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The minute we announced the release of the Morris Minor, we had telephone calls regarding the Royal Mail version - were we releasing a variant and when was it coming. Well here it is and it also includes the advertising panels which were fitted to the vehicles in the early 1960's. They took many variants of the vehicles over a twenty year period the last being registered in 1973, over 50,000 units. The book by Russell Harvey carries a lot of interesting facts on the GPO Mail and telephone vehicles. Apparently vehicles in Scotland were painted in the same way but used a Scotlish crown instead with no initials beneath it. This was due to the fact that when Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1952, Her Majesty was not the second Queen Elizabeth in Scotland and therefore the crown did not apply north of the border. So, the Queen's Crown of Scotland was used and applied to both telephone and mail vans for use in north of the border. If you like these you're in for a treat as we have three Royal Mail vehicles in this Globe and we have some interesting variations coming over the next few months - so look out!!!!



These are pictures of the first production samples. The ANG003P has additional masking on the cab section which is being added, as this was left off the sample. There is also some missed printing on the ANG002P that has been added. The product is

scheduled to arrive in our warehouse on the 3rd July and we will despatch all orders prior to mid July.

NEW RELEASES

















Founded by Charles II in 1682, and designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the Hospital was initially funded from private donations (including from the King himself) and a tax levy. But in 1684, Paymaster General Stephen Fox introduced a contributory pension



scheme for all officers and soldiers to pay for the Hospital. The first Pensioners took up residence in 1692.

The Pensioners have two uniforms – their "undress" (navy blue), and the better-known red coats and tricorne hats. These are worn on Oak Apple Day on 29 May, to honour the birthday of the Hospital's founder, when the Pensioners parade and adorn the King's statue with oak leaves. This commemorates his escape after the Battle of Worcester in 1651, when the claimant to the throne hid in the Boscobel Oak. I'm sure that Michael and Dusty qualify for residency through age!!



The Royal Navy's flagship aircraft carrier, HMS Ark Royal, is the fifth vessel to bear the distinguished name. The first, a 38-gun ship built for Sir Walter Raleigh, saw action against the Spanish Armada in 1588. Following a major refit, the most recent ship of this proud family is well equipped for modern warfare. Able to operate the Navy's latest Merlin helicopters as well as Harrier jump jets, the 20,000-ton carrier can also cruise at more than 30 knots. A central part of the Navy's strength, the ship is both a mobile airfield and a command and control base. She has a crew of 686 who work alongside 366 airmen and women to keep the vessel and her aircraft running. Ark Royal also



received a new main mast and fresh combat systems in the two-year refit, completed in autumn 2001, at Rosyth in Dunfermline. At 210 metres (683 feet) long, Ark Royal is larger than her sister ships Illustrious and Invincible, and also has a steeper flight ramp to assist take-offs.

CORONA Sparkling drinks & squashes

I have two memories of Corona. The first was the pop bottle delivery van that used to call around the street each week. This wasn't so good as my mother wouldn't let me buy any, which was particularly unfair as my brother would buy a bottle, hide it and then deny it when I put him on report! My second memory was collecting empty bottles from a waste area and returning the bottles to collect the deposit from the local pub. I used to do this at lunch time as sometimes I didn't have any money because my oldest brother used to

pinch my pocket money and spend it on Marvel comics. I shall be sending them each a model of this Bus in the hope that they realise how terribly they used to treat me!! TAFF.



RM087 Corona Edition 2,000

40th BOBBY MOORE NNIVERSARY NEW GE COHEN 2006 NOBBY STILES Following on from last month we have a

further 4 releases in the World Cup series for the 40th anniversary. Most of the older members will remember the football set launched back in 1996 - carrying the names of the World Cup team from 1966 and Sir Alf Ramsey. The

set was released for the 30th Anniversary The 40th Anniversary runs have editions of 500 pieces of each. This months releases are shown below along with the releases from last month.

