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Newsletter for November 2023.

Our next meeting is Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

**November meeting.** This month is our Christmas Social Evening. We will start with a light finger buffet and then make our marzipan fruits. Please bring a small ball tool or tool to help attach stalks, small board and some wet wipes to clean your hands as the marzipan can get a bit sticky. We will provide everything else. Don't forget the Christmas Cake Competition and cakes or savoury goods for charity.

**October meeting.** Ruby Buffong showed us some different ideas for Halloween.

**Programme for 2024-2025.** Michala will be looking to book demonstrators for our next year's programme around now so if you have any suggestions or know anyone who is available to demonstrate please let her know. We have some ideas but it is helpful to get feed back from members. If you have a skill you would like to pass on to members please come forward and do a demo. I know it can feel quite daunting but there is always someone around to help and give moral support, maybe team up with another member who is also willing to do a mini demo.

**Website.** We have a very good website which is regularly updated by Christine. If you have any pictures for the gallery, recipes or anything which is relevant please send to Christine Clark at [wor.christine@gmail.com](mailto:wor.christine@gmail.com) we also have a facebook page managed by Emma Barnes [colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.co](mailto:colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.co) so please share photos of your work or let her know of sugarcraft events. Website [www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk](http://www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk)  
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### **Other news and events**

**Workshops.** Truffle making and chocolate lollies workshops are still available if you were unable to attend the first ones in November. Please let Ann Skeggs and Anne Reynolds know if interested.

**Show and tell table.** Please bring in things you have made or photos of cakes with a brief explanation if possible so we can see how talented our members are. Also don't forget to send pictures to our website and facebook page.

**Sales Table.** Anne Reynolds has lots of patchwork cutters for sale. Anne will be at the meeting but if you are looking for a particular cutter please contact her. If you are

decluttering your sugarcraft equipment bring it along, we just take 10% for club funds, make sure you label and price and take home what has not sold.

**Christmas Raffle.** Tickets at £1 a strip will be on sale for our fabulous raffle with prizes of luxury food hamper, fruit basket, bottle of port, jigsaw puzzles and chocolates. Good luck everyone.

**January Meal.** The post-Christmas meal is going to be at The Cricketers Pub, Eight Ash Green on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please put your name on the list if you would like to attend.

**Sugar In The Fens: Alan Dunn Workshop.** March 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> cost £230. Flowers include Old English/German rose, stocks, twiklestar pholox plus foliage. Alan is also doing 2 evening demos 18<sup>th</sup> March at Ely and 19<sup>th</sup> March at Bury St Edmunds. To book go to [www.sugardesign.co.uk/shop-1](http://www.sugardesign.co.uk/shop-1)

Thank you to Jan Ferguson, Carol Rowe and Ann Skeggs for helping at Boxted W.I. demo and to Christine for leading it.

Thank you, Ann Skeggs, for my lovely lemon birthday cake.

If you know of any other events that might interest our members please let me know and I can include them in the newsletter. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact me.

There is no meeting in December so if I don't see you at this month's meeting to wish you season's greetings in person, I would like to say Happy Christmas and New Year and thank you for continuing to support the Club.

Regards Sue.

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