

full developing and printing service that went with it.

The Kodak was 6 1/2 inches long and came ready loaded with film and was tied and sealed to show that it was fresh from the factory. When one hundred pictures had been taken the camera was returned to Kodak who processed the pictures. You pulled the cord to set the shutter and pressed the button to release it. A viewfinder was not regarded as necessary. It used paper rolls to start with, but by 1889 Eastman introduced celluloid roll-film. The Kodak made photography accessible to the general public for the first time.



for the cost of p& p (While stocks

last)

this form and a few still exist. If you like these vehicles then we're also releasing two further variants of the Walls vans -see inside for more details.



To complement the release of the ANG019 we are releasing the ANG018 with the 'STOP ME AND BUY ONE' signboard on the front - which we have codenamed 'FUNNY FACE'. It bears a striking resemblance to Taff with those gaunt bony features!. The ANG020 has cones added to both sides. We will do our best to accommodate orders for these, but if the demand is too strong we have to restrict orders. We'll just see how it goes.

ROAD SERVICE

A further release of an AA liveried vehicle this time the Anglia with the old AA logo. These models have been very popular, so much so that even the AA have placed some orders. I just hope they don't get confused with all of our coding numbers!



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FREE REJOINING GIFT 2007 POSTAGE UPDATE - BETTER DEALS

New Release &

New Roofboard Tooling

It's great news as we will now allow you to include Multi Purchasing on all Oxford vehicles, at all price points. All we ask is that the FREE items are priced at  $\pounds$ 4.95 or below. Therefore if you order 6 for 4 you must choose two items at  $\pounds$ 4.95 or lower, the other four can be any items you choose, at any price point. When you buy 4 for 3 you must choose one item of  $\pounds$ 4.95 or less as the free item. For Platinum members when we issue a Platinum Globe you can buy at 7 for 4 - in this case you must choose three items priced at  $\pounds$ 4.95 or lower. This will allow you to mix and match. In order to accommodate the higher postage and packing charges we will apply a  $\pounds$ 1 (twice this overseas) postal charge for every  $\pounds$ 10 spent. Therefore if you spend  $\pounds$ 19.80 the postal charge will be  $\pounds$ 1,  $\pounds$ 29.95 the postal charge will be  $\pounds$ 2 etc.

This year for all membership renewals one free vehicle can be chosen which is priced at £4.95 (or lower) and you'll also receive a free 1:76 scale model as shown above. As these won't become available until March anyone who renews before this date will be sent it separately, when it's released. We are also looking at other opportunities to enhance your benefits and we've already upgraded the FREE Christmas vehicle for 2006 which has just been released in special packaging.

Over the coming months we will release a lot of new and enhanced tooling, the new 1:76 scale will be £2.95 and the Chipperfields between £2.95 and £9.95 depending on the body shape. This new structure will allow you to mix and match exactly how you wish. The price list gives more details

# BUY 6 for 4 and INCLUDE the Higher Priced Models





### South Wales Borderers Edition 2,000

The Royal Regiment of Wales was formed in 1969 by the amalgamation of two of Wales' most famous and distinguished regiments, namely The South Wales Borderers (24th Foot) and The Welch Regiment (41st/69th Foot).

The South Wales Borderers distinguished themselves in many campaigns. Perhaps best remembered are the Marlborough campaigns, the America War of Independence and the Sikh wars. Its involvement in the Anglo-Zulu war was both tragic and glorious, Isandhlwana and Rorke's Drift are likely to be remembered for a long time. Many of you have requested this item and this popular series will continue with many more regiments to cover in the future.



#### MM028 New Post Office Release Edition 2,000

This time we have London Central Area carrying the advertising signboard. I

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wonder if back in the sixties people imagined how complex the phones would become. Quite frankly we are totally confused with so many systems and packages available - back then it was so much easier with

just one company to deal with.

### MP003 Mini Tonneau Cover Edition 2,000

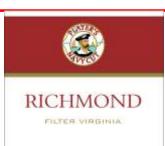
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Our latest Mini Pick Up - this time with the Tonneau cover attached, comes packaged in a case. This is a very nice model and the silver poppers around the edge are a nice little feature. What other Minis will we have in 2007 - who knows!!

John Player founded his tobacco company in the mid-19th Century in Nottingham. It was later expanded into a thriving cigarette manufactory (based at the Castle Tobacco Factories in Radford, Nottingham - just west of the city centre) and run by his sons, John Dane Player and William Goodacre Player. In 1901, in response to competitive threats



from the USA, the Player's business was merged into the Imperial Tobacco Group (headquartered in Bristol and including other companies such as WD & HO Wills). However, Players cigarettes retained their own identity (in brands such as 'Navy Cut', 'No.6', 'John Player Special' and 'Gold Leaf') with their distinctive logo of a smoking

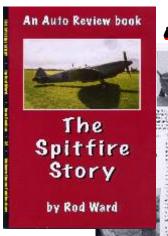
sailor in a 'Navy Cut' cap.A new factory (the 'Horizon' factory) was opened in the early 1970s on Nottingham's industrial outskirts, with better road access and more effective floor space. The old factories in Radford (especially the cavernous 'No.1 Factory') were gradually run down and the final demolition of the 'No.3 Factory', with its distinctive clock and rooftop 'John Player & Sons' sign, came in the late 1980s.

