



# Sussex Area News

**Newsletter of the Sussex Area of NAFAS**

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**The Sussex Area of NAFAS Diamond Anniversary 2021**



*Photograph by Carol Lathleiff*

**Next month at  
Leonardslee  
Lakes and  
Gardens**

**Flower Power**



The Sussex Area of the National Association  
of Flower Arrangement Societies  
presents

## Flower Power

An extravaganza of floral design set in the  
beautiful grounds of this Grade 1 listed  
garden to celebrate The Sussex Area's  
Diamond Anniversary

**Thursday 9 September  
to Sunday 12 September 2021  
Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens**

Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, Horsham  
West Sussex RH13 6PP

**9am to 5pm (last entry 3.30pm)**

- \* Floral Art Demonstrations \* Trade stands \* Prize Draw\*
- \* Tombola in aid of The Sussex Kidney Trust \*
- \* Radio controlled model boats and yachts\*

Refreshments on sale at the gardens - no outside food or drink allowed.  
Leonardslee only accepts card payments in their cafeteria and shop  
but please bring cash for The Leonardslee Afternoon Tea for Two prize draw, Tombola,  
trade stands and the competition for a case of Leonardslee wine.  
Free parking

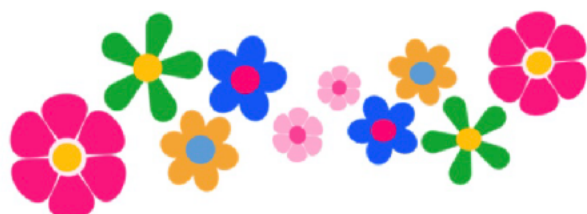
**Adults £13.50, children 5-16 years £6.50**

**Tickets from Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens**

[www.leonardsleegardens.co.uk/buy-day-tickets-online](http://www.leonardsleegardens.co.uk/buy-day-tickets-online)

**Flower Power brochure £1 on sale at the entrance**

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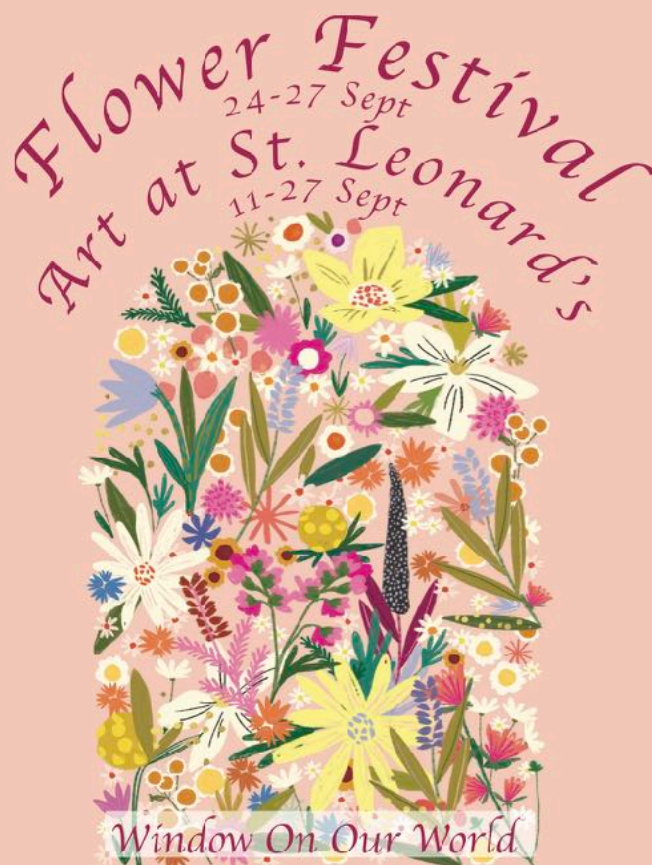


Don't forget to pick up your Club's free copy of the Autumn issue of Flora magazine at Flower Power, Leonardslee, 9-12 September from the Media/TFA gazebo.

*Nancy Hubbard*

## WAFA World Show 2024

in New Zealand has been cancelled.



