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Dunkirk Anniversary Set

This beautiful commemorative set of 4 vehicles comes in its very own presentation box with a brief history leaflet incorporating the set number from its edition of just 1500 pieces.

Chevrolet

The Dunkirk evacuation was amongst the most heralded in military history. The allies were driven back to the beaches of Dunkirk with nowhere to go but into the sea.

This saw Britain at its best with the British Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy combined with the private boat clubs and owners called upon to undertake the dramatic rescue of our boys.

Over 300,000 men were to be taken off the beaches with small leisure cruisers and



privately owned cabin cruisers uplifting the valiant troops from the beaches to the larger boats and naval vessels waiting off-shore!

Known as operation Dynamo, it was seen as one of the turning points of World War II with no fewer than 338,226 men plucked from the beaches by a flotilla of 22 naval ships and 800 civilian crafts of every shape and size.

Beach Marshall

The beach marshall's were responsible for assembling the long, long lines of troops waiting to be evacuated - sorting the wounded from the fit -summoning



medical attention where necessary - making sure the sick were loaded first and that each small vessel was full to its maximum, as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service

These wonderful women who served the country in the 'Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service' stayed with the wounded and dying as long as they could. The order had come for them to escape, but they were unwilling to leave their doctors.



As they feared, when the Germans appeared, the Royal Army Medical Corps men were captured. Some of the Q.A's drove their battered ambulances towards the sea where they eventually waded out to the waiting boats. Wonderful!

HMS Wild Swan

With a compliment of 134 crew and an armament of 4 x 4.7 inch guns, 2 x par-pon-poms and 2 sets of 21 inch torpedo tubes, she was amongst the finest vessels afloat. She was built in 1918/19 and returned to active service in 1939 from the reserve.

For a short vicious spell she provided supporting gunfire at Dunkirk. In 1942 she was sunk near Gibraltar by a squadron of 12 Ju 88 bombers.

We anticipate this set being highly collectable and one desired from outside of the Club. The very low edition will undoubtedly increase its value quickly.



This set will be available to members at 4-3 (but will incur an extra 50p towards postage charge for the special display box).

Our Apologies

Some of the editions are selling out rather fast and if you have been unfortunate with your application for your model choice supply, please accept our apologies. Due to our own increase in the number of releases brought about by the introduction of theme models - cigs - corner shop etc, editions will generally be kept lower in future of each edition.

Wilkin & Sons of Tiptree



Producer of fine preserves has commissioned a beautiful Bullnose Model No. 201.

Unfortunately, there are only 2000 vehicles produced - all of which have gone to Wilkin & Sons at Tiptree.

You may obtain one by sending £5.95 (including post) to:

Wilkin & Sons Limited
Tiptree, Colchester
Essex CO5 0RE Tel: 01621 815407
Attention: Ian Thurgood

Be quick - the company does not expect to have too many available.

SPECIAL FEATURE VEHICLE



From time to time and as Taff gets the count of his newly warehoused stock, Oxford Die-Cast will offer a special feature vehicle.

The first one to be selected is 'The Royal Bucks' Laundry Bullnose 086 launched in June 1996 with an edition of 5000.

There are now just 500 pieces left and they will go on a first come first serve basis.

Each model comes complete with an extensive coloured postcard describing the laundries history and showing a photo of a plaque which illustrates it's trade mark logo of a 'Dutch Girl' carrying a basket of washing.

This model is available at £2.95 each and may not be included in 4-3 or 6-4 purchases.

(If ordering just this model add 50p towards postage)

THE OLD CORNER SHOP

In our quest for old products and liveries, we came across a brand called 'dip' which was a long life starch and lasted up to 10 washes!

We can only imagine it was added to cold water and whites, shirts - particularly detachable collars, were soaked in it. Memories flood back of 'stiff as a board' shirts being taken from the washing line in cold weather! Could 'dip' have been involved? Any members know more about 'dip'?

Anyway, it makes a splendid van and Taff has produced it's livery on to a Model T (CS002G) for the new Corner Shop section. (No. CS001



was Tropic Dates). The edition of 2000 should give everyone the chance of purchase.

In Store USA JULY/AUGUST

Winn-Dixie 'Kountry Fresh' breakfast cereal - 1 x Chevrolet (C015U), 1 x Bullnose (166U), 1 x Model T (089TU). **FREE** against product purchases plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h.

Tender Twist Bread (Kroger) - Model T van (115TU), Model T truck (116TU), **FREE** plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h.

Instant Rice (Kroger) - 1 x Chevrolet (C037), **FREE** with 1 proof of purchase plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h.

Kroger Shredded Wheat - 1 x Model T van (102TGU), 1 x Model T truck (101TU). **FREE** against two product proofs of purchase plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h.

Kroger Pickles - 1 x Chevrolet (C025U), **FREE** against 1 proof of purchase plus \$2.99 s&h.

Mac & Cheese (Kroger) - 1 x Model T truck (122TGU), **FREE** with 1 proof of purchase plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h. (Released late March).

