

## DORSET AND GUERNSEY AREA OF NAFAS

### VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING 27<sup>TH</sup> October 2020 at 10.30 am

**Present:** The President, Vice President, National Associates of Honour, Area Associates of Honour, Club Chairmen and their representatives.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
A short silence was held in memory of long time member Dennis Dunford, other club members who had died during the year and those who had passed away due to the current pandemic. The Chairman then handed over to the President.
2. **Hand Over to President:** The President welcomed everyone to the meeting saying that this virtual Annual Meeting was a first for the Area AGM.
3. **Apologies Received:** Betty Morrison, Chris Gibbons, Angela Edwards.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Copies had been circulated after that meeting. They were agreed and will be signed at the first opportunity.  
Proposed by Jan Preen, (Gillingham) seconded Philippa Loudon (Sherborne).
5. **Matters Arising:** None.
6. **Correspondence:** The Chairman had received an e-mail from Angela Edwards explaining that she wasn't looking to retire at the moment, but thought it would be a good idea for another person to shadow her so that when the time came, someone was ready and familiar with the role of Flower Arranger Rep. Club Chairmen were asked to clarify this point with their members and endeavour to find a volunteer.
7. **Area Secretary's Report:** Circulated prior to the meeting.
8. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated prior to the meeting.

Members had been notified that Dr Christina Curtis, National Chairman, had resigned and Katherine Kear had stepped into the vacancy.

The Chairman reported that at the National Annual Meeting it was decided that Affiliation Fees for next year would remain the same at £6.10p. West Moors had gained consent to remain Affiliated with agreement to pay their fees when they could be collected. NAFAS had decided that their 2021 AGM would be a virtual meeting. There was talk about a virtual National Show next year as well. Wessex and Jersey had held a very successful virtual Area Show with members submitting photographs of their entries. Irene Hickson commented that this show had not been judged. National Accounts had been received back from TC Group and could now be put on the web site.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurers Report and audited accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer commented that the bank balance stood at £6,407.15 and Scottish Widows stood at £18045.76. He advised that other money held by the JDE&S and News and Views needed to be pulled into the accounts. 16 clubs had paid Affiliation fees for this year with 576 paid up members. 2 clubs were outstanding, West Moors and Parkstone who were

looking for a new venue. Pat Cherrett (Assistant Treasurer) said that no money had been loaned to NAFAS as they had arranged a loan of £150,000 from the bank. The Area had stipulated that a repayment contract be drawn up before any money was loaned but HQ had felt that the cost of drawing up individual contracts for the 5 Areas which had offered to lend money was too expensive. Clive said that £118.00 had been donated to charity from clubs in the Area.

Adoption of the Statement of Accounts was proposed by Elizabeth Flower, (Shaftesbury) and seconded by Sue Pavitt (West Moors).

#### **10. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts:**

The reappointment of Mr M Wardle, Examiner of Accounts was proposed by Jan Preen (Gillingham) and seconded by Anne Clark (Colehill).

#### **11. Area Reports:**

JDE&S, Teachers, News & Views, Flower Arranger and E Media Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Irene Hickson, Chairman of the JDE&S advised that they had a new committee. She was stepping down as Chairman and Carrie Diamond had taken over that role. Elizabeth James had resigned from the committee.

News & Views. Carrie Diamond queried the change in subscription next year for the News and Views and Anne Clark, Editor clarified that because members had paid for 3 editions in 2020 but only received 2, next year they would pay for 2 editions and hopefully receive the full complement of 3.

Flower Arranger. Irene Hickson emphasised the importance of getting a shadow on Board for Angela Flower Arranger Rep. The Flower Arranger Magazine was a fund raiser for NAFAS and she said that most of the admin was now on-line and asked all club Chairmen to encourage their members to think about taking on this important role.

Betty Morrison, Teachers rep, had sent apologies.