### ART ~ WAVE

10.00am - 5pm : Sat 11th, Sat 18th, Fri 24th, Sat 25th, Mon 27th  
Midday - 5pm : Sun 12th, 19th, 26th (Sun 26th Evensong 6pm)  
10.00am-1pm : Weekdays: 11th - 22nd  
Closed : Thursdays & during services

St Leonard's Church, Church St, Seaford, BN25 1HH  
[www.seafordparish.org.uk](http://www.seafordparish.org.uk)

## Flower Festival

'Hymns throughout the Church year'

Friday 13 to Sunday 15 August 2021

St Wulfran's Church, Greenways,  
Ovingdean, Brighton BN2 7BA



## National News

### National Chairman's Challenge

Congratulations to Devon & Cornwall Area who won the June challenge 'Wedding time'.

The August competition title is "A picnic on the beach" and if you wish to enter then please send a photo of your design to [sussexareaofnafas@gmail.com](mailto:sussexareaofnafas@gmail.com) by 26 August 2021. All the entries received from the various Sussex clubs will then be reviewed and the best one to represent Sussex will be selected and forwarded to HQ.

The NAFAS Board will award points and the Area with the most points at the end of 2021 will receive a small prize. Please note that by entering you are allowing NAFAS to use your photo wherever it chooses.

## A Floral Adventure with National Chairman Katherine Kear

### A visit to Bath and Wells

**7-9 July 2022**

A wonderful way to see and spend time with flower friends.

Built for pleasure and relaxation, beautiful Bath has been a well-being destination since Roman times. Taking inspiration from this wonderful part of England and its history, NAFAS Chairman Katherine Kear will be hosting this special tour, with a two-night stay in central Bath and lots of great floral fun. Enjoy visits to historical sites in Bath and the pretty cathedral town of Wells. As well as meeting an artisan flower grower and florist there will be floral demonstrations and talks with local experts. Katherine will also judge the Chairman's Challenge: to create (and wear) a Roman wreath of your own design.

NAFAS has teamed up with ECT Travel to provide this opportunity. For further details go to the tour page on the ECT website:

[www.ecttravel.com/tours/floristry-tours-nafas/friends-romans-and-countryside-floral-adventure-bath-katherine-kear](http://www.ecttravel.com/tours/floristry-tours-nafas/friends-romans-and-countryside-floral-adventure-bath-katherine-kear)

## Travels with Michael Bowyer MBE, NAFAS President to

### Ireland

**19-24 May 2022**

Join NAFAS National President Michael Bowyer on this wonderful trip to southern Ireland to see beautiful gardens in springtime and meet the designers behind some of the country's best known gardens.

NAFAS has teamed up with ECT Travel to provide this opportunity.

You will visit Helen Dillon's garden, Powerscourt Estate, Hunting Brook Gardens, June Blake's garden and Kilmacurragh Botanic Gardens. There will also be a floral demonstration from NAFAS demonstrator and current President of the Association of Irish Floral Artists, Christine Hughes. You will also have plenty of time to explore the vibrant Irish capital during the five night stay at the 4\* Ballsbridge Hotel in the centre of Dublin.

Don't miss this wonderful adventure!

For further details go to Michael's tour page on the ECT website:

[www.ecttravel.com/TravelswithMichael](http://www.ecttravel.com/TravelswithMichael)

## Area News

### Area Chairman

Freedom Day for me meant a trip to the City of London where I thought I'd have a gander at Osborne House for old times' sake. If you've never been to the NAFAS HQ, have a look at the sales brochure which you can find on our website

[www.sussexareanafas.org.uk](http://www.sussexareanafas.org.uk).

It's got a unique fire basket which swivels in the fireplace: one side is large and ornate, just ready for impressing visitors; the other side is plain and so much narrower that only a few pieces of coal would fit in it. So, if you've won the lottery lately, here's a prime piece of real estate for a mere £4.5 million.

On my way home, I passed St Mary le Bow on Cheapside. With apologies in advance to our own true East Ender, Carol Lathleiff, who will probably give me detention, but this is what happened.



Osborne House

As the Bow Bells rang out,  
I came over all peculiar.  
I'd had a jumbo jet on the  
weather being ache and  
pain – but no. So, I  
decided to use my Auntie  
Ella as a sun shield  
instead.

I thought maybe a glass of  
Penelope Cruz would sort  
me out. I found a cabin  
cruiser and ordered half  
an Aristotle of boiled beef  
and carrot with a packet of  
jockeys' whips, which got  
stuck in my Hampsteads.  
It was well Alan Ladd.

