



Our next meeting is Thursday 28th April 2016. 7.30pm

APRIL MEETING; We shall be holding our A.G.M this month and if you would like a copy of the AGM Minutes from the last AGM, then please let **Lorraine** know and she will send you a copy. If you are unable to attend the meeting, then could you please send **Lorraine** your apologies before the meeting. Thank you

This is your club and the committee work hard to keep the club going so if there is anything you were not happy with in the last year of 15/16 then this is your opportunity to speak up. We are open to anything you have to say. We shall be electing the committee members and chairperson, if you would like to join the committee then please let **Sue** know and if you wish to nominate someone, please make sure you have their permission to do so.

3 of our members have agreed to do mini demo's for us, **Stella;** Pulled Flowers and Flower Fillers. **Mayln;** spring Flowers; and **Brenda Lambert**

MARCH MEETING; We had **Jacqui Kelly** demonstrating Cupcake Toppers. **Jacqui** explained from the start of how to make, store and to decorate cupcakes. It was a fun demo and **Jacqui** was brilliant. We hope you enjoyed the evening and the members who won the raffle enjoyed the cupcakes.

Jacqui Kelly judged the cake competition and she enjoyed them all very much it seemed to be a very close competition but she could only pick 4. The winners of our Chocolate Cake Competition were; **1st Gracie (our young visitor); 2nd Sue Albins; 3rd Brenda Stock; 4th Michelle Merrell**

SUBSCRIPTIONS; these are due this month. The joining fee is still £20 for the year. Please put in a named envelope and please state if it is cash or cheque, made out to, '**Colchester Sugarcraft Association**'. Thank you. A new Members Programme will be issued upon payment. Please do not forget that the £2 monthly fee has to be paid as well. If you have not paid your joining fee you will not receive a newsletter after May. If you can't get to a meeting but still wish to join, you could ask someone to bring your payment or you could post it to **Christine Clark** (postal details upon request).

SILVER CAKE STAND; One of our members **Janet Johnson** who sadly passed away bequeathed a silver cake stand to **Anne Reynolds** and Anne made this available to members to use for weddings and special celebrations. As Anne is moving **Lorraine Dunn** has taken over the care of the stand. This is still available to members to use.

CAKE AND BAKE SHOW; we arrived at **Alexandra Palace** in good time. This is such a massive but beautiful building. Before you even went into the main venue there was this beautiful wedding dress made out of cake and Sugarpaste with lace work over the top. The main hall was filled to the brim with cakes for the competitions and there were some fantastic cakes and the work put into them was brilliant. There were show demonstrations, **Georgie** doing her Wobblies and **Jacqui Kelly** on how to make your own silicone moulds on one of the show stands. There were plenty of stands for you to spend your money on, which some of you did. There was **Debby Brown, Carol Deacon** and **Lindi Smith** autographing their books. Many a well known cake accessories companies like **Cake lace, Sugarshack** and **Katie Sue Moulds**. It had a great atmosphere and very busy and we hope that those of you who attended the show had a great time.

MALYN STONE; has set up some classes in her own home. **Malyn** is very experienced at sugarcraft so you will learn from the best!! So if you are interested then please see **Malyn** For more info.

GREAT BENTLEY SHOW; Sue would like to have some flower sprays made up to sell at the show. She is looking for members willing to help make or get together at her house to make one or two flowers to add to the spray. **Sue** is looking for; **ROSE/IVY LEAVES OR ANY FOLIAGE. ROSES, FLOWER FILLERS, CARNATIONS.** If you can help with this please see **Sue**.

CUP CAKE WORKSHOP; this is going to be held on Saturday June 11th at Elmstead Community Hall. Afternoon Tea party is the theme. 10am -1pm. 6 cupcakes, 3 different toppers. Cost £20. Booking forms are available to print off on our web site. www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk

SADLY BRENDA PARKER HAS TO STAND DOWN FROM THE COMMITTEE. PLEASE WILL MEMBERS THINK ABOUT JOINING AS WE ARE LOOKING FOR 2 TO JOIN. WE HAVE 4 TO 5 MEETINGS A YEAR USUALLY HELD AT CHRISTINES. ITS NOT HARD WORK AND WE DO HAVE A GOOD TIME. THANK YOU BRENDA FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

