

## Flower Arranging & Design Sussex

# Area News

## Westminster Abbey Flowers

It's been a busy time at the Abbey for flowers by members from Sussex area.



June Savory



Julie Taylor



Brenda Bull

June Savory and Julie Taylor from East Preston Floral Club, did the flowers on 7 June to honour the Benefact Group, celebrating raising £100M.

Jilly Griffin Area Chairman, and Brenda Bull Area Treasurer did the Abbey flowers for the Grenfell Tower Memorial Service, Fifth Anniversary on Tuesday 14 June 2022.

Well done all!



Jilly Griffin



Newsletter of the Sussex Area of the  
National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies  
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## Noticeboard

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For the September issue by  
Saturday 20 August 2022

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## Sussex Area of NAFAS Show

**Saturday 29 October 2022**

9.30am - 5.30pm

Crowborough Community Centre, Pine Grove, Crowborough TN6 1FE



Judges: Pat Dibben and  
Gill Smaggasgale

Presentation of Prizes  
1.45pm in the main hall

£2 to view the show only,  
payable on the door

You can also enjoy  
Selection of Trade Stands and Raffles  
Refreshments - Tea, Coffee, Cake and Light Lunches  
(Cash only please)

### Area Day

Speaker Tony Strange as Henry VIII 11am - 12.15pm  
Demonstration at 2.00pm

National Demonstrator Dr Christina Curtis  
"ALCHEMY"

Tickets £20 for the day please contact  
Carol Lathleiff at email: [sussexareashow2022@yahoo.com](mailto:sussexareashow2022@yahoo.com)  
Tel: 01903 817187

## Area Events 2022

### Council:

**Monday 8 August** at Plumpton Village Hall  
10.30 for 11am

### *Sense of Place*

18 - 21 August at Lancing College Chapel

### Sussex Area Show: *Seasonal Sensations*

Saturday 29 October  
Crowborough Community Centre

# Ninfield Flower Group Flower Festival

## 'Flowers Go Pop'

Bank Holiday Weekend

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> - Mon 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.00am to 4.00pm daily**

Raising funds for: Target Ovarian Cancer (Charity No: 1125038)  
Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance (Charity No: 1021367)  
Care for the Carers (Charity No: 1074906)

**Entry: £3 per person**

**Refreshments, light lunches, plants and other stalls**

Ninfield Memorial Hall

Bexhill Road

Ninfield TN33 9EE



**Warnham Evening Flower Club**

**60th Anniversary Celebrations**

## A Sparkling Affair



**with Alan Smith**

(his first visit to Sussex)



**Tuesday 20 September 2022**

**Warnham Village Hall**

Hollands Way, Warnham RH12 3RH

**7pm for 7.30pm start**

No charge for members and former members  
but please book a seat.  
Non-members £12

**Contact Janet Sharp**

[janetsharp1961@gmail.com](mailto:janetsharp1961@gmail.com)  
01403 251900 or 07823 331345

**Cake and Bubbles  
Flower Raffle General Raffle**

## National News

The sale of Osborne House was completed on Friday June 24 2022 to Hadley Shipping Group Ltd. The sale price was between £4M and £4.5M.

Terms were agreed with Hadley's on a three month leaseback on Osborne House, to allow sufficient time to find new office space and to vacate the building.

The lease expires on September 23 2022.

**SOLD**



Osborne House

## Area News

### Area Chairman

#### Where do you think I'll be later in August?

Yep – you guessed it. Lancing College Chapel.

All roads lead to Lancing and the *Sense of Place* Designers & Committee as well as the Sussex Area Executive look forward to seeing you there.

There are great savings if you book as a group so do get together with friends and family to save some money, which you could then spend at the Sussex Kidney Trust tombola stand!

Refreshments will be available too, which will allow you to have a peek at part of Lancing College. Did you know that the makers of the first Harry Potter film considered Lancing College as the supposed Hogwarts? All that Gothic Revival architecture – awesome.

The foundation stone of the chapel was laid in 1868, 20 years after the College was founded. Keeping it local, the buildings were constructed out of Sussex sandstone from Scaynes Hill. Over a century and half later, the

west end porch was completed in 2021 during lockdown. I hope you'll find it was worth waiting for.