Before I got too Billie  
Piper, I ended up taking the

Uncle Gus home. As the bus approached  
Lambeth Bridge, the mists cleared, and I was  
almost back to normal. And if you Adam 'n' Eve  
this rhyming Lily & Skinner, you'll believe  
anything.

After my taste of freedom, I was ready to  
knuckle down and concentrate on my mock-up  
for **Flower Power**. Science has never been my  
strong point, but I would have thought heat  
would encourage glue to set. How wrong can  
you be? Hope I finish by the end of the month. If  
you're planning and preparing for our wonderful  
festival, making spheres, knitting roses, or  
saving up your coins, I hope it all goes well.  
Without wishing August away, I can't wait for  
September to see you all.

In the meantime, enjoy  
your summer.  
Best wishes,

*Gilly*

Photo: NAFAS

## Area Future Events

Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 September 2021 -  
**Flower Power**

Monday 4 October 2021 - Chairmen's Forum

Monday 8 November 2021- Members' Day

Monday 22 November 2021 - Area Council Meeting  
11.15am at Plumpton Village Hall  
Followed by AGM at 1.30pm

## Club Anniversaries

East Grinstead Flower Club - 55 years in August

Felpham Flower Club - 65 years in September

## Congratulations to

**Brenda Bull**, Area Treasurer & Area Judge for  
passing the NAFAS/OCN Teacher training  
course

# Flower Power

Thursday 9-Sunday 12 September 2021

I would like you all to look down the back of your armchairs and sofas - believe it or not, according to the banks there is £150 million to be found there and most of it is in the form of pound coins.

Once you have found the coins we would like you to use them at **Flower Power** in our exciting draws and competition where the entry price is always £1. Those pound coins could win you:

- **An afternoon tea for two at Leonardslee** this tea will be brought to you by Head Chef Jean Delport of the Restaurant Interlude, which received its first star in the Michelin Guide Great Britain and Ireland 2020.
- **A case of Leonardslee wine**
- **The use of a Mini for a weekend**

Also, don't forget the tombola in aid of The Sussex Kidney Trust.

The Schooner radio controlled group will be displaying their model radio controlled boats and yachts on the lakes throughout the four day event. There will also be mini-demonstrations every day by some of our

Sussex Area demonstrators.

So there will be fun and entertainment for everyone!

**20th August deadline:**

Although there will only be some six/seven weeks before **Flower Power** by the time you read this, you still have the opportunity to purchase tickets for our fabulous Preview evening. As you know, this sparkling occasion, to the accompaniment of a renowned local harpist, will give you the chance to be one of the first to go on a guided tour of all the fabulous twenty-one exhibits.

And we have some really great prizes to win in the evening's raffle. Tickets for this event are £35 and can be bought through Carol, our Ticket Officer. [flowerpowerpreview@yahoo.com](mailto:flowerpowerpreview@yahoo.com) or tel. no. 01903 817187

Last, but not least, we have a limited number of spaces available for trade stands in one of our marquees. So, if you know anyone who would like to participate, please contact Carol, our Trade Stands Officer, as soon as you can, [carolandsue@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolandsue@hotmail.co.uk) or tel. no. 01903 537617.

Best wishes

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**The Sussex Area of NAFAS**  
Diamond Anniversary Floral Extravaganza

## Flower Power

**Preview Evening**  
**Wednesday 8 September 2021**  
**5.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Tickets £35 per person**  
Bubbles and canapés served to the accompaniment of a renowned local harpist in a beautiful courtyard setting at the Grade 1 listed Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens  
Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, Horsham RH13 6PP

**For tickets, please contact Carol at**  
**[flowerpowerpreview@yahoo.com](mailto:flowerpowerpreview@yahoo.com)**  
Limited availability, so don't delay!

## CLUB News

### *What have you been up to?*

This is your space to tell the rest of Sussex what you are doing, have done, remember or just want to share.....

There are still a few clubs that have yet to submit a photo, article or make a contribution to the newsletter. You can send us an article or photo that will be of interest to others. Have you visited a garden, festival or done something floral related?

Feedback given to us show members have really enjoyed reading the *Sussex Area News* over the past few months.

Please tell us how you are restarting or continuing what you have been doing, and how you are progressing. Others will be pleased to hear about what you are doing.

