



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

Newsletter for September 2024.

Our next meeting is September 26th at 7.30 p.m.

September meeting. *This month we have Christina Cooper demonstrating Fabric Effects, another first time visitor and something different to see.*

Programme for 2025-2026. Michala will be looking to book demonstrators for next year's programme around November 2024. So if you have any suggestions, or know anyone who is available to demonstrate, please let her know. We have a healthy bank balance at the moment so we are able to pay a bit more for demonstrators who come from further away who also include travelling costs in their fee.

Website. Christine keeps our website updated, so if you have any pictures for the gallery, recipes or anything which is relevant please send to Christine Clark, see below. We also have a Facebook page which Ann Skeggs is in charge of. If you have been to a workshop, please check that it is ok to post pictures on Facebook and please credit the tutor.

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Other news and events

Cake International NEC Birmingham 1st - 3rd November.

Fund Raising Events.

Great Bentley Show. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to help us raise the £589 which has added a significant amount to our bank balance. It was a very challenging day, weather-wise, for everyone helping put the gazebos up in very strong winds and serving as everything was blowing away, but we sold everything except a few biscuits, which did not go to waste. We had a lovely selection of cakes, biscuits - even dog biscuits) - mini-quiche and jams. The ladies in the marque were kept busy helping children to decorate biscuits and cupcakes and this is really appreciated by the Show Committee. Donations for this raised £50. Though we have a much smaller membership now than we did when we first started to have a cake stall, we have consistently increased our profit year on year which is all down to the commitment of our members and committee. With the current economic climate we acknowledge that the cost of making cakes has increased

significantly, we kept the cost to £1 a slice which also helps people who may be struggling and meant that we sold out.

Demonstrations for Local Clubs. We have 3 mini workshops booked for November 5th Leavenheath 1 pm, 7th Little Horkesley 10.30, and the 14th at Langham 7pm. We make a snowman, Christmas tree, choirboy which are kept simple. If you are able to help at any of these please add your name to the list. Christine will arrange a date in October to practice making the models. She is also willing to hold a mini-workshop at her house for any members who may like to do the models.

Workshops. Please put your name on the list if you would like to attend the following workshops:

Stencilling 22nd October, with Brenda Lambert, West Mersea at 10.30, bring lunch.

David Austin Rose with Anne Reynolds, October. Date and time to be arranged.

Sales Table. Please bring any items you would like to sell. They must be labelled and priced and taken home if they do not sell. 10% of price goes to the club. We do have equipment that has been donated for sale as well.

November meeting. It has been suggested that we have a Decorated Gingerbread House as our competition this year instead of Christmas Cakes. I think it will make a nice change but we will take a vote on it at the meeting.

Post-Christmas Meal January 25. We will be going to either The Swan or Toby Carvery at Copford on Thursday 16th January, please add your name to the list if you would like to attend.

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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