Colchester Sugarcraft Association

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Newsletter for November 2026
Next Meeting Thursday November 26th 7.30 PM

October Meeting. Apologies for giving the wrong information regarding our demonstration; we had Samantha Brown who demonstrated mini handbags. Hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

November Meeting. This month is our Christmas social evening, we will have our buffet first, sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls crisps etc from Marks and Spencer followed by making some simple Xmas-themed models. Everything will be provided for the modelling just bring along a small sugarcraft board, if you have one, and a container big enough to take a 4 inch square/round and a 3 inch round cake board. If you would like to provide a small plate of savoury or sweet food for the buffet it will be welcomed, (not any of the previously mentioned.) We are giving the competition a miss this year as we have very few entries and the cost of ingredients for a Christmas cake plus decorations keeps rising. We have our bumper raffle again this month, £1 per strip with lots of lovely prizes.

Other News

January Meal. This year we are going to go to The Swan in Copford on Thursday 14th January 7pm. Please add your name to the list if you would like to come.

Next Year's Programme. Michala will be booking demonstrators for next year's programme shortly and we would welcome suggestions of what you would like to see or do. Would you like to do more in-house workshops, modelling, flowers, icing techniques? Please let us know as it is difficult for the committee to decide without members feedback. If you have heard of anyone who is willing to demonstrate, please let us know as it is getting harder each year to find people who are local or not too expensive.

Workshops

We had a most enjoyable evening on the 12th November at Langham Ladies Club where we did a mini workshop for 34 ladies. They made a robin using chocolate baubles and chocolate fondant icing. This is the second time of visiting them and they have asked us to go again around Easter time. The money we raise from the workshops and demonstrations goes to club funds. We have 3 booked for next year.

Workshop for Club Members We will probably organise another workshop in May/June next year, if you have something you would like to make, and we can get a demonstrator, we would be pleased to hear your suggestions. These workshops are very good value for money and you get the chance to work with a demonstrator we would not normally see.

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