### **‘Full Bloom’**

The latest floral tv reality programme on channel More4, Mondays at 9pm.  
(Sky 136, Freeview 18)

America's budding florists compete to impress judges and floral masterminds Elizabeth Cronin, Maurice Harris and Simon Lycett, for the chance to win \$100,000.

Showcasing floristry and flowers as an art form with some large scale displays.

Also available to stream more details on [www.channel4.com](http://www.channel4.com)

Jean says “The arrangements looked magnificent! .....you never know it might inspire and wake us up from our slumber!”

Thank you to Jean Plummer, Chairman Burwash FC, for bringing this to our attention.

## **FREE FLOWER POWER & FLOWER ARRANGER DRAW**

THIRD chance of 2021 to get lucky

Carol Lathleiff, Sussex Area Ticket Administrator will draw the prizes.

The draw, for Sussex Area Club members only, will take place at the **9 August** Zoom Council meeting which any member can attend.

1st prize, **2 Flower Power tickets**,  
2nd prize, a **2022 Flower Arranger subscription**,  
3rd prize, an **Autumn 2021 Flower Arranger magazine**.

To enter, it is not necessary to attend the meeting, just send Nancy Hubbard your name, club and phone number or e-mail address by **7 August**, by phone, 01403 264482 or by e-mail, [nancy@hubbard3.plus.com](mailto:nancy@hubbard3.plus.com)

Winners will be contacted to arrange delivery of their prizes.

### **‘Flowers’**

### **Can you identify the language?**

1. Flori
2. Bunga Bunga
3. Flores
4. Ubax
5. Kwiaty
6. Kukat
7. Blumen
8. Blodau
9. Blommor
10. Izimbali

*answers on page 12*

## 10 Questions to.....

This month to Area Ticket Administrator,  
Carol Lathleiff

**Q What is your favourite flower?**

Peony

**Q Where was your last holiday destination?**

Seville to celebrate friends' Golden Wedding Anniversary



**Q When did you first join a flower club?**

2013

**Q What was the last garden you visited?**

Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens

**Q Have you entered Chelsea?**

No

**Q Which club do you belong to?**

Steyping & District Flower Club

**Q How long have you lived in Sussex?**

9 years

**Q Where is your favourite Sussex place?**

Too many to mention, it is such a beautiful county.

**Q Name a famous person you have met.**

The Duke of Kent & Princess Alexandra at the same event

**Q Who would you like to receive some flowers from**

Anyone!

## Fabulous Flowers



### Alliums

The ornamental onion, from Central Asia.

Alliums come in a wide range of sizes from small to very large. They do have a very oniony smell as the part of the onion family.

With their large globe flowers, and straight stems they can make quite a statement in the garden. Each head is made up of many star like shaped flowers. As the flower ages, the star like flowers will turn to green seed heads. The most popular colour is purple but they come in pink, blue and white.

If you are buying alliums then make sure the flowers are not crushed or drooping, and the stems are strong.

It makes an ideal flower to use in tall designs, and is often used in contemporary work. They last in a vase for up to two weeks, if the water is changed every two to three days. They are sensitive to bacteria.

They are easy to grow in the garden, in a well drained soil in full sun. Plant the bulbs in the autumn to flower in the late spring, early summer.

In the language of flowers the Allium is a symbol of prosperity.

## Judging

Back in 1974, (almost prehistoric times !) as a keen flower arranger with very young children I was studying on a City & Guilds Flower Arrangement Course when I was persuaded by my tutor to take an Area Judges Test in our local Area of Wessex & Jersey.

I was so fortunate that the Judging Instructor was the excellent Anne Jennings who still is so highly regarded in her own Area and by NAFAS. In those days having passed this Test, all newly qualified judges were able to gain experience and knowledge very quickly due to the large number of Shows and Competitions that took place – almost every Flower Club had a monthly competition and a big Annual Show, also the Horticultural Societies were very active with their Shows usually including classes for flower arrangements.

My husband was attached to the Armed Services and was frequently posted to different parts of the UK and abroad so we had many moves over the following years before finally coming to Sussex in 1986. This was when I took the opportunity of sitting and passing the National Judges Test in 1987. By then there were not so many local Shows to judge but now being nationally qualified meant that I could go further afield and judge Area Shows throughout the UK and also to be on the judging panel for the NAFAS National Show.

