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NEW ZEALAND



Model No. DR008 Jim Beam (New Zealand Logo) Edition: 1,000

Reverse Side - with Jim Beam logo



Logo of Jim Beam Bottle Clubs of New Zealand

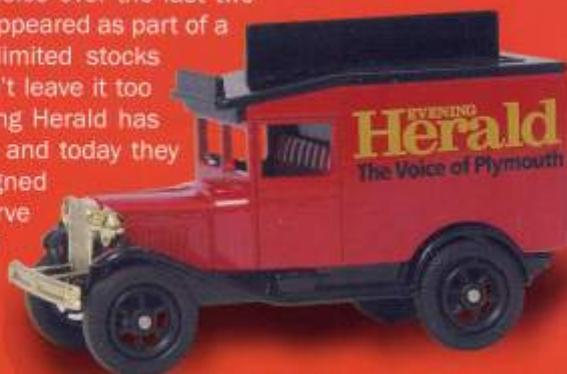
This is our first release specifically for the New Zealand market and it comes in our drinks range carrying the logo of the Jim Beam Bottle Club. The birth of bourbon dates back to the late 1700's when clean corn whiskey was distilled by the settlers of Kentucky. The distinctive amber glow and rich flavour of Kentucky bourbon was discovered when a batch of corn whiskey was

aged in new white oak barrels that had been charred by fire. In 1795, a farmer and grain mill operator named Jacob Beam perfected the recipe and distillation process for Jim Beam one of the world's finest bourbons. For over six generations the family has continued to uphold the standards and today they still control and manage the distilling process.

THE VOICE OF PLYMOUTH

For several years our members down in Plymouth pleaded for some local liveries. Well they've certainly been spoilt for choice over the last two Globes. This little beauty has just appeared as part of a Reader Offer and we only have limited stocks available for club members so don't leave it too long as you'll miss out. The Evening Herald has been published for over a century and today they are housed in a brilliantly-designed glass ship, set above a nature reserve at Derriford, on the edge of Dartmoor.

Don't get any ideas Taff - you're happy enough in the warehouse!



Model No. A031 Evening Herald Edition: 2,000

GLOBE 47 DESPATCHES

The last despatches of models for Globe 47 are just being completed, thanks for your patience. A combination of high orders and some water damage that took place during shipment caused the delays.

If you haven't received your order in the next week then please contact Geraldine.

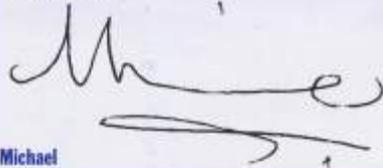
A word from *Michael*

Dear Members

It's that time of year again when we are all itching to release our new model which will be featuring in our next Globe (49). There'll be a launch vehicle in our own Oxford livery and a release vehicle - so make sure you don't miss it as the first issues are often the hardest to get hold of. We are also working with some of the Nationwide Football Clubs so expect to see some interesting releases late this year. There's a few items featured in this Globe and the next as Taff clears out the warehouse ready for our new model so keep your eyes peeled.

I'm enjoying my hols at the moment so until next time.

Take good care



Michael



A few reminders recently about our pre-release of the Model A that took place back in 1998. Several liveries were produced and one of the most popular was Paddy' Irish Whisky. We have supplied quite a few of these models to overseas markets, but have 50 left (available first come first serve). They are supplied in the closed Promotional box and are uncertificated.



Model No. MILO13 HMS Plymouth Edition: 2,500

The Royal Navy Anti-Submarine Frigate HMS Plymouth saw action from the beginning to the end of the Falklands conflict. This now famous frigate is preserved afloat at Birkenhead, Merseyside.

She was the last of the Type 12 Rothesay Class anti-submarine frigates built for the Royal Navy and was launched in July 1959. She had a top speed of 28 knots and her main armament consisted of twin 4.5in guns mounted forward. In 1969 at refit she had the original 40mm secondary armament replaced with Sea Cat anti-aircraft missiles and was provided with a WASP Helicopter.

