



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

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1. General News

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter from us all.

Don't forget to check out our web shop for the Easter items we have for your dolls house, from Hot Cross buns to Bunnies and Simnel cakes to duck toys, not to mention Easter cards to display.

Easter Closure of the Main Office:

The main office will be closed for five days over Easter (from Friday 21st March 2008 to Wednesday 26th March 2008 inclusive)

E-mails will be answered as soon as possible (usually within 24 hours), but telephones will go to answerphone and messages will not be collected until Thursday 27th March 2008.

Web shop orders will **NOT** be posted out on Friday 21st or Monday 24th March as these are National holidays in the UK and the Post Offices are closed.

The web shop will operate as normal during this time, but please allow extra time for delivery

2. New web site featuring pattern by Buttercup Miniatures

A new web site that may prove to be of interest to our readers is that of Artisans in Miniature:

<http://www.artisansinminiature.com>

Artisans in Miniature is an association of professional artisans, dedicated to promoting a high standard of excellence in original handcrafted scale miniatures...

The new web site features links to members of the Artisans in Miniature group (including Buttercup Miniatures), plus a free online magazine (which will change monthly) featuring articles, several free projects and other items of interest.

Do go and check out the new site – it includes a **free** knitting pattern from Buttercup Miniatures for 1/12th scale baby mittens, this will only be on the site for a limited time, don't miss it!

2. Price increases beyond our control

Please note that **PP1** set of 2 point protectors are now **60p per set**.

This price increase is due to the fact the manufacturers have increased their prices and takes immediate effect.

3. New web shop items and March Offers

KN 15S Size 15 single ended knitting needles (6 inch/18 cm approx long) **£ 3.50** per pair

These will be available to buy next week.

The following two offers are web shop exclusives and can **ONLY** be ordered via the web shop, as

stocks are limited:

SP 031 Set of two 1/12th scale Easter cards (without envelopes) suitable for placing in a dolls house.
75p set

SP 032 1/12th scale pattern for a rabbit toy for a dolls house (Note: This rabbit toy is the SAME as the one on FP 49 Child's bedding) £ 1.50

LIMITED EDITION available this month **ONLY**

See: http://store.buttercupminiatures.co.uk/shop.php/offers-this-month/c_70.html for full details

Advance notice:

There will be some new 1/12th scale knitting patterns available very soon, check on the web shop or blog site to find out when they are available if you can't wait for the next newsletter.

4. Thame Dolls House and Miniatures fair

Celia Thomas who organised the fair has sent us this report:

The Thame Dolls House & Miniatures Fair that was held on 23rd February 2008 at Thame Leisure Centre has been a resounding success. The final total of monies raised for Breast Cancer Campaign is £2,067.50 plus a further £152.00 was raised in a street collection in Thame town centre on the day of the event.

Over 600 people came through the doors, from all corners of the UK and there were 32 stand holders. The local dolls house club MTM of Thame, held a wonderful exhibition alongside to celebrate their 6th anniversary and their charity "Miniatures Tombola" was a big hit with the crowd. Celia Thomas of KT Miniatures, one of the organisers of the event says "We are thrilled with the amount raised and the comments from the stand holders and public alike have been fantastic. I would like to thank everyone who supported this event including our amazing artisans, visitors, local businesses, and people within the miniatures industry plus of course the large team of volunteers who all contributed to the success of the day. Our aim was to hold a high quality fair for both artisans and public alike and to raise as much money as possible for Breast Cancer Campaign. I think we succeeded!"

The town crier helped proceedings along and announce the lucky prize winners of the varied attractions including raffle, auction and children's competition, and this took some time as there were rather a lot of them! Celia says that we will be doing this all over again for the charity next year, on 21st February 2009 at the same venue, so mark the date in your diary now. Next year there will be at least 40 artisans so even bigger than before. If you would like more information about next year's event please ring Celia Thomas on 01844 212520 or email: info@ktminiatures.com

5. Articles in Magazines

We have been approached by the Editor of yet another magazine (Knit Today), she asked if we could supply some of our point protectors as they are doing an article on various point protectors available in the next issue (Issue 20) which will be on sale at the end of March.

See: <http://www.knit-today.co.uk/> for more details of the magazine.

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