

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

Newsletter for September 2022. Our next meeting is September 29th at 7.30 p.m.

On behalf of Colchester Sugarcraft Association I would like to express our deep condolences on the death of Queen Elizabeth II

August Social. Our social evening was held at The Queens Head Pub West Bergholt. Unfortunately I was unable to attend as I had covid, I hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

September meeting. Anne Reynolds is unable to demonstrate for us this month as the problems with her finger are still ongoing. I am sure you will join with the committee in wishing her a speedy recovery. We have Estelle Mann coming down from Milton Keynes to demonstrate for us instead. Estelle is a very experienced demonstrator and has been to the club on several occasions, looking forward to seeing what she is going to do.

Programme for 2023-2024. Michala starts to book the demonstrators for the following year now. It is difficult to find people who live in this area to demonstrate as some of our regular people have given up or have increased their prices beyond our means. If you know of anyone who does sugarcraft or makes cakes or you would like to have a go at demonstrating please speak to Michala or one of the committee. We have many talented people in the club who we can call upon but we like to have a varied programme and any suggestions for what you would like to see are most welcome.

Other news and events.

Great Bentley Show. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes or helped on the day either on the stall or in the marquee. We were blessed with good weather, maybe a little too hot, and a good crowd of people attending. The cake stall made £403 and sold out. The show committee have expressed their thanks for the children's cake decorating in the marquee. Looking at the entries in the children's section for decorated cupcakes and biscuits I hope we have inspired the next generation of sugar crafters. If any one has covered plastic sandwich trays please could you save them for next year.

Cake and Bake Show. London ExCel 21st -23rd October. £15 concessions £13.

Cake International 4TH -6TH November NEC Birmingham Tickets from £14.

Christina Georgiou, who has demonstrated for us, is doing free live demos each Tuesday night at 8pm on her facebook page and you tube www.facebook.com/TastefulCakes.UK. She has a newsletter as well and if you sign up she sends an email with the facebook link.

Workshops. Sue is going to have another Standing Figure workshop date to be arranged and the workshops at Christine's will continue please look on the table when you come in and add your name. Any suggestions for content of workshops for future please say.

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. Looking ahead to our November meeting which is our Christmas social and Christmas Cake Competition. Georgie Godbold will be demonstrating one of her wobblies and refreshments will be provided by the committee. If you would like to donate a raffle prize please bring it wrapped to the October meeting. Please do not bring them to the November meeting as the ladies who do the raffle need to know how many prizes we have.

We are sorry to keep the winners of our Christmas Cake competition waiting for their plaques, we are still on the case and hopefully we will have them for this years competition. We usually give cakes to Beacon House but this year we are thinking of doing something for the Church at Clacton who provide sandwiches and cake for the homeless. More details to follow.

Don't forget to look on our website and facebook page for any updates.

We do demonstrations and mini workshops for local W.I. ladies clubs, Scout and Guides or any craft club so if you belong to any clubs that are looking for demonstrators please put forward our name. All profits go to the club.

If you know of any other events, recipes, new equipment, 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, perhaps you have a funny story relating to a cake you have made or an unusual request please contact me.

Regards Sue.

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