



*Dear Members,*

This month sees the start of spring and heralds a new home for the Dolls House Club.

As of April 19th at 7:15pm we will be gathering at the new Lichfield Fire Station on Birmingham Road, opposite the multi-storey car park, and Debenhams. There is free parking at the Fire Station and the entrance is at the front of the building on the right-hand side. A door person will be on duty to let us in and show us where to go, after you have signed in. You can use the stairs or the lift as the room is upstairs. There are toilet and kitchen facilities, mugs are provided or you could bring your own but we don't have room to keep anything there. I hope you will be happy with the new arrangements. There will no longer be any need for the evening leader to pay £2 for the evening. We will still have the raffle.

Unfortunately I was busy this weekend so did not get to Miniatura so I am looking forward to hearing about it from anyone who went.



*Beverley*



## March meeting

Apologies from Beryl and Jill.

This month we made up the baguette bread basket kit that was a Christmas present from Whakatane. It kept us very quiet as much concentration was needed for weaving the basket. Thanks to Pat who provided us with baguettes to put in our finished baskets which set them off. A nice little project.

As it was our last meeting at St. Chads the cupboards were sorted out by the two Anns and Bev. A big clear out was had and homes found for some of the stuff (our garage mostly!) Unfortunately there are no storage facilities at the Fire Station so Bev now has the library at home, so if you want to borrow anything let Bev know before the next meeting, or you are welcome to come and collect any time. There is a list of books at the end of this newsletter.



# From your Hon. President

March/April 2017

Hi All

It was quite nostalgic spending our last evening at St Chad's Hall. I have very happy memories of past members and miniature projects completed during that time.

I had not given any thought to the fact that our store cupboard would need emptying and bravo to Beverley and Ann G. for completing most of the work. They had completed their baguette baskets at home and so were available to do the work. Our thanks to them and, apologies girls, that you did not have a more enjoyable evening – we will make it up to you.

The rest of us were working on our Club Christmas gift from our Whakatane Minimakers– the baguette basket. Kim and Julie finished theirs during the session and Pat Goodall McIntosh generously presented those members that complete the kit with polymer clay baguettes to complete the scene. Many thanks for your generous offer Pat.

And YES – I did finish mine and I am thrilled with it – Many thanks to our Whakatane Sisters. I did have some brown waxed line thread which I substituted for the white and am now keen to do some more basket weaving with my spare thread. Watch this space.

So – next month we will be meeting at our new venue when I will be taking the practical session where you will be learning to use a pleater and making dressed round tables.

See you on 19<sup>th</sup> April

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## Practical Session - Dressed Round Tables

19<sup>th</sup> April 2017

A basic round table will be provided – and I mean basic! You will also learn how to make these tables - which I'm sure you will find really useful in many dolls houses and shop settings, vignettes and room boxes etc.

We will also supply iron on interfacing and a few “pleaters” will be available to borrow in varying sizes together with an iron.

Of course – how you wish to dress your table will be up to you – so please bring your own choice of small patterned **cotton** fabric – if you have to buy this a “fat quarter” of American cotton will be perfect – available at sewing and craft shops and hobby stores -and would be sufficient for matching soft furnishings for a whole room minimum.

Also a piece of matching or contrasting plain fabric for the top cloth – see photograph. I use up white cotton handkerchiefs often.

The amount of fabric required will totally depend on the size of your table and the depth and quantity of grooves cut into your pleater.

If you do not have a pleater of your own – then there will be some you can borrow. These are of varying sizes both width wise and length wise e.g for curtains for long windows or valances for long, wide beds.

You will also need to bring a tape measure, sharp dress making scissors, tacky glue and cocktail sticks, large darning needle or hat pin.

You may like to give some thought as to how you will dress your completed table – perhaps a bedside table could have a lamp or candle stick, a photograph frame or clock – a glass of water or false teeth! A living room table could hold a vase of flowers and some pretty china or a box of tissues. A Christmas table could hold a glass of sherry and a plate of mince pies for Santa! – The choice is yours!

I look forward to seeing you on the 19<sup>th</sup> and will also bring along some other items made using the pleater for you to see.

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Gaynor is providing kits, the cost will be met from club funds.

Bring your own fabrics if you have it. We will provide some plain lavender cotton cloth and some heavier red cotton cloth cut into fat quarters (18"x22"). This was given to us by Mrs. Tiggywinkle when she passed away.



## Dates for your diary



- 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*

## Farewell St. Chads...



*One last look at the stage of St. Chads. - sorting out the cupboards, a luxury we will not have at the Fire Station.*

## Next Meeting April 19th.

**Using a pleater** – we will make a small round table and then pleat an underskirt before topping with a plain fringed cloth.

If you have a pleater please bring it along. Bring fabrics if you have it, but we will provide some plain lavender cotton cloth and some heavier red cotton cloth cut into fat quarters (18"x22")

Bring your workbox with needle and thread and any trimmings. You will also need to bring a tape measure, sharp dress making scissors, tacky glue and cocktail sticks, large darning needle or hat pin.

