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Newsletter for September 2026
Next Meeting Thursday September 24th 7.30 PM

August Meeting. What a tasty lunch we had, hosted by Marilyn. Everyone provided a plate of food and it was so nice to be able to enjoy her lovely garden when the sun came out. Thank you to everyone who came and it was especially good to see Ann C after her surgery on her first venture out.

September Meeting. This month we have Christina Georgiou, we don't know what she is demonstrating but we know it will be an entertaining evening.

Other News.

Great Bentley Show Sept 5th A big thank you to Maureen Squirell, Carol Rowe, and Jan Ferguson for making cupcakes and biscuits and coming to the show to entertain the children with decorating the goodies. We raised £35 in donations and the children really enjoyed covering everything with icing and sprinkles including the tables! The show committee have asked me to thank our dedicated team and hope that we will be able to attend next year.

NSA Update.

Cake International Birmingham. The NSA have a stall again and will be doing hour-long mini workshops on all 3 days. You can book a workshop on the day spaces are limited to 8 people per session and are free. If you are going up and have an hour to spare they would appreciate some help to promote the association and just generally talk about the benefits of belonging to a club. We have donated some equipment from the club for the bargain-basement stall which is always popular.

Liz Ungless has organised some more zoom demonstrations for the coming year which are free to every member to join. She has booked Alan Dunn for flowers, and there is also a wafer paper and isomalt demo next year. I will send out the link for zoom when we receive it. It is really easy to join as you just click on the link on the email and join via a laptop, tablet or phone.

The NSA. have been approached by the Cake and Bake show to be involved with organising workshops and demonstrations for their show in Olympia London which is just two weeks after Cake International. After much discussion it was decided that we would not do anything this year as we have 3 days of demonstrations and workshops at Cake International which requires a lot of planning and dedication by the small team who commit to going to Birmingham every year. There where concerns raised also as to getting there, its closeness to Cake International, and the support from the public.

Workshops. If you would like to do some mini workshops please let us know what you are interested in and we can organise these.

Don't forget to send pictures and sugarcraft news to Christine and Ann for our website and Facebook, or like, comment and share via the Facebook page. Please ask the permission of anyone featured in photos and keep personal details to a minimum for these sites which will help to keep everyone safe from scams etc. I know that we have permission to have personal data on our members which we do not share with other people and is only available to me and the secretary, but if we post photos from club meetings or workshops please let us know if you do not wish to be in the photo.

Sales table. Don't forget to look on our bargain-basement sales table, we accept donations or if you have equipment to sell we take 10% commission. Please label with your name and price and take home anything that does not sell. We do not take large cake tins, cake stands or books as we have nowhere to store them.

Special offer of attending 1 meeting for free for visitors still applies so please spread the word as we would love to see more people at our meetings and hopefully show people our craft.

We have posters available if anyone can display them or distribute to various locations e.g. libraries or village magazines.

Regards Sue