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Wolverhampton & District Dolls House & Miniature Society

Well the nights have drawn in and winter approaches with speed. It seems to have crept up on us unnoticed.

November brings us Bonfire Night and the beginnings of the Christmas feel. And, of course, the WADDHAMS Fair.

Final preparations will be made this month for the Fair on the 19th. I hope you can all make an appearance, whether on a stall, helping or just popping in for support. We will need all the help we can get and we will go through in more detail on the club night.

We will need people to help on the door, with the tombola, (preferably in shifts), helping setting up and packing away among other things. Please try to spare us even the shortest of time.



I have done a few A4 posters for anyone who can put them somewhere noticeable and I will hopefully be able to put up some lamppost signs around the area nearer the day.

Once again we are famous this month—more details on the Club News section inside...

Michelle

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Special points of interest:

- *Miniature Bears and Dolls Fair—Sunday 12 November at NEC, Birmingham*
- *WADDHAMS Autumn Fair—Sunday 19 November at Goodyear Pavilions, Stafford Road, Wolverhampton. 10.30am—4.00pm*
- *Artisan Dolls House Fair— Sunday 9 December at Town Hall, Sutton Coldfield. 11.00am—4.00pm*

October Club Meeting

Last month Ann bought in a club project she has been working on at Lichfield for us all to marvel at. It was a wonderful beach scene and included some very fine detail. Thank you Ann for sharing such a lovely piece with us. I hope we are all working hard on our box files—we have some high standards in the club!

I handed out some flyers for the fair so I hope those who could pass them around have managed to do so. I have bought a few more this month.



Ann's Beach Scene

Kevin asked for volunteers for some demonstrations at club nights so we can start to plan activities for next year. Please could you all have a think to see if there is anything you can

share with the group and let Kevin know so he can fit you in. There would be a small amount of club funds available for any materials needed so I hope we can come up with some ideas.

Last month we made some nice books from kits made up by Kevin which were simple and easy enough to do. Most of us can fit a book here or there in our Dolls House!

WADDHAMS News...

Once again we are famous—we appear in the December edition of Dolls House World with a nice piece about both our Fair and our Forum. I hope it will bring some more viewers as it will get better and better when we have a community.

Please remember to have a look and join as a member. Even if you don't want to write anything in it, it may encourage others to join if there are more people in the members list.

I have already found it unbelievably helpful. I had looked every where for some Dolls House thickness Cane for basketry and couldn't believe that no one sold this! So I posted an item within Help and Advice and I had a reply more or less straight away from Hazel Dowd who suggested a web site that

stocked this product. I placed an order there and then and was over the moon!

I will keep on at you all!!



WADDHAMS Fair

Final details will be posted out to stall holders in the next few days to confirm table plans, fee due on the day and timings of setting up and packing away. If any of you have any questions, please speak up at the November meeting as this will be the last time we see you before the day. Of course, if you think of something after, just give Kevin a call on 07870 787838.

Don't forget to volunteer as a helper if you are not having a stall this time and can spare a couple of hours...

Remember!

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Remember, Remember, the 5th of November...

We have Bonfire Night as most of us know because of the Gunpowder Plot but what actually happened and has it changed any in the modern day?

In 1605 Guy Fawkes and a group of conspirators planned to blow up King James I and the Houses of Parliament. Guy Fawkes was not actually the leader of the group but he was the one that was caught preparing the gunpowder in Parliament so he has become the symbol of the event.

Fawkes and the group wanted to rid the country of the Protestant rule and restore the Catholic faith. King James I had imposed many laws against the Catholic faith forbidding it to be practiced.

Guy was a miner by trade so knew the skills of using gunpowder. The plot was foiled because an anonymous letter was sent to a member of Par-



liament warning them to stay away on the opening night of Parliament. This arose suspicion and Guy Fawkes was captured around midnight on 4th November after a search of Parliament and was found red handed with the gunpowder.

After many sessions of torture, he finally confessed the Gunpowder plot details. He

took many more torture sessions before he finally revealed the names of the other conspirators. He was finally hung, drawn and quartered on 31

January 1606.

The first bonfire was lit on 5th November 1605, to celebrate the capture of the plotters and to that the King was safe. The bonfire was originally known as "bone fire" to signify the bones of the effigy. An image of Guy made out of old clothes and newspaper was placed on top of the fire.

Fireworks are traditionally used on Bonfire Night but they actually originated in China when a cook accidentally mixed some common ingredients of the time with a bamboo shoot. Fireworks have been a tradition on Bonfire Night since 1677.

*Remember, remember, the 5th of November
The Gunpowder Treason and plot;
I know of no reason why Gunpowder Treason
Should ever be forgot.*

Did you Know...?

- Until 1959 it was illegal not to celebrate the anniversary of Guy Fawkes arrest in England
- As late as 1998, the death penalty still existed for crimes of treason in England and Wales
- Bonfires were originally a part of Halloween rituals to ward spirits away. As there was so much



darkness at this time of year, the ritual of Bonfires was very popular.

- Searching the Cellar is still a ritual today as part of the Opening of Parliament and is performed in traditional dress of 1605.
- Fawkes, the Phoenix in the Harry Potter series of books is named after Guy Fawkes.