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PLATINUM GLOBE 7 FOR 4

FOR PLATINUM MEMBERS

ROUTEMASTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY RELEASE OF BUS IN OXFORD DIECAST LIVERY

Is this the most famous bus in the world? It was shown first in 1954 - 50 years ago at the Commercial Motor Show. It was time for the trolleybuses to go as they had many drawbacks,

the main one being their need to stay in line - no overtaking and a disaster if one of them brokedown. It was in 1951 the decision was taken to develop a lightweight vehicle with the ability to seat 64 passengers, an initial estimate of 2,000 vehicles being suggested. Several protoypes appeared over the next few years and testing of the buses took place with development being carried out by a range of companies. It wasn't until the early sixties that the buses were seen on the streets of London in any quantity and by now a decision had been made to concentrate the future development of buses on one-person operated vehicles. No further Routemasters were built after 1968 although due to maintenance, refurbishment and deregulation they are still seen not only in the capital, but also in many locations throughout the UK and overseas. To celebrate the 50th Anniversary we've released the Routemaster in our Oxford colours which has been an omission from the range up to this point.





NEW RELEASE

It's a Saab, it's 1:72 scale (2.5 inches) long and its **FREE** when you place an order for over £10 on the GLOBE 58 order form.

WHILE STOCKS LAST.
SAAB COMES IN SEVERAL COLOURS COLOUR CHOSEN AT RANDOM.

Here it is the missing CIG054. Where's it been? Well only TAFF can tell us? We think he got his numbers wrong and forgot it, but as you've guessed he denies that! At last no gap in the collection, but for how long?



A word from **Michael**

The enlarged Globe continues for another month as we release the third the series of our six piece sets -this time one for all our drinks fans. Those of you wondering where the 2,500,000th Bullnose is well don't worry it's coming off the production line as we speak, which means we'll be sending them out a little later than expected towards the end of August Everyone who's ordered will get a model -but only one person will get the certificate with 2,500,000th on it.

The Special Correspondent Set has been well received and the first sets are being released at the same time as this Globe. Next month sees the release of four open tops Routemasters and September a new body shape.

So look out!

Until next time.



Michael



NEW RELEASE
FYF
BRAN

CS022 FYFFES
Edition 1,500

The fruit was first imported in quantity by Edward Fyffe in 1901. The easily perishable fruit was picked when green and unripe and was transported by sea in ships with insulated and refrigerated holds. These vessels used to dock

(depending on the customer or shipping line) at a variety of British ports. Avonmouth (Bristol), Hull, Southampton and Garston (Liverpool) were among them. A large trade with Britain existed in the 1920s and 1930s. An average shipment would be 4000 bunches, these being a large stem containing four or five hands. The bunches of most varieties had to be straw packed in returnable wooden crates, while the tougher variety from Jamaica could be carried loose. With the need to quickly transport a large volume of the fruit to the ripeners and wholesalers throughout the country, the railway was the obvious choice for many years. However, the fruit required special handling and heating

and ventilating conditions en route. Therefore, from the pre-Grouping days of the early 1920s, dedicated banana vans were designed by several railway companies (including the LNWR, GWR and LSWR) in conjunction with the trade to work in complete trains or rafts (groups of wagons) to carry the fruit by rail from the ports to its destination. For most of their life, these vans were insulated and fitted with steam heating pipes on the ceilings and adjustable ventilators to allow the ripening

process to continue en



CS021 ROSES Edition 1,500

route. The sides were usually marked "Steam Banana". When the vans were emptied at the ripening shed (there was one at East Croydon and another, larger one at Lingfield), railway staff had to sweep them out and burn any loose straw left inside, always keeping a watchful eye out for any tropical spiders that may have accompanied the bananas! From here they were straight onto the truck and delivered directly to the shop. Hopefully they would arrive just ready and soft enough for eating. I always remember my mother ripening them in the window for a few hours

Our Fyffes truck looks just ripe enough!



CS020 SWAN VESTA Edition 1,500



A founder member of the football league they played for most of their life at the Baseball Ground until their move in recent years to Pride Park. I remember the management team of Clough and Taylor in the late sixties - as good a double act as Morecambe & Wise

TAFFS COLUMN

The new casting looks fine and we will release it first in an Oxford livery ,the second release will be Royal Mail. All being well they'll both be here in time for Globe 60 - so look out.

Trying my best to answer some of your letters, my apologies for those that have been on my desk a little while





THE HAMMERS

Formed in 1895 and playing today at Upton Park the Hammers are instantly recognisable in their famous claret & blue strip. Their best league win was 8-0 back in1968, their most capped player as you've probably guessed was Bobby Moore with 108.





Oldham & Son Ltd. was one of the few battery makers not to make portable radios (like Ever Ready and Vidor), but they were certainly remembered for their car batteries. The business was formed back in 1865. An advert from the 1950's read as follows:

"Listening to Schubert's beautiful piece of work is delightful, but to hear one's favourite music fade and die is an 'unfinished symphony' of a different kind. You can help your customers to avoid similar experiences by recommending Oldham Radio Batteries - the batteries with 'Power-to-spare' - and incidentally build prestige and good business."

Music to my ears!

D-DAY IS HERE! I am sending this dispatch to you from a beach in France, the first time I have set foot here since the British Expeditionary Force was evacuated from Dunkirk and Cherbourg four long years ago. We left the South Coast of England in the small hours, surrounded by a vast fleet of ships. This was the long-awaited attack on the 'western front' which had been prepared for many months, with equipment stored in readiness in fields and depots in the East and South of England.

But where were we going? The Pas de Calais? The coast of Holland and Belgium? Only as we landed after an uncomfortable sea journey was it evident that we were in Normandy.

