



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

Our next meeting is Thursday 26th April 2018. 7.30pm

MARCH MEETING; we had Liz Ungless demonstrating a Hibiscus+filler Orchids. The demo was very informative and we hope you enjoyed the evening.

We had chocolate Easter Themed Cupcakes for our competition and we had a good showing of cupcakes. Congratulations to the winners; Anne Reynolds, Lorraine Dunn and Ann Skeggs who each received an Easter Egg prize. Thank you to all who entered.

APRIL MEETING; We have Anne Reynolds one of our members demonstrating this month. Anne will be demonstrating stocks and filler flowers. So please come and support Anne

We will be holding our AGM. Please could as many members attend this as last year we only had 2 members and the committee attend. We really need your feedback on how the club is running. We the committee work hard to try and get demonstrations that we think you would like to see. We also do fundraising to be able to get bigger named demonstrators. So this will be your opportunity to let us know your thoughts. If anyone would like a copy of 2017 A.G.M. Minutes please let Lorraine know and she will send you a copy by email.

Could members please look at the Treasurers report on the night and see how much it costs to run the club. We do fundraising/workshops to raise money to be able get the demonstrators, but costs are rising and to be able to keep the fees as low as we do we need to do the fundraising. This year 18/19 programme you will see we have some big named demonstrators coming to our club this is made possible through all our hard work. If we did not do fundraising we will have to think about putting up the year subscriptions and monthly fees which we do not want to do. The subs and monthly fees alone don't cover the hall hire and demonstrators. We have other smaller costs too. Christine and Sue both do outside demonstrations and bring in some funds as well. If you took off the fundraising totals (Great Bentley show Workshops and Christine and Sue) we would not be able to run the club as we do.

You may be getting fed up with us keep asking for help at these events and club nights and wanting members to join the committee but we can't do this on our own. There will be only 5 on the committee and we would like a couple more to join us please.

We would like some help on club night too. We would like someone to set up the tea and coffee and help serve. If not we will set up the tea/coffee but members will have to help themselves to drinks.

SUBSCRIPTIONS; the yearly subs are due in April. These are still £20 for the year. Please put cash/cheque in a named envelope. Please make cheque payable to COLCHESTER SUGARCRAFT ASSOCIATION in a named envelope please. Members who have just joined us need to re-join too.

LIBRARY; we are still trying to find time to be able to sort the library books. We will get to do this very soon. There will be some books for sale and some will be kept so members can still borrow books if they wish but it will be a smaller collection.

SALES TABLE; you can sell any unwanted goods on the table. It must be in good condition. Please list any items for sale with your name and the price you wish to sell for. 10% of all sales go to the club.

We are happy to announce that the **Quilling workshop** is fully booked. We even have someone coming from Daganham!! If you have booked a space but still need to pay please could you contact

Christine asap. The Workshop starts at 10 but please be there between 9.30 9.50 so we can start on time. Please don't forget your apron and packed lunch. Tea/coffee biscuits will be supplied.

GREAT BENTLEY SHOW; 1st September. *we have been asked if we would like a table this year. Due to family commitments Lorraine is unable to help at the show this year. Before we commit to booking a table, we are asking for help on the day and members to donate baked goods for the show or ingredients to help towards baking. Any help will be appreciated. Please let a committee member know if you can help on either or both. Thank you.*

I have been given a recipe for buttercream but without icing sugar from LIZ UNGLESS.

1TIN CONDENSED MILK

250G BUTTER

COCOA POWDER

BEAT BUTTER AND CONDENSED MILK AND ADD AS MUCH COCOA POWDER AS YOU NEED.

DUE TO WORK COMMITMENTS KIMBERLEY HAS TO STEP DOWN FROM THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK KIMBERLEY FOR ALL HER HELP ON THE COMMITTEE AND ON CLUB NIGHTS.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION;

CHAIRPERSON; SUE ALBINS

TREASURER; CHRISTINE CLARK

SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER; LORRAINE DUNN

PROGRAMME; MICHALA CAREY AND ANN CAREY.

IF ANYONE WISHES TO JOIN US PLEASE LET LORRAINE KNOW BEFORE THE AGM. PLEASE GET PERMISSION IF YOU WISH TO NOMINATE ANYONE FOR ELECTION.

