

Phew, what a scorcher!



The week-end of May 22 -23 a number of us descended on John & Sara in sunny Bournemouth for the second Club gathering of the year where we were joined by first timers Melanie and Bridget and their dogs Aqua and Teddy. Given the fantastic weather, before adjourning to the garden, everyone viewed Sara & John's wonderful collection

Following a lovely lunch by Sara and once we'd got the boys away from John's train set, the afternoon began with a short committee meeting. Before setting off for the hotel to begin the evening's festivities we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea with Heather and Sara providing a lovely choice of tea, coffee and cakes all served on Carlton Ware of course – what else!

Once back at the hotel everyone met back in the bar before going out for dinner. Everyone commented on what a lovely day we had all had and how much we were looking forward to the Deco fair in the morning.

After a leisurely breakfast we all walked along the seafront at Bournemouth to the very Deco Cumberland Hotel. The hotel had two rooms full of dealers selling a vast array of Deco China, Furniture and Jewellery. The interior of the hotel is beautifully decorated and furnished in the Art Deco style.



Following a number of purchases we all re-grouped by the hotel pool where we relaxed in the sunshine with a coffee, or something stronger, before the short walk to the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum where we viewed an eclectic collection of artefacts over several floors of this amazing historic house.

As with any great week-end it was all over so quickly and we then found ourselves saying our good-byes as everyone made their way home.

I'm sure that everyone who attended would like to thank Sara and John for the wonderful week-end and look forward to the next gathering in July in Cheshire.

Derek and Jane Towns