

**The National Association of
Flower Arrangement Societies
Newsletter, April 2025**



**Hello, and welcome to the April 2025
NAFAS Newsletter.**

National Show 2025 “Nature’s Challenge”



The window for entering to compete at the National Show has now closed.

Thank you to all those who have applied, we will be in touch with you soon to confirm places. We have received a tremendous response for this years Show which is promising to be even bigger and better than 2023.

Tickets are selling fast for the Gloucester Guildhall Demonstration, only 59 left at the beginning of this week!

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PRESENTS
NATURE'S CHALLENGE



NAFAS
NATIONAL SHOW
2025

SEPT 19&20 | GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

PURCHASE TICKETS AT WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM

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Click here to purchase tickets for the National Show at Gloucester Cathedral

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Autumn Appassionato

Inspired by a season - an evening of flower arranging and fun with innovative National demonstrators:

Emily Broomhead
Elizabeth Graham

Friday, 19th September 2025
at 7.30 pm
Doors open: 6.30pm

Gloucester Guildhall,
23 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1NS
T: 01452 503050
E: guildhall.boxoffice@gloucester.gov.uk



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President on the Road

James Burnside | National President

James Burnside, National President was delighted to attend the Diamond Anniversary celebrations of Musselburgh Floral Art Club, SAFAS and would like to thank members for their kind hospitality and warm welcome.

A little closer to home James attended the Ruby Anniversary celebrations of Cookstown Floral Art, NIGFAS where he entertained members with two arrangements, pictured below.



With Thanks

Mala Williams | Trustee

It is with great regret that we announce the resignation of Mala Williams from the Board of Trustees. We thank Mala for her dedication and service over the past 4½ years and wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her at future events.



Disability & Inclusion

Wednesday 2nd April saw the inaugural meeting of our newly formed Disability & Inclusion Team, led by Trustee, Paula McAlinden. The Team includes representatives from Judges, Demonstrators, Speakers Education and Area Chairmen.

The team has come together to review the policies of NAFAS on disability and inclusion and to provide guidance for the Association on how best to support those with additional needs, with a view to keeping flower arranging accessible and open to all.

Spotlight on Speakers

Pip Bensley

National Speaker | Wessex and Jersey



^ Photograph of Pip showcasing her current talks

A lifetime in horticulture with world famous “Hillier Nurseries” gives Pip Bensley a really deep knowledge of the plant world and a great back catalogue of plant photographs for her PowerPoint talks. 10 years ago Pip followed her love of flower arranging into a new career as a full time florist, speaker and flower arranging teacher.

Pip’s talks are all explained on her website at pipbensley.com/talks and range from the Chelsea Flower Show to plants for flower arranging, climbing plants, Winchester Cathedral Flower Festival and an International flower arranging show.

Rumour has it that she even has a talk about her beloved vintage flower vases in the planning for 2026...

Book your next Speaker!

Click here to message Pip about her availability

Click here to find more Area & National Speakers

Harrogate Spring Show

Harrogate is just around the corner, and we know that this will be a highlight not only for us but for many of our members attending and competing and getting involved.

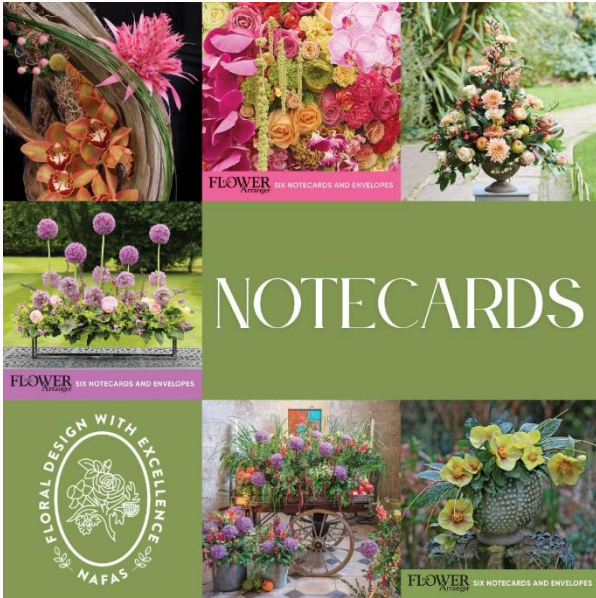
The Flower Arranger team will be there, capturing the amazing talent and creativity on display and Steven and Vanessa will be manning the NAFAS stall.

Below you can see our new fantastic new 1000-piece jigsaw puzzles that feature beautiful flower arrangements created by NAFAS members that will be on sale at Harrogate and coming to the online shop soon after.

