



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

Newsletter for July 2023.

Our next meeting is July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**June meeting.** Karen Pritchard was our demonstrator for June. She used a 5 in sponge cake, crumb-coated it with white chocolate ganache and then used moulds and sugar paste to create both a bark effect and circle effect to turn the cake into a tree stump. Karen also used the Katy Sue mushroom mould to make various mushrooms to decorate the cake. The cake was airbrushed and dusted. We learned how to use an airbrush effectively and also how to decorate a cake which looked really good without having to worry about the icing being perfectly smooth. This is a really good cake for beginners and adaptable for lots of occasions!

**July meeting.** Hope you will join us in July for Georgie Godbold who is doing a footballer wobbly. Georgie is always very entertaining and usually brings along a selection of her wobbles for us to admire.

**Programme for 2024-2025.** Michala will be looking to book demonstrators for our next year's programme around November this year so if you have any suggestions or know anyone who is available to demonstrate please let her know. We have some ideas but it is helpful to get feedback from members. If you have a skill you would like to pass on to members please come forward and do a demo. I know it can feel quite daunting but there is always someone around to help and give moral support, and you could perhaps team up with another member who is also willing to do mini-demo.

**Website.** We have a very good website which is regularly updated by Christine. If you have any pictures for the gallery, recipes or anything which is relevant please send to Christine Clark at [wor.christine@gmail.com](mailto:wor.christine@gmail.com) We also have a facebook page managed by Emma Barnes [colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.co](mailto:colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.co) so please share photos of your work or let her know of sugarcraft events. The links to these are [www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk](http://www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk) and [www.facebook.com/colchestersugarcraft](http://www.facebook.com/colchestersugarcraft)

### **Other news and events**

**British Sugarcraft Association event.** Sugarcraft and Cake Gala Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September Cranmore Park Solihull B90 4LF. Demonstrations and mini-workshops with Barbara Luraschi, Alan Dunn, Karen Davies, Cassi Brown, Estelle Mann and others.

Contact [bsg-gala2023@btinternet.com](mailto:bsg-gala2023@btinternet.com) to buy tickets online from British Sugarcraft Guild  
£10 Entry £7 workshops / demos.

**Cake International.** NEC Birmingham 3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> November

## **Fund-Raising Events.**

**Cake Stall at the Great Bentley Show, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.30.** We require cakes that can be cut into slices e.g. sponge cakes, traybakes, loaf cakes, biscuits, scones, preserves. NO FRESH CREAM CAKES PLEASE. Collection can be arranged — please contact Christine Clark 01206 823400, or why not come along to the show and enjoy an afternoon on Great Bentley Green. Large sandwich trays are available if you do not have a suitable container for transporting tray bakes. Please label cake tins if you want them returned. Let's hope the weather is kind to us and we make a nice amount of money.

**Five Parishes Show, August 6<sup>th</sup> 11 am.** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to come and help on our table at the show.

**Workshops.** We have held mini workshops for about 6 people at Christine's or mine in the past and we are still willing to carry on but need some ideas of what people would like to do. A few suggestions have been put forward, one being how to ganache and cover a cake with fondant — look for the list on the checking in table at meetings.

**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. Also don't forget to send pictures to our website and facebook page.

**August Social.** The Albert, Cowdray Avenue 31<sup>st</sup> August 7pm for 7.30 .  
Please add your name to the list if your want to come.

**Sales Table.** Anne Reynolds has lots of patchwork cutters for sale and we have some equipment available at giveaway prices. If you are decluttering your sugarcraft equipment bring it along — we take just 10% for club funds. Make sure you label and price and take home what has not sold.

**Christmas Raffle.** I know nobody wants to be thinking of Christmas in the middle of summer but this is a request for edible donations (please make sure they are in date until 2024) to be added to a hamper or hampers for our Christmas Raffle. We will be selling the tickets at our October and November meetings so please bring in any donations by our September meeting. Tickets will be £1 per strip.

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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