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## **PLATINUM GLOBE**

UK & EIRE Guineas (£2.10) USA \$5.00

Love it or loathe it, HP sauce is part of our culinary heritage.

HP sauce was invented at the end of the 19th century by Mr F G Garton, a Nottingham grocer. He was down on his luck and couldn't pay his bills, so when Edwin Samson Moore, owner of the Midland Vinegar Company, offered to cancel his debt with the company and pay him £150.00 for the recipe, plus the use of the name HP. Garton jumped at the chance.

Moore had been looking around for some time for a sauce to manufacture and market. He liked both the taste

and the name of Garton's HP sauce, which had an appropriately patriotic ring to it. The HP stood for Houses of Parliament, as it was

rumoured that the sauce had been seen gracing the tables of one of the dining rooms there. The chutneys and sauces used to enliven the unimaginative diet of the time were traditionally made at home, but their expensive and exotic ingredients, and the lengthy preparation involved in doing this meant that they were beyond the reach of most people. So by putting HP Sauce onto the market in 1903 (the launch was delayed due to the death of Queen Victoria), the company was bringing a privilege enjoyed by the rich to the tables of the masses.



Bottled sauces came into their own during wartime. They were sold to housewives as the answer to making leftovers and inferior cuts of meat more palatable - whatever the difficulties of obtaining some of the sauce's more exotic ingredients, such as dates, during wartime might have been.



Globe 55 & 56. If you are a new member or didn't collect the vouchers and would like a pack then there are still some available and these can be ordered from the price .Each medal comes in a presentation pack. Available whilst stocks last. sets.



are some Mini models. We have 1:72 scale Mini vans, Travellers & Pick-ups. When you spend over £10.00 this month we will send you one absolutely FREE (colour/vehicle chosen at random). If you like Minis then take a look at page 4 where we have some lovely three piece

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# VA'I' 69 Finest Scotch Whisky



Edition 2,000

### **VAT 69**

It was back in 1882 when William Sanderson produced his blend of VAT 69 apparently he made up100 vattings and chose which one he and some of his friends liked the most. Could you imagine doing that today? On researching this Whisky we discovered that today it contains around 35 percent malt, however the export VAT69 contains slightly less, we've no idea why that is. Anyway we show it here on our Routemaster which has been missing for a couple of Globes as we have refurbished the

moulds. We have a further release next month and a Triple Bus Set on the horizon for release around August





This vehicle carrying the livery of Three Swans depicts the cigarette manufacturers particular fondness for animals in all shapes and sizes on their packaging. The basic theme is that of the open air unpolluted by the city, where animals can be seen in their native habitat. Visually there was no danger of creating damaging references to class, creed or colour. The image of the animal was there not only as a play on the makers name, but also as a visual delight for the children in the community, a concept that would not be at all possible today. White Swans cigarette packs produced by United Tobacco Co. in the UK fell into the



category of the simple image for instant product identification. The Swans are depicted at rest serenely oblivious of our presence.



Queens Park Rangers were formed in the year 1882 by the old boys of Droop Street Board School, known initially as St. Judes. They obtained the name Queens Park Rangers when they merged with a team called Christchurch Rangers in 1886. As many of the players came from Queens Park the name we know today was created. Their best victory was 9-2 against Tranmere Rovers in 1960, they have however been on the receiving end of 8-1 defeats back in the sixties.

For our many new members this model is part of a series featuring Football Clubs from around the country. All of these models come in special packaging and are priced at £5.95 to cover this and the licensing costs. You can still mix and match these with £4.95 models buying 6 for 4. You just add an extra £a for models in this category. They are all coded F and you can see the full range on the web site, here you will also find some other sporting themes as well.



Hobbies Weekly was very popular magazine before TV had taken such a grip on our lives, a time before IKEA and MFI. My mother being an art teacher used to keep every copy and was forever referring back to them for ideas. Her favourite item was a nest of tables which she'd built in the sixties which was so well put together. It was twenty years later that I was asked to revarnish them and as I carried out this simple task (it took me a month!) I was surprised at the intricacy of the joints. I wonder how many people today would consider making their own table, not from a kit - very few I'll bet. The areas covered in the publication were quite wide as this extract shows.