There is an Evening Preview on Wednesday 17 August 2022, with the festival opening its doors from Thursday 18 to Sunday 21. I can't wait to see this unique festival in such a fabulous setting.

#### Area Day at Peacehaven



One of Ian Buxton's fabulous displays

Flora magazine will be covering *Sense of Place* but look out for our Facebook and Instagram pages for photos too. Our wonderful newsletter editor, Duncan, will be producing one of his special editions too.

Now, we'll be together again before the festival with our Council Meeting on Monday, 8 August at 11am at Plumpton Village Hall. Any Sussex Area Member can attend but only delegates can vote.

All the best

*Gilly*

## Sussex Area Show Schedule

Staging Friday 28 October 11am to 4.30pm  
All classes in this schedule are to be regarded as exhibits

### Class 1. Trick or Treat - Petite

(small scale design) Space allowed: Width 25cm, depth 25cm, height 37cm, to be staged on tables covered in black fabric against a cream wall.

### Class 2. A Bit of this and that - Imposed

Space allowed: Width 76cm, depth 68cm, height optional to be staged on tables covered in black fabric against a cream wall.

The entry fee for this class is £30 where all components will be provided and will become the property of the competitor.

Some of each of the provided components must be used and nothing extra may be added.

A basic tool box only is permitted and no extra decorative items are allowed.

### Class 3. Colourful Explosions - Pedestal/floor design

Space allowed: Width 1m, depth 1m, height optional staged on a wooden floor. Competitors to provide their own base or pedestal.

### Class 4. Masquerade - Craft Class - A Mask

Space allowed: Width 45cm, depth 30cm, height optional.

To be staged on black fabric.

A mask, plant material to predominate, a head stand will be provided.

### Class 5. Nature's Contrasts - Novice

Space allowed: Width 60cm, depth 68cm, height optional.

To be staged on tables covered in black fabric against a cream wall.

(A novice in this class is someone who has not previously won a first prize at NAFAS Area or National Show.)

### Class 6. Season's Bounty - Exhibit

Space allowed: Width 76cm, depth 68cm, height optional featuring a pumpkin or pumpkins, which may be hollowed prior to staging. To be staged on tables covered in black fabric against a cream covered wall.

### Class 7. Autumn Winds - Contemporary

Space allowed: Width 76cm, depth 68cm, height optional.

Open to NAFAS members from any area.

To be staged on tables covered in black fabric against a cream covered wall.

For entry forms please speak to your club Chairman or go the Sussex NAFAS website [www.sussexareanafas.org.uk](http://www.sussexareanafas.org.uk)

**ACT NOW - Closing date for entries:  
Thursday 1 September 2022**

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## Area Photography Competition

**Class 1. The Magic of Nature** – a colour image, subject unspecified

**Class 2. Sunset (or Sunrise)**

**Class 3. My Favourite Flower** – a close-up image

Photos to be a maximum of 8" x 6" (approx. 20cms x 15cms)  
Please enclose an entry form with your details and the classes entered.

**Judge: Raymond Beckwith**  
Presentation of Prizes 1.45pm in the main hall

For the schedule and entry forms please go to the  
Sussex NAFAS website  
[www.sussexareanafas.org.uk/event/area-show-28th-30th-october/](http://www.sussexareanafas.org.uk/event/area-show-28th-30th-october/)

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# *Sense of Place*

As I write this missive, we are experiencing the UK record heatwave but we are so lucky to be working in the Crypt at Lancing which remains cool.

A huge thank you to the Sussex members that have been helping with preparation of the large designs at 10 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Lots of you will have now visited to see where you are working and shown the designs you will be embellishing on the day. Some of you have not been able to attend when invited but we are now at the college rather than the barn so if you are able to drop in to see your area you are welcome. Just let Linda know please, so that we can be prepared!

[lporrett@btinternet.com](mailto:lporrett@btinternet.com) or 07908831555.



*Narthex*

We have just 6 working days left with plenty to do, so if you have spare time and would like to add to your skills, you are most welcome. Those coming have seen the designs develop and

are amazed at the ingenuity of the 32 designs and their mechanics. It is vast as you will appreciate, as Lancing college is the largest private chapel in the UK. We are now getting very excited to see the fruition of our labours

The beautiful architecture and atmosphere are apparent every time we arrive, and the design team are working to make it a very special Festival featuring Contemporary designs



*The Organ*

within Linda's vision of *Sense of Place*.