In 1982 when the Argentinians invaded the British Falkland Islands her next tour of duty was to have been three months in the West Indies, but she quickly adapted to the urgency of the situation and steamed the 8000 miles south as part of the task force ordered to recapture the Islands. At South Georgia on 21st April 1982 HMS Plymouth took part in the first direct action against Argentinian forces when her Wasp helicopter fired a missile at the submarine Santa Fe as a result of which she was beached by her crew. The Santa Fe was thus the first enemy warship to be put out of action.

Plymouth later helped carry out the bombardment of enemy positions ashore prior to troop landings. The first stage of the liberation of the Falklands had been completed - and only three weeks after the Argentinian invasion, but the most dangerous period was to come, when she escorted the waves of landing craft to the beaches. Argentinian aircraft attacked Plymouth and the other ships in San Carlos Water, which became nick-named "Bomb Alley". HMS ANTELOPE and HMS ARDENT were severely damaged and later sank, and Plymouth was hit by four bombs and cannon fire from attacks by five aircraft. A fifth bomb went through the funnel.

On 21st June 1982, Plymouth left the Task Force to return home to the Rosyth base in Scotland, via Ascension Island, having steamed 34,000 miles since leaving the UK. During her time at war, she fired 909 of her 4.5in shells and nine Sea Cat missiles, destroying five enemy planes. She was one of the few ships to be involved in every action of the campaign. We show the badge of the Plymouth on our Bullnose.

PASTURE PROMOTIONS

Over the last few years as the collectors of Oxford models have grown we have seen all sorts of variations of our products appearing in auctions (CODE 3). Sometimes one of our original releases will be stripped down, re-painted and a new livery added. This often occurs as a result of us not supplying short runs of products and can be confusing to our members. We have played no part in the production of these models neither do they appear on our product listings. Indeed we are only aware of them when our collectors advise of the 'find'. To better service the sector we are supplying some shorter run models via Pasture Promotions. All of these are CODE 1 models being produced with our authorisation, they also appear in our product listings. The first model that has appeared is a launch model the 147T shown above 150 of which are available to our members with an edition of 500. The other release is a bus for Albany School and 250 of these are available to members.

CODE SYSTEM

Some years ago a system was created to categorise products and it runs as follows:

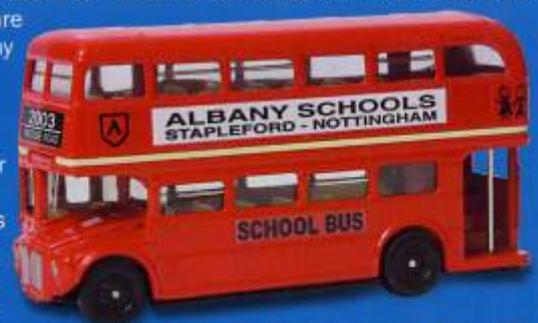
CODE 1 - A vehicle produced by Oxford to its own design. All Oxford products that appear in our Globe are Code 1 models.

CODE 2 - This is a model altered by a third party with our written approval. Oxford has not issued any of these models.

CODE 3 - These are Oxford models that have been altered without the permission of Oxford Diecast. These models should be identified as having been produced without the knowledge of Oxford Diecast and identified as such.



Model No. 147T Pasture Promotions - Edition: 500



Model No. RM065 Albany School Edition: 750

PARTY in the Park



Model No. ROY009 Party in the Park Edition: 1,000

It was the Party at the Palace and you've guessed it Oxford Diecast were there to celebrate. Many of you will remember the stock outs that occurred with our Golden Jubilee buses last year. One of the models that was not released was an edition of 1,000 pieces that were produced for the Party in the Park. They were uncertificated and used for presentations to guests who attended the event. A whole host of celebrities turned up and Prince William and Prince Harry were there to enjoy the entertainment. Part of the conditions of the order was that we were not able to release any to the club for 1 year - so here they are. We've only 250 to release available on a first come first serve basis - so delay your order at your peril. We understand that many of these went overseas so we imagine they'll be quite difficult to get in the future! At the time of release the product was uncoded but we have decided to code it as ROY009 to keep our listings complete.

GOING, GOING GONE...