## Future Meetings 2017

May 17th.

We may continue with pleating if members are in agreement.

Ann G. Has agreed to do a project with childrens dresses on a hanger at some future date.

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

## How To Find Us

From our April meeting we will meet in the Community room at Lichfield Fire Station.

The address is:

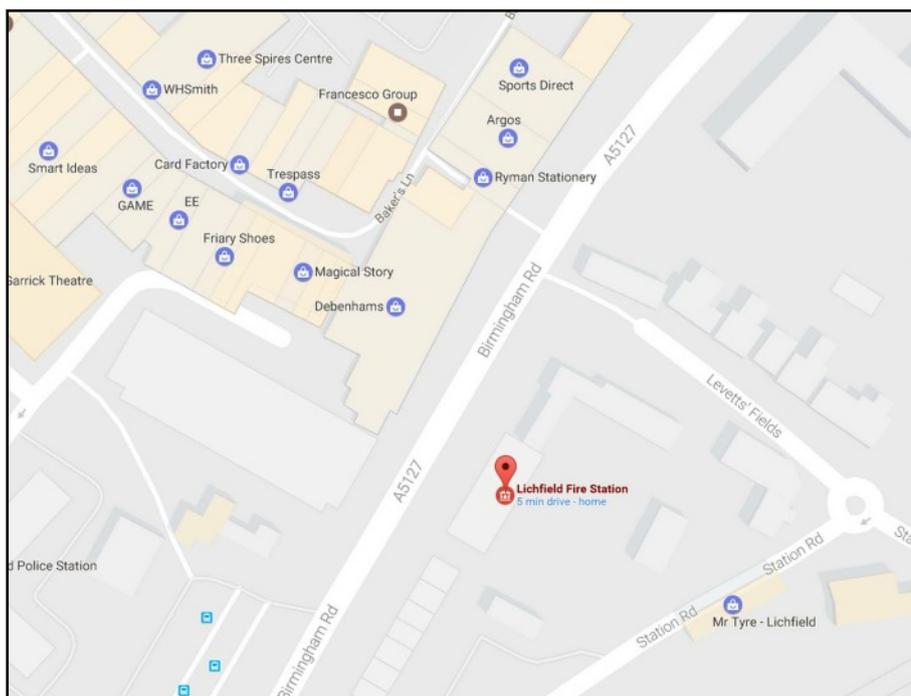
Lichfield Fire Station,

Birmingham Road,

Lichfield WS13 6HU

There is a small car park to the right hand side of the entrance, and also the multi-storey is opposite and is free in the evenings.

The room is upstairs but there is a lift. You need to sign in on arrival and when leaving. There is a kitchen for making tea etc. There are mugs but you may like to bring your own. There is no storage on site.



[Google Map](#)

# The Lichfield Dolls House & Miniaturists Club

## Book Lending Library

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|----|---|---------------------------|
| 1  | A Country Kitchen – bringing 1:24th scale to life   | Fiona Broadwood           |
| 2  | Fashion in Costume - 1200-2000  | Joan Nunn                 |
| 3  | A Concise History of Costume  | James Laver               |
| 4  | Finishing the Figure – doll –embellishments-accessories   | Susanna Oroyan            |
| 5  | Making Tudor Dolls' Houses  | Derek Rowbottom           |
| 6  | Architecture for Dolls' Houses  | Joyce Percival            |
| 7  | Miniature Dolls' Houses in 1:24th scale (copy 1)  | Derek Rowbottom           |
| 8  | Miniature Dolls' Houses in 1:24th scale (copy 2)  | Derek Rowbottom           |
| 9  | Making Dolls' House Interiors. Décor & Furnishings in 1:12th scale                                | Carol & Nigel Lodder      |
| 10 | The Authentic Georgian Dolls House  | Brian Long                |
| 11 | The Authentic Tudor & Stuart Dolls' House   | Brian Long                |
| 12 | Making Period Dolls' House Furniture  | Sheila & Derek Rowbottom  |
| 13 | Make your own Dolls' House Furniture  | Maurice Harper            |
| 14 | Family & Friends in Polymer Clay  | Maureen Carlson           |
| 15 | 1:12th Scale Character Figures for the Dolls' House   | James Carrington          |
| 16 | Making Miniature Dolls with Polymer Clay<br>- how to create & dress period dolls in 1:12th scale  | Sue Heaser                |
| 17 | Creating Lifelike Figures in Polymer Clay<br>- Tools & Techniques for sculpting realistic figures | Katherine Dewey           |
| 18 | Costume in Detail. 1730-1930  | Nancy Bradfield           |
| 19 | Historical Fashion in Detail - The 17th & 18th Centuries  | Avril Hart & Susan North. |