"An increasing number of bicycles are being converted into autocycles with the addition of small two-stroke engines of one kind or another. These engines are reliable and most economical to run, and are particularly useful to people (especially older folk) who must have some means of transport over a distance to and from work."

The article goes on to explain the fitment of the engine (cost  $\mathfrak{L}20/\mathfrak{L}30$ ) along with extras such as licence holders and registration plates. So as soon as you finish reading the Globe I want you all out in the garage with your spanners. If you can't find an engine try using the motor from the hoover!

# A word from Michael

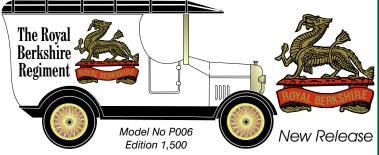
Some nice memories this month I particularly like the HP sauce on the front cover - nice edition to the Corner Shop range. We also show on the back page some of the variants we released for the VE Day commemorations. In fact a further model also appeared which we shall give details on soon. This carried the VE livery, but the van was coloured as the BED018. We've fully refurbished the Thornycroft mould so that model will be back on stream in the coming months.

We release soon our Mini car which will appear first in a triple pack, with both Rally and Plain versions displayed - plenty of new ideas also on the horizon, so sit tight !!

Until next time







In 1881 the 66th (Berkshire) regiment of foot amalgamated with the 49th (Princess Charlotte of Wales) Regiment. Princess Charlotte had begged that the 49th might become her regiment after they returned from war in 1815 taking over the duties of guarding members of the Royal Family. The dragon on the

badge originates back to the Chinese opium war 1840-43, British merchants were dealing in vast quantities of the drug but the Manderins of Canton destroyed some and the 49th with others



carried out reprisals, as a result the regiment was permitted to adopt a China dragon as its crest and to place the word "China" its colours and accoutrements.



London City Council took over London's ambulances in 1930, this service bravely continued through the dark days

of World War II. By the end of 1945 some 48,709 war casualties had been assisted by the London County Council in conjunction with the London Auxiliary Ambulance Service. At its



peak, the wartime service in Greater London included several thousand vehicles these ranged from private cars to goods vehicles that were brought into service at night after they had already done their day's commercial duties. Like everyone else LCC found itself short of vehicles after the war but had an eye to the future and was quickly taking initiatives in ambulance design. LCC had a large advantage over most other authorities in that it had its own superbly equipped workshops at Wandsworth which was capable of producing large numbers of new bodied Bedford ambulances from 1947 onwards.

# MINI VANS PICK UPS AND TRAVELLERS

The motoring icon that is the Mini also existed in a number of leisure and commercial variants some more successful than others. The Mini traveller was introduced in 1960 as an estate car, but unusually for the time only had two doors and a boot, fitted with the wooden framing gave this variant a highly attractive and individual look, however after only one year of production the Travellers were switched to an all steel version making the "woodys" very desirable. The traveller remained in production until 1969. The Mini van was also introduced in 1960, called the half ton van it proved a very popular vehicle with large and small commercial organisations. The Mini pick-up joined its van cousin in 1961 with similar success and both can still be seen today in domestic or leisure uses. The testament to the success of these commercial vehicles is they remained in production until 1983.

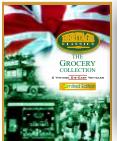
We've got two packs this month and what's more if you buy one pack you can have the second free -all we ask is you cover the cost for the extra postage. So you get the two packs for £11.45





This is the full range of Heritage packs that have been released. The models include Bedfords, Bullnoses, Chevrolets, Model T's, Model A's & VWs in trucks and vans. As well as adding to your own collection these sets make fantastic gift items presented in their own individual packs. We will be releasing some variants of H004/5 and 6 later this year which will be coded /2 and /3 - so keep an eye out for them as they will be in limited supply.

CP009 PACK B













H001



H003













H004/1

H005/1

H006/1

# 1:50 SCALE



10377 FM9 CONSTRUCTION £26.95



13034 240B EXCAVATOR £28.95



10446 150E WHEEL LOADER £24.95



10143 180E HIGH LIFT £24.95



10267 A40D ARTICULATED HAULER £24.95



10265 L35B £19.95



13152 740B MOTORGRADER £31.99



13033 BL71 BACKHOE LOADER £19.95

# 1:87 **SCALE**



13041 L180L £9.95



13140 L150 £9.95



13086 BL71 £9.95



SCALE



90461 VOLVO V70 OCEAN RACE £7.95



1237 VOLVO 855 BTCC £7.95



1241 VOLVO 1800ES GOLD £6.95



FORD CORSAIR 13157 & CARAVAN £11.95



13156 CARAVAN & VOLVO V70 £11.95



1234 VOLVO XC90 **TITANIUM GREY £6.95** 



VOLVO V50 SILVER £6.95



10501 VOLVO 8700 BUS £28.95



1219 VOLVO V70 £3.95



13155 CARAVAN & VOLVO \$80 £14.95



1239 VOLVO V50 GOLD £6.95



1240 VOLVO V50 RED £6.95



VOLVO V50 TITANIUM GREY £6.95



90459 VOLVO XC90 OCEAN RACE £7.95



1235 VOLVO XC90 GOLD £6.95



VOLVO XC90 RED £6.95



VOLVO XC90 SILVER £6.95



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# SOME OF TAFFS FAVOURITES, THOUGHTS and RAMBLINGS



Editor: I think he's lost it.

Chips to me are the ones you get with salt & vinegar soaked into the paper. I remember ordering chips with extra batter, I'd skip the school dinners and head for the chippie spending my last pennies on a bag, the batter was free and if I was lucky I'd get

loads of it.



CC030 Edition 1,500

Kiwi means only one thing - rugby, the big question is will we beat them on the Lions tour? I think we've got one of the strongest teams for a long time. I can't play because

CS032 Kiwi Polish Edition 1,500

I've hurt my leg!.

In this grave time, perhaps the most fateful in our history, I send to every household of my peoples, both at home and overseas, this message, spoken with the same depth of feeling for each one of you as if I were able to cross your threshold and speak to you myself. For the second time in the lives of most of us we are at war. We want the King.

BED019 King George VI Edition 4,000

Three months have passed since I asked you to join me in an act of thanksgiving for the defeat of Germany. We then rejoiced that peace had returned to Europe, but we knew that a strong and relentless enemy still remained to be conquered in Asia. None could then tell how long or how heavy would prove the struggle that still awaited us -Japan has surrendered



BED018 VJ Day Edition 6,000

Cometh the hour cometh the man. I,ve read quite a few of his speeches lately, the one that sticks in my mind is:

"We shall go on till the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches and we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. We will never

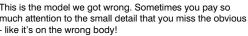


Winston Churchill Edition 4,000



I admit to drinking some of this, but not too much. The most Whisky I ever drank was at my mates sons christening. His father in law 'Dig' opened a , he kept pouring it into my glass so I kept drinking it. I didn't know that my glass was being filled at three times the rate. Disgracefully I fell over at about 7.00pm. Surprisingly I wasn't asked to the next christening!!!

DR014 Glen Moray Edition 1,500



I remember painting 50,000 Jeeps the wrong colour and nobody noticed, until a marketing manager realised - he went mad and said that they would return the stock to the factory. He got madder when he realised they'd all sold through, he told me that he was surprised that they had sold BN17 7EY as they should have been Red not Blue. He had a big company car so I let his tyres down, I watched him from the window as he went to his car that evening, he was mad.

GR015 Women's Royal Army Corps Edition 1,000

## FOR SALE

Several hundred models starting with ODC 1 in many cases. Most obsolete Model T's and Bullnose vehicles.

Please send a wants list. It will only cost you a stamp and may fill some of those annoying gaps in your collection.

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# 1:87 SCALE VOLVO NEW RELEASES







L180C HIGH LIFT £11.95

# THE HISTORY OF TAFF AND OXFORD DIECAST

The first purchase I had to make was for 50 screws I can't remember the exact specification and I don't suppose it really matters. I sat at a spare desk in the purchase administration office and as I picked up the phone everyone went quiet. I dialed the number (I think the company was called John Hall), "I'd like to buy 50 screws please", "what specification" came the reply, so I stumbled through the details very conscious that everyone was listening. The price was around 2d so I purchased the 50, he wanted an order number which I didn't have so I explained I would call back. This was my first mistake as I had actually placed the order without having the authorisation to do so without giving an order number. I explained what I'd done to Bob (the Maintenance Buyer) and he immediately rang John Hall taking them in detail through the purchasing rules within our company. He finished the conversation by reading the company policy and slammed the phone down. Bob then explained to me that I should have had an order number ready before making the call. "Where do I get the Order Number I asked sheepishly", "from me" he replied. "Can I have an order number", I said. He then went on to explain that he would only issue me the order number if he knew the price. After a few exchanges he gave me an order number. I rang John Hall and asked for the sales office. The agitated Sales Clerk took my order, but my triumph was short lived.

"What discount did you get" asked Bob. Silence. I hadn't asked for discount so I hadn't been given any - he was playing a game with me. After three further embarrassing conversations I finally got it right, however it took 3 attempts for me to get the official purchase order typed. The final order looked something like this - Fifty screws at 2d, less 25% Mettoy Discount, less 15% Mettoy Maintenance Discount and less 10% Volume discount. Absolutely easy don't you think!

That was an early lesson in the art of buying and the same principals were applied across every item that was purchased. What used to make me laugh was that each of the four sections had a a specialist buyer and each had his own office. In the corner was a red light and buzzer. When this sounded it was the signal for the buyer to drop everything he was doing and head down to the buying Directors office. There was no waiting, if the buyer was on the phone he'd just put the handset down - no goodbye, no apology - nothing. If he had a visitor he would literally throw him out of the office and tell him to go. Why couldn't the visitor sit and wait? "Espionage" was the answer given. He may be spying for another company - Big Brother had definitely arrived.

During this time I was able to visit several companies seeing various suppliers making printed boxes, cardboard boxes, plastics, labels etc. Each time I entered the factory floor there was something about it that intrigued me and I yearned for a return to the cut and thrust of production, the toolroom came next.

# "The beginning of the end"





## FROM OUR

# SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Each set comes boxed with a news report £5.95 each

## **April 1945**



SC011-Edition 2,500 NEW

assembled a phantom Council of Ministers at Como, north of Milan, and attempted to gather a force of remaining fascist supporters, eventually getting together tens of thousands of fascists in the town. The Allies told the Liberation Committee that they would bomb Como unless this force left, but Mussolini refused to give that order and save the town, but many of his supporters deserted anyway and Musso was forced to flee with his mistress Clara Petacci. He was recognised by the local Communist commissar near a village called Dongo, and the partisans decided to try 'El Duce', against orders from Rome. A ten minute trial found Mussolini guilty and he was sentenced to death by firing squad.

I can now describe the last hours of Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini. He

His last gesture was to turn and smile at his mistress as the sentence was carried out on the afternoon of 28 April.

There is no connection with the death of Mussolini, but the German armies in Italy surrendered unconditionally the next day.



SC010 Edition 2,500



SC009 Edition 2,500



SC007 Edition 2.500



SC008 Edition 2,500



RELEASE







BED020 Edition 4,000





SC001 Edition 2,500

SC002 Edition 2,500

SC003 Edition 2,500

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## Tuesday 8 May 1945 was 'Victory in Europe'

(VE) Day, and it marked the formal end of Hitler's war. With it came the end of six years of misery, suffering, courage and endurance across the world. Individuals reacted in very different ways to the end of the nightmare: some celebrated by partying; others spent the day in quiet reflection; and there were those too

busy carrying out tasks to do either. Ultimately nothing would be quite the same again. To mark this occasion. Oxford are releasing a range of vehicles commemorating these events. Also available in very limited numbers are three coloured derivatives of the VE 60th Anniversary vehicle.







These additional releases satisfied the demand up and down the country by all sorts of mail order and retail outlets. Limited quantities will be available to the club. So when they've gone they've gone!!



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