



Our next Club meeting is Thursday 29th September 2011

September Meeting

This month we are delighted to welcome back Georgie Godbold who will be doing some modelling for us. Modelling characters is a fun way to add a bit of a 'wow' factor to a cake and can be achieved with any level of experience.

July Meeting

The July meeting provided an opportunity to have a go at making the Dog Roses that were made by Glenda Price during the June meeting. Thank you to everyone that helped with the workshop.

Anne held a garden party for all club members in August. Once again a wonderful evening was had by all, so thanks to Anne for hosting the event. At the garden party someone had made round shaped savoury bites which were a bit like cheese straws. They went down very well, in fact so well that I have been asked to mention it in the hope that whoever made them would be kind enough to share the recipe with us!

A list of all the people willing to help out with various jobs on club night has now been compiled. If however you would like to volunteer to help out with perhaps the library, making coffee, working the video camera, helping with the register then please speak to Angela.

Birmingham Coach

We will have the list of those going on the coach at the next meeting; if you would like Anne to include you to get an entry ticket to the Cake International exhibition, please indicate whether you require an Adult or Senior ticket. The tickets are £1.50 cheaper if bought in advance, i.e. £8.50 or £7.50. If you think you will not be at the meeting, perhaps you would let Anne know if you are interested (phone 513424 or email anne.reynolds3@ntlworld.com).

There are still a few seats left on the coach, if anyone would like to go the cost is £20 for non-members and £18.25 for members.

At the exhibition there will be 3 Demonstration Theatres and there are demonstrations going on over the 3 days. Tickets for these demonstrations need to be pre-booked. For full details see www.ichf.co.uk/cake.

Christmas Cake Competition

I know we don't want to think about it yet but Christmas is fast approaching and we need to start thinking soon about our Christmas cakes. We will be running our Christmas cake competition again this year with three levels of entry; novice, intermediate and advanced. Cakes can be any shape or size from 6 inches upwards. Anyone who has previously won a category will need to enter into the next above category. This year, if you would like to donate your cake to charity, the club would be happy to pass it on for you to a charity that is to be agreed. You would also be most welcome to pass the cake on to a charity of your choice or indeed keep it to serve up at Christmas! If anyone does have any suggestion as to charities to donate cakes to please let Anne know.

Display Table Reminder

Just to remind all members that we are looking to start our display table this month, so if anyone has any pictures of work they have created or examples of things they have made that they would like to bring in please do so and speak to Anne. Anyone is welcome to do so from novice to expert! This is a great way of sharing ideas, getting to know other people, picking up hints and tips and giving people confidence to try new things.

Chocolate Fridge Cake

You will need: 350g/12oz sweet biscuits crushed in to small pieces, 150g/5oz butter, 3tbsp honey, 50g/2oz sultanas, 50g/2oz chopped glace cherries, 5tbsp cocoa. For the icing 40g/1.5oz unsalted butter, 1dessertspoon milk, 75g/3oz icing sugar, 1 dessert spoon cocoa.

Line a 20cm/8inch tin with a loose base with Clingfilm. Melt butter with honey and sultanas. Remove from heat and add cherries and drinking chocolate. Add the biscuits to the mixture. Press mixture into the tin and put in the fridge until firm (at least 2 hours). If you wish to put icing on the cake melt butter with milk, stir in icing sugar and cocoa. Allow to cool and thicken and spread over the set cake-yum!

Library Book Sale

A number of library books will be for sale at the next meeting to make room for new books. The complete set of Sugarcraft Magazines in 8 folders is still for sale at £15.

There is one library book that is currently missing; it is called 'Idiots Cakes for Men' by Ann Pickard. Please could members check to see if they have this book at home and return it to the library, thank you.