



Chairperson; Sue Albins; Secretary; Brenda Lambert; Treasurer; Christine Clark;

**Our next meeting is Thursday 28<sup>TH</sup> January 2021 7.30pm via Zoom**

**November Meeting:** We started our November meeting by holding our A.G.M. which was postponed from April. The committee were re-elected with Sue Albins re-elected as chair person. Christine Clark Treasurer, and Brenda Lambert Secretary agreed to continue in their respectful posts and will be re-elected at the next committee meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021. Michela Carey will carry on as Programme secretary and Anne Skeggs will be looking after our facebook page. I would like to thank all of the committee members who agreed to carry on and for the work that they do behind the scenes throughout the year to make our club a success. We carried on with our Christmas social which included a food quiz ably put together by Anne Reynolds and won by Sue Albins who scored 24 out of 30. We all enjoyed the opportunity to have a chat, a drink and nibbles all in the comfort of our own homes.

**Charity Christmas:** Sue reminded everyone that Beacon House in Crouch Street would still like Christmas cakes, home made cakes or savouries and offered to deliver them if need be. They are always pleased to receive donations of food at any time throughout the year if you look at the website it lists food that they need and also clothes that they are running low on. At present they are only providing food parcels from the window due to covid restrictions. I delivered some cakes to them this week and they were extremely grateful.

**January demonstration:** Please join us on January 28<sup>th</sup> when we will have Barry Fermor demonstrating a man made from a well known brick via zoom. Christine will invite you via email. Our demonstrations are open to non members, just contact Christine Clark and she can add you to the list.

**Picture Gallery:** Please send pictures of your work to Christine so they can be added to our website. Take a look as there are some fabulous pictures of work done by members

**Zoom meetings:** We will be carrying on with our zoom meetings for the foreseeable future, if you would like to join us but are not sure what to do

then please contact Christine Clark who will help you. Friends are welcome to join us at the meetings, we just need their email address and permission for us to keep the data. Thank you to Christine for organising zoom.

We have January 28th Barry Fermor model made from bricks

February 25<sup>th</sup> Brenda Lambert.

March 25th Christina Georgiou faces

April 29<sup>th</sup> A.G.M Anne Reynolds air drying clay.

May 27<sup>th</sup> to be confirmed

We continue to follow government guidelines and advice and if we are able to go back to meeting in the hall again we will resume as soon as possible.

**Other news and events:** There are lots of online tutorials at the moment some free and some that you have to purchase. Look on youtube, facebook, demonstrator web sites, British Sugarcraft Guild, and National SugarArt Association. Listed below are a few that I know about.

For cocoa painting Tracey Mann, Emily Hankins, reasonably priced and special offers.

Local classes/zoom demos Sarah Thomas, The Cupcake oven Lawford

Mr Baker Cakes youtube.com gravity defying cakes.

Sugar and Crumbs

The British Sugarcraft Guild 8<sup>TH</sup> May online day of demonstrations Tickets £10 through Eventbrite contact [www.bsgregion8se.org](http://www.bsgregion8se.org)

June 12<sup>th</sup> Online day of Demonstrations with Paul Bradford and Debbie Brown, more details to follow

September 25<sup>th</sup> Region 7 Exhibition Wodson Park Ware Herts ticket info [www.bsguk.org/news](http://www.bsguk.org/news) open to all

B.S.G. Annual Skills School 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July University of Kent Canterbury. Open to non members.

Cake International Birmingham 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June [cakeinternational.co.uk](http://cakeinternational.co.uk)

Lastly Happy Christmas and hopefully a better New Year in 2021. Hope to see you again on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 7.30. Keep safe and well (have your vaccinations).

Sue Albins