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Newsletter for January 2024.

Our next meeting is January 25th at 7.30 p.m.

November meeting. Our social evening was well attended and after light refreshments we made some marzipan fruits. The hamper raffle was very successful and first prize was won by our newest member.

In January twelve of us went to The Cricketers at Fordham Heath for our post Christmas meal. It was a good opportunity to meet up socially and I hope everyone enjoyed your meal.

January Meeting. This month we have Alison Henderson demonstrating baby shoes. Alison is a new demonstrator to us and we look forward to welcoming her to our club.

Programme for 2024-2025. As mentioned in the November newsletter, Michala is busy booking demonstrators for the coming year, we have some new names to choose from and have had some suggestions for what they could demonstrate. Ideas so far are: isomalt; layering, stacking and sharp edges; buttercream splash-decorated sponge cake; stencilling; gelatine snowglobes; wobblies; and heartyclay flowers. If you have any other ideas. please let me or Michala know.

Website. Christine has updated our website with recent events. If you have any pictures for the gallery, recipes or anything which is relevant please send to Christine at wor.christine@gmail.com we also have a facebook page managed by Emma colchestersugarcraft@hotmail.com so please share photos of your work or let her know of sugarcraft events.

Website: www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk

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Other news and events

Workshops. A few of us have been to the mini-workshops that some of our members have organised at their homes which were very enjoyable. We came away with delicious truffles, chocolate decorations and macarons. A huge thank you to all of them for welcoming us to their homes and putting a lot of time and effort into passing on their skills and knowledge. Jan is willing to do another macaron workshop, she can take a maximum of 4 people, very reasonable cost, date to be arranged. Please look at the list on the table

where you come in to see what we are offering, put your name down and then we can arrange dates if there is enough interest.

Last year we did some demonstrations and mini workshops for local W.I.s and we have 4 booked for this year. The money we charge, less expenses, goes to the club which has helped to put us in a very good financial position. We are able to book demonstrators we might not have considered and it also helps to cover the running costs of the club as our current membership fees do not cover everything. We have been fortunate that members have been willing to help out at these events and also at the Great Bentley Show which is a big fundraiser for us. From the committee, thank you. In 2023 I felt that our club has gelled together to become a fantastic place to meet like minded people, share skills and enjoy social events and I look forward to 2024.

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. If you have equipment you would like to sell please bring it along for the sales table, label with your name and price and take it home if it does not sell. We take 10% for club funds.

March Meeting. We are having an Easter Bonnet Competition instead of our usual cake related competition so get working on your creations and good luck.

Other Events. *Sugar In The Fens* Alan Dunn Workshop. March 16th – 17th Cost £230. Flowers include Old English/German rose, stocks, twinklestar phlox plus foliage. Alan is also doing two evening demos on 18th March at Ely and 19th March at Bury St Edmunds. To book go to www.sugardesign.co.uk/shop-1

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.

Regards Sue.

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