### A word from Michael

I really enjoyed reading Taffs book, it's interesting to compare some of the products that have been released with his experiences from the past. I'm sure many of you will have been surprised by his history and the depth of knowledge he has. Now that he's dedicating all his energies to Oxford we will be in for some exciting times. The launches of new products he's promised are breathtaking, with new tooling, body shapes and variations promised throughout 2007. Oxford is certainly the company to watch and I personally can't wait to see how our competitors react ! Happy New Year

Until next time

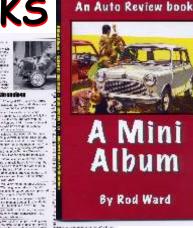
Take care Michael



#### Code AR32 £5.95

## AUTO REVIEW BOOKS

If you'd like to read more about the Mini or the Spitfire, these are definitely the books for you. Over 30 pages of information, stories and facts about each. They have just been released and you'll find the odd picture of our vehicles inside, they are reasonably priced at just £5.95 each. Did you realise just how many variants of Minis there were - Hornets, Elf, Mokes and Taffs favourite the 1275GT. The first car



Code AR31 £5.95

he ever owned, having read his book - perhaps he stole it? Yes it did have a 'furry' dashboard and he claims 'Wood and Pickett' nudge bars. Being six foot tall that must have been quite a sight. Now having read the Spitfire book he's claiming he's flown one of these as well - I'm not sure about that !!!



# **CHRISTMAS VEHICLE 2006**

All Standard and Platinum members should have received their Christmas vehicle, or be receiving it quite soon. It has been sent separately with last vehicles leaving on the 8th January. Overseas members will receive one during the course of

January. The model comes in the special plinth packaging, which is an additional upgrade that we are offering to members this year.



STANDARD AND PLATINUM MEMBERS

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Grand Marnier is produced by Marnier-Lapostolle and they established their distillery in the 1820's in an area called the Neauphle-le-Chateau in France. They only began producing in 1880. Grand Marnier consists of orange peel, cognac and sugar syrup. The oranges used are grown in Neauphle-le-Chateau in the



area where their distillery is located. However the cognac used in the production is aged at the Chateau de Bourg located in the heart of Charente country. The secret behind the taste is firstly the orange peel and secondly the process that is used to blend the spirit produced by the orange peel with the cognac and

#### **MP005 CREPES MAISON Edition 1,600**

sugar syrup. The orange peels are treated over a New Release considerable period of time and then distilled this then yields a flavoured spirit that is blended with the cognac and sugar syrup. Prior to bottling it is aged in wine cellars and this again filtered several times so as to clear all impurities. Blending these ingredients together is something that Grand Marnier have perfected stabilizing the nectar irrespective of the outside temperature. I gave a bottle to



Dusty and he uses it for polishing and removing stains from his teapot - what a waste TAFF



### **CHIPPERFIELDS 1:76 RAILWAY SCALE**

This is early release information on our Chipperfield range of vehicles, which will appear during the course of 2007. We already have other vehicles that will also be introduced, these designs are being hand sampled at the moment. The first releases will come mid year and at 1:76 scale they are sure to be a winner bringing rail layouts to life. All of these will come on plastic plinths of varying sizes. Prices will range from £2.95 to £9.95 depending on the body style and finish. We are already experiencing a lot of interest in this range and its development. All will be limited edition and we anticipate a lot of demand. We will keep you updated with information on a regular basis.



### OXFORD 1:76 - OO - Railway Scale

These will begin to appear in April 2007 at an accelerating rate with releases planned monthly. They will not carry edition sizes, although we will declare how many we make of each item. They will be competitively priced at just £2.95 each and I'm sure they'll quickly become a favourite among collectors and railway enthusiasts.

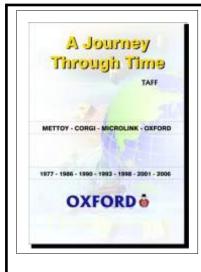




Edition 2,000



At The Going - Edition 3,000



All members who renewed during the course of 2006 should have received a copy of my book - 'A Journey Through Time'. The original plan was for 36 pages, but as I developed the idea and talked to various members there appeared to be a 'thirst' for information. Hence 100 pages and it cost a fortune, I just hope everyone enjoys reading it. For those new members who only joined in 2006, it can be purchased, you will find details on the order form. It's too early yet for me to gauge a reaction - as I'm writing, the book is just being printed. My intention is to follow on with the story as matters within Oxford develop. What I can assure you , is

a very exciting time in 2007 as we release many more interesting items in response to requests from you all. I do appreciate all your letters, I just find it so difficult to respond to them quickly, but I'll do my best. **TAFF** 

# **NEW PRODUCT UPDATE**

Everyone who has read the book will be aware of the items we are developing, but newer members won't have had the chance to have seen this, so for their benefit we are releasing information here. The first, the High Top will appear in the next Globe followed by the Gown, Traveller and Ice Cream releases over the coming months. You will see that the first off shots are a little rough, literally when the slides have been completed we shoot the zinc into the cavity and pull some castings. The moulds are still soft and not fully hardened, so we have to be very careful to ensure that they aren't damaged. The high top casting has a lot of flow marks which means the mould wasn't warm enough and the metal has cooled too guickly. It will take a little while to balance with a little 'magic' to get the flow of the metal to an acceptable level. Many think that a shiny casting off the mould is better, but that's not the case, a dull casting has what we call a 'bloom' and that is a far better finish for processing downstream at the painting and printing department. The Gown has a surprisingly good look for a first casting and is very 'clean' with little flash (excess metal), should this be the case it's possible that we will swap the release to allow for the necessary development.

I've spoken to several people who have driven the Gown vans and was surprised at how common they were. Many talked of their instability, which is why I suppose so few lasted to reach preservation. All of these

new castings excite me and there's more news inside! TAFF



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THE EARLY Y







First off shots for the new Morris Minor casting. The Gown version is a much weightier beast. Rita is already complaining on the amount of zinc - but what can we do - it needs to look right. The first two liveries are shown to the left and we have quite a few others that we know will appeal to you.

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First off shot