Area was still looking for a Photography Rep and Irene wondered if an email could be sent to all Chairmen asking them to encourage their members to think about taking on this and the Flower Arranger roles.

Sandra (Trading) reminded everyone that she had diaries for 2021 at £4.99p each.

The Adoption of Reports was proposed by Sue Baker (West Dorset) and seconded by Pat Cherrett (Purbeck).

#### **12. Questions:**

Carrie Diamond reported that Dorchester club were holding Zoom meetings and making videos for their members.

Jan Preen reported that Gillingham were sending goody bags to their members, together with a chairman's report and quiz.

Liz Flower said that Shaftesbury had lost some members through illness and that she was sending out a letter to all members with the Flower Arrangers or by post. She asked about virtual AGMs and if there could be a change of Officers. Irene Hickson said it was up to each club to do what they wanted. No meeting was needed changes could be made in writing.

Philippa Loudon said that Sherborne club were celebrating a big birthday in that their Founder Member would reach 100. She said that they now had 14 members and they were sending out work sheets .

### **13. Events 2021.**

Area Day. Irene said the Area Day scheduled for March 2021 had been cancelled.

Area Show. Sandra said that the venue booking deposit had been carried forward to August 2021. The committee had not met since March 2020 before lock-down.

Golden Anniversary Gala Dinner. This event had been cancelled.

Garden Party 2021. Sandra is hoping to hold a Garden Party at her home in June but this will depend on social distancing and on how many people can meet at any one time.

### **14. Appointments/Retirement of Officers.**

The Chairman thanked Eileen Woodward who was retiring as Secretary and welcomed Jean Hill from Sturminster Newton club who was taking over. She also thanked Irene for chairing the JDE&S committee. Eileen and Irene were presented (remotely) with a planter and flowers respectively.

### **15. AOB**

- World Show in India. Carrie Diamond (Owermoigne) said that she and Steve Diamond had put together a Power Point presentation of their trip to India for Owermoigne Club and that she would be happy to show it to other clubs if they wished. Elaine Knight said the presentation was wonderful.
- Pat Cherrett (Purbeck)said they still had one booking for the Chelsea presentation outstanding at Weymouth Club. She said Purbeck club was keeping in contact with their members but their venue was being refurbished and it may be that they will have to find another place to meet.
- Denise Pharaoh (Broadstone) said they were hoping to hold their AGM before the March meeting.
- Irene, President, said that it was important for Chairmen to keep in touch with their members as best they could.
- Sandra, Chairman, said she would be holding Council meetings via Zoom in February, May and August 2021.
- Sue Baker (West Dorset) said that they had had a committee meeting in April and nothing since. Members were advised of the videos which Area were releasing. Their hall was not

available at the moment and it was possible they may have to find another venue. West Dorset were celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021.

- Liz Flower (Shaftesbury) commented that if gatherings were restricted to 6 people it was impossible for clubs to meet.
- Bob Holman (Bere Regis) commented that it was important for committees to keep in touch with their members.
- Elaine Knight (Owermoigne) thanked The Chairman and the committee for holding the Zoom meetings and those who had recorded video demonstrations.
- The question was raised about how to collect next years subs. Sandra said that Head Office had not offered any constructive help on this issue and clubs should consult their Constitutions. She suggested not to worry unduly about collecting subs but to prepare members in advance of their next meeting whenever that may be. It was suggested £10.00 Affiliation fees would have to be collected even if club membership were waived for next year .

Sherborne Club has agreed to pay their Affiliation fees next year.

Denise Pharaoh (Broadstone) said that their club members will not have to pay anything, the club will shoulder the Affiliation fees.

Elaine (Owermoigne) when Affiliation fees were due and it was confirmed that this was 1<sup>st</sup> December.

- Anne asked if would be possible to have a virtual Area Show. Irene agreed it would be nice but Sandra said she would need a lot of help from Carrie and Steve to set it up. Carrie said it needed a lot of thought as it would require a lot of work.