Linda will be contacting you all, in the very near future with last minute details and a schedule/timetable for the build. You are not forgotten!

We are so lucky to have the experience of South East Flowers on board who will deliver all your flowers [*if ordered*] to where you are working. Their reputation for efficiency and beautiful quality gives us great confidence that the final result will be stunning.

JUST MAKE SURE ALL YOUR MEMBERS FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE PURCHASING TICKETS. EITHER FROM:- [sheliacheal@gmail.com](mailto:sheliacheal@gmail.com) or directly from Lancing, see poster! Maybe you would like to attend the Preview Wednesday evening ?

All are welcome to this special Flower Festival and many of you will be there adding to the wonderful array of designs, stewarding and watering. Please contact Angela Hyde [angela.j.hyde@talktalk.net](mailto:angela.j.hyde@talktalk.net) to help on the days.

Ann Kennedy

*Sense of Place* Committee

**It's quiz time  
and it's not too late  
to enter a team!**

Join in a fun afternoon and help raise funds for



**Monday 12 September 2022**

2pm at The Henfield Halls  
Coopers Way, Henfield BN5 9EQ

**£5 per head to include afternoon tea**

Maximum of four people per team

Multiple teams per club welcome

Open to Sussex Area members and guests

**Book by 31 August 2022**

Contact Sheila Cheal at [sheilacheal@aol.com](mailto:sheilacheal@aol.com)  
or phone 01903 773017



Lancing College Chapel  
Lancing, West Sussex BN15 0RW

# Sense of Place Flower Festival



by the Sussex Area of NAFAS  
*in aid of*

The Friends of Lancing Chapel  
**18–21 August 2022**

**10am–5pm**

**TICKETS £15**

Booking and information:  
[lancingcollege.co.uk/events](http://lancingcollege.co.uk/events)



Friends of Lancing Chapel is a Registered Charity No. 261103  
Sussex Area of NAFAS is a Registered Charity No. 292377

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## Area Training Course

**Tuesdays**  
13, 20, 27 September and  
4, 11, 18 October

9.30am for 10am to 12 noon

Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, Henfield BN5 9EQ

## Moving on

Looking at the manipulation of  
foliage and much, much more.....



The course will be led by  
Lyn Constable  
with Barbara Hoy and  
Barbara Caldecourt

£60 to include refreshments

Please register your interest to Gaenor Circus

[gaenor.circus1@gmail.com](mailto:gaenor.circus1@gmail.com)

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## Area Workshop

**Thursday 6 October 2022**

9.30am to 4pm

Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, Henfield BN5 9EQ



## Looking to the Autumn

**Michael  
Bowyer MBE**

NAFAS National President  
National Judge, Demonstrator, Speaker and Teacher.  
Wessex & Jersey

Further details from Barbara Tucker

Email: [barb@batucker.go-plus.net](mailto:barb@batucker.go-plus.net)

## Joyce Pannell RIP

We were all very sad to hear of the death of Joyce Pannell.

Joyce had been a demonstrator for many years and will be sadly missed. She had been a member of Battle club but when it closed she joined Little Common.

Shelia Clayton  
Little Common Flower Club

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of Joyce Pannell. Joyce had been a member of Sussex Area for many years.



*Bill and Ben*

She was a well known demonstrator and teacher, but travelling from her home near Rye had become more of a challenge for her and she had recently retired from demonstrating.



*Joyce's NAFAS 60th Anniversary*

She was a longstanding member of both Sedlescombe and Battle clubs before they closed and more recently became a member of Ninfield. The photographs are of her recent work, firstly celebrating the 60th Anniversary of NAFAS and the other, her interpretation of Bill and Ben at a festival entitled 'On the Box'.

Christine Purkess  
Ninfield Flower Group

## CLUB News

### What have you been up to?

#### Afternoon Tea

**Crowborough Flower Club** held an Afternoon Tea in Chairman, Ruth Collingridge's, garden recently and raised just short of £300 for the Sussex Kidney Trust.