In 1991 I was asked to join the National Judging

Committee of NAFAS and from then on things started to become even more interesting. I decided to take further training and became a

Judging Adjudicator officiating at Area Judges Tests throughout the country, even becoming one of the examiners at the National Judges Tests a few times. In due course I became the Chairman of the National Judging Committee which was one of the most enjoyable committee experiences of my whole NAFAS 'career'. As Chairman, one becomes the Arbitrator at NAFAS National Shows and my first assignment was as the Arbitrator for the wonderful "Far Pavilions" NAFAS National Show held at the Brighton Centre in 1994 when the work of the Sussex competitors and organisers resulted in this being one of the best National Shows ever.

By now I was starting to become involved in international judging and attended courses and seminars in both Belgium and France (although my schoolgirl French was

sorely tried and tested during those days) culminating in judging at an international Show at Toulouse in France. It was however at the peak of all this in 1996 that I was selected to go to New Zealand and represent the UK on the judging panel of the WAFA Show there, which was a wonderful experience. It was while I was judging this Show in New Zealand that I was approached by the president of the Flower Arranging movement of Uruguay to go to Montevideo to judge at an International show there



*National Judges: Barbara Harris (right) pictured with Valerie Best (left)*

alongside the flower arranging judges from the USA and to follow this by going on to take a Judges' Training session for a group of interested ladies in Buenos Aires in Argentina (luckily they all spoke English !!)

Although my visits to New Zealand and South America were unbelievably exciting, there was more to come. In 2002 the UK hosted the biggest and best WAFA World Show in Glasgow and many of our Area members attended this fantastic event. The WAFA President at the time, Moira MacFarlane asked me to be the Chairman of Judges and Arbitrator for this show which was such a great honour. It was an enormous show and we had 32 International Judges from all the WAFA member countries.

On judging day it all went like clockwork with the judges, their stewards and interpreters all working so well together and in good time for our royal guest HRH Princess Anne to arrive to open the event.

On being presented to her as the Arbitrator for the Show she was so intrigued to learn if I had to break up any difficult arguments with all these different nationalities

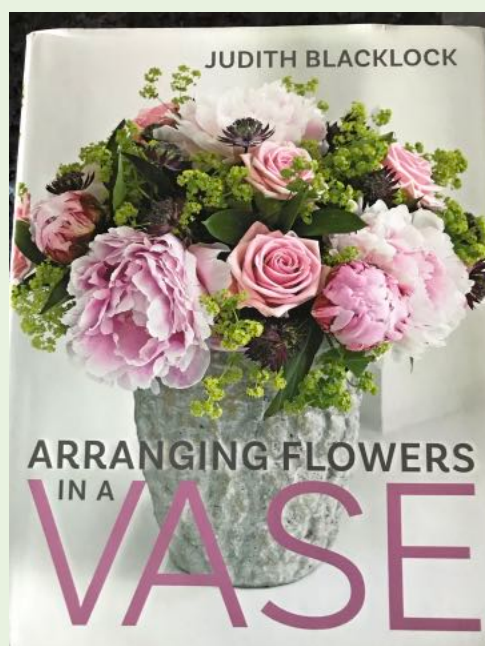
Much as I enjoyed my time and role at the WAFA Show in Glasgow it was really the

beginning of the end of my involvement with international judging. Although in 2008 I was asked by the Pakistan WAFA President to go to Lahore to be the Judging Arbitrator at their WAFA Show, but sadly this was not to be - during the planning and lead-up to the Show the Pakistan political figure Benazir Bhutto was assassinated and the whole country was so dangerous and in such an uproar that the whole Show was cancelled which was a disappointment to all concerned.

However time moves on and other aspects of my life of flower arranging have taken their place, although it is still so exciting to be a judge at one of the large agricultural shows around the country. There is also the joy of being able to pass on the benefit of one's experience and knowledge to others who are starting off on their judging path, so it gave me great pleasure be able to assist in the training of our own Sussex Area Judges in 2019 when we had a splendid number of passes in the Area Tests. Weren't we lucky to have all this training completed before the world went Covid-crazy in the following year ?

Barbara Harris  
National Judge

## Book Review



## Arranging Flowers in a Vase

### Judith Blacklock

As the title suggests, this book is all about arranging flowers in a vase. Judith explains the elements and principles of design. With her top ten tips, together with the right techniques, you can learn how to arrange beautiful flowers in the correct vase - from the finest Wedgewood urn to the humble baked bean can.