Jan Preen (Gillingham) pointed out that some clubs were not very IT friendly and Philippa Louden said that a good camera could be a problem.

Sylvia (Lychett Minster & Corfe Mullen) asked about Christmas wreaths being submitted virtually.

Liz Flower (Shaftesbury) suggested asking Wessex & Jersey for some tips on how they had achieved their successful virtual Show. Carrie she would talk to them about it.

Sandra (Chairman)asked how could you raise money from virtual shows. It remained important to fund raise where possible.

Bob Holman (Bere Regis )said it was necessary to realise how important Area Shows were to members. Some Areas have technical people available.

- Sandra, Chairman said that her daughter Amy may have a design featured in the Flower Arranger next year featuring British grown flowers.
- Sandra said the First Aider course was due to be refreshed this November.
- Denise Pharaoh (Broadstone) asked if there was any bank or building society which could give a better rate of interest. The Treasurer thought not.

The President thanked Sandra for her work in enabling club committees and members to keep in touch via Zoom meetings. Sandra pointed that she was happy to host a Zoom meeting for any club that wished to hold a meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12 noon. The next council meeting will be Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

DORSET & GUERNSEY AREA OF NAFAS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27TH OCTOBER 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good morning, Madam President, Special Associates of Honour, Area Associates of Honour and Chairman.

Following the AGM of October 2019 the year started quite well, but due to a family commitment I was unable to attend Lytchett Minster & Upton Autumn Show and both Shaftesbury & Broadstone & Corfe Mullen flower clubs Christmas open evenings, I did attend Purbeck, Sherborne, Verwood and Lytchett Minster & Upton's flower clubs which were all very enjoyable.

The area Christmas Carol Service was well supported and we all enjoyed a Demonstration in Lady St Mary's Church by Michael Bowyer followed by lunch served by Gillingham Flower Club again a very enjoyable day although the weather was quite horrible.

Then we moved on to 2020 and like most of us my diary has more crossing out in it than anything else. Sadly Dorset & Guernsey was really celebrating our 50th Anniversary of forming. All events arranged had to be cancelled. It is hoped that although we do not know when it will be possible, the Celebration will happen, more likely as a Garden Party giving opportunity for more or even all members to attend. More information will come when we have moved on with Covid 19, may be pencil in your diary Wednesday 16th June 2021.

At a virtual Council Meeting of the club Chairman, it was voted on that Irene Hickson your President would stand for an extra year of her term making it 2022 when she will stand down. Also it was agreed that I myself would extend my term of office by one year making it 2021 when I stand down.

At this point I would like to thank my secretary Eileen Woodward, who has been my right hand for two years, she has been very efficient and a pleasure to work with, taking minutes or notes as we called them while a Zoom meeting is taking place I am sure cannot be easy but Eileen has managed it extremely well.

I am pleased to announce that Jean Hill of Sturminster Newton Flower club has agreed to be my secretary for this next year.

I would like to thank those clubs who agreed, and paid their members Affiliation Fees early this year. As you may be aware NAFAS has had a really difficult year, not unlike so many other organisations, more about that in my National Report, but I was pleased Dorset & Guernsey Area were willing to help in this way along with also willing to offer a loan of £5000, which to date has not been taken up by NAFAS mainly due to a change in circumstances.

An area show was being planned for 2020 but has been postponed until August 2021 if it is possible to be held then. The venue is holding the deposit at present. A deposit had been paid to The Crown Hotel Blandford for the Gala dinner, that has since been returned but not in the accounting year.

I launched the project "Funding for Education" at last year's AGM, unfortunately no club has been able to use the facility but I would like to illustrate that the project is ongoing, there is no time limit, if and when we can start to meet together safely then please think about putting on an open workshop in your programmes, for members and public let's make it an opportunity to entice new members into our clubs. As an Area we are holding funds to cover this project.

