

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.	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).
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	Group Meetings Cambridge Group Saturday 21 st March, Spring Group Day - Speaker Vicky Dunne 'The History of Belly Dancing'. Demonstration by Morgan-Douglas Nuth. Sunday 22 nd March - Workshop with Morgan. Tuesday May 19, Officers Day. Saturday 24 th October AGM with demonstration by Trudie Easton entitled 'Queen Bees' Colchester Group 23rd March, 22nd June and 23rd November East Suffolk Group 24 th 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. 15 th June – workshop with Jonathan Moseley. 2nd November - AGM with speaker. Ploughman's lunch and afternoon in-house demonstration.
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.	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.