

Chairperson - Sue Albins. Secretary - Brenda Lambert. Treasurer - Christine Clark

Newsletter for May 2021.

**April Meeting**. We began our meeting with this year's A.G.M. There were no outstanding issues with the minutes or treasurers report and all of the committee members were reelected. Sue Albins demonstrated a mini cake in the form of a cotton reel.

**May Meeting.** Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 via zoom. We have Hannah Collison demonstrating how to make a fault line cake. Christine will send out the invitation as usual and it promises to be a fabulous evening.

**June Meeting.** In June, all being well as far as covid restrictions are concerned, we hope that Anne Reynolds will be able to demonstrate for us using air drying clay and silicone moulds. The clay she uses is non-toxic and food-safe and can be used on cakes.

**Data Protection.** Thank you to everyone who has returned their data protection forms. Some members have not returned them so our numbers have fallen but maybe when we are able to meet in person again they will rejoin us – I know that zoom does not suit everyone. One of our long standing members Barbara Knight has decided to leave the club as she has been unwell and she and her husband are no longer allowed to drive. I have passed on our good wishes from the club.

**Future Events.** It is still our plan to meet again at Stanway Community Hall for our September meeting. We would like to make this into a social occasion within the appropriate guidelines to celebrate a nearer to normal life again and meet up with friends we have missed this year. We will probably continue with some zoom meetings alongside our normal meetings as we have found that it enables us to see people we wouldn't normally see and allows other clubs to join us.

Programme for May to July:

May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Collinson	Faultline Cake
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Reynolds	Air drying Clay and Flower pro moulds
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Ungless	Royal Icing Biscuits

**Other news and events.** Cake International 25 -27<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled, at the moment the November one is still happening,  $5^{TH} - 7^{TH}$  November, Birmingham, morning or afternoon tickets from £7 available online.

National SugarArt Association, A.G.M, Sat 22nd May 1p.m. followed by demo from Georgie Godbold. Christine and myself are attending.

There are some free demonstrations on Eventbrite organised by various sugarcraft clubs and some you have to purchase a ticket, very reasonable prices usually around  $\pm 3 - \pm 4$ .

West Wickham Sugarcraft Club have just released their programme for the next few months with some interesting demos. There are two ways of booking either pay for each demo at £5 each time or join the club for £20 and watch all demos. Contact details are westwickhamsugarcraft@gmail.com

British Sugarcraft Guild. Various clubs have demos available to non-members either via Eventbrite or through their own website. Or for  $\pm 25$  become a member and get access to The Sugarcraft Lounge via facebook for monthly demonstrations.

Region 7 British Sugarcraft Guild. Exhibition of cakes and Sugarcraft. Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Wodson Park, Wadesmill Rd, Ware, Herts 10-00 1600. Advance tickets £7 or £9 on the door. Contact Estelle Mann 01908 319440.

Liz Ungless has silicone veiners and cutters of leaves that are not available from other manufactures which her and her husband have designed and manufactured. She is selling them via facebook at the moment.

If you know of any other events please let me know and I can include them in the newsletter. It may appear controversial to advertise British Sugarcraft Guild events on our newsletter when we are associated as a club with National SugarArt Association but I believe we should work together to promote sugarcraft. Many clubs have folded due to lack of members and the last year has been difficult for everyone. I know that I have benefitted from joining other groups, seeing demonstrations from people from across the world and chatting to people I would never have meet with out zoom.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or zoom meetings please contact me.

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**Regards Sue** 

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