

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

Our next meeting is Thursday 30th November 2017. 7.00pm

OCTOBER MEETING; we had Georgie Godbold and Beryl. As usual we had a good laugh and 2 brilliant demonstrations. Georgie demonstrated a mince pie wobbly and made it look so easy. Georgie's wobblys are so unique all so very different. Beryl did a Sea Holly and it was beautiful. Thank you both for a brilliant evening. We would like to welcome back Barbara Knight and to our new member Ann Skeggs. We also had 5 visitors. We had a busy night and 2 committee members down so we would like to thank the members who help us out on the night.

NOVEMBER MEETING; please note; we shall be opening up at 6.30 for 7pm start. CHRISTMAS CAKE COMPETITION; Minimum 6in square/round cake/dummie. There are 3 groups; NOVICE; INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCE. IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE COMPETITION FOR THE FIRST TIME OR HAVE NOT WON THIS GROUP PLEASE ENTER THE NOVICE GROUP. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE WON THE NOVICE GROUP PLEASE ENTER THE INTERMEDIATE GROUP. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE WON THE INTERMEDIATE GROUP PLEASE ENTER THE ADVANCED GROUP. The winners will receive a plague but this will be given in the January '18 meeting. On the

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Cakes entered into the competition can either be taken home or donated to charity. Anyone who is not entering a cake but wishes to donate one to charity please put on the stage where it will be collected at the end. Anything that is donated is more than appreciated. Thank you.

We shall be having a blind Christmas raffle again as this does seem to be popular with members. We really do appreciate all the donations we have received from our members for the raffle. We would like to thank all the members who are donating food and drink for our party.

We are doing things differently this year so we are keeping it as a surprise as to what we are doing.

There will be no sales table or library on the night.

DON'T FORGET WE ARE STARTING EARLY THIS MONTH.

SWALE; 4 of our members went to swale for an open day. There were a wide range of demos and were spoilt for choice. Sue saw a demo for flower pots made into pot people. Lunch and refreshments were provided. A good day was had by everyone and all agreed was good value for money.

CLUB APRONS; is anyone interested in purchasing one of the club aprons? If we can get 8-10 members interested the price we can sell for is £12 each. Please see Christine if you would like to order one.

LIBRARY; due to storage shortage and there doesn't seem too much interest in the library, the committee has decided to start closing it down. It takes a lot of time to set up and put away. We shall be going through the books and DVDS and start selling them at the January Meeting. **TENDRING SUGARCRAFT;** it is with sad news that Tendring is closing down due to not having a committee. We have offered our support and will welcome any member who wishes to attend our club

committee. We have offered our support and will welcome any member who wishes to attend our club meetings. One off the members from Tendring has asked Sue if we could sell her Sugarcraft/cake items at our club. There is too much for Sue to bring to the club so a list has been made up and is sent

on a separate file. If you would like anything on the list please contact sue on 01206 251955 or <u>felinehouse@btinternet.com</u>. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE WORKSHOP; on Saturday 18th November at ST. ANDREWS HALL STANWAY 10am - 1pm Cost £25 for 6 different decorated cupcakes. We have places already booked but still have places 2 spaces left. If you are interested or know someone who might be please let Christine know asap. Thank you

JANUARY MEAL; the committee is going to book a table at the Cricketers for our meal this year.so If you would like to attend please add your name to the list. JANUARY THURSDAY 18^{TH} TIME TO BE ORGANISED.

If there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter please let Lorraine know. It can be anything. Hints and tips on Sugarcraft, recipes you have tried or even gardening, Christmas related, Jumble Sales, Car boot sales anything at all that you think our members would be interested in. Email Lorraine; colchestersugarcraftass@gmail.com with details.

WE THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.