



Chairperson - Sue Albins. Secretary - Brenda Lambert. Treasurer - Christine Clark

Newsletter for March 2021.

Our next zoom meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**February Meeting.** Thank you to Christine who demonstrated a model bunny and sheep using a crème egg. Some of us joined in to make the bunny. These would make lovely little presents for Easter or a spring-themed cake. The size of the model can be varied by using different sized eggs.

**March Meeting.** This month we have Christina Georgiou demonstrating facial expressions. Please join zoom 5 to 10 minutes before the meeting starts so we can begin promptly at 7.30.

**April Meeting.** In April we will be having a short A.G.M. This is to keep everything in the correct order. If there are any issues you would like raised please contact Brenda Lambert [bmlacorns@uel.com](mailto:bmlacorns@uel.com) The demo for this month will be Mini Cakes with Sue Albins.

### **Membership Fees and Data Protection Form.**

**Data Protection.** It is three years since we collected permission from members to keep your data for club purposes. We are affiliated to the National Sugarart Association and we must follow their guidelines which are that data will be kept for a maximum of three years and if you are no longer a member of the club your data will be destroyed. Taking into consideration environmental concerns around use of paper and to make admin easier we have combined the two forms as they are both completed in April. We have decided not to collect membership fees until September 2021, and this will be at the reduced rate of £24 this effectively gives you 5 months free membership. What a bargain! Unfortunately we have to charge membership again in September as we are hoping to resume in the hall which will bring added costs. Also if we have to carry on with zoom we are not able to absorb the cost of demonstrators through club funds. In previous years we have had to subsidise meetings as fees do not cover the whole cost of running the club and to keep the club viable for the foreseeable future we will need to keep some funds in reserve so we can have workshops and national demonstrators. Please find attached the form which needs to be filled in using black ink and returned it to Christine Clark 2 Orchard Close Elmstead Market Colchester Essex CO7 7AS before the end of April. If you have difficulties printing it please contact me either via email [Sue28albins@btinternet.com](mailto:Sue28albins@btinternet.com) or on 01206 251955 and I will post one to you. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THE FORM IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND ZOOM, FUTURE MEETINGS, RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS OR BE INFORMED OF FUTURE EVENTS.** Of course we understand that zoom does not suit all members and you may wish to wait until we can meet up again. We will keep the website and Facebook page updated.

**Future Events.** We are hoping to be able to return to Stanway Community Hall for our September meeting but this will depend on government guidelines around indoor gathering for groups of people from different households. We plan to have a social evening with food and a demonstrator to make our first get-together a really special event. We understand that people may not want to go back to meeting people inside but we will endeavour to keep our members as safe as we can and will put in all the appropriate measures needed. The committee would welcome your feedback on meeting up again. It is difficult to see what we will be allowed to do further in the year but we have to plan ahead when booking the hall and demonstrators. I hope that everyone will support the club when we are able to return and agree that we have done our very best to keep members in touch and provide as near normal meetings as possible. If there is a particular demonstrator, technique, model, flower etc that you would like to see please let us know and we will see what we can arrange.

#### Programme for April to July

April 29 <sup>th</sup>	A.G.M. Mini cakes	Sue Albins
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Collinson	Faultline Cake
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Reynolds	Air drying Clay and Flower pro moulds
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Ungless	Royal Icing Biscuits

#### Other news and events.

Cake International 25 -27<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>TH</sup> -7<sup>TH</sup> November Birmingham morning or afternoon tickets from £7 available online.

There are some free demonstrations on Eventbrite. Go to Eventbrite British Sugarcraft Association events Region 8 to register for tickets:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March Easter Carolyn Harvey. Have a go models using a cream egg at 10.30

Thursday 8 April Georgie Godbolt Mystery Wobbly at 19.30.

West Wickham Sugarcraft Club. They have just released their programme for the next few months with some interesting demos. There are two ways of booking either pay for each demo at £5 each time or join the club for £20 and watch all demos. Contact details are [westwickhamsugarcraft@gmail.com](mailto:westwickhamsugarcraft@gmail.com)

British Sugarcraft Guild. Various clubs have demos available to non members either via Eventbrite or through their own website. Or for £25 become a member and get access to Region 7s demos for free. Most of the demos are very reasonably priced between £3 -£5. and you get to see people you would not normally be able to watch.

Liz Ungless has silicone veiners and cutters of leaves that are not available from other manufactures which her and her husband have designed and manufactured. She is selling these via facebook at the moment.

If you know of any other events please let me know and I can include them in the newsletter.

We hope you are enjoying the zoom meetings

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or zoom meetings please contact me.

Regards Sue

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