



Dear Members,

We are now well into the new year and this year may be bringing a few changes with new ideas for makes and a new meeting place in the spring. More details were sent in an email to members.

Paul & I went to the Stafford Dolls House fair and had a nice time looking at the displays and getting ideas for future projects as well as stocking up on goodies. A nice day out on a cold and wet Sunday.

I've been working on Teacup Cottage and I will bring it to club when finished. I am lighting it with a kit from Jennifer Smith who visited club last year.

Have any of you visited Dolls House shops, museums or fairs on your travels? Any hints & tips or how-to's? Please let me know so we can put them in the newsletter to make it more interesting for you all. We typically get around 400 pages a month viewed on our website. Through our Facebook page we were offered another restoration project but I declined as we have the Fisherman's Cottage to finish.

Pat told us about a Wool Festival at Penkridge on May 13/14th. A celebration of all things wooly, and the first one there. Website wool-j13.uk

January meeting

Apologies from Julie Rockall, Julie Manser, Tina, Maureen and Bob.

This month our members were still down with just eight of us. Julie R has had a knee replacement, Tina is waiting for a new hip and Maureen & Bob have been unwell. Best wishes to all of them, get well soon.

A meeting was held to plan and discuss ideas for the coming year. Pat kindly took the minutes and these have been sent to members by email.

The club Christmas presents were distributed along with gifts from our sister clubs in New Zealand and Canada. Our thanks to them for their inspirational presents. February's evening will be spent putting our Christmas kits together.

The raffle was held and guess what I won! I chose some scenic spray glue which will be very useful. We have some nice prizes brought but we still need some more to make it interesting.

Gaynor presented the Spotty award for 2016 to Kim for her outstanding contribution to the club evenings. Thank you Kim.

Beverley 



Stafford Dolls House Fair



Dates for your diary



March 25/26th Miniatura
NEC
Birmingham B40 1PP

September 3rd. Stafford Dolls House Fair
County Showground
Stafford ST18 0BD



Stafford County Showground

Display of Members Work

Miniature crocheted creatures by Kim Woodcock



From your Hon. President January/February 2017

Hi All

Following our productive AGM in our January meeting and prompt action from Ann Griffin and Bev we seem to be off to a very good start for the New Year.

With a final vote to be taken at our 15th February meeting and on the understanding we meet all terms and conditions we can look forward to commencing our meetings at the Community room of our new venue at the Fire Department from April 19th. This will make such a difference to our finances and I have high hopes of using some funds to make our club meetings more exciting and productive.

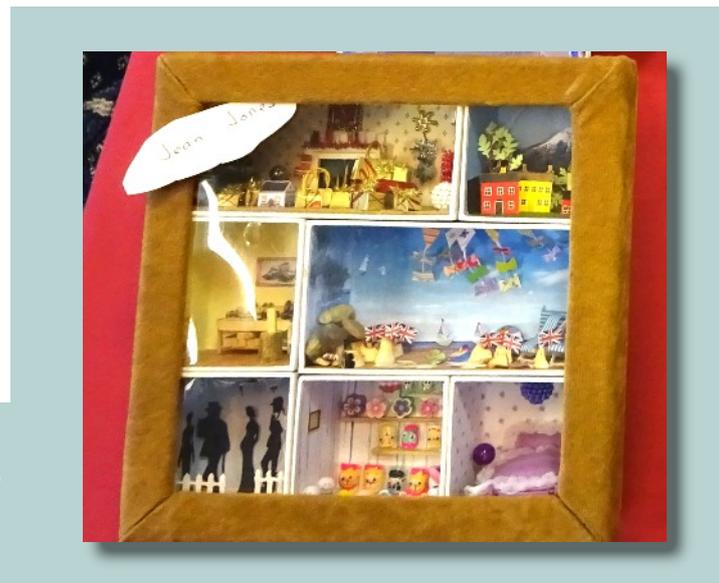
I hope to see you all in February – when we will be working on our Club Christmas gift which we now know is a Chrysnbon Duxberry Chair. For those of you that will have already made a start - my President's January Challenge is for you to dress your constructed chair kit and set it in a scene of your own choice – be it a small boxed frame, vignette or dolls house.

ONLY if it is convenient would we ask you to display your work at Club! ... a photograph will suffice – when you have completed your project.

Good Luck and enjoy.

Gaynor

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An idea for a project that we saw on the Stafford Dolls House Club stand at the show. The boxes are from Hobby Craft.

Next Meeting

February 15th.

We will assemble a small plastic kit which is the Club's Christmas present to ourselves and think of ways in which it can be used in a scene.

You will need poly glue and usual work box.

Future Meetings 2017

March 15th. Fimo Baguettes with Pat, to put in the baskets from New Zealand.

Other sessions planned for 2017 include learning to pleat fabric, clothes peg dolls and a Presidents challenge to make a scarecrow. Pat has agreed to teach a session on making polymer clay sweets.

Kim Woodcock will be overseeing the programme – so if there is anything you wish to request please talk to Kim.