

Our next meeting is Thursday 29th Oct 2015 7.30pm

.<u>Septembers Meeting;</u> we saw Graeme Weare do a demonstration on Runouts-pressure piping. It was very interesting and looked to be an easy decoration to add to any cake and we hope members enjoyed the evening.

Octobers Meeting; Georgie and Beryl will be demonstrating a Christmas Theme.

Elmstead Market WI; 3 of our committee members (**Sue Christine Brenda**) did a demo for the WI and after the expenses were taken out, the rest of the money raised went to the club.

If members are with another group and they are looking for demonstrators then please keep the committee in mind and if any of our members are interested in helping on outside demonstrations then please let the committee know.

Workshop 14th November; as you know the committee are organising a work shop. On '**HOW TO MARZIPAN AND ICE YOUR CAKE'**. Everything has now been set and advertising has started. If you or if you know of anyone who would be interested then please let them know. 10am – 4pm, Stanway Villge Hall. Everything is included (cake marzipan and icing). There will be more details at the next club meeting or on our website

www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk/workshop2015.html

If members could take a leaflet and advertise the workshop, then it will be very much appreciated.

We have had a few applications back and there is interest in the workshop but would like more, so if you members could advertise this it will be very much appreciated.

Christmas Cake Competition; In November's meeting we have our 'Christmas Get Together' and our Christmas Cake Competition. The cake has to be a minimum of 6ins Square/round. It can either be a cake or dummy as we only vote on the decoration. We are still doing the donations of cakes, so if you would like to donate a Christmas Cake to a worthy cause they will be gratefully received. There are three classes, **NOVICE**, **INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCE**. If you won the **NOVICE** group last year then you have to enter the **INTERMEDIATE** group and the winner of the **INTERMEDIATE** group you have to enter the **ADVANCE** GROUP.

3 Counters will be handed out for voting to each member and you must use 1 counter for each group. Place one counter on 1 cake in each group you wish to vote for.

Aprons; we have purchased some aprons for the club with the club logo on. So when the committee go to any outside organised shows (Great Bentley) or demonstrations we can advertise the club. A photo of the committee wearing the aprons at The Great Bentley Show will on show at the next club meeting. An apron will all so be on show for members to view.

We have had a lot of interest from members who would like to buy one. If you are interested in one and we can get an order for 10 or more the cost will be **£11 each**. Please see **Christine** if you would like purchase one.

Christmas Meal; Anne Reynolds has agreed to organising the Christmas Meal for January 2016. Please see Anne for you would like to attend.

In **NOVEMBER** we will be having our '**CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER'** for food and drink. Donations of sweet or savoury party food would be appreciated. A **SWEET & SAVOURY** notice will be on the check in table so you could put what food you would like to donate. Drinks will be provided. This year we thought we would do something different, instead of a normal raffle we are having a **BLIND RAFFLE** where all the raffle prizes will be wrapped, so it will be a surprise. So if you have any raffle prizes you would like to donate, then could you please bring to **OCTOBER MEETING** the so they can be wrapped. Don't worry if you can't then please bring to the **NOVEMBER MEETING.** Raffle tickets will still be 50p per strip. Everything you donate will be very much appreciated. We will be having a quiz this year and only one person on the committee will know the questions and answers. The in-house demonstrator is one of our members, **Brenda Lambert.** Tables will be put out after the demo for members to sit ,eat, drink and gossip. We hope as many members and guests can attend and have fun.

A get well card was sent to **Maureen Squirrell** after she had an operation and she has said she is feeling a lot better but still has a long way to go.