



Our next meeting is Thursday 26th May 2016. 7.30pm

APRIL MEETING; we held our AGM which was attended by only 17 members. The committee were happy to announce that the club has had a good year with finances due to the fund raising achieved by the committee, that we are able to keep the yearly and the monthly fees the same for another year.

Thank you to Malyn for stepping in and demonstrating a Pansy and violets and also to Stella for pulled flowers and flower fillers.

MAY MEETING; We have **Cheryl Brighty** demonstrating **Artistry in Cocoa**. I think this is a first for us for this kind of demo, so, if you are interested then this would be a good opportunity to attend this month's meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS; these are due. 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 payable 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 this will be your last newsletter. 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).

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**. Can members keep any plastic takeaway containers please? these can be used for slices of cake. If you have nowhere to store them, then please bring to a club meeting and hand to a committee member. Thank you.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS; sadly **Brenda Parker** is no longer able to be a member of the committee due to other commitments so the committee would like to say thank you to **Brenda** for all her hard work and all the best for the future.

The committee members are;

CHAIRPERSON; SUE ALBINS
TREASURER; CHRISTINE CLARK
SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER EDITOR; LORRAINE DUNN
PROGRAMME; MICHALA CAREY AND ANN CAREY
COMMITTEE MINUTES; DAWN ROSE

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE;
SUE FLEMING
ANITA RAFFERTY

*This time of year we see our membership numbers change. We have members that don't renew their subscriptions but then we have new ones that join. There are two members that will not be rejoining us this year, but we have two new members that joined in April. So we welcome **Janet Leng** and **Hazel Crabtree** to the club and we hope you enjoy the programme.*

Up and coming events;

July meeting; *every year we have Glenda Price as our demonstrator and as our July meetings are always low on members (due to the holiday season and as it's the month we break up for the summer), the committee thought it would be good to try and boost numbers. So for this month only (July) we are going to ask members to bring a guest for free (you just pay your usual £2 evening fee)*

August Bash; *thanks to **Brenda Stock** who has offered to hold our August Bash in her back garden. More details to follow.*

Some of our committee members are attending the NSAA AGM in Oxted this month and as we are holding it next year we hope to get an understanding on how things are done. We hope to have Graham Weare as a demonstrator for the afternoon and we hope that some member will attend this event. All you need to pay is a small fee towards the buffet. We will keep you up dated .

Our next committee meeting is in July. If you would like anything to be discussed then please let a committee member know. Thank you

