

# W.A.D.D.H.A.M.S

## Ghosts and Ghoulies...

Welcome to the first anniversary edition of my newsletter! Can you believe it is a year since I started?! Where does it go...

October is a spooky month for some of us, the autumn colours outside match the Halloween colours some of us will prepare for. Do any of your dolls go Trick or Treating? Find out all about Halloween traditions this month, they are older than you think!

I hope some of you have managed to have a look at the new Forum website—please try to have a go if you have access to the internet. It is something that will need lots of nurturing to get it off the ground but once it is, we should all

benefit.

Hopefully some of you will have looked out for this month's Dolls House & Miniature Scene magazine—I wonder who that is on page 78? Find out more inside...

Preparations for the Autumn Fair are well advanced and the website has full details and an update of the traders who have confirmed so far. I have produced some Flyers for those of you who think you can pass them around, come and grab a handful from me. Don't forget any queries or last minute concerns either to Kevin or myself.

**Michelle**



### Special points of interest:

- **Quarry Bank Fair**  
Sunday 5th November, 10.30-3.30pm
- **Miniatura Bears & Dolls Fair, Sunday**  
12th November, NEC
- **WADDHAMS Autumn Fair**  
Sunday 19 November, 10.30-4.00pm

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## September Meeting

The September meeting was a Kit Workshop with Kevin so those of us who still had pieces on their wanted list could have another opportunity to purchase.

The new Forum website was launched in the Newsletter and I hope some of you will get the chance to explore and contribute to this—don't forget:

[www.forum.waddhams.co.uk](http://www.forum.waddhams.co.uk) or follow the link on the usual website: [www.waddhams.co.uk](http://www.waddhams.co.uk).

Full details of the WADDHAMS fair are

now on the website, along with an updated list of confirmed stall holders outside the club members. Keep checking for updates if you can.

All past versions of the Newsletter also appear on the website now, just in case you have mislaid yours or want a friend to have a copy. Click on the Club Newsletter page.



## WADDHAMS New Found Fame...

As well as being on the World Wide Web, WADDHAMS now also enjoy recognition in this month's Dolls House & Miniature Scene Magazine!

Those of you who have managed to purchase it (or were lazy and had it through your door like me!!) may have noticed a "small" article on page 78.

In fact, WADDHAMS enjoyed the whole page as publicity for the club!!

I wrote a little piece about the club, where and when we meet, as well as advertising both of the websites.

Most importantly of course, I publicized the forthcoming Fair and all the details were included to hopefully attract more visitors.

They were also kind enough to include the pictures I sent in of the Nursery Rhyme project and they have turned out rather well. (Although, I'm sorry I don't know what happened to Hey Diddle because I did send it with the rest..). Of course, the other pages of the magazine had some interesting things too, but I think ours is the best!

We are also included

in the well used website [www.dollshouse-info.co.uk](http://www.dollshouse-info.co.uk) under the Fairs page, and they have made quite a good job of our advert for the Fair, we have taken up quite some space. Lets hope this brings in some more awareness.

Don't forget to pick up some Flyers for the Fair if you are able to hand some out or put some where people can take one away with them...



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## Halloween's Coming....!

October 31st is Halloween which has become more and more commercialized over the past few years and is surprisingly the second most profitable festival after Christmas, but where did it all originate?

It may seem that America has led the way with festivities for Halloween but it actually originated in Europe.

The Irish believed that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween Night and began to wear masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.

They carved out turnips called Jack O'Lanterns from a folklore tale about a

man called "Stingy Jack". Jack apparently tricked the Devil and as punishment when he died, the Devil made Jack's soul roam the earth with only a lighted coal to show his way. Jack placed this coal in a hollowed out turnip and continued to roam the earth. The Irish and Scottish began to carve their own lanterns to place in windows to ward off the spirit of Stingy Jack. The Americans later introduced Pumpkins as the perfect Jack O'Lanterns.

The Irish also began the tradition of "Trick or Treat" when they would go round their neighbours houses to ask for contributions towards a feast on All



Saints Day, November 1st. It was reported you had bad luck if you didn't contribute.

The Americans bought over their belief of Witches on Halloween, combined with beliefs of black magic among the African Slaves.

It is said that if you wear your clothes inside out and walk backwards on Halloween night, you would see a witch at midnight.

Orange and Black are the colours of Halloween because orange represents Autumn and black represents death and darkness

## Interesting Facts about Pumpkins...

- The Pumpkin is actually a fruit related to the cucumber and melon
- Pumpkins are low in calories and fat and high in fibre. They are a good source of Vitamin A
- The largest pumpkin ever grown weighed 1337 pounds (95 stone!)
- There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange
- Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green

- Samhainophobia is an intense fear of Halloween

