



Welcome to the Buttercup Miniatures February newsletter, with a special welcome to all our new subscribers!

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1. General news

If you have visited our blog pages recently you will have discovered that Frances has published a series of blogs covering problems encountered in miniature knitting. If anyone has any subject on miniature knitting or miniature crochet that you would like to see covered in future blogs please e-mail your questions to us (or maybe you would even like to add your own entry on these subjects to our blog pages again please email your articles). We will of course continue to add blogs on other more general items of interest to miniaturists so if you have any ideas for subjects you would like to see covered in these blogs again let us know. However please only send ideas that would fit in with the existing blog categories, for example we are not able to write a blog on how best to wire up electrics in a dolls house, as this is outside our knowledge.

As you will see below some customers experienced problems accessing the pages of our web shop after the last newsletter was sent out. It has also been pointed out to us that the customer login button was not visible on our web shop. This has been there all the time in the top right hand corner of the screen under the language selection boxes, but unfortunately due to the change in colour scheme is white on white. This has now been temporarily rectified and login and logout tabs can be found on the homepage of the web shop.

We are also frequently asked if people can add to an order once it has been placed and payment has been made. Unfortunately the short answer is no as we never receive the card information, all payments are made directly through our bank and for your security we are not able to increase the amount originally paid.

For those of you based in the UK and use BT as your phone provider there may be some good news. BT Unlimited Anytime Plan subscribers can now dial 0870 numbers free (in accordance with their terms and conditions). So you can now call us during our office hours for free.

2. Web Shop News

New offers:

There are several new offers on our web shop this month including some items for Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

For full details visit our web shop at: http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/offers-this-month/cat_70.html

New items on web shop:

FP 138 1/12th scale Aran hat and scarf set pattern **£ 1.50**

Note: This is the SAME pattern as the free pattern on our main web site, but we have had several requests for this to be made available as a printed-paper pattern by people who have no access to the Internet.

1/24th scale accessories:

PTF 27 Set of 3 Valentine cards (no envelopes) 60p

PTF 28 Valentine card with pink rose and envelope 60p

PTF 29 Valentine card with red roses and envelope 60p

PTF 30 Valentine card with cats and envelope 60p

Full details of all the new items can be found on our web shop at <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/>

3. Problems experienced on the web shop after last newsletter

Unfortunately many people who tried to access our web shop on receipt of the last newsletter found they were unable to do so with pages being timed out or very slow to load. We ourselves experienced this difficulty accessing the web site, which was due to the sheer numbers of visitors. We have maximised the capacity of the web shop, but may we suggest that if you experience such problems you try returning to the web shop after a short interval.

4. Discontinuing some accessories carried on the web shop

Some customers have asked us if we are able to obtain any more of the small latex and wooden items, which were made by Cassel's. Unfortunately Cassel's have now retired and once the existing stocks of these items are gone we will not be able to replace them, so buy now to avoid disappointment.

We are also discontinuing the flower kits produced by the Blackberry Patch, luckily we have since found another supplier of flower kits.

Some other items have also been discontinued and the full list of these can be found on the sale pages of our web shop.

5. New Stockists

Jan's Minis Jan trades mainly at fairs on the Eastern side of England and now stocks our knitting needles and some of our crochet patterns.

Martha McLean Miniatures Martha from Canada stocks some of our small readymade items on her web site <http://www.marthamcleanminiatures.com/>

6. Free Knitting Pattern

1/12th scale Knitted Bedroom Slippers for a lady doll c. 1920's.

This pattern was free to e-mail newsletter subscribers only

7. New 1/12th scale crochet pattern added to main web site

We have added a new free crochet pattern to the main web site on the 'Free crochet patterns' page. This pattern is in PDF format as many people find it easier to print a single page pattern. More free patterns will be added to both this page and the free knitting patterns page at regular intervals.

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