



Dear Members,

Spring is nearly here at last and our attention turns to spring cleaning and decorating. In miniature of course. Dolls houses get dusty too!

The March meeting will be the club's last at the St. Chads Hall. The number of members for the size of the hall makes it uneconomic to remain there. So with heavy heart we have made the decision to find new premises. We have secured a three-month trial booking of the Community room at the new Lichfield Fire Station starting in April. Our membership now stands at 11, new members are of course very welcome to join us.

My thanks to Jill and Ann Griffin who have agreed to be co-signatories to the Club's bank account.

Beverley



February meeting

Apologies from Ann Blythe, Beryl, Thelma, Julie R, and Pat.

We discussed ideas for future sessions which included learning how to pleat for curtains, pelmets, valances, skirts and dresses. This would occupy two sessions. President's Challenges will be to make a scarecrow from coffee stirrers and a project using Fairy doors. Pat has agreed to host a session to make polymer clay sweets. Kim has volunteered to put a program together.

The Christmas gift from the Nelson club in New Zealand was handed out, a beautiful leather satchel which could be used in a variety of projects. Many thanks Nelson.

After the discussion we put together our Christmas gift kit, the Chrysnbon chair. Although plastic it included a special dye which made it look like wood. A good kit. The President's challenge is to include the chair in a small scene. Bring it to club then we can photograph it.



Dates for your diary

- March 25/26th Miniatura
 NEC Birmingham B40 1PP
- April 22nd. Pudsey Dolls House Fair
 Leeds LS28 5TA
- May 12/13th Kensington Dolls House Festival
 Kensington Town Hall W8 7NX
- June 4th York Dolls House Fair
 York Racecourse YO23 1EX
- September 3rd. Stafford Dolls House Fair
 County Showground
 Stafford ST18 0BD



Stafford County Showground

Display of Members Work



This is the interior of Bev's 1/48th. Teacup Cottage with the lighting from J.S. Miniatures installed and now working.

Next Meeting

March 15th.

We will be assembling the Whakatane baguette basket.

Don't forget to bring your kits, you may like to make a start beforehand.

Pat has offered to provide a polymer clay bread mix and some baguettes for the members who complete their baskets.

You will need usual work box and any polymer clay tools and a tile.

Future Meetings 2017

April 19th. Using a pleater – we will make a small round table and then pleat an underskirt before topping with a plain fringed cloth I will bring some samples of other pleated items – valance, curtains, lingerie, christening robe etc

If the members wish to extend pleating into May and June that is possible but must be agreed. Ann G has agreed to do something with children's dresses on a hanger.

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

From your Hon. President February/March 2017

Hi All

We had a successful little February meeting and I think I can safely say we all enjoyed putting together our Chrysnbon Duxberry Chair kit. I even made a cushion for mine. However I still haven't used the chair in a scene - but if/when I do – I will take a photo to prove it! After all, I really need to take up my own challenges! So if you have taken up my challenge please send photographic proof to Bev for our newsletter and website gallery.

In March we will be working on our Club Christmas gift from our Whakatane Sisters – the baguette basket. Pat Goodall McIntosh has generously offered to present those members that complete the kit with a polymer clay baguette to complete the scene. Many thanks for your generous offer Pat.

Good Luck and enjoy.

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The Chrysnbon Duxberry chair
in the President's Challenge.



Kim's game of cat and mouse.



Bev's 40 shades of pink.