



## *'Celebrating 55 Years of Flowers & Friendship'*

### *Summer Newsletter 2018*

Dear Member,

Welcome to our Summer newsletter.

I hope you agree that the recent weather has been lovely especially for RHS Chelsea and long may it continue for the rest of the 'Flower Show Season'.

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

Some dates for your diaries.

**Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th June** - Royal Cheshire County Show to include the floral exhibits with the overall theme of 'Hotchpotch'.

**\*\*Tuesday 26th June** - Stockton Heath Flower Club's outing to Jacqueline Iddon's garden and plant nursery at Brereton near Leyland. Please pick up an information sheet at our June meeting if you are going to join us for what I'm sure will be a fabulous day out.

**A reminder please NOT to park in the Parish Hall or Co-op car park if you are going on this trip.**

**Thursday 5th July - Sunday 8th July** - Stockton Heath Festival on the festival field and in and around Stockton Heath village. Please see the notice board table for programme booklets.

**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).**

**Closing date for tickets Wednesday 15th June. Contact Chris Middleton (Area Treasurer) on 01625 421737 for more information.**

**Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd July** - RHS Tatton.

The overall theme of this year's floral show is 'Celebration' The Cheshire team is being led by Sylvia Bower and comprises Pat Murphy, Debbie Davies and Heather Bateson. Sylvia has planned a design with the title of 'Nature's Bounty' so good luck to the Cheshire team.

**\*\*Wednesday 25th July - 10.30am to 12.30pm Stockton Heath Flower Club Coffee**

**Morning, The 'Olde Barn', Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall.**

**WA4 2SG. Tickets £5** to include tea/coffee & cake and a flower demonstration by Debbie Davies, a Cheshire Area demonstrator from Formby.

Please note the change of venue due to the refurbishment of Appleton Parish Hall.

**Thursday 4th October 10am for 10.30am start - Cheshire Area of NAFAS AGM**

at Tarvin Community Centre, Meadow Close, Chester CH3 8LY followed by an afternoon demonstration by Dr. Kate Kerr from Dumfries & Galloway. Tickets £12 from Chris Middleton (Area Treasurer) on 01625 421737. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Stalls to browse round.

**\*\*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 in the Autumn newsletter.

We continue to have a busy year with committee members helping with mini demonstrations at Brindley Court, Undercliffe House and Sandy Lane Community Centre. My grateful thanks for their help and support with these events.

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

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and fingers crossed for more lovely sunshine!

Best wishes,

*Kath*