

East of England Area of NAFAS – ‘What’s On’ dates for 2026

Area Council meetings

Wednesday 11th March – Spring Area Council – Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall – Arrival should be scheduled for 10.00am when doors open ready for 11.00am start. To be attended by Richard Abraham, NAFAS CEO.
NB The **June 2026 Area Council** meeting is not taking place following agreement at the October 2025 Council.

Wednesday 14th October – Autumn Area Council & AGM - Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall. – Doors open 10.00am for 11.00am. A competition to be held to select an Area representative to go to the National Show at Lincoln in 2027.

JDS&E events

Saturday 7th March - Demonstrators’ Refresher Day – Mildenhall

14th-15th May – Proposed JDS&E workshop outing – Jonathan Moseley and Chatsworth House in Derbyshire.

15/16 September 2026 – Festival at Winchester Cathedral and visit to RHS Wisley.

Saturday 3rd October - Area Workshop with Gill McGregor. More details to follow.

9th December - In-house Christmas workshop at Mildenhall

Spotlight East Newsletter publication dates

31st January
30th April
31st July
31st October

Flower Arranger distribution dates

Spring edition - 8th-15th January
Summer edition - 8th-15th April
Autumn edition - 9th-16th July
Winter edition - 8th- 15th October

National Events

To be added once known.

Area Days

Saturday 25th April – Area Day – Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall. Doors open 10.00am for 11.00am with stalls and raffle. Speaker is Martyn Davey with his title ‘Edible Flowers’ and the Demonstrator is Jo Purdy, a floral designer and national demonstrator with her title ‘A Botanical Gallery’.

Saturday 11th July – Area Day – Isleham – speaker Amanda Sutherland, Demonstrator is Lorena Dyer, a national demonstrator with her title ‘Shades of Summer’.

Friday 2nd October – Autumn Area Day – Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall. Demonstrator will be Gill McGregor, Speaker is Guy Barker (to be confirmed).

Group Meetings

Cambridge Group

Saturday 21st March, Spring Group Day - Speaker Vicky Dunne ‘The History of Belly Dancing’. Demonstration by Morgan-Douglas Nuth.

Sunday 22nd March - Workshop with Morgan.

Tuesday May 19, Officers Day.

Saturday 24th October AGM with demonstration by Trudie Easton entitled ‘Queen Bees’

Colchester Group

23rd March, 22nd June and 23rd November

East Suffolk Group

24th July – Open Meeting with Vanessa Wellock

King’s Lynn Group

April – date tbc - Downham Market. Group & Programme Secretary’s meeting.

9th May - Workshop at the Curlew Centre in Sutton Bridge.

Norwich Group

16th March - Meeting & free workshop with Rachael Borenkova. Requirements list available on confirmation of attendance.

15th June – workshop with Jonathan Moseley.

2nd November - AGM with speaker. Ploughman's lunch and afternoon in-house demonstration.

Flower & County Shows

16th May - Hadleigh Show — Holbecks Park, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

27th/28th May – Suffolk Show – Trinity Park, Ipswich

24th/25th June – Royal Norfolk Show – Costessey Showground, Norwich

21st – 26th July - RHS Flower Show - Sandringham estate in Norfolk.