I organised on behalf of the Area a Zoom membership for a year, it has been used by a few clubs, but may I remind Chairman that the facility is there to be used, if you want to have your committee meet or even socially meet, all you have to do is contact me and I will organise the rest. At least three clubs have used zoom for their monthly meeting and Bere Regis managed a physical meeting, Owermoigne was nearly there but the Covid rules changed, so they reverted to zoom.

I would like to thank my executive, and those who have worked so hard on the Area You Tube videos', which I trust you have watched and enjoyed, for their continued support throughout this awkward year, and can only hope next year will be better. In the words of Captain Tom "tomorrow will be a better day"

## NATIONAL REPORT.

After attending Area Chairman's day in January 2020, where there was much discussion about how NAFAS should move forward, then the following day a National Advisory Meeting both held in London, all meetings since have been virtual Zoom meetings.

It has been an unsettling year with the National Vice Chairman and two Directors resigning en block in June. Extra ordinary meetings were held after the event but due to confidentiality the reason was

withheld. At the time the Area chairmen were in the middle of voting in two new Directors for the AGM 2020, so the ballot was extended while nominations were requested for National Vice Chairman. There was just one nomination that being Katherine Kear, Three Counties & South Wales. We went on to vote then for three Directors and the Vice Chairman.

The result was :- Katherine Kier - National Vice Chairman has now taken office after the Annual General Meeting earlier this month.

Directors:- Peter Mathers - North East, Mala Williams - Wessex & Jersey, Nicky Wylie - Cheshire, also taken office earlier this month.

Sue Brinton the National President has now finished her term of office and Michael Bowyer, Wessex & Jersey is now the National President.

The CEO and Directors have continued to work throughout this Pandemic by virtual meeting fortnightly.

It was felt at the beginning of the year that it was going to be a difficult year and the financial results has proved that to be correct.

There is a deficit of some £208000.00 more than half of this coming from the Diamond Event in 2019. Trading shows a loss of 10% mainly due to the Flower Arranger and Publications. The printing cost of the Flower Arranger have increased considerably this situation is being looked into. Along with reduced sales due to the High street shops being closed. Publications nine titles are now out of stock or out of date. Show Work for Beginners, A Teaching Manual, Elements of Principle and Design, and Period Guide 1 are all being worked on and close to publication. Via the website they are producing two work sheets which anybody can purchase, one on Colour and one on Texture.

The NAFAS calendar has not been produced now for two years and Christmas cards have not been purchased this year as year by year the sales have been dropping.

Wearing my other hat I do have the NAFAS diary for 2021, please encourage your members to purchase one. They can order any time as I have 50 to sell before 01.01.21.

Due to the change of Auditors, some accounting errors were found but as the CEO said there is "No dead wood left" in the accounts, several things have altered all to save money and a Feasibility study is in process which will involve Osbourne House.

Asked if NAFAS is a going concern the COE answered, YES. Asked are we a sustainable charity going on he answered, No, we have to change, we have to generate money. NAFAS survives on Affiliation fees, Flower arranger our own in house magazine and Publications. The future needs are, to develop the website and social media, form a data base, work on the objectives, what do we stand for, and attract new members.

To finish I was quite sad when I read a news piece that said about getting back to normal, the normal being pubs, shops and restaurants ! my normal would be meeting with friends who are like minded, joining

others on our flower club night, meeting with other officers in the Area, meeting other members at an event that yes I may have had a few sleepless nights over and worked two day to produce, but how lovely to see other members enjoying it. Until that happens again please keep safe and well, treat yourself with some flowers and have fun arranging them.

## **TEACHER'S REPORT FOR A.G.M OCTOBER 2020**

Good Morning.

This is a brief outline of the Dorset and Guernsey Teacher's association.

At the present time we have a full membership of **40**, this covers **fourteen** of our clubs within the **Dorset area**. The criteria for a member; to have an understanding of flower arranging and you are paid up member of a club within the Dorset and Guernsey area of NAFAS.

It is good to report that we currently have a waiting list of 5.

