



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

Newsletter for September 2023.  
Our next meeting is September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**August Social.** Thirteen of us went to The Albert for a meal and enjoyed the chance to have a good chat and catch up

**September meeting.** This month we have Carolyn Harvey joining us to demonstrate a trio of cushions. This is the first time Carolyn has been to our club, she is a very experienced sugarcrafter so please come along as I am sure it will be a very good evening.

**Programme for 2024-2025.** Michala will be looking to book demonstrators for our next year's programme around November 2023 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, maybe team up with another member who is also willing to do a 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. Website [www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk](http://www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk)  
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## Other news and events

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

## Fund Raising Events.

**Great Bentley Show.** Thank you to everyone who made cakes and helped on the day either on the stall or in the marquee. After a slow and overcast start the sun came out and so did the people and we made £498.15 on the cake stall and £26.36 donations from the hands on. This major fundraising event really helps to keep the club going especially now we have a much smaller membership.

We have some mini workshops booked for local W.I. Groups this year and in 2024 which also brings in some revenue for the club. If you belong to any club which might be interested in either a demo or mini workshop please put our name forward.

**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, how to ganache and cover a cake with fondant, Christmas cupcakes, look for the list on the checking in table. The workshops are open to non members and would make a nice gift for birthdays or special occasions. We are flexible with days and times and ideas within reason and can also come to other places, so maybe get some friends together and have a fun few hours. We try to keep the cost low to cover materials and a small profit for 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. Also don't forget to send pictures to our website and facebook page.

**Sales Table.** Anne Reynolds has lots of patchwork cutters for sale. Anne won't be at the meeting but if you are looking for a particular cutter please contact her. We have some equipment available at giveaway prices. If you are decluttering your sugarcraft equipment bring it along, we just take 10% for club funds, make sure you label and price and take home what has not sold.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle. Brenda Lambert is organising and selling the raffle tickets for the hamper. We will be selling the tickets in October and at our November meeting. Tickets will be £1 per strip.**

I would like to pass on our condolences to Anne Reynolds whose husband passed away recently, our thoughts are with you and we hope to see you again soon.

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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