

Colchester Sugarcraft Association.

Hope you are all well and keeping safe, it is nice to see and hear that life is gradually getting back to normal though of course there is still a long way to go before we will be able to do all the things we did before this terrible Covid 19 outbreak. I hope that all our members will be able to rejoin us when the time is right. I want to update you on some of the things we discussed at the committee meeting we held via zoom. We have to abide with the guidelines from the government to ensure every ones safety and to maintain social distancing so we have made the difficult decision to cancel the monthly meetings until next January. We had already cancelled up until July and only had September and October left as we don't have a meeting in August or December.

If the situation should change we will endeavour to book a demonstrator or arrange a social event and I will still send out regular updates.

Some of us have been taking part in online tutorials, some are practical and some just observing, via zoom which has worked well and with this in mind we would like to know if you would be interested in doing something similar if we can organise it. If you haven't used zoom it is really easy and we will give you all the details of how to join the tutorial, all you need is a PC, laptop, iPad, or smart phone. If enough people are interested we will try to book them for the last Thursday in the month roughly between 7.30 - 9.30pm. Or maybe you would like us to organise a social zoom meeting just to have a chat and virtual tea/ coffee. Please email before the end of May to show your interest.

Sadly we have cancelled the Nicky Fuller workshop in September but will rebook for next year.

As you know May would have been our A.G.M. when we would have elected our committee and given you an up date on our finances. Christine has prepared the end of year accounts but we have not been able to get them audited at present. If you would like a copy of the accounts please let me know and I will email them to you. We have a healthy bank balance at present as we had put some money aside for a rainy day which has now appeared on the horizon. Though the club is not meeting we still have a few expenses like the NSA membership, website and insurance to pay for. We will not be able to do our fundraising events this year either as the Great Bentley Show has been cancelled and Christine and myself will not be demonstrating to other clubs or holding our workshops.

The committee have all agreed to stay on and we will postpone the A.G.M. until 2021. I hope that is agreeable to everyone.

If you have any interesting stories or pictures of things you have been making sugarcraft related while in lock down please forward them to me or Christine so we can add them to our website/newsletter.

Take care, stay safe and well Sue Albins and committee