Thanks to our Programme Secretary we have had varied tutors over the previous year, the last being **Pip Bensley**, who is a favourite of the Association, and gave us a memorable day leading into to 'lockdown'.

The whole idea is they give us new techniques which it is hoped we takeback to our clubs and show the members. it goes without saying **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A TEACHER TO DO THIS.**

Having said that, like every club we are closed until the Government tells us otherwise, as, and when we can, we will be raring to go.

I am delighted to say that my committee has confirmed that they will remain in place, with me, until an AGM, possibly in May 2022.



I take this opportunity to say thank to all the ladies who are currently on the committee and the support they are giving in keeping this Association 'alive' for the future members.

Betty Morrison

Chairlady

## **Dorset & Guernsey Area of Nafas**

### **Area Flower Arranger Officer's Report to the Annual Meeting October 2020**

Subscriptions have been quite steady through the year and deliveries to Club publication officers generally have been accurate and close to planned time. Individual CFAO have had to make arrangements for their subscribers to receive these. Subscriptions for 2021 are now being received but sadly some are lower than previous years. The Editorial Board continues to be concerned about overall reduction in subscriptions. The Flower Arranger both gives pleasure to its readers and profits contribute substantially to the running costs of NAFAS. Please remember that a lot of the work in publishing the magazine is by volunteers so administrative costs are low.

Editor Chloe Bryan-Brown continues to put her 'stamp' on the magazine and I hope that those who previously stopped subscribing will reconsider their decision. Even if your club order has been sent, it's never too late to add to the order. And what value – it continues to be just £12.80 for the year which is only £3.20 an issue.

Of particular interest were two articles in the Summer edition: *'In Season: The future of floral arrangement at Chelsea'* and *An introduction to the newly appointed Chelsea Flower Show boss, Jackie McCarrick who talked with Sue Briggs CBE Director General in charge of steering it through the difficult times.* It was already known that changes were to be made in the floral/flower arranging sections. There is a new advisory panel to which Sue Brinton, NAFAS

National President, has been appointed.

At the start of 'lock-down' Sylvia Loader our liaison at NAFAS HQ at Osborne House worked from home but for a short period was furloughed. However all has continued with minimum interruption. Sadly the annual meeting of Area Flower Arranger Officers was cancelled.

I will continue as your Area FAO but as I had my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in August it is probably sensible for someone to 'shadow me' soon. This could initially be simply by my copying correspondence to the 'shadow'.

Finally, I am awarding Bere Regis club with the Flower Arranger Award and a cheque for £25; followed by Guernsey and Dorchester clubs both of whom will receive cheques for £15. I will post cheques to their Flower Arranger Officers.

Angela Edwards

### **Report on News & Views October 2020**

The spring issue of News & Views was published as normal with 9 adverts all advertising exciting demonstrations, the Area Show and Area Day, but of course none of these happened.

2020 is a year we will all want to forget! Lockdown happened a day after I returned from holiday from Vietnam and everything was closed (apart from the supermarkets). No club meetings, no Area Show and no Area Day. So, due to the Lockdown there was consequently no Summer issue. The Spring issue had reports on the National Show in London, the Area Show and the Carol Service.

How to put a magazine together with nothing seemingly happening? I delayed the deadline until well into September in order to give club members a chance to provide news stories and articles. You didn't disappoint. Many thanks to the members who stepped up and provided articles, stories etc. I am sure you will agree that the Autumn/Winter edition is full of very interesting pieces. We have reports on the YouTube demonstrations; what clubs have been up to during Lockdown - how you have kept in touch with your members; how to make Christmas cards; a wonderful story and plenty of photos of flowers to delight us.

For the Spring issue, as I don't think clubs will be back to their normal activities much before Spring, have a series of "How to ....." from our various demonstrators and teachers. I do know some clubs hold many teaching sessions and workshops, so please share any ideas you have with our club members by sending me your "how to ....." worksheet illustrated with

photos. Obviously, any adverts for 2021 will be welcome, as we all hope that things will return to a sort of normality or the “new normal” as it is often referred to!!

