



Dear Members,

I very much enjoyed the lighting special evening and cant wait to get started on my Teacup Cottage. It will be so much easier to have the lighting kit right from the start. Meantime I have put together the bridal kit from last month and it has given me some ideas for a future project.

Don't forget to let Gaynor know if you want to attend the Kensington Dolls House Festival with the Stafford Dolls House Club. This on December 3rd and the coach is £15 + entrance fee.

Also, don't forget to order a kit for the next meeting from Gaynor. I cant tell you what it is here!

July meeting

It was nice to see an almost full compliment of members this evening amongst whom Liz Ford and my friend Helen Cooke joined us to learn the intricacies of lighting a small-scale dolls house.

Tonight's meeting was a learning rather than making evening. Jennifer Smith of J.S. Miniatures came all the way from Manchester to show us how to light our models with miniature lights and effects. A very interesting evening was had with the latest techniques in led and fibre optic lighting. She makes the lighting kits herself which must be extremely fiddly!

Take a look at her website www.jsminiatures.co.uk

The raffle raised £7 to help pay for evenings like tonight, we would like some more prizes to be donated please.

Doreen Smith, who was one of the founder members of the club, announced that sadly she will no longer be able to come to the club as she is moving to be nearer to her daughter. She will still be in the area but too far to come regularly, she hopes to visit us occasionally. Doreen is the 'sunshine lady' for our club. She was presented with some flowers and we all wish her and her husband well.

Beverley

Happy Birthday Wishes
to
Beryl in July
and to Doreen in August



Scrap screen and wicker baskets made by Ann Griffin



From your Hon. President

Hi All

My award to the saviour of mankind this month goes to whoever invented the fan! I just cannot get on with the heat! Unfortunately for John - he will have to do some extra work in order to pay the increased electricity bills for all the fans we have had running full tilt throughout the house! Thank goodness for a breeze and some cooler weather!

It was very pleasing to see more members and guests at Club on July 20th for the talk and demonstration on LED lighting with emphasis on quarter scale projects by Jennifer Smith. I think many of us were a little wary and sceptical of tales of how easy it would be and I fully admit to being very pleasantly surprised at how effective the lighting was and how simply Jennifer had put together the kits for 1/48th use. It was a very interesting and inspirational evening.

We were delighted to welcome Beverley's friend Helen Cooke and also former member Liz Ford as guests and hope to see more of them in the future.

On a sadder note, we were all very disappointed when Doreen Smith announced her resignation from the club. With deteriorating health for Doreen and husband Bill - they have decided to move to more suitable living accommodation nearer to her daughters but, unfortunately, too far from us. Doreen has been a loyal and enthusiastic member from the very beginning of the club in the last Century and we keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers for the future.

Latterly Doreen has been our "Sunshine Lady" keeping records of member's birthdays and ensuring greetings cards as well as get well cards were sent out on behalf of us all. She will be missed but knows she will also be welcome to call in on any club night.

We were delighted to be able to present Doreen with a parting gift of a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the club – despite the short notice – only because Beverley and Ann G. managed to talk their way into our local store after closing time and locked doors! Well done girls!

