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Wolverhampton & District Dolls House and Miniature Society

Spring is on it's Way!!

It seems incredible but we are seeing the first signs of Spring already—it only seems five minutes since we were waiting for Santa!

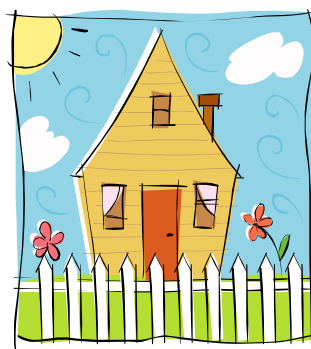
Mother's Day is not too far away—what a perfect excuse to get more items to add to our collections! Well, we should be allowed to “treat ourselves” at least shouldn't we? See further on for an item on the origins of Mothering Sunday.

It is surprising how Spring gives us a creative boost. Give yourself a new project to help get over the post-Christmas, winter blues. I have listed a couple of wonderful websites I have found to give you some inspiration. There are lots of things we could be creating at this time of year, Mothers Day cards, fresh flowers, Easter goodies. Don't

forget to Spring clean the house too!

We are also coming into the Spring Fair season with Miniatura at the NEC just days away for those who are brave enough on 4th & 5th March and MGM Fairs on 8th April at the Quality Hotel in Walsall. Doreen Jeffries will be hosting her ever popular “Pudsey” Fair on 22 April at Civic Hall, Leeds. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Fair and there will be some special events with some stall holders producing Limited Edition pieces. Thousands of pounds have been raised at this event in the past so hopefully she can exceed expectations this year.

I have also noticed an advertisement about a new warehouse opened in Wolverhampton:



Double M Discount Showroom at Delta Trading Estate, Bilston Road, Wolverhampton. They say they have all manor of houses and accessories including tools and building materials. With refreshments and ample parking available, I am going to make a point to pop in and have a look. (Maybe as a “Mothers Day Present”!!)

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Special points of interest:

- *WADDHAMs Club meets every first Wednesday in the month at United Reform Church, Penn Road, Wolverhampton from 7.30pm. All visitors and new members welcome*
- *4th & 5th March—Miniatura, NEC, Birmingham*
- *8th March—MGM Fairs, Quality Hotel, Walsall*
- *12th March—Sketchley Grange Hotel, Hinkley, Leics*
- *25th March—Quarry Bank*

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Mother's Day

Mothering Sunday always occurs on the fourth Sunday of Lent (how many of us give up Chocolate for Lent?!).

It began way back in the 1500s and was originally for people who had moved on from Churches they had grown up with, they would return for this day to the "Mother Church" to re-unite with old friends and family. They also bought presents for their mothers.

These beginnings led to what we

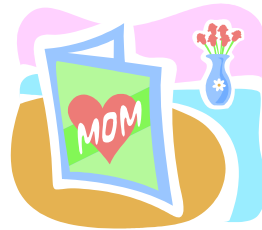
are more familiar with today and is why there are church services especially to celebrate Mothers. Servants were given this day off and the traditional gift to Mothers was actually a Simnel Cake which is now more associated with Easter. The cake was to test the cooking skills that had been passed down and was meant to keep fresh until Easter.

So get baking

(in miniature of course) to decorate your house.



Why not include some of the attached cards from the Printables this month?



Things of Interest...?

As I have been tating with my house for some time now, I though I would share with you some of the things I found out along the way that made me go "ooh...". You all probably know all about them but you never know....

- Letter boxes only came into existence around 1840 so don't include them in any houses before the Victorian age!
- Blue was the most expensive paint in Georgian times and only the very wealthy could afford to paint their front doors blue.
- In 1696 a Window tax was introduced which led to a lot of people bricking up surplus windows rather than pay the tax
- If making floorboards, glue them onto fabric instead of card to avoid warping and it makes it more flexible to fit around fireplaces etc. (found this out the hard way!)
- If you use a rubber thimble for miniature knitting, try turning it inside out instead to stop the "bobbles" getting in the way
- If you have lots of items you like but no where to put them, create an attic in your house—a perfect place for everything!

Here are some delightful websites I have found if you are lucky enough to have access to the internet:

www.buttercupminiatures.co.uk A lovely website for miniature knitting and crochet with some very reasonably priced kits and patterns

[Jim's Printables](#) Who couldn't find something they like on here!

www.craft-products.co.uk I think the brick stenciling you can get from here is fantastic, effective and incredibly easy

www.richardstacey.com There are some wonderful pictures of creations made with these bricks and stones. I have to confess to spending quite a bit of money here!

All these have given me superb service and excellent delivery times for orders





WADDHAMS Wordsearch

K	R	O	W	E	L	D	E	E	N
G	Z	C	S	P	O	L	V	Y	R
N	E	V	S	P	G	B	I	X	F
A	M	O	H	V	Q	V	T	I	U
I	I	N	R	A	U	O	A	T	R
R	O	M	W	G	O	F	E	K	N
O	L	J	A	L	I	C	R	E	I
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I	W	A	D	D	H	A	M	S	R
V	M	I	N	I	A	T	U	R	E

See if you can find these words below:

- WADDHAMS
- VICTORIAN
- GEORGIAN
- FURNITURE
- MINIATURE
- TOOLS
- CREATIVE
- NEEDLEWORK
- QUOINS
- PVAGLUE

Books, Books, Books

Having just started the hobby and managing to obtain a wealth of information already, I thought I would review just a couple of books I found useful recently.

[Creating Dolls' House, Period Style](#)

By Lionel & Ann Barnard

I found this particularly useful as a beginner. Having chosen and bought my house, I was still very unsure of what era to do. This book takes you through all the accessories for each period which can be useful in two ways. Either to ensure the period you are trying to create is authentic and you have no items out of place or, as I found, to help you decide what era you

want to make. I had a number of ideas of things I wanted to include in my house and it was only by reading this book that I discovered the era I had to create was Victorian. For example, I knew I wanted a particular type of fireplace but this type was only invented during the Victorian era which meant any era before this time was impossible.

The book goes through each aspect of the house by era. It goes through doors and door furniture, windows, fireplaces, lighting and decoration, both by type and additional accessories (such as knockers!)

I found this book invaluable and am reluctant to take it back to the library!

[How to Make Your Doll's House Special](#)

Beryl Armstrong

I was immediately attracted to this book just by the title. I am taking time to do lots of different things with my house, in particular external brickwork and roofing so I wanted to see what this book had to offer. The book goes through lots of processes that can all be done economically with just a few bits and bobs and a little know how. It shows you how to make roof tiles by scoring lengths of plywood, paneling, even thatch roofing (this section is in particular detail to encourage anyone to have a go). The book has lots of projects to follow step-by-step with full colour photographs to ensure you are going in the right direction. I have already created floorboards following this book and I may even try my hand at the paneling!

