



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

Our next meeting is Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm

MAY MEETING; *the demonstrator for May is Barry Fermor who is doing a wired figure cake topper, this is something completely new to the club so should be a very interesting evening. I would like to ask a member to give a vote of thanks to the speaker in future, if you do not wish to please say so and I will ask someone else.*

APRIL MEETING; *this was our A.G.M. and it was good to see so many club members attend and also rejoin the club. The issue of covering the cost of each meeting was raised and the treasurer proposed that for the year 20/21 the cost of membership would be £40, but there would not be any charge on the door for meetings. If in the past you have attended all meetings you will have paid £40 anyway. This way we know what our yearly income is and this makes it easier to decide on what we can afford as far as demonstrators are concerned. The charge for visitors remains the same. The proposal was put to the vote and agreed over whelming. Our new committee for the coming year were elected and a vote of thanks was given by Dawn Rose. Thank you to all the committee for standing again and also welcome to our new committee members.*

Thank you to Anne Reynolds for demonstrating a wedding rose made without using wires.

SUBSCRIPTIONS; *if you have not paid your subs then this will be the last newsletter you will receive. If you wish to re-join and can't get to the club then please contact Christine on how to pay or ask another member to bring your subs in for you. It's still £20 for the year. Please put in a named envelope stating cash or cheque made out to 'Colchester Sugarcraft Association' thank you.*

NATIONAL SUGARART (NSA) AGM; *Nobody from our club was able to attend this year but any news relevant to the club will be in future newsletters.*

WORKSHOP; *Gelatine Flower workshop with Estelle Mann June 22nd Stanway Scout Hut 10- 4pm*

Cost £35 all materials provided, tea and coffee, bring your own lunch. There are still places available please see website for application form or contact Christine Clark.

FUNDRAISING. *We are having a cake stall at Great Bentley Show on August 31st this is a major fundraising event for us so please if you are able to make jam, lemon curd, chutney, biscuits or cakes please do. Loaf cakes especially lemon drizzle, tray bakes, fruit cakes, and Victoria sponge cakes are always popular. We have jam jars available, contact Christine Clarke. If you are unable to make anything then a donation of flour, caster sugar, margarine, raspberry jam would be much appreciated by the cake cooks. I will collect on Friday 30th August from Stanway or why not come along on the day and bring your cakes and enjoy a lovely afternoon on Great Bentley Green. We are collecting plastic fruit or vegetable trays for customers to take away their cakes on, bring to July meeting please.*

AUGUST BASH *This year we are having Afternoon Tea on August 21st 3pm – 5pm at Sue Albins house at Great Bentley. There will be sandwiches, cakes, scones and tea /coffee. Cost £6 members, friends are also welcome to attend*

just put your name on the list with payment to the treasurer or contact Sue before the 20th August. There will be a raffle and bring and buy stall. If you are able to donate a prize or have something for the bring and buy please give to Sue or bring on the day.

September 22nd Ipswich Sugarcraft Festival. *We would like to attend and display an exhibit entitled **Four Seasons**. This will consist of some trellis on which we will have some climbing flowers/ foliage from each season plus cake boards decorated to depict the seasons. The whole exhibit will be roughly 3ft x 1ft x 1ft. It would be nice to have club members involved with making items for the exhibit, more specific details will be available at the May meeting. Please think where your talents lie and how you can help.*

SALES TABLE; *reminder; if you wish to sell any items on the sales table please make sure you have a named list of these items and how much you wish to sell them for. If you can put a sticker, with the price on, even better. 10% off all sales go to the club. Stella Rodgers has cake tins for sale please contact her if interested. We still have a lot of books for sale priced at 50 p /£1.*

RAFFLE PRIZES; *Donations for the raffle are always welcome please give to Anne, please ensure any edible item is in date*

NOTICE BOARD; *Please take your time to look at the notice board when you come to the meetings, I will add anything that might interest members. If you have any notices please ask for them to be added or contact me at felinehouse@btinternet.com or any items for the newsletter.*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CUP WITH YOU.