

Chairperson; Sue Albins; Secretary; Lorraine Dunn; Treasurer; Christine Clark;

Our next meeting is Thursday 29TH Sept2016 7.30pm

Welcome back from the summer break. We hope you had a good summer.

SEPTEMBER MEETING; we have Georgie and Beryl. Georgie is demonstrating a standing Wobblie and Beryl is demonstrating flowers but not sure which one.

JULY MEETING; we had Glenda Price demonstrating a Fairy. It was a brilliant demo and how easy the fairy was to make. The story behind how the fairy came to be was interesting as well. Glenda gave us instructions on how to do the Fairy and the committee will be doing copies of these. You will however appreciate the cost of doing this and as there are a few pages to each set of instructions that the committee feels that a small charge will be applied. 'Bring a Guest For Free' evening saw a few new faces and we had a few guests from the Colchester Flower Club. We hope that you enjoyed the evening and hopefully see you again in the future.

AUGUST BASH; Due to illness Brenda Stock was unable to hold this in her garden, so we went to the Harvester where 15 of our members attended. It was a good evening and our waiter was very good at keeping up with our orders and serving the food. Everyone enjoyed their meal and having a good chat that was not sugarcraft related.

GREAT BENTLEY SHOW: It was good day again.! It rained a couple of times and there didn't seem to be as many attending the show as there was last year but all the cakes were sold.!! Thank you to all that helped out on the day either selling the products we had or helping in the main tent. Also thank you to all that made cakes, biscuits and jams donated by members. We had some different items made this year that went down a treat.

SILVER CAKE STAND; this has been made available to members to use for weddings and special celebrations. Lorraine Dunn has taken over the care of the stand. The fee to hire the stand is £40 (£10 hire (which will go into club funds) + £30 refundable deposit (which will be returned if no damage has occurred) A hire agreement has been set up and will need to be signed on the day of pickup. Please contact Lorraine 01206 510213 if you wish to hire the stand.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS; 2 of our committee members have had to step down from the committee and leaving the club. Anita Rafferty, due to other commitments and to Dawn Rose

for getting a teacher placement in Qatar. The committee would like to thank them both for their time and help on the committee and to wish them both, good luck for the future. So, that means we are looking for 2 members to replace them. If you would like to join us then please let one of the committee members know. We hold meeting 4 to 5 times a year at one the member's home. There is only 6 off us at the moment but we would like at least 8 on the committee.

CHRISTMAS CAKE COMPETITION; NOVEMBERS MEETING; sorry, yes it's that time of year where we start to think ahead. We are only 3 meetings away from our form our Christmas Party. First; CAKE COMP; 6in Square or Round. You can use a cake dummy as the judging is based on decoration only. Second; we have Brenda Eyers demonstration Christmas flowers. Everyone said they enjoyed her last demo so we asked her Brenda to come back. Third; we have our party. We had a different layout last year. We had the demo first, then the food, then we had a quiz then a bumper raffle. It was such a brilliant success that we shall be doing the same again this year but with a different time start. As we are having Brenda demonstrating we might have to start Novembers Meeting at 7PM, which will give us extra time to enjoy the demonstration and fit everything in. We are giving you advance warning on the time change so you don't miss anything. We will confirm the time change at the meeting.

The committee are looking for an A FRAME or a BLACKBOARD on a frame to which we can use at our meetings and for outside shows to advertise our club and other information. If any of our members come across one please let us know. It can be second hand as long as it's in good condition or if any member has one that they no longer use and can let the club have, it will be very much appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE; Lorraine Dunn has changed her email; lorrainedunn2@gmail.com

Lorraine's other email contact is no longer in use. Her phone number is still the same.

There is a committee meeting on Friday 23^{rd} September. If there you would like to suggest anything to be discussed then please contact me or you are welcome to attend the meeting to see how we do things and see if you would like to join us.