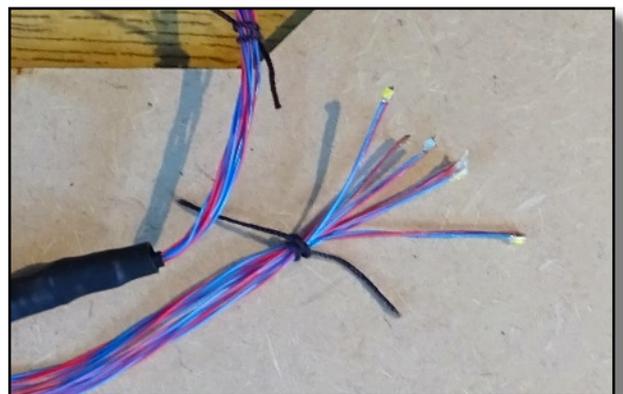
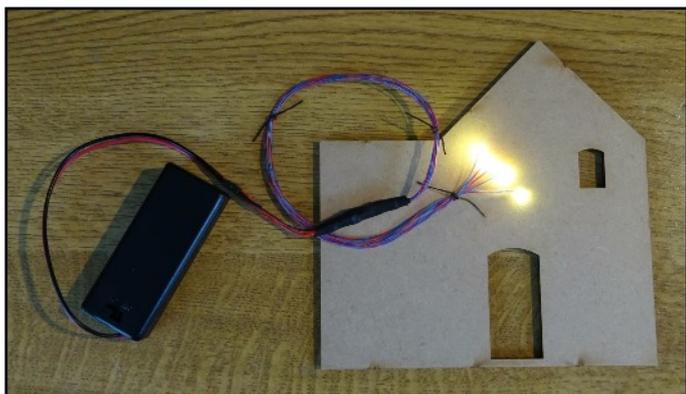
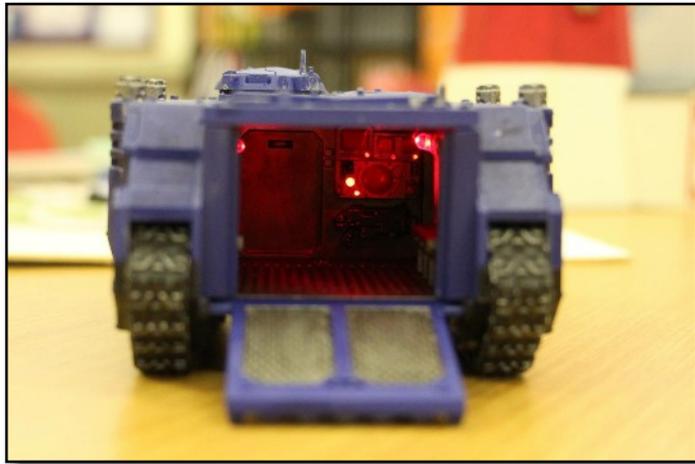
For next month's meeting on 17th August there will be a change in the programme for our practical session. As we are keeping the gifts a secret from our sister clubs full details will be sent under separate cover.

Here's hoping to see you there.

Gaynor

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Jennifer's lighting kit for the 1/48th scale Teacup Cottage. It comes with 6 tiny leds pre-wired, including a red one for the fireplace. As teacup is detailed on all sides we will build a garden base to hide the battery.

Next Meeting

August 17th

There will be a change in the current published programme to the practical session for August. This is to allow time for the two sessions required to produce our personalised Christmas gifts for our sister clubs this year. Thelma Gould will now be making "scrap screens" at our November meeting. This will replace the session originally arranged with Karen Parker. Sadly we have not heard from Karen or been able to make contact with her for some months.

Kits for your own personal use are being prepared and will be provided on the night if you order from Gaynor at gaynorfryer@talktalk.net

I will bring along my collection of Sharpie ultra fine liners in assorted colours to share. Please note "ultra fine" Sharpies. For those of you wishing to add to your tool kit - WH Smith do a pack of dual ended, assorted coloured Sharpie pens for CD and DVD labelling.

Some nail varnish remover and cotton buds may be useful for correcting mistakes, it is a bit fiddly at first!

Gaynor

Future Meetings 2016

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| Sept 21st | Polymer Clay project with Pat |
| Oct 19th | Mini patchwork with Ann |
| Nov 16th | Triple screen with Thelma and Ann |
| Dec 21st | No meeting - Christmas dinner |



Dates for your diary

April to November Dolls House Collection Houghton Tower, Preston PR5 0SH
Historic house & gardens and 27 piece antique Dolls House Collection

September 4th. Stafford Dolls House Fair, County Showground, ST18 0BD

October 1st & 2nd. Miniatura, NEC, Birmingham

December 3rd. Kensington Dolls House Festival, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street

Visit to Kensington Dolls House Festival

The Stafford Dolls House Club is hoping to arrange a visit to Kensington Dolls House Festival on Saturday 3rd. December 2016 and we have been asked if anyone from our Club would like to join them. If you are interested please let Gaynor know.

The cost of the coach would be £15 plus the cost of the Kensington Show entrance.

See their website at <http://www.dollshousefestival.com/index.php>