Illustrated with over 200 wonderful colour photographs this book can be appreciated by both the novice and the more experienced flower arranger. RRP £25

## Name that Vase Competition

Can you name the manufacturer/pottery, and which year or decade they were made.

Please email your name, address and club name with your answers to 'Vase Comp' [info@boxworthflowers.com](mailto:info@boxworthflowers.com) by Friday 20 August 2021

E.g. If you think picture 1 is 'Wedgwood' from the 1800's, please state this in your email answers.

You could win a NAFAS handbook 'Containers and Artefacts for Period Flower Arranging' by Veronica Coe



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## How to..... create a Facebook Page for your club

**Facebook** is about regular activity and communication - promotion of events, news, workshops, demonstrations.

Anyone can create a Page, but only official representatives can create a Page for an organisation, business, brand or public figure.

You and fellow administrators will need to have their own personal **Facebook** account, and you will need their email addresses.

### First things to consider:

- **Club Details** - name, generic email address, venue address and postcode, dates and times, information about the club and programme of events.
- **Administrators** - two to three people who will manage the page, upload photos, advertise events, respond to messages, and generally keep it up to date.
- **Generic Email** - set up an email on a site like gmail, Yahoo, AOL etc  
e.g. [downsflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:downsflowerclub@gmail.com)

### 1. To create a Club Page:

Go to [facebook.com/pages/create](https://facebook.com/pages/create)

**Facebook** has six options to choose from:

- local business or place,
- company/organisation/institution,
- brand or product,
- artists/band/public figure,
- entertainment, or
- cause/community.

If you choose cause/community, you will be creating a more informal page.



Click to choose a Page type - and choose - *Nonprofit organisation*

You will be taken through a wizard to set up the page.

### 2. What you will need to enter for the initial set up:

About information you need to enter:

- Club name e.g. *the Downs Flower Club*
- Meeting address and the postcode - it creates a map e.g. *the Village Hall, High Street, Town,*
- A short description of what you do e.g. *we meet every first Tuesday of the month at 3pm to see floral demonstrations, run workshops etc*
- Contact phone number - e.g. *the Chairman's or Secretary's*
- Email address - a generic email e.g. [downsflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:downsflowerclub@gmail.com)
- Custom URL – choose a custom URL for your page, so people can visit [www.facebook.com/yourclubname](https://www.facebook.com/yourclubname) rather than [www.facebook.com/1193931992341](https://www.facebook.com/1193931992341), or whatever set of numbers they assign to your account.

### 3. Publish the Club Page

- Set up the Administrators of the club page (Settings>Page>Role)
- Add Profile Picture (*logo*) and cover (banner) photos
- Invite your **Facebook** friends to 'Like' the page.
- Posting ability – set this to 'anyone can publish to the page', this will

allow your followers to make comments. If adverse comments are received you can deal with this by disabling or blocking them.

- Add Milestones, these are significant events in the history of your club that get banners and descriptions in your news feed.

#### 4. Keeping the Club Page up to date

- Aim to post 2-3 times a week
- 'Like' / 'Follow' other pages
- Comment, like and respond
- Use images when you post, they are more eye catching and memorable
- Let people know you have a [Facebook](#) page
- Publicise events, share them with your friends and ask them to share with their friends and to other pages e.g. *the village chat page or similar*.
- You can pay for a [Boost](#) post - this costs money to advertise, it may target specific groups in particular areas.

#### The Joy of Sussex Sheffield Park



Photograph by Carol Lathleiff

**Remember** - NAFAS policy – you *must seek permission* from the designer, demonstrator and event organiser prior to posting images of their work. Demonstrators are not keen on having all their designs made public. They may be happy for a photo of one design to be posted, but you must ask, and credit them.

The more activity there is on your page, the greater the level of interest.

Let us know when you have set up your page.

Don't forget to 'Like' and 'Follow' Sussex Area of NAFAS page.

#### 'Flowers' In which language....? Answers

1. Romanian/Latin
2. Indonesian
3. Spanish
4. Somali
5. Polish
6. Finnish
7. German
8. Welsh
9. Swedish
10. Zulu

#### And finally ....

Thank you to all contributors of articles and photographs. Don't forget to contribute your designs and articles. Please send them in.

There are still some clubs that we have not heard from, please let us know what you are doing. Please send in some photos of your floral creations.

Keep well and stay safe.

*Duncan*