It has been decided to keep subscriptions the same but just charge for 2 issues instead of the usual 3 issues in 2021.

Thank you.

Anne Clark

Editor of News & Views

#### [Area E-Media report to AGM 2020](#)

[What I thought might have been a quiet year under the present circumstances has in fact been quite busy and Dorset & Guernsey Area has achieved a lot since our last AGM.](#)

[I have continued to add news items and pictures to the News page of the website. There was the AGM in October when Annette finished her time as President and Irene became the Area President. JDE&S hosted the Floral Fundamentals Area Christmas Workshop and we featured some of those designs on the website. Lytchett and Upton held a super show at Upton House, and we featured some of the designs by those talented ladies.](#)

[At the Area Carol Service, we were entertained by Michael Bowyer and shared our usual lunch at Lady St Mary Church. Sadly, we also shared the news that our great friend The Rev. Mac had passed away.](#)

[Steve and I attended the World Flower Show in Jaipur and returned to Dorset just before lockdown. Since then I've tried to use the website to keep you up to date with news from NAFAS and the Area. Of course many of the clubs made the decision to close for the rest of the year but others didn't and I'm afraid I wasn't kept up to date with the latest situation so much to my regret the website is not fully up to date.](#)

[Since lockdown we've enjoyed pictures of the Rings of Hope & Appreciation which many members displayed, and of VE Day rings too.](#)

[I also decided that we could try and make a video to entertain our members and give them a flower fix. With Steve's encouragement, help and technical abilities, it has blossomed into a much bigger venture. Having spoken with Irene and other demonstrators, everyone was](#)

enthusiastic to have a go. The results have been fantastic and every 2 weeks since the beginning of June we have released a demonstration video on our own Area YouTube channel. We've all learned a lot, and we've enjoyed it. From early in October we've got enough videos completed to release one each week and will be making some special Christmas ones too. Not bad for the smallest Area in NAFAS! This has been a very positive initiative at a very difficult time for our clubs and members. We do hope you feel it is keeping you in touch with the flower world. Please show your appreciation by liking or leaving a comment.

I'm still posting on Facebook, but more often I use it to let people know that there is something new on the website or the YouTube channel .

Please don't forget to send me your programmes for 2020 when you have decided on them. If you have any changes to your officers, please remember to fill in the GDPR form which is specifically for E-Media and send it to me please.

Finally, nationally. Don't forget the NAFAS website. They are developing a new one but there are always interesting photos, news and "How to" videos. The Member's Area has lots of useful documents, including a supplement to the National Lists, guidelines and leaflets for clubs, health and safety documents and much more. Very useful background for your new committee members. Your password to the members area is nafasweb16. Do have a look and share this information with your members, especially your committee. Our website is able to hold much more detail about your club, so please feed me that info and I will gladly put it on your page. This is your chance to publicise your club.

Let's hope 2021 enables us to meet again and have fun, enjoy the friendships of our organisation, and of course continue to love our flowers.

#### TREASURERS REPORT TO AMG 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

Please find the Annual Accounts as approved by Mr Michael Wardle for the twelve month period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019/ 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. As with all other Societies at this time you will see there has been very little activity during this period. Some points to take into consideration are.

1. The accounts look as though the Area Show in 2019 showed a loss but this is not the case as income was shown on the previous years account.
2. The accounts show a loss this year but this is because of the deposit of £1,000 paid to Motcombe village hall for 2021 Area Show.
3. I understand the difficulties that clubs are having during these difficult times so thank you to all the clubs that have paid their Affiliation Fees. It is greatly appreciated by the Area and NAFAS. I look forward to when we can all meet again.
4. These accounts do not show any monies held within other accounts.

5. I would like to thank Mr Wardle for auditing these accounts and for these to be accepted and for the meeting to agree to him being appointed again for next year.