Despite the heat it was a very pleasant afternoon with nearly 40 people attending.

Marjorie Gale  
Crowborough Flower Club

### 'Flowers go Pop'

**Ninfield Flower Group** invite you to visit Ninfield Memorial Hall (TN33 9EE) over the August Bank Holiday weekend 27 – 29 August and help celebrate their 45th anniversary with a festival called 'Flowers go Pop'. Open from 10am to 4pm and costing £3 per person, there will be refreshments, light lunches, plants and other stalls.

As usual, the Group will be raising money for charity and this year they are: Target Ovarian Cancer, Care for the Carers and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. They look forward to welcoming everyone.

Christine Purkess  
Ninfield Flower Group

## ‘Fit for a Queen’

On Wednesday 1 June **Ringmer Flower Club** held a members’ afternoon. In anticipation of the Platinum Jubilee, we decided to hold a very informal workshop to create an arrangement in a jam jar that would be ‘fit for a Queen’.

As the photograph reveals, everyone rose to the task. To congratulate ourselves on our very colourful achievements we then had tea and scones. The afternoon was organised by our committee who always give generously of their



time and energy.

It was most enjoyable and, hopefully, will inspire more members to take part in our monthly flower arranging competitions.

Sally Pearce, Chair  
Ringmer Flower Club

## Club Anniversaries Congratulations

Henfield, 65 years in August.

Ringmer, 45 years in September.

Ninfield, 45 years in October.

*Please share with us your celebrations,  
it’s great to hear what our clubs are  
doing.*

## MENCAP workshop

### Seaford Evening Flower Club

were asked to provide a workshop for the MENCAP’s monthly meeting held in Newhaven.

Very few members wanted to try their hands at flower arranging so we were able to give 1:1 tuition. The men were very keen and relished the individual attention and soon over came their initial shyness. The results were extremely good and they were very proud of their efforts readily posing for photos.



It seemed a shame that they had no one at ‘home’ to share the efforts with, the majority living in sheltered housing within the community.

We made new friends and were pleased to be able to offer them a new experience and new people to talk to.

Jane Mills, President  
Seaford Evening Flower Club

## Floral Fantasy Workshop with Graham King 10 May 2022

Graham was booked to lead a workshop for **Horsham Flower Club** in 2020 which went the way of almost all bookings that year, cancelled, making his 'Floral Fantasy' a bit more special. On the day attendees and visitors arrived eager to enjoy a 'hands on' floral afternoon.

'Floral Fantasy' enabled members to be creative with bullion wire, beads and wool in addition to the suggested flowers and foliage listed on the worksheet supplied by Graham.



*Disaster for Chris! Her vase suffered a major accident whilst being unpacked. Graham came to the rescue and gave a master class in restoring broken ceramics in addition to his teaching skills.*



*One of the many delightful designs created on the day.*



*Intense concentration and a 'Floral Fantasy' in the making.*

I arrived early to help set up the hall but was unable to stay for the afternoon. Happily, Jacqui and Janie sent me photos. Here are a selection starting with Graham's design seen left, subsequently won by a lucky visitor.



*Anne, usually in charge of the craft table, showing her flower arranging skills.*



*Sue sparing a few moments for the camera and looking very happy with her work.*



*Finally a few of the 'floral fantasies' created on an enjoyable and absorbing afternoon.*



Nancy Hubbard, Chairman  
Horsham Flower Club

## Jubilations Flower and Quilt Show at St Mary's Church, Goring 2 - 5 June

I was originally asked back in November last year if **Worthing Flower Club** would be willing to help at the church's Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

The idea being that some quilted banners would be hung in the church and our flowers would complement them. We agreed of course, and had photos of the quilted banners as a guide. After many emails, meetings, and discussions, plus an early morning trip to the wholesalers on Monday, we got together on the Wednesday morning to set up our displays. Slightly off balance initially, as I had a call the evening before to say that some of the quilts were not hung where we expected them to be, which would change some of our plans slightly but we adapted and it was all good in the end.

Further inside was a 'Harvest' and 'Tree of Life' quilt. The harvest quilt was accompanied by a



design incorporating dried wheat and oats with fresh alliums, and a hand tied wheat sheaf at the base. Cally will remember teaching some of us how to do the wheat sheaf.

