



Our next Club meeting is Thursday 26th May 2011

May Meeting

Carol Haycox will be demonstrating the use of FMM equipment. If anyone has any FMM equipment that they are unsure of how best to use, please bring it along to the next meeting and Carol will be happy to offer advice. She will also be bringing items from the FMM range to sell, so a nice opportunity to treat yourself to something!

April Meeting

The AGM took place which discussed last year's membership which totalled 57 members with an average attendance of 30 members a month. Anne noted that we had a good successful year in terms of finance, membership levels, competitions held and the fact that the club has run 2 classes now for beginners. Anne also highlighted that the steering group had reverted back to a committee. Following the AGM there were 3 demonstrations which people could move around to see. Thanks to MayIn for demonstrating some wonderful and fun ways to decorate biscuits. Thanks to Janet for a lovely royal icing demonstration and to Anne for demonstrating how to make the ever popular rose. Everyone had the opportunity to learn something new and ask any questions they had. Many people in the previous month had written questions to ask the group as a whole. There were a number of good questions that arose and some very useful answers were offered from the group. We hope everyone felt their questions were answered well and now have the opportunity to put the advice in to practice.

Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are now due. Please pay £15 either in cash or by a cheque made payable to Colchester Sugarcraft Association at the next meeting.

Constitution

The new constitution has been found to have ambiguous wording in the third paragraph of item 6. This should read:

"Any cheques drawn against club funds should

hold the signatures of the Chairman and any one of two other appointed committee members."

We would be grateful if you could amend your copy of the constitution.

NEC Birmingham

As previously mentioned the club will be running a coach to the sugarcraft exhibition on the Sunday 6th November. The coach would need to leave at 7.30 am from Tollgate, Colchester. The coach will cost no more than £19 (it depends on the number of people and thus the size of coach we can hire). Tickets for the exhibition itself are £7.50 for concessions and £8.50 for others. Please could you put down your name by the end of May if you are interested in going and pay in full by July. After this date tickets will be offered to other people outside of the club. If anyone knows of anyone else that may like to go to the exhibition please let Anne know. If you would like to see more about the exhibition log on to <http://www.ichf.co.uk/cake/>. At the NEC the same weekend there is also a craft exhibition in another hall, so if you or a friend would rather go to this exhibition that is also possible, to look at the program log on to http://www.ichf.co.uk/events_calendar.php

Thursford Christmas Spectacular Anne is running a coach to this show on Monday 5th December for a matinee performance. She has good seats at the cost of £38 per person. Please contact Anne if interested.

Volunteers

Thank you to all who have expressed a willingness to help out at meetings. We still need one or two video camera operatives so please see Anne if you are able to help with this.

Demonstration Suggestions

If anyone has any suggestions as to any future demonstrations they would like to see, please write them down on a piece of paper and hand it in at the next meeting. These can then be used to help plan next year's programme.