6. If you have any questions concerning these accounts please send them in writing seven days before the AGM.

Clive Cherrett

Area Treasurer

## Dorset & Guernsey AGM

### JDE&S committee report October 2020

October 2019, a new calendar year for the D&G Area and JDE&S committee.

The executive committee offered grants to the value of £300 for all clubs. These were to be applied for and to be used for education purposes.

We held our second Flora Fundamentals workshop open to members of D&G clubs with Julia Harrison (National Teacher) and had full attendance.

After the offer for the Education grant it was felt that the JDE&S Committee would support any club with help if needed.

Carrie Diamond (Education Rep) attended the reps meeting in February 2020. A new teaching Manual was discussed. This is to promote good teaching practice across NAFAS. It is to assist those teachers in all the Area's who do not hold a teaching qualification, who run workshops. These would be taken by National Teachers from each area. As we do not have a National teacher in our area we may join a neighbouring area.

National Judges committee have been holding regular Zoom meetings. The subject of Still Life was brought to the meeting and it was agreed to put together some information on this topic.

A new book, Show Work for Beginners is complete and with the publishing team. The National judge Margaret Rumens steps down at the next National AGM and is to be replaced by Joan Magee.

The Covid Virus has brought most clubs to a standstill. In June we launched the D&G YouTube channel. Two weekly intervals saw one of our demonstrators on the screen. We have recorded 15 Videos in total and from October we will be showing weekly demonstrations, with Four Christmas demonstrations. I know that they have been very much appreciated by the members. I feel that we should say a big thank you to the D&G Area demonstrator's who have given their time to produce these demonstrations for us plus a big thank you to Steve Diamond, our editor who smoothed out any errors and has made the finished article look so professional.

There has been nothing to report on the Speakers theme

As for future events by the JDE&S committee. After a long discussion it was decided that we feel it will be some time before things will get back to normal and bearing in mind the number of people who attend. The Area Day for 2021 has been cancelled.

Having said this we must keep positive and look forward. We will do our best to keep in contact with the members and hopefully bring some demonstrations and workshops to you via Youtube

I am now stepping down as JDE&S Chairman, I have held this post for about 10 years and enjoyed my time as Chairman. This would not have been possible with out the committee I have had behind me. So thankyou all.

Also retiring from the committee, who also has given long and valuable service is Elizabeth James. Thank you Elizabeth for the time you have given, not only on this committee but for D&G Area in many other ways. You can relax now and enjoy your title of associate of honour.

#### **JDE&S COMMITTEE 2021**

CHAIRMAN	Carrie Diamond
VICE CHAIRMAN	
TREASURER	Elizabeth Witcomb
SECRETARY	Sheila Bendall
JUDGES REPRESENTATIVE	Annette Parker
DEMONSTRATER'S REPRESENTATIVE	Irene Hickson
EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE	Carrie Diamond
SPEAKER'S REPRESENTATIVE	Sandy Milne
COMMITTEE	Marilyn Norse, Allison Finch

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VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 10.30 AM

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Good morning Madam President, Associates of Honour, Madam Chairman and Members.

The year began with a most enjoyable Caroll Service at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham, including a stunning demonstration by Michael Bowyer and delicious lunch prepared and served by Gillingham Club Members. We have managed to have 2 Council Meetings, one actual meeting at Tarrant

Keyneston in February and a virtual Zoom meeting in June to which all club chairmen, or their representatives, were invited.

All other events have been cancelled and most club meetings have been unable to take place. However, we hope our Annual Show is only postponed and can take place next year. Dorset &

Guernsey Area reached its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020 and 2 clubs, Shaftesbury and Guernsey reached 70<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays respectively.

Data Protection forms for renewal will be sent to clubs so that we can keep all club information up to date.

Finally I would like to thank Sandra and all the other Officers for their unfailing help and support during the last 2 years when I have enjoyed the privilege of being Area Secretary.

Eileen Woodward

