



EAST OF ENGLAND AREA OF NAFAS

Flower arranging at its best

Area News Bulletin

Welcome to the second Area News bulletin from the East of England Area of NAFAS' Media Team. These bulletins will be sent out regularly throughout the year to keep Clubs updated on the latest National, Area and Industry news and any key points from Council meetings or Area Days. It's not intended to replace any existing communications like Chairman's Chat, Latest News on the website or Facebook but to give you a round-up of news regularly so you don't miss anything.

These bulletins are designed to be shared with Club Officers, so if you've received this, please pass onto your officers, particularly Club Chairs so they can be kept up-to-date. Links will be provided where possible to make additional information easier to access.

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National News

- CEO Steven Lane is retiring in December 2025.
- Reminder from the NAFAS national advisory council that Clubs must ensure both the Club and venues for meetings and workshops are insured.
- The [National Show](#) has been launched and an appeal has gone out for Stewards to come forward to help.
- NAFAS has advised they're discontinuing the current flower arranging modules. See further note under Area News.
- Disability Inclusion training is being organised. More details to follow.
- National Flower Arranging Day will be 20th June this year with events/displays rather than Lonely Bouquet posies. See a further note under Area News.
- The Members' Database and Blue Forms are still being looked into.

Area News

- No nominations had been received for the position of 2nd Vice-Chairman. Recommendation from Executive for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be extended for a further year. Both Gloria and Roger have agreed and this was proposed and accepted at the Council meeting on 12th March.
- With the agreement of the JDS&E Committee and the Executive Council, the Area will reinstate the Area Flower Arranging courses. Now updated and divided into smaller units. The contents and other information will be added to the [Area website](#) shortly.
- There are new criteria for those members who wish to go onto the Area and National Teachers list. The criteria will be added to the Area website soon. Linda Knights, Education Representative, is also in the process of planning some refresher days for Teachers this year.
- Area Day on 26th April in Mildenhall has now sold out.
- The Area Executive have decided that the National Flower Arranging Day will be incorporated into the Royal Norfolk Show which is 25th/26th June nr Norwich – a perfect opportunity to promote NAFAS and one HQ are happy with.
- The inter-Group competition to select a representative from the Area at the National Show was held at the Council meeting on 12th March. This was won by Naomi Wells, a member of the Cambridge group of flower clubs. We all wish Naomi the best of luck and she has selected Rachael Borenkova (who was the Runner-Up) to join her at the Show in September.
- Clubs celebrating their anniversaries this year include Peterborough in February (70th); Holland-on-Sea (60th) and Fakenham (40th) in March; Orwell (40th) and Biggleswade & District (55th) in April. Congratulations to all.
- Pat South, Area Sales Officer, has asked if the condition and numbers of the Flower Arranger magazines can be checked on delivery. If there's anything amiss, please let Pat know within 3-5 days via <mailto:flowerarranger.nafaseast@gmail.com>.
- The Executive Council reminded Clubs that a Risk Assessment should be carried out prior to all events. A Pro Forma has been provided to help Clubs complete this, which is available on the [Area website](#) where you can view a pdf version or download a Word document to update for your Club's use.
- A Home & Garden Show is taking place in Ely Cathedral on 10th-12th July. A flower arrangement competition will take place in a marquee in the Bishop's Garden. Further details and show schedule are available on [their website](#).
- The latest version of the Area Noticeboard with all the Area's key dates is available [via the website](#) and attached to this News Bulletin.

The next Area News bulletin is planned for mid-April 2025. Any queries relating to the Bulletins can be emailed to me at 'media.nafaseast.he@gmail.com'.

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