In the Shops UK JULY/AUGUST

Soda Crystals No 5 - (A005G) On pack in store is the fifth vehicle offered by Soda Crystals (washing powder section of supermarkets).

The first one offered was a Bullnose 069G in 1995 and the second vehicle, later in the same year, was the Model T Truck 06TG. Then came the Bus B9 in 1996, and the T Truck 054TG in 1997.

Jennings Cumberland Ale - Bullnose (202G) **FREE** with 3 neck collars from the product + 1 ringed till receipt and 50p p&p.

Kerrygold - The Kerrygold Model T truck (142T) is available from 'Kerrygold Butter' and 'Cream for Coffee'.

6 proofs of purchase gets you the truck **FREE** + 50p p&p. Or you can send 3 proofs and 99p + 50p p&p, or 1 proof and £1.99 + 50p p&p.

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL COLLECTION A superb set of 5 vehicles

Royal Horticultural Society
Model A (A008)
Edition: 50,000

Royal Horticultural Society
Lindley Library
Chevrolet (C043)
Edition: 28,000

Royal Horticultural Society
Garden Wisley
Bullnose (205)
Edition: 28,000

Royal Horticultural Society
Chelsea T (125T)
Edition: 28,000

Royal Horticultural Society
Chelsea AEC Bus (B62)
Edition: 28,000



Each vehicles represents various Royal Horticultural Society names, including the famous Chelsea Flower Show!
Available at £4.95 each or all 5 for the price of 3 = £14.85 (a postal contribution of 50p for the set of 5 is required).

Summer Madness Sale

To celebrate our move to Wales for all of our handling department - ODC are delighted to bring you their one and only 'Summer Madness Sale'.

You choose any 6 vehicles from the Bullnose range between Model No. 001 and Model No. 069G (of course ensuring from the price list they are available) and ODC will send you totally **Free** any 6 model T's between Model No. 01TG and Model No. 068TG (again ensuring they are available).

Or choose any 6 AEC Buses between Model No. B1 and Model No. B42.

Or choose any 6 Chevrolet's between C001 and C40.

Or if you prefer, mix and match any 6 from the offer list and get any 6 from the offer list absolutely **Free**.

If you want more than 6 that's also fine, just write the amount you want down and then the equal amount **Free**. The minimum though is 6 plus 6. As always with ODC, the choice is yours!

Note U.S. members may also include any vehicles with the letter (U) at the end for their selection of models.

This may be the last chance to obtain some of these vehicles as many are early editions! So why not stock up now whilst this silly offer holds.

See order form for ordering details.

A word from Michael

Lorry load, upon lorry load of vehicles going from Tring to Neath. The move from our old handling house is or will be complete by the time you receive this edition of Globe.

What a difference it all should make - whereas before all our handling was carried out by contractors it is now handled by ourselves and 'Taff the Gaff' at Neath has pledged a speedier service.

Before - what happened was - the product would be manufactured, then palletted until the container was full - then all transported to Tring - unloaded and racked, before any orders were fulfilled - all in all around 10 days lost!

Now, it's straight from production into handling and away.

As for me, I am now at Berkhamsted with the girls - lucky me - you should hear them gas!

Some gorgeous new liveries out and I particularly like the new 'cigs' selection and the 'Corner Shop' which will both feature separately in the new catalogue pages due out soon!

If you have any old cigarette packs or coloured pictures, please send them to me, we really need them. We get a lot of cigarette suggestions, but no packs or illustrations to copy them from.

The sale of the century is special because it is designed to give you a very wide choice, plus any new member can get a bargain in building their collection from earlier vehicles. I guess when 'Taff the Gaff' gets all the stock in we'll find a fair amount of 'out of edition' vehicles and these will of course be made available.

Finally, the Platinum status is worth that extra bit - particularly as you don't now need to qualify for the annual platinum vehicles - it is now automatic for all Platinum Members and remember 2 Globes per year allow 7-4 purchasing for Platinum Members, too!

You all take good care now.

Michael Johnston Allan

QUEEN MOTHER '100 YEARS'

A fine bonny Scottish lassie born to be Queen! This August 4th sees the wonderful Queen Mother celebrate her 100th birthday. Born when Queen Victoria was head of state as Queen of an empire stretching across the world!



The changes that have come about during this great lady's life time have no doubt been unparalleled in any other 100 years of history. The motor car - aeroplanes and then jets carrying passengers around the world in hours - space travel to the moon - unbelievable thoughts for her as a child - electric lights - telephone - fancy that - switching light on and off and talking to whoever you like on the phone, wherever and as often as you fancy.

Think of a T.V. and in colour, then the computer and of course the 'mobile' all beyond the wildest imagination.

The Queen Mum - mother to our Queen, grandmother to the future King and Great Grandmother to the next monarch after that William.

The Queen Mother was an institution in the second World War - when she would regularly be seen on bomb sites throughout London, steadfastly refusing to leave her home Buckingham Palace during the blitz. She said it made her feel just the same as other London families during the war and