



'Celebrating 55 Years of Flowers & Friendship'

Spring Newsletter 2018

Dear Member,

Welcome to this Spring newsletter to mark the start of our Emerald celebration year.

Many thanks to those of you who braved the weather last month for our AGM.

Once the formalities were over we enjoyed refreshments including delicious cakes made by Audrey Unsworth and then we were entertained by Jacqueline Iddon from Brereton, near Leyland who gave a lovely illustrated talk about her garden and plant nursery. We look forward to a club visit to her garden at the end of June.

I attended the first Cheshire Area of NAFAS Council meeting of the year at Plumley in February and as usual there was a lot of information given out so I thought I would include some of it in this newsletter.

Some dates for your diaries.

Saturday 24th February, 24th March & 28th April - 'Start a Fashion Share Your Passion' course at Plumley Village Hall 10am - 3.30pm £60 for 3 classes or attend as many as you can. Further details and application form from Carole.

Sunday 13th May 12 - 4pm - Plant & Table Top sale in aid of Chelsea 2019 at Plumley Village Hall. Entry is free. Tea/coffee & cakes for sale. To book a table priced at £10 contact Chris Middleton on 01625 421737 or email treasurer@nafascheshire.org.uk

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th June - Royal Cheshire County Show 'Hotchpotch' Closing date for Floral Design entries 4th June. Photography competition closing date Thursday 31st May. Please see the notice board for the Floral Design schedule booklets and the Photography Competition entry forms.

Stewards are also needed for this event. I'll be sending a form round at the March meeting if you are interested in helping out. This is a great way to see the talent within the Cheshire area and you also get a ticket for free!

****Tuesday 26th June** - Stockton Heath Flower Club outing to Jacqueline Iddon's garden and plant nursery at Brereton near Leyland. Cost approx. £28 including coach, lunch, tour of the garden and demonstration. Leaving Appleton Parish Hall at 11.30am and returning to the hall at 6.00pm approx. Please see Alison, Julia or Carole for more information and to book your place.

Thursday 5th July - Sunday 8th July - Stockton Heath Festival on the festival field and in and around Stockton Heath village.

Thursday 5th July - 10am for 10.30am - Area Social Day at Frodsham Community Centre. The morning entertainment is provided by speaker James Burnside from Northern Ireland with his talk 'The Legacy of Art Nouveau' and the afternoon demonstration 'Artistic Expression' is by Alan Beatty, a National Judge & National Demonstrator. Please see the poster on the notice board for more information. **Tickets £15 (please bring a packed lunch)** Do book early as this is always a very popular event. See Carole to book your ticket. **Closing date for tickets Wednesday 15th June**

Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd July - RHS Tatton. The title of this year's show is 'Celebration' and the Cheshire Area is involved both with the floral exhibit and a floral wall so it all sounds very exciting!

****Wednesday 25th July - 10.30am to 12.30pm Stockton Heath Flower Club Coffee Morning**, with a flower demonstration by Cheshire Area demonstrator Debbie Davies. **Tickets £5** to include tea/coffee and a cake and will be available from our May meeting.

****Monday 26th November 7.30pm** - Stockton Heath Flower Club's event in aid of St. Rocco's Hospice at the Park Royal Hotel, Stretton with Cheshire Area Demonstrator Mark Entwistle. Definitely a date for your diary! More information to follow later.

As you can see we have a busy year ahead of us so thank you once again for your continued interest and support in our flower club events and activities.

Please see the notice board for forthcoming workshops, flower festivals and demonstrations in and around the area

Best wishes,

Kath