



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

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### 1. General news

As you may be aware, we process our online payments via the secure PayPal payments system. In the run-up to Christmas, from 12 October, using our PayPal payments system is going to be just as convenient but with a touch of added excitement. Every week for 10 weeks, PayPal will be paying for 500 shopping baskets – so each time you use PayPal to shop online, you will be entered into a weekly draw to win back your money! The winners will be featured on the PayPal Offers site.

**Please Note:** This promotion is being run independently by PayPal **not** by Buttercup Miniatures. Click on the PayPal promotional image on the front page of our web shop for full details.

Frances is currently working on this year's 'Advent Calendar with a difference' for our blog pages this December. Look out for news of this blog, (which will start on December 1<sup>st</sup>, with a new post every day until December 24<sup>th</sup>) in next month's newsletter.

For those of you who missed out on the original 10% off voucher for the web shop (sent out at the start of our Birthday Celebrations this year) we are offering one final chance to apply for a voucher – see full details of how to do this below.

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### 2. E-mails requesting removal from mailing list

Occasionally we receive e-mails requesting e-mail addresses to be removed from the mailing list. Most are straightforward and can be removed quickly, however some e-mail addresses we are asked to remove do not exist in our database.

This can happen because the original e-mail address used to subscribe to the newsletter was a gmail (googlemail) or other similar account, which is then redirected to another e-mail address where the newsletter is received and read..

Unfortunately, unless the original address is sent us the (not the forwarding e mail address), we are not able to remove the e-mail address from the mailing list.

Also if you have changed your e-mail address or receive more than one copy of the newsletter each month, please send us the 'extra' e-mail addresses so we can delete them.

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### 3. 10th Birthday Cake Competition Results

We received many thought provoking replies to our competition and it was difficult to choose a winner. So we asked Catherine Davies, who made the 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale Birthday cake offered as the prize in the competition, to be an independent judge. Catherine kindly agreed to judge the entries, which were totally anonymous to her, and choose a winner.

We asked you to complete the following caption "I LOVE MY DOLLS HOUSE AS IT'S THE ONLY PLACE..." in the last newsletter.

Catherine chose this as the winning caption, which was sent in by Grace Meyer of Canada:

[I love my dolls house as it's the only place that's an amazing, dreamy space; I wonder, imagine, plan details; and for the duration it provides me a mini vacation.](#)

Catherine explained the reason for her choice:

I've chosen this one for rather sentimental reasons in that I can just hear my mum (through all her pain) saying this about my dolls house - I'm sure that sitting and looking at my dolls house was a way of temporarily taking her out of her suffering and into a bit of a dream world, albeit for a short space of time. Basically, as soon as I read this entry, I thought 'that's my mum'.

**Some of the other entries we received included:**

I love my dolls house as it's the only place that my kids can't leave all their stuff around in.

I love my dolls house as it's the only place I am able to keep organized and clean ready for company even though my family is home.

I love my dolls house as it's the only place that transforms women into girls for one brief magical moment.

I love my dolls house as it's the only place "where I feel in control, can experiment with what's happening ,the ambience and enjoy the pervading sense of timeless calm"

I love my dolls house as it's the only place where people and things stay where I put them!

I love my dolls house as it's the only place 'I can afford to work a complete makeover whenever I feel like a change!'

I love my dolls house as it's the only place I can be 100% me and let my imagination blossom!

I love my dolls house as it's the only place, I can be ,where I can shut the door on the world and no one can say " when's dinner ready".

Congratulations to Grace and we hope you enjoy your prize.  
Remember to look out for more exciting competitions as we continue our birthday year.

Grace also sent us this e-mail on receiving her prize:

Today I received the Birthday cake, it is beautiful. It certainly came over very quickly.  
Catherine does beautiful work, I am amazed how tiny and yet so detailed these tiny Buttercups are.  
Thank you for this nice gift, Take care..... Grace.

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#### **4. Web Shop News**

This month, we have a few new items you may be interested in and most of these new products can be found at the bottom of the homepage on our web shop: <http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk>

##### **1/12<sup>th</sup> scale accessories**

**PA 127** Embroidery transfer sheet for a Cheval Set **50p each**

We have also added some more handcrafted 'one of a kind' miniatures, which can be seen on the front page of the web shop as detailed above.

##### **1/24<sup>th</sup> scale accessories**

**BMT 1** 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale Christmas pudding tied in muslin £ 1.50 each (Can also be used as a small Christmas pudding in 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale settings)

##### **1/12<sup>th</sup> scale kits**

**KIT 29** Autumn leaves kit **75p each**

There are also several new offers on our web shop this month some linked to the theme 'Autumn' in both 1/12<sup>th</sup> and 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale.

For full details visit our web shop at: [http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/offers-this-month/cat\\_70.html](http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/offers-this-month/cat_70.html)

Offers in this category will change on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month to new offers

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## 5. 10% discount voucher

This offer was for e-mail newsletter subscribers only. If you wish to subscribe to our newsletter please visit our main web site and complete the form on: <http://www.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/newsletter.asp>

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## 6. Last posting dates for Christmas and Postal strikes in the UK

Please make a note of these last dates and remember that if you leave ordering until the actual last order day, you may not get your parcel before Christmas, as all orders are dealt with in the order we receive them.

Any **orders received AFTER 9 am** (Local UK time) **on the last posting date for your country** may **NOT** be posted that day.

All orders received after these dates will be processed as usual by us, but Royal Mail cannot guarantee delivery before Christmas.

### INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Far East, Asia, New Zealand and Australia

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Japan, USA, Canada and Eastern Europe

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Western Europe

### UNITED KINGDOM

The very last posting dates for first class and second class items are as follows:

**First class** - Monday 21st December

**Second Class** - Friday 18th December

We will continue to operate throughout any proposed postal strikes, but would ask you to be patient and allow a little longer for parcels to reach you. This situation is completely out of our control.

Full details of any Postal strikes in the UK can be found Royal Mail's web site

### Frances

<http://www.buttercupminiatures.co.uk>

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