

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

Newsletter for October 2022. Our next meeting is October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**September meeting.** Estelle Mann demonstrated, showing us how to use the patchwork church window cutter and the four different seasons flower corner cutter. Estelle did the autumn cutter and colours and it was very effective.

**October meeting.** Jan Chandler will be showing us how to make chocolate bombs. Jan is a member of British Sugarcraft Guild in Chelmsford. Chocolate bombs make lovely presents, especially with Christmas fast approaching so come along, I am sure it will be a chocoholics' heaven! Please bring along your wrapped raffle prize for our November meeting on that night. If it is edible, please make sure it is in date.

**November Meeting.** November is when we hold our Christmas Social Evening and this year Georgie Godbolt will be joining us and will demonstrate one of her wobblies. Food and drink will be provided. Our competition is a decorated Christmas cake, judged by members and for decoration only. There are 3 classes: novice, intermediate and advanced. If you have not won as a novice at the club, you put your cake in the novice section; if you have won the novice class, you put your cake in the intermediate section; and if you have won intermediate, you put your cake in the advanced section. If you want to donate cakes to the church in Clacton who work with the homeless they **must not contain nuts or marzipan** and please label them with the ingredients. They do not have to be Christmas cakes as any cakes or cookies would be welcome

**Other news and events.** Cake International, Birmingham N.E. C. 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Fund-Raising Events.** No fund-raising events are planned at the moment.

**Sugar In the Fens.** A two-day workshop modelling two female figures £110 each day at Ely. See their facebook page or email Shell at sugarinthefens@gmail.com Date: 19th/20th November, still places available for both days.

**Workshops.** Christine and Sue are still doing workshops at their respective homes. Please look on the table when you come in or ask us what we are planning. If you have something you would like to do then put your idea on the list and we will try to organise it. Cost for each workshop is usually around £5 which includes materials.

**Sales Table.** Sugarcraft-related stock on our sales table is running low so if you have cupboards full of equipment you have bought and never used (like a lot of us) or you just want to downsize, then please bring the items along. Please price them and put your name on them and the club will take 10% of the selling price.

**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.

**Facebook and website.** We have a website and facebook page which are regularly updated. Emma Barnes is going to be in charge of our facebook and Christine Clark does the website. Members are welcome to have input on both. Please do not post pictures that are taken of demonstrations at the club without asking the demonstrator's permission.

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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