

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

Newsletter for April 2022. Our next meeting is April 28th at 7.30 p.m.

March meeting. Last month we had Samantha Brown demonstrate a 2D figure. This proved to be popular with members, see workshop heading.

April meeting. April is our A.G.M. We will keep it as brief as possible so we can watch a demonstration from Anne Reynolds using the air drying clay and Flower Pro moulds from Katy Sue Designs. Membership renewal which remains at £40 is also due this month, this covers 10 meetings and refreshments. The form is attached to the newsletter, it would help Christine if you could complete this before the meeting, or send with a cheque to Christine Clark 2 Orchard Close Elmstead Market Colchester Essex CO7 7AS. Guest fees remain at £5 per attendance. Please support Anne and the club by attending the AGM.

Programme for 2022-2023. Michala has completed our programme for the coming year and I know it will be very interesting and varied. The club needs **YOU**. Guests are always very welcome. It is always difficult to attract new members and the past two years have made it even harder so we have some posters available to help advertise the club. It would really help if you could take one to place somewhere in the village you live or in your garden or window.

Membership Fees. Membership fees are due again in April the cost remains at £40 for the year. Renewal form is attached to the newsletter.

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. Looking forward to seeing your entries.

Other news and events. National Sugar Art Association A.G.M Saturday 28th May 1.30 via zoom. Demonstration by Debra Brown. Please let me or Brenda Lambert know if you wish to attend.

British Sugarcraft Association events.

Region 8 Cake and Sugarcraft Show Saturday 21st May South of England Show ground. Contact Gillian region8bsg@gmail.com or British Sugarcraft Guild website.

Fund Raising Events. Cake Stall Great Bentley Show. For around 5 years before lock down we have had a cake stall at the Great Bentley Show which generated around £1000 to club funds. We were hoping to do the same this year but after much discussion and for varying reasons the committee are unable to commit to running the cake stall this year. Fund raising does need the commitment from club members as well as committee members so if any members are available to take on this event or would like to know what is involved please contact me. It was suggested that maybe we could have a stall at an indoor event so if you know of an opportunity to raise some funds please contact me.

Workshops. Following the March meeting some members expressed an interest in doing a workshop about figure modelling. We are working on costs etc and will keep you informed as things progress. Small workshops and classes are being organised at members homes and a list will be available. Numbers will be restricted and any costs will be payable in advance.

Sales Table. We will be having a sales table again this month. Please label and price anything you bring along to sell and take it home if not sold. 10% goes to the club.

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.

April 28th Annual General Meeting. Anne Reynolds

We are sorry to keep the winners of our Christmas Cake competition waiting for their plaques, we are having difficulty contacting the person who usually engraves them for us.

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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