From my vantage point above the beach I can see hundreds of ships still disgorging troops and equipment, and I can hear distant explosions as Royal Navy ships and RAF aircraft bombard German defences inland.





Orders placed are on the way
Big demand so apologies for delay







ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS





GR008 GLORIOUS GLOSTERS



009 IRISH GUARDS



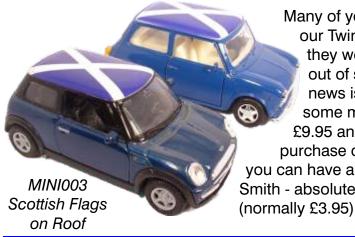
we know them as the Royal Logistics Corps.



Wagoners, over the next hundred years they reformed several times, but it wasn't until 1889 that they were vested with all the functions; Command, Control, Staff, Transport and Supply . They were granted the 'Royal' prefix by King George V on November 25th 1918. By the end of the second world war their strength had grown to 335,000 soldiers - one in every ten wore the RASC cap badge. In 1965 The Royal Corps of Transport was formed joining with parts of the Royal Engineers, however this was disbanded in 1993 and today



GR007 WELSH GUARDS EDITION 1,500



Many of you will remember our Twin Mini set - well they went so well we ran out of stock - but the good news is that we've got some more. The set costs £9.95 and when you purchase one this month you can have a Scottish Benjamin Smith - absolutely FREE.

THE WORLD OF SMITH FREE WITH TWIN MINI In his first adventure

4 inches high

Benjamin will meet Captain Jacob - a pirate from the past!

60th Anniversary of D Day landings

Complete set just £13.90

THE D DAY SET CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 4 VEHICLES



GUARDS ARMOURED DIVISION - CHEVROLET

As part of the 21st Armoured group, it landed in Normandy fighting its way through to Caen. It was the first formation to enter Brussels on its liberation in 1944.



HMS WARSPITE - BULLNOSE MORRIS

Affectionately known as 'The Old Lady'. With a crew of 925 she was deployed at Normandy. Armed with 15 inch guns she bombarded the German coastal defences.



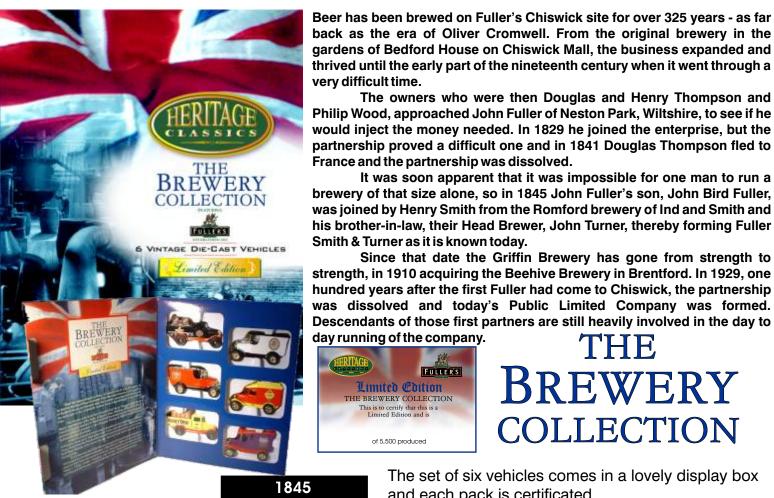
576 SQUADRON BULLNOSE - MORRIS

The 576 squadron played a key part in the preparation for the D Day landings. The squadron concentrated on bombing railways, communication and military installations.



OPERATION OVERLORD - THORNYCROFT

Sixty years ago thousands of British troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. Many soldiers, seamen and airmen gave their lives in the cause of freedom and their sacrifice will never be forgotten.



thrived until the early part of the nineteenth century when it went through a very difficult time. The owners who were then Douglas and Henry Thompson and Philip Wood, approached John Fuller of Neston Park, Wiltshire, to see if he would inject the money needed. In 1829 he joined the enterprise, but the partnership proved a difficult one and in 1841 Douglas Thompson fled to

France and the partnership was dissolved. It was soon apparent that it was impossible for one man to run a brewery of that size alone, so in 1845 John Fuller's son, John Bird Fuller, was joined by Henry Smith from the Romford brewery of Ind and Smith and his brother-in-law, their Head Brewer, John Turner, thereby forming Fuller

Since that date the Griffin Brewery has gone from strength to strength, in 1910 acquiring the Beehive Brewery in Brentford. In 1929, one hundred years after the first Fuller had come to Chiswick, the partnership was dissolved and today's Public Limited Company was formed. Descendants of those first partners are still heavily involved in the day to day running of the company.

FULLER'S Limited Edition THE BREWERY COLLECTION This is to certify that this is a Limited Edition and is

of 5.500 produced

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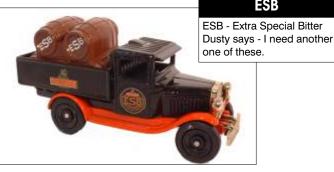


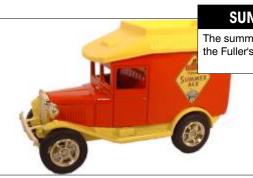
Why this date? To celebrate the partnership of 150 years

ESB

The set of six vehicles comes in a lovely display box and each pack is certificated.







SUMMER ALE

The summer instalment of the Fuller's seasonal beers





100% organic. Organic Honey Dew is available on draught as a Seasonal Ale in the spring and autumn,



NEW SCALE JUST RELEASED. LATER THIS YEAR WE WILL ALSO RELEASE 150/180/240B AND BL71



VOLVO S40

£14.95

1:43 CARS



SAAB 93

TWO COLOURS GREEN & RED

£9.95 each or £14.95 for both