Chairperson; Sue Albins; Secretary; Lorraine Dunn; Treasurer; Christine Clark;

## Our next meeting is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019. 7.00pm A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.

**JANAURY MEETING;** we have Tina and Graham Weare from the Outrageous Cake Company, demonstrating Chocolate paste. Tina and Graham are regulars to our club and we always have a good evening when they demonstrate.

**NOVEMBER MEETING;** we had such a brilliant night. First we had our food. Then we held a version of a parlour game 'Beetle Drive'. Ours was to build a cake from the cake board upwards to the cake topper. Each member on each table played the game until a member finished their cake first. Then the winners from other tables until the first player won. Congratulations to winner of this game; Brenda Parker.

We also held our Social Bitch Raffle. Lorraine was slightly worried about this one. But it was a great success. All those who brought the Squares enjoyed it so much. We all had a good laugh and the basket off fruit was the most popular prize. Congratulations to all those who won prizes. The winners of the vouchers were; Christine Clark; £20 re joining fee and Stella Rogers; won the booby prize, which was a cabbage.

The Christmas Cake Competition winners were; Novice: Ann Skeggs; there was no intermediate entries; Advance winner; Barbara Knight. Congratulations to you all. You will receive your plaques at this months meeting.

Thank you for the party food donations which were delicious. Also thank you to the members who helped on the night.

**A MESSGAE FROM SUE;** i received this message from Jan Cross at Beacon House.

; From: "Office" < office@beaconhouseministries.org.uk >

Date: 19 December 2018 at 10:56:22 GMT

To: <felinehouse@btinternet.com>

**Subject: donation** 

Dear Sue

On behalf of the staff and service users at Beacon House, I would like to thank all at Colchester Sugar Craft for your very generous gift of the beautiful Christmas Cakes which are greatly appreciated. With over 250 current service users at any one time we are very grateful to all the people who donate to us.

The general public starts to think about homelessness at this time of year, as the days become colder and darker, and we are grateful to those who contact us wanting to help. It's a great opportunity for us to educate and engage people in what they can do locally to change the lives of some of the most vulnerable in our community.

**JANUARY MEAL;** This was at the Havester Stanway. We had 9 members attend this and it was a very good evening. It gives us members a chance to talk and get to know each other more outside the club.

**WORKSHOP; JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> 2019;** A workshop for 'Gelatine Flowers' has been organized with Estelle Mann. The cost is £35. More details to follow, but if you are interested please let one off the committee know. The Scout Hut in Villa Road has been booked for the workshop.

Welcome to our new member Emma Barnes who joined us in November. We hope you enjoy the up and coming demos.

Due to family commitments Lorraine will be stepping down from the committee as Club secretary in April. Could members please think about joining the committee as it is not at full capacity. At the moment there are only 6 but we would like more. With Lorraine stepping down that leaves 5. The committee work hard for the club but we can only do so much. So please do consider joining. We hold meeting 5/6 times a year sometimes less. It is fun and we do have a laugh.