



Chair Sue Albins. Secretary Ann Skeggs. Treasurer Carol Rowe

Newsletter for May 2026
Next Meeting Thursday May 28th at 7.30 PM

April Meeting. We held our A.G.M. The minutes of the previous year were read and approved, the accounts were adopted as correct with no queries. A brief discussion around membership and finances followed. It was decided not to increase membership fees for the foreseeable future as we are trying to recruit new members and we realise that money can be tight at present. It is also very difficult to get new members, especially younger people, and our membership is down to 13. It was decided that, as we are in a good financial position at the moment due to lots of fundraising, we would spend the money to benefit the members we have by doing some workshops and a few events for free to see if we can encourage more members. The committee were re elected with Sue Albins remaining as Chair, Carol Rowe as Treasurer, and Ann Skeggs as Secretary. The rest of the committee are Jan Ferguson, Michala Carey, Ann Carey, Anne Reynolds. Sue thanked everyone for their support. The demonstration by Sue Albins followed with her making a dog cake topper using cutters from Christina Georgiou.

May Meeting. This month we have one of our members, Ann Skeggs, demonstrating how to make a cartoon cake

August Social. We would like some suggestions as to what we do for our August Social Meeting, would you prefer lunch, evening meal, restaurant, tearooms or is anyone up for hosting a bring a plate as we did last year at Angela's?

Workshop. We are looking forward to our workshop with Christina Georgiou on May 30th. Please contact Carol Rowe for more information. **We have 1 place left if you are interested.**

NSA Update. National Sugarart Association A.G.M is on May 30th at 1pm followed by a demonstration. Please let me know if you will be attending via zoom so I can let the secretary know.

The N.S.A. are continuing with the zoom demonstration this year, they are free and open to everyone who is a member of a club and also to individual members. If you know anyone who might want to be an individual member the application forms are on the National Sugarart Association website Cost £20 per year. Zoom is really easy to use you just click on the link which is sent out and join live for the demo. There are demonstrations by people from all over the country and it gives us the chance to see a demonstrator we would never book. They usually last for about an hour.

Cake International Birmingham. The NSA have a stall again and will be doing hour long mini workshops on all 3 days. You can book a workshop on the day spaces are limited to 8 people per session and are free. If you are going up and have an hour to spare they would appreciate some help to promote the association and just generally talk about the benefits of belonging to a club.

Workshops. If you would like to do some mini workshops please let us know what you are interested in and we can organise these.

Don't forget to send pictures and sugarcraft news to Christine and Ann for our website and facebook, or like, comment and share via the facebook page. Please ask the permission of anyone featured in photos and keep personal details to a minimum for these sites which will help to keep everyone safe from scams etc. I know that we have permission to have personal data on our members which we do not share with other people and is only available to me and the secretary, but if we post photos from club meetings or workshops please let us know if you do not wish to be in the photo.

Sales table. Don't forget to look on our bargain basement sales table, we accept donations or if you have equipment to sell we take 10% commission. Please label with your name and price and take home anything that does not sell. We do not take large cake tins, cake stands or books as we have nowhere to store them.

Special offer of attending 1 meeting for free for visitors still applies so please spread the word as we would love to see more people at our meetings and hopefully show people our craft.

We have posters available if anyone can display them or distribute to various locations e.g. libraries or village magazines.

Regards Sue