



*Dear Members,*

The other day a friend told me that we have only eighteen weeks until Christmas. What a thought and I am only just about to go on my summer holiday.

Gaynor is kindly bringing a cake for us to enjoy at next months meeting as a celebration of the clubs 'coming of age' birthday. Well done, eighteen years of miniatures. Thank you too for my birthday card.

The Lichfield Museum contacted me last week and said that our WW1 project that they are currently displaying in the museum has been well liked by visitors and they would like to keep it a bit longer so I have agreed that it will now be on display until the end of September. Pop along and have a look at the display and the museum.

*Beverley*



## August meeting

Apologies from Beryl.

There were ten of us this month and we spent the evening making the first part of the Christmas present that will be sent to our sister clubs in Canada and New Zealand. It was a very productive time and we are pleased with our efforts so far. Next month we will be making the next part.

The raffle was won by Jill and Julie R. We still need more prizes so if you have any good items you don't need they could be ideal for our raffle!

Pat has volunteered to do a 'workshop' for paintwork of the Fisherman's Cottage. This hopefully will take place the Thursday after the October meeting at Gaynor's home. If you are interested in learning the techniques please let Gaynor know as places will be limited.



*Our WW1 project is on display in Lichfield Museum until the end of September.*



*Deep in concentration - Julie Mauser, Kim Woodcock, Jill Shorthose, Julie Rockall*

## *From your Hon. President*

Hi All

I would just like to say how delighted I was with the response of all members present at our August meeting – learning new skills for ourselves and also putting them into use and completing the first part of personalisation of our Christmas gifts for our sister club members – well done all of you.

Our September meeting will also see our 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday and I think that with the club “Coming of Age” we should not allow the occasion to pass uncelebrated - I will organise a cake for us to enjoy with our drinks.

In order to maintain the secrecy of our sister club gifts - details of next month’s practical session will be sent to you under separate cover.

Here’s hoping to see you there.

Gaynor

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### **Next Meeting**

#### **September 21st.**

Part 2 of the Christmas gifts.

Kits for your own use will be provided by Gaynor, let her know if you want one.

### **Future Meetings 2016**

Oct 19th	Mini patchwork with Ann
Nov 16th	Triple screen with Thelma and Ann
Dec 21st	No meeting - Christmas dinner



*Outside and inside Bev’s West Indian music shack which I hope to bring to club in September*

## 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  
(A518 - Stafford - Uttoxeter Road)



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.

Adult: £13 (£11 in advance) Child: £5 (ages 3-16)

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