It's always such a joy to get to these events and catch up with this wonderful community, so please stop by to say "Hello" and have a chat! We will let you know how it goes in the next newsletter.



NAFAS Shop



Dates for the Diary

15 May 2025 @ 6:30 pm: NAFAS Webinar

Have your voice heard! An opportunity to pose your questions to the Board of Trustees, and CEO.

NATIONAL FLOWER ARRANGING DAY **Friday 20 June 2025**



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15 October 2025 : NAFAS AGM

Venue and Time TBC

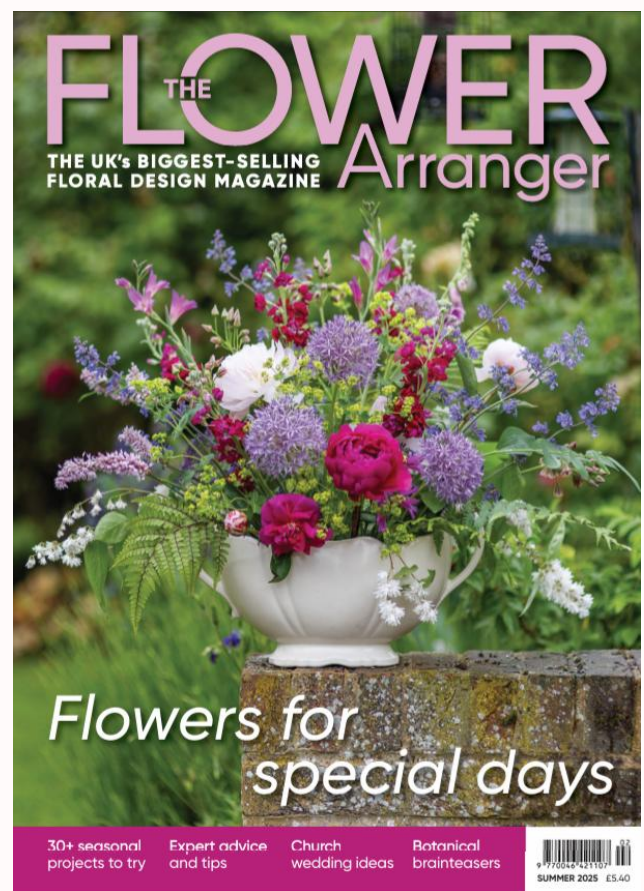
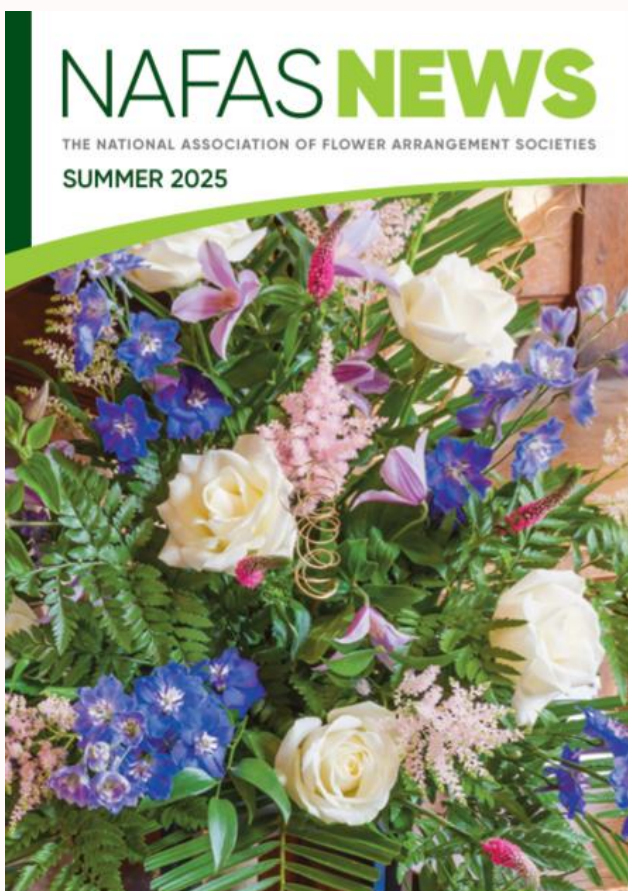
Your NAFAS News

Have you got a story to share? Now's the time to get your stories in for the Digital NAFAS News Autumn Issue. Whether it's showcasing the incredible talent at your events, sharing the good causes you support, or celebrating your Club's big milestones, we'd love to hear all about it!

Send your stories to news@nafas.org.uk by **03 May 2025** to be part of the Autumn Issue. We can't wait to see what you've been up to!

[Click here to get in touch and share your story!](#)

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