



Dear Members,

Like me everyone should now be well into building their 1/48th scale cottages. I am looking forward to our September meeting when we will all display our cottages together as a small village. I must say I do find it challenging to work in the smaller scale but I am enjoying it and hope you all are too.

Miniatura is at the end of March so I hope you get to buy lots of mini-goodies.

We have acquired the use of another cupboard at the hall and Paul will put some shelves in it so we have better storage for our bits and bobs. There are a few bits left from Mrs T which can keep in the cupboard.

The clocks have gone forward and spring is on the air. I wish everyone a Happy Easter and see you all next month.

Beverley



Birthday Wishes to Ann
Blythe, Lisa and Maureen
with birthdays in March



March meeting

Apologies from Olivia, Jackie, Jill, June & Dave and Gaynor who was away on her trip to Norway.

Beryl hosted the evening for us and brought in her lovely Tudor cottage to show us, and told us how she made it. Beryl also won the raffle!

Kim led the practical session and showed us how to make Easter Bunnies and Bunny slippers made out of small squares of a fleece material, and little baskets from paper and card. We also made birds nests.



My Easter collection



From your Hon. President – Easter Greetings 2015

Hi All, and yes - we have thoroughly enjoyed our cruise to the Arctic Circle once again – and this time were more successful in seeing the Northern Lights as well as the total eclipse of the sun – but I am also delighted to be back home and in my own bed once again!

I did think about you all on Club night, I had just spent 2 days in Tromso and managed to meet up with Signe Alvarstein on both days. On Monday 16th Signe came to the dock to collect us and take us back to her home. This time we managed to meet her husband Arne and sons Erling and Trygve as well.

We exchanged gifts and I was overwhelmed with the exquisite afternoon tea table she had made for me. See photo.....

I also had the opportunity to see her latest work and I was particularly taken with the little chicken egg bricks – which I thought just perfect for our Petite Properties kitchens. Won't they look just right on a dresser?

Signe had prepared a typically Norwegian dinner for us – a casserole of reindeer (don't tell Santa!), cooked with herbs and cream together with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables. For dessert – a whipped concoction of cream with cloud berries and a “waffle” type pancake made into crispy cornets – all delicious!

After dinner we went out on to her verandah – and there they were - the Northern Lights, just hanging and glowing like curtains in the night sky. As there was quite a bit of light pollution from the city Arne drove us out town into the dark countryside – the stars were just amazing and yes, it was cold!

On Tuesday Signe took us on a five hour round trip of the countryside to Sommarøy - Summer Island, a beautiful little coastal town in Tromsø's west and very popular with summer visitors to the little sandy beaches.. The ocean views are spectacular and because of the coastal weather the panoramas change constantly in colour and atmosphere. We saw herds of grazing reindeer and stopped to see some ancient rock paintings. There was also time for a coffee stop and the opportunity to try the local apple cake!

Signe now specializes in the smaller scales of miniatures only – and has given me a collection of 1/12th glass and china she had collected. As there are quite a few pieces I shall be distributing some of them as a gift to you – from her on club night!

I look forward to seeing you on April 15th – do bring along any special purchases you may have made at Miniatura for us all to see and in the meantime have a wonderful Easter holiday.

Gaynor



Next meeting April 15th 2015

We will be making a mini-shopping trolley.

Bring your usual work boxes and basic kit, Tacky glue and pliers for bending wire.



Dates for your diary.



April 18th Pudsey Dolls Hair Fair, Pudsey Civic Hall, LEEDS LS28 5TA

April 25th & 26th Model Railway show, Bishop Walsh school, Wylde Green Rd. Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QT

June 7th York Dolls House Fair

October 3rd & 4th Miniatura at the NEC



Happy Easter!



This is Beryl's Tudor Cottage in 1/48th scale