

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

Newsletter for January 2022. Our next meeting is January 27th at 7.30 p.m. via zoom

January meeting. As the covid numbers are still quite high, the weather being colder and the need to ventilate the hall we have decided to have a zoom meeting instead. I know that not everyone can or wants to do zoom but we want to ensure everyone's safety and comfort so feel this is the best option. Estelle Mann will be demonstrating a Valentines theme. Please contact Christine Clark on 01206 823400 if you would like help with zoom.

November Meeting. We had our Christmas social evening which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Christmas cake competition winners were; Novice Class, Carol Rowe and Advanced Class, Christine Clark, congratulations to both of you. We had several entries in both classes but unfortunately no entries in the intermediate class. I was able to take donated cakes to Beacon House, they were very grateful and asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone.

Programme for 2022-2023. Our programme for the year 2022-2023 is currently being booked by Michala Carey. We have had to think carefully about the costs involved with demonstrators this year, as we have not been able to do any fundraising and our membership is much smaller. Currently our meetings are running at a loss and though we have money in the bank we have several overheads that we are committed to paying. We are very lucky to have many talented sugarcrafters in our group and this year we will be calling upon their skills to cover some of the months. We are pleased that people have rejoined after a difficult two years and hope that you will continue to support the club in the coming year.

May Meeting. In June the Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee and we thought it would be nice to theme our May meeting accordingly. We are going to make it a social evening with food with a royal connection. There is also a competition for a cake topper with the Jubilee Theme, an iced and decorated cake board/drum min 6 inches max 10 inches. This can be a model, painting, bas-relief, patchwork cutters or whatever takes your fancy.

Other news and events. We have been invited to join West Wickham Sugarcraft Association on January 25th at 7pm for their zoom demonstration. Sidney Galpern is demonstrating Isomalt Coral. She is based in America and had previously demonstrated other things that can be done with isomalt and she is well worth watching. Christine will forward the link when she receives it.

British Sugarcraft Association events.

Day of Sugarcraft Demonstrations Sunday 6th February via zoom <u>www.bsguk.org/dayofdemos/</u>

Newberry Group. Molly Robbins Saturday 26th March 0930 – 1700 hrs Newbury further information available Louise Embling on 07825544111 or email <u>Secretary@newburybsg.co.uk</u>

Region 8. Cake and Sugarcraft Show Saturday 21st May South of England Show ground. Contact Gillian <u>region8bsg@gmail.com</u>

Sales Table

Dawn Rose has equipment and books for sale that belonged to Malyn, she will have a table again in February. If you have anything you wish to sell please label and price the item and take it home if it does not sell. We take 10% for club funds.

Show and tell table

Please bring in things you have made or photos of cakes with a brief explanation if possible so we can see how talented our members are.

Programme for this year.

January 27 th 2022	Estelle Mann - Valentines theme
February 24 th	Brenda Lambert - Easter Egg Chocolate Rose.
March 31 st	Zoe Hughes - T.B.A.
April 28 th	Annual General Meeting. Anne Reynolds

If you know of any other events that might interest our members please let me know and I can include them in the newsletter.

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

Regards Sue.

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