

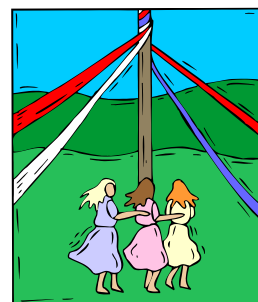


THE 1/12 CLUB

LICHFIELD & DISTRICT DOLLS HOUSE & MINIATURISTS CLUB

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A Letter from the Editor

Dear Members,

So we are now into May and next month we shall be half way through 2010!

I do hope you are working on your calendar projects - even if all your work is still on paper as I am hoping for great things - especially as your project could feature internationally - as you will read about late in this newsletter!

Our exhibition at **the Heritage Centre** in Lichfield is proving very popular and hopefully will bring introductions to new miniaturist enthusiasts.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th May** and I hope to see you all there then.

Love Gaynor



April Meeting



We were delighted to welcome husband and wife team **David and Irene Keen** to our meeting and hope they enjoyed their time with us and will become regular members.

Apologies were received from **Tina Stockdale, Lisa Hodge** and **Liz Ford**.

Raffle

April's lucky winners - **Sarah Brander and Irene Keen** selecting prizes generously donated by **Jill Shorthose** and **Tina Stockdale**.



Practical Session April Meeting



For this session we made a miniature sailor, based on the **Norah Mullins** sailor doll as featured in the children's TV series Little Ted.

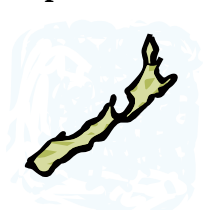
Many thanks to **Kim Woodcock** for assembling kits and running the practical session. We shall be very interested in seeing how you use your completed dolls.

Calendar Project

I was very pleased to announce that one of the dolls house magazines had expressed an interest in publishing a calendar supplement using photographs from our 2010 project for 2011. Whilst details are not confirmed, I do feel that a successful selection of miniature scenes will definitely help influence their decision! So..... I am encouraging you to produce a miniature scene depicting a month OR even 2 or 3. Obviously only 12 photos will be selected as voted for by club members but due to publishing deadlines these will need to be selected by August. I propose discussing this with you again at the next meeting and perhaps booking the hall for August if necessary. We have started a list of the months that some of you are opting to choose to illustrate, at the moment there are still months not selected and of course we will need examples of all months. For those of you that have not started a project it only leaves a few months to go.



Trip to New Zealand



I was pleased to announce that John and I would be making another trip to New Zealand for the Bi-Annual Miniaturists Convention in October. The theme of this Convention is Movie Moments in Miniature and I asked for help in producing some miniature moments to display. I would like to thank **Thelma Gould** for rushing to my aid and we now have 3 topics which I feel will be great fun. If you are interested in helping put together these scenes please let me know.

British Polymer Clay Guild (Midlands Region)

Unfortunately the Italian food workshop planned for 9th May has had to be cancelled. The Faux semi-precious stone techniques will however continue. Our abject apologies to those of you booked on this course.

Proposed Workshop with Jane Harrop

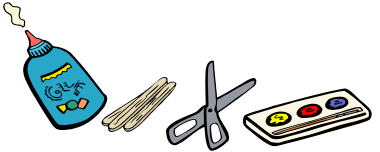


We are now proposing an open day of working on Jane Harrop kits on Sunday 22nd August down at Curborough. Jane will provide the kits postage free and with a 10% discount that I suggest we utilise to pay for the room hire. People that have completed her kits say that they are very well presented and that we should have no difficulty in assembling them. SO - please have a look again at Jane's web site www.janeharrop.co.uk and choose any kits you would like to order. There are over 60 1/12 scale kits to choose from at prices ranging from £2.50 through to £35 and over twenty 1/24 scale kits and we could enjoy a good

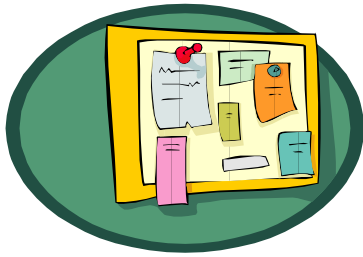
day out completing them. Final decisions by next meeting please and bring payment - cheque or cash.

It may be that you are unable to join us at our workshop day but would still like to order a kit or kits from Jane - June and Lawrie Chapman are in this situation, so please do study Jane's website

Please contact me if any queries on gaynor.fryer@talktalk.net or 01543 264997



May Practical Session



This month I shall be supplying everyone with a piece of cork. I propose we make as many items as we can from this - suggestions include a notice board, bath mats and table mats. If you can think of anything else - well done. You will need to bring along scissors, mount or cardboard, marker pens, tacky glue, cocktail sticks, narrow strips of wood - eg coffee stirrers, cutting blade and mat. If you have access to any back copies of dolls house magazines I know that there have been cut outs of interesting items to add to such a notice board - other

wise put together your own collection of photos, tickets, appointment reminders and shopping coupons etc.

Suggestions for Calendar themes

Month	Suggestion	Interest Expressed so far...
January	New Years Party, Burn's Night	June and Dave Howe
February	Valentine's day	
March	March winds, Mothering Sunday	Sarah Brander
April	Easter, April Showers	Gaynor Fryer
May	May Day celebrations, Maypole Dancing	June and Lawrie
June	Weddings, Roses	Marilynne Snowden, Maureen Bonsall
July	Picnics	Doreen Smith
August	Seaside scenes	Gaynor Fryer
September	Seasonal fruits, harvest festivals	Irene and David Keen
October	Halloween	Thelma Gould
November	Bonfire night	Ann Griffin, Lesley Troth
December	Christmas	Sarah Brander, Ann Griffin, Dave and June Howe

Please remember that you may enter **as many miniature scenes** as you wish. They **do not all have to have been made especially for this project**, everyone that participated in the Christmas markets and beach hut projects have scenes that can be submitted and the more the merrier for making a wonderful display of work. Obviously only 12 scenes can be selected finally for a calendar and there is no guarantee that one will be published but I shall see that calendars are available for us as a club. The above members have indicated months they will be working on - **so add your name to the list**, we want a good variety of entries from which to make our selection.

Remember - the above suggestions are just that - only suggestions, you may have ideas of your own. I do hope you are inspired to throw yourselves whole heartedly into this project, especially when it has the potential of being seen by so many.