Taffs clearing out the warehouse to make way for the new releases, so if you're looking to snap up one of these low stock items you better do so now.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	STOCK LEFT
005	Oxford	17
007	Lion	15
008	Trex	8
015	Plastikote	20
027G	Blackburn	4
043G	London Gas	8
044G	London Coke	24
045G	Bostik	32
056G	Porkinson	12
061G	Coldstream	17
062G	Bulmers	28
069G	Dri Pak	25
073G	Oxford	35
082	Benson	26
089G	Streamline	36
094G	Dudley	10
113G	Booths	27
114	Help the Aged	13
116	Pace	18
122GU	Grants	45
127G	New Zealand Lamb	34
129	Saffron Walden	43
131G	Bolton Evening News	47
143G	George Adams	13
152GU	Grants	16
153GU	Grants	13
158G	BIBIC	38
159G	St Dalfour	21
161	Pascoe	33
162G	Liverpool Echo	17
165G	Simpson	18
168GU	Days Inn	27
170G	Plastic Padding	22

Goodbye to the old and hello to the new.

Many of you will remember the Twin Mini sets that we released two years ago and these additional sets have been added to the range - the new sets sport the English and Scottish flags (this time Taff's got it right!). We've had so many requests to re-issue these that we've also upgraded the British set with the Union Jack now on the new mini as well. These sets normally retail at £9.90 each, but as a special offer this month we'll allow you to purchase them as part of your membership - 4 for 3 and 6 for 4 - each set counts as two models. (e.g you can buy two sets for £14.95 or 3 sets for £19.90 or mix them with other Oxford Diecast vehicles)

The Mini Cooper was more successful than anyone would have dreamed when it was launched in the 1960's and became the first car to win the European Rally Championships while taking the chequered flag at Monte Carlo three times. The new Mini Cooper was launched a few years ago and like its predecessor has been widely praised for its design and styling. These special gift sets celebrate the history of the Mini Cooper featuring both the old and the new.



Model No. MIN001/U British - UPGRADED with British Flag on the new Mini



Model No. MIN002 English



Model No. MIN003 Scottish



Model No. SET2 Mini Classics Northern Collection Edition: 5,500

Another set from the past and this time it's the North West collection made up of three of our little Bedford coaches. Crosville operated out of Chester covering North & Mid Wales. Wallace Arnold which was originally based in Leeds with coach tours operating as far as Devon and London. Seagull was established in the early twenties and operated along the Fylde coast. As a special offer with this Globe when you make a purchase we'll let you buy the set for £4.95, without a purchase the sets costs £9.90. The three come in a mailer box.

TAFF'S COLUMN

I was pleased to see the release this month of the Jim Beam, sometimes they can take several years to reach the production stage as was the case here. So for the many people who send me ideas each month don't despair if they're not released straight away - just be patient and maybe they'll turn up in the future. We're all looking forward to the new release next month and we've just finished the modification to the mould which will allow the release of P002 in Globe 50 (have we really released 50 Globes!!!). I love ambulances!

See you soon

Taff

Strathclyde Fire

Strathclyde Fire Brigade is one of the biggest in Europe, situated in the west of Scotland and its geographical area covers almost 5,500 square miles. The area includes 23 inhabited islands and has a coastline longer than that of France. Almost 2.3 million people live in over 930,000 households in the area, ranging from remote crofts and hamlets to Scotland's biggest city, Glasgow. This lovely Volvo Fire Engine comes in its own special box and is available at just £9.95.



Model No. FIRE15 Strathclyde

The Police are here to help

If you fancy a bit of a laugh or maybe a song then this set of four is for you. Four VW's featuring Elvis Presley, Tommy Cooper, Bilko and Tony Hancock. You better be careful though because they can't be trusted so when you buy the four for £14.95 we're throwing in the Kent police van for your own protection absolutely free.



Model No. VW009 Tommy Cooper Edition: 2,000



Model No. VW005 Elvis Edition: 1,500



Model No. VW006 Bilko Edition: 2,000



Model No. P001 Kent Police Edition: 1,500



Model No. VW008 Hancock Edition: 2,000