

HWK NEWSLETTER NO. 9 - IMBOLC 2008

Dear All,

Welcome to the first HWK Newsletter of 2008! We have had a lovely festive break at HWK, and we hope you did too. This year promises to be bigger, better and altogether more exciting than 2007 for us in the soap mines here at HWK HQ.

We didn't really get out and about as much as we would have liked last year, partly due to the disappointing summer weather (or lack of it!) but this year in addition to our regular events we plan to add more to the list, particularly towards Yule, so you can stock up on your HWK favourites in time for Christmas 2009.

The season is changing fast, and as we approach Imbolc, already the daffodils are poking their first green shoots out of the ground. It has been an exceptionally mild winter, and hopefully we will be rewarded with a colourful and bountiful spring.

This season's sabbat soap is the Child of Isis, created by Bex to honour the Goddess in her Mother form. The Christians give this festival to Mary and her child, and call it Candlemas, while the Celts dedicate it to Brigid, the Bright One. Here at HWK we reverence the Mother Goddess in all her forms, and took our inspiration from the Egyptian pantheon with Isis and Horus giving us the mother and child image. This beautiful goat's milk soap is a joy to behold (I can say that because I didn't make it!) and has a subtle blending of lavender, sandalwood and cinnamon, oils that are sacred to Isis and Horus.

Child of Isis is available at Treadwell's Bookshop now, so take advantage of the lovely mild weather and head over there. Maybe take a wander through the parks along the way.

Take care!

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