A bit further in, and two beautiful purple pedestals, again picking up the purple theme of Harvest and the Jubilee.

'Fishers of Men' was accompanied by an



The hanging quilts made it a very different type of festival. Where possible we picked up the colourings and theme of the banners. Not everyone had a quilt as a backdrop. Some were working to complement the stained-glass windows and some plain windows, or pillars. In the entry foyer, was an 'Easter' hanging, enhanced by a stunning yellow pedestal arrangement.



arrangement of blue, orange and white on the front and side windowsill. Fish and other sea creatures were included in the design.

Further along, two white and green parallel designs sat opposite each other on window sills.



In the music corner, a fabulous orange, yellow and white arrangement, including fruits,

perfectly matched the stained-glass window above, while the next window was adorned by a mostly





pink arrangement of two mirror image asymmetric designs. The actual corner had a design, cleverly hanging from a metal beam.



The Lady Chapel had a yellow and white arrangement on the windowsill, and a small yellow pedestal by the pulpit on exit.



Round into the choir stalls where two long pink parallel designs opposite each other took us up to the High Altar where a long low subtle pink arrangement adorned the long window sill where a long low subtle pink arrangement adorned the long window sill.



A long day, but well worthwhile. The whole church looked stunning. We were all invited back in the evening for a thank you get together. The ladies who had originally invited us to help said that our efforts far surpassed any expectations they might have had.

Carol Stanbridge  
Worthing Flower Club

## Jubilee Evening

After much deliberation **Seaford Evening Flower Club** decided to go ahead with our June meeting on Jubilee Thursday.

The committee debated over what to do as numbers were going to be very unpredictable. A cake and a glass of Shloer were definite along with a tricky quiz the answers of which were all linked to members of the Royal Family. Patriotic table ware was sourced to brighten up the tables.



Two of the committee bravely volunteered to

do a demonstration each. Barbara Wallis chose to do a triangle shape white and green design hoping to encourage the novices to enter this class in the local horticultural show in August. Jo Green used flowers from her garden to make a coffee table design.



Then it was time to involve everyone in a group design, the members taking it in turns to add a piece of foliage or a flower to the arrangement.

Jane Mills, President  
Seaford Evening Flower Club

## Getting to know your Area Demonstrator.....

### Maggie Hayes

#### *How long have I been a demonstrator ?*

I passed my Area test in 2018.

#### *What made me become a demonstrator?*

I have enjoyed watching demonstrations since joining a flower club about 16 years ago. Whilst training to be a NAFAS judge in the Surrey area, I was 'encouraged' (a certain level of arm twisting was involved) to attend the demonstrator training in Sussex. This was put forward as good experience to further my judges' training, to speak about what you are doing as a demonstrator and seeing in the case of judging. Having done the training, it seemed a natural progression to take the test, happily I passed.

#### *Where do you get your inspiration from for your demonstrations?*

Life in general really, whether I'm gardening, seeing family and playing games with my grandchildren or walking with my dogs in the country, the shape and structure of a tree, the intricate patterns created by climbing plants and I can't resist an



interesting branch covered in lichen. The Flower Arranger and other floral magazines are good at getting the creative juices flowing.

#### *Please tell us about a demonstration that went really well and why*

I did a demonstration in Kent during my first year, whilst presenting my designs I was aware of several NAFAS judges and demonstrators in the front row, it felt rather daunting, but afterwards they all said how much they enjoyed it.



#### *And in the tradition of 'it's all right on the night', something that didn't go as planned*

I'm thankful that so far there haven't been any mishaps. My only moment was realising that I had forgotten my turntable, fortunately the designs weren't too awkward to turn by hand.

#### *What do you enjoy about demonstrating?*

Thinking of a subject and creating a design. Sharing my love of flowers with other people.

## Don't forget to enter the



**Sussex Area Show**

and the

**Photography Competition**

**Closing date Thursday 1 September**

## And finally ....

Thank you to all contributors of articles and photographs. Don't forget to send in your designs and articles. Please can you send your photos (in jpg format) separate, to your articles. Please send articles in either Word or as a pdf (portable document format).

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

*Duncan*