Player Code

Ray Wilson Alan Ball FB15 NEW THIS MONTH **Martin Peters** FB16 NEW THIS MONTH **Jackie Charlton** FB18 NEW THIS MONTH

Bobby Moore FB19 Bobby Charlton FB17 George Cohen FB21 Nobby Stiles FB14



A word from Michael

We have a lot more releases at present and a lot more interest in our products - hence the slower despatches over recent months, but we anticipate some improvement. Next month we'll release a small quantity of a German promotional items and in the following Globe an Australian item. We have recently appointed a distributor in South Africa so anticipate some themed items for that market in the not too distant future. Good to see Taff back in circulation - for how long !!!

Until next time

Take care Michael







The original 30th Anniversary 12 pieces pack (SET 1) and the single models sold in Sporting Hero boxes and promotional boxes. Some are still available -see order form for details.

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New

MV007 Edition 2,000

Two further releases with this very popular Post Office Release theme. The Mini van and the Mini car. Our new vehicles are proving very popular so if you do want one then please order promptly. Several members have complained that the items are going out of stock too quickly, but with our increased membership we are finding it difficult to anticipate the demand for some of the more popular items.



MIN005 Edition 2,000



A really nice looking pack this one - Pirate from W.D. H.O. Wills. Nice to see a swashbuckling young Dusty appearing on the front. These were available in the 1930's and were in circulation we believe for about 10 years. Since we suggested this series coming to an end we have been sent lots of new ideas. 'Scissors', 'Flag', 'Pirate', 'Pasha', 'Berkeley', 'Golden Cross', 'King Stork', 'Rough Rider', 'Ameer', 'Louisville'. 'Loadstone', 'Bicycle', 'Airman', 'Trumpeter', 'Rhodian No. 3', 'Anchor', 'Homeward Bound', 'Torchlight', 'Robin', 'Gunboat', 'Three Spears'.



Release

More than a

Breakfast Food

Although regarded as a traditional British company, the cereal itself was invented in Australia in the early 20th

century, at around the same time that WK Kellogg was

experimenting with wheat

Model CS043 Breakfast Food New Edition of 2,000

Release

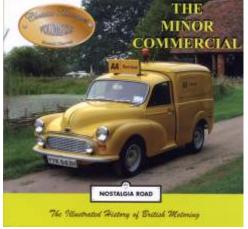
cereals in America. Frank George, established the company in Britain in 1932, but didn't have the rights to the product in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. In those countries, it is owned by a separate company - Weetbix, spelled without an "a". The wheat was originally also imported from Australia but prices movements in the 1970s forced the company to switch to local suppliers. According to Taff "it's the secret of my success - I eat four every morning"!

COME AND SEE US! National Transport Festival of Wales

Sunday, 18th June 2006

The National Transport Festival of Wales.

Recreation Ground, Mumbles Road, Brynmill, Swansea. 10.30am to 4.30pm. Festival includes the Welsh Truck Show and Welsh Bus & Coach Show. Large static event open to all classic vehicles and FREE to enter.



The book costs £7.95 and is 52 pages long, it covers details such as the chassis numbering system and export variants and plenty on GPO Mail and Telephone Vehicles - something we'll be paying more attention to in the coming months. If you'd like a copy you'll find a section on the Price list. CODE NRV6.

The coded vehicle ANG001P is the British Railway liveried vehicle which is also scheduled to be at the event in Swansea (see below). We added this variant to the programme having met Neill Booth who owns the vehicle last year. The product will be releasing June and like the ANG002P and ANG003P will come on a plinth. This vehicle will be available direct through Railway Auctions UK Ltd - Neil's company. You can find more details on his website

www.1122UK.com or you can send your application to him direct at the address shown on the application form. There is a special section which can be detached and sent to him.









LONDON COUNTRY



















MM014 WELSH BREW EDITION 2,000













Edition 2,000 **METROBUS** PEARL ASSURANCE



JAMESON RISH WHISKRY Model DR015

Edition 1,500



Model VW022 Edition 2,000



Model VW020 Edition 2,000



Model VW021 Edition 2,000



Model VW024 Edition 2,000



Model CIG070 Edition 2,000



Model CS042 Edition 2,000



Model DR017 Edition 1,500



Model CS038 Edition 2,000



ROYAL MILITARY POLICE Model GR020 Edition 1500



Model CS034

Edition 1500



MIN002 Edition 2,000 MONTE CARLO



Edition 2000



CHERRY BLOSSOM Edition 2000 Model CS039



Edition 1500 Model GR018



BOVRIL

Edition 2000 Model CS035

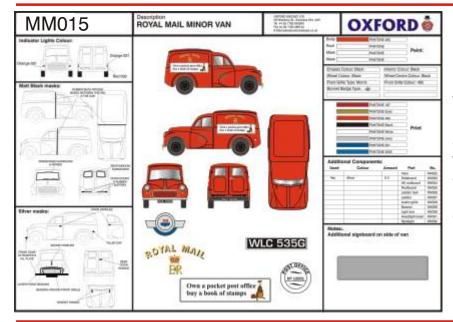


Model RM083

Edition 2000



Model B081 Edition 1500



DESIGN CELL

CODE DCMM015

This months design cell features the MM015 Post Office Van and comes framed and signed by Taff in an edition of 25. Like the vehicles all are sent at random so that everyone has the chance of getting number 1- so please please don't ask for it! Cost £29.95

NEW RELEASE

NEXT MONTH.....

Next month we have Monte Carlo Mini 37, a Triple Morris Minor Set, a Triple Mini Football Set, a Regent and a VW. Plus some low quantities of a German and Australian promotion and What a Carry On we have with Sid James. So watch out for some exciting releases or check out all our releases at the website.

Rejoining Gift 2006 The OXFORD DIECAST STORY By The Members of Oxford Diecast & TAFF

<u>www.oxforddiecast.co.uk</u>

So many requests to continue my story - apologies for so many quiet months - I will continue on an occasional basis as my workload will allow. TAFF

THE HISTORY OF TAFF CORGI AND OXFORD DIECAST

The computer division was spun off into a new company called Dragon Data and for a few years I spent time working at other electronic companies and overseas. During this period the Mettoy company had gone into receivership along with most of the British Toy companies. A new business had been formed called Corgi Toys Ltd, this business was only going to deal with the diecast toy side of the business. All the other elements of the business had either ceased or been spun off elsewhere. Whilst working at another company I received a call from the financial director inviting me back to the new business to take responsibility for part of the production facility. They wanted me to take responsibility for a promotion that they had won which was very important to the company which was struggling. If successful with running the promotion they wanted me to take over the running of the whole factory! The promotion was for BP and the task was huge. Nine million Corai Junior vehicles, 1 million hauler trucks and 100,000 classic trucks had to be produced all to a deadline. I had 8 months to get the product through the factory. To make things harder I wasn't allowed to disrupt the existing production of the standard product ranges, I would be in competition with the current factory management for the factory resources. If I won I was in charge of the factory, if I lost - I guess I'd be out of the door. This was a very hard time as the factory was running at peak capacity and at levels it hadn't experienced since the late seventies. Extreme pressures and all of the tactics I had learnt during my training came into play. I arrived at the factory at 5.30 am made sure the plans were in place for the next 24 hours and hit the ground running, leaving the factory at 6.00pm returning to get the night shift under way at 9.00pm and back home at 11.00pm. The schedule was punishing, but I used every underhand dirty trick in the book to ensure that my production targets were met. It was with some relief that 9 months later the contract came to an end. My target met the MD called me into the office and told me that I was the new Production Manager of Corgi Toys, but with a word of warning - in the last three years no manager had survived for more than 12 months !!!!