



Dear Members,

The busy Christmas season came and went and the New Year has begun bringing more challenges with our miniature projects.

We received some lovely gifts from our sister clubs in New Zealand and Canada. Many thanks to our overseas friends for their little surprises.

I would like to thank you all for the lovely flowers that arrived on Friday after the AGM, very much appreciated. I am looking forward now to another year of learning new skills and productive miniature making.

I would also like to thank Lisa for her hard work as chairperson and especially for leading us so successfully in the WW1 project.



Beverley 



This is Bev's 1/48th scale Shepherds hut from the Petite Properties kit.

The dry stone walling was made from bits of clay cat litter (unused!) glued in place with diluted PVA.

January meeting

Apologies were received from Lisa, Dave & June, Pat and Karen.

The January meeting was an evening of planning and the AGM. Thirteen members attended and a long meeting was held discussing the events of the past year and trying to get together a committee for 2015. The members all agreed to dispense with a committee in favour of a more informal approach. As a result the written constitution was unanimously abandoned.

Gaynor has agreed to lead the evenings as the chairperson/hostess. Beverley will continue as Treasurer, newsletter editor, key holder and deal with the occasional secretarial duty. No committee was formed as such but members agreed to help with refreshments, birthday cards and raffle as usual, and Kim will act as social secretary and organise the monthly program for the club. Olivia will collect the monthly subs. Any issues that arise will be discussed at club as required.

It is becoming more difficult to get speakers for the club so members were asked to volunteer to lead a meeting. So as not to prepare too many kits members were asked to please inform us in good time, if they can, if they know they are unable to attend or do not want the kit.

It was suggested that two meetings were used for building the Christmas present Petite Properties cottage kit. Members were asked to look at their kits and to bring them to the February meeting.

Bev brought along some more items to be sold from Mrs. Tiggywinkle. There is still a collection of large doll moulds if anyone is interested. In total we have raised about £270 for the club funds.

Ann Griffin invited members to join Waddhams on Wednesday March 4th for a demonstration on how to wire up a dolls house by J & S Lighting. More details on where, and the cost, nearer the date, please contact Ann if you want to come along.

From your Hon. President – New Year's Greetings 2015

So here we are – another New Year. Who would have thought fifteen years had passed since we were all worrying about the Millennium Bug and aeroplanes falling from the skies? But our Club goes on

On Wednesday 22nd January thirteen of us turned up to renew our membership for the Club. THIRTEEN – we could have started a coven instead! Yes, we did have some apologies received – but for the business of our AGM it did mean that - at that moment in time – a full Club compliment was present for decisions to be taken! I do not plan to discuss this in my address to you, enough to say that minutes were taken and will be written up in due course. The complete membership on the night has agreed to a new less formal running order and I will "act" as Chair – or spokesperson – or hostess – or whatever you wish to call me on Club nights.

I would at this time like to thank ALL of the committee for their hard work over the past year and also for the very generous Club Christmas presents of Petite Property cottages for which we are very grateful and look forward to completing over the coming year. I think I can safely say that we are all looking forward to a slower pace now that we have so successfully completed our World War 1 project.

In February those members that have already made up Petite Property kits – including Ann Griffin, Tina Stockdale, Maureen Bonsall and Beryl Sweet, have been invited to bring along their work for the remainder of us to admire and also to be available for hints and tips and answering any questions the remainder of us have before we make our start.

I will bring along a quarter scale colonial NZ house I made at Convention some years ago as well as a quarter scale rustic Norwegian house made by Kate & Peter Kelsall. I will also bring along my collection of quarter scale accessories made by Signe Alvarstein – so superb, I think you will be amazed by some of her miniatures! If you have bought or made any quarter scale furniture/accessories please bring them along also. It is the little bits and pieces that bring the houses to life.

Kim Woodcock has volunteered to oversee a new programme of practical sessions for 2015 – and be warned – she WILL be coming to you for your contribution!

Maureen and Bob Bonsall are willing to continue ensuring that tea, coffee, milk and a biscuit are available for us – particularly appreciated on these winter nights. In the past it was agreed that no charge would be made for this on the understanding that members made their own drinks and cleared up after themselves. If this system does not work perhaps a change is procedure is in order?

I propose with doors open for 7.30 we allow half an hour for meeting and greeting, setting up displays of work and making a hot drink before commencement of "business" at 8pm

I look forward to seeing you all next month.

Gaynor



The Christmas gifts from our sister clubs in Canada (above), Whakatane (centre) and Nelson (right).

Next meeting February 18th 2015

The 1/48th cottage kit.

Bring your kits and usual work boxes. Hopefully some finished 1/48th scale work by members and others will be on display for inspiration.

Dates for your diary.



Miniatura NEC 28th - 29th March.

York Dolls House Fair 7th June.



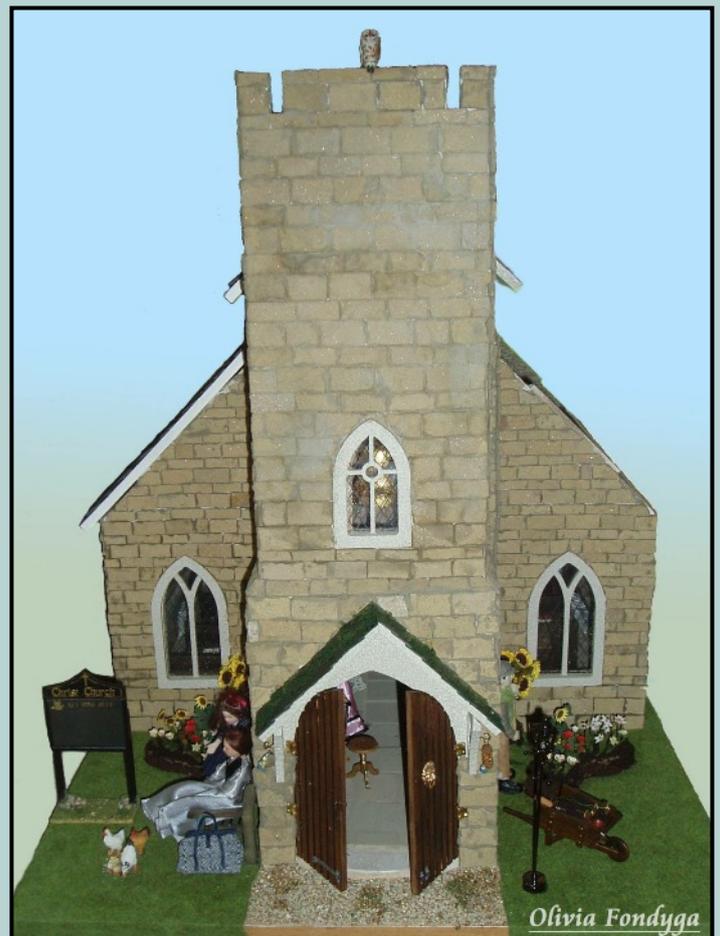
Bluebell Cottage

If you have any pictures of your projects that you would like to share on our website or in the newsletter then please send them to

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Olivia Fondyga



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*Here's Olivia's Church, and here's the steeple.
Look inside and see the people.*