



Chair Sue Albins. Secretary Brenda Lambert. Treasurer Christine Clark

Newsletter for February 2025
Our Next Meeting is Thursday February 27th 7.30 PM

January Meeting. Anne Reynolds demonstrated flowers using hearty clay. This is an air-drying clay which is safe to use on cakes and is much more robust if people want to keep the flowers or model which has been made to celebrate a special occasion. Anne explained how to colour the white clay with dust colours. The coloured clay can be used to colour the white clay, they are very intense so a little goes a long way. Anne made some red roses, ferns and gypsophila.

February Meeting. We have Alison Henderson demonstrating a cup and saucer. Alison has been to see us before when she did the baby shoes, so we are looking forward to seeing her again as she was a very good demonstrator. The hall became quite cold last month, I have contacted the hall committee but haven't heard back from them so please wrap up warm just in case. Hopefully the weather will be a bit warmer as well. Don't forget to bring a cup, the kettle will be on if you want to make a drink before the meeting starts.

Other News.

Committee Members. As you maybe aware Christine is stepping down from being our Treasurer in April when we elect the committee at the A.G.M. We are looking for someone to take on her role, it is not too onerous and you will have plenty of support. Brenda is stepping down from secretary, Ann Skeggs, who is currently a committee member, has kindly offered to fill this post if she is elected at the AGM but if you feel you would like to come on the committee please let me know.

NSA AGM. via zoom May 17th at 1.30 pm. Usually a short official part followed by a demonstration. The demonstrator this year is Sue Reid from South Africa she will be demonstrating Teabag Folding. This is a paper craft which she has adapted for sugarcraft. The zoom link will be sent out to members, if you need any help with zoom please let us know. There were several enquiries at Cake International about starting new clubs and also about individual membership. This is mainly for access to the zoom demonstrations that some clubs are doing. It will be proposed and adopted at the AGM. If you know of anyone who may be interested in either of these things please contact me so I can pass on the information to the NSA. The insurance for the club comes from our membership fee to the NSA, it shot up in price this year and it has been proposed that the membership fee be increased for 2026 to cover the cost as there are not enough clubs to support the rise.

Club membership. Unfortunately our membership has been falling significantly since covid. We discussed at our last committee meeting ways we could attract new members especially from the younger generation and a suggestion was put forward to hold some mini-workshops during the day or at weekends which would be free to attend. We are still in the preliminary stage but would welcome input from members re venues, helpers, and advertising. I am aware that helping out puts extra pressure on the members who already support the club in various ways and although we are in

a good financial position we do need to consider the future of the club if membership keeps falling.

We are also offering visitors one month's free entry to any meeting, so please spread the word to friends and relatives.

March Meeting. Our competition for March is a Lemon Drizzle Cake, which will be judged by our demonstrator.

Don't forget to send pictures and sugarcraft news to Christine and Ann for our website and facebook page.

Hope to see everyone next week

Regards Sue