling All Potential Demonstrators”**

**Have you ever sat watching a demonstration at your flower club and thought “I can do that”. Now is your opportunity.**

**The JDS&E Committee are running a Taster Day for anyone interested in training to be a NAFAS Demonstrator.**

**Why not come along and learn more about the training and meet the JDS&E Committee who will be able to guide you through the day and give you details of the demonstrators training.**

**The cost of the day is £10 (Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be available). You will be expected to arrange 2 designs, one Traditional in floral foam and one foam free. You will not be on stage, everyone at tables. The Committee will then be able to assess your flower arranging ability.**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 – The Fenland Room, Mildenhall, IP28 7HG.**

**Everyone interested please contact the Area Demonstrators**

**Representative - Roger Woolnough**

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### **East of England Area Events.**

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 – Summer Council Meeting.**

**The Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall, IP28 7HG. 11am (doors open 10am)**

**Come and support your Group members taking part in the Inter Group Competition. There will be a raffle and a Bring and Buy stall, this includes plants. Tea and cake will be served after the Inter Group Competition results have been announced. Please let Sue Cooper know if you will be attending, so as we have enough seats out and refreshments. If you have any questions about Area or Club matters please send to Sue by 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

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## **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 - Area Day**

The Beeches, Isleham, Ely, CB7 5RY. 11am (Doors open 10am)

Maria Pennington will be presenting a talk about “Diamonds” and selling jewellery.

After a 2 course lunch Arnaud Metairie will demonstrate  
“La Vie En Rose”

There will be a Raffle and Stalls. Tickets - £30 to include two course lunch and tea/coffee

Cheques payable to: East of England Area of NAFAS, plus SAE

Available from - Mrs Anne Bell, 8 Goodwins Close, Little Canfield, Dunmow, CM6 1SQ.

[annebell21@btinternet.com](mailto:annebell21@btinternet.com)

Telephone applications will not be accepted and tickets are non refundable.

Ticket application form attached to the email with this “Chat”.

## **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Social Day at Mildenhall.**

Details will follow later in the year.

The last Social Day was a sellout! Please apply for tickets as soon as the poster and application form are sent out. Tickets will be limited.

2024 sees the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the East of England Area of NAFAS. The Executive Committee are now planning events for this special year ahead. We would like as many of you as possible to join in the celebrations.

Fun, friendship and flowers means a lot to so many people.

Enjoy the sunny weather and continue to love flowers, arranging and gardening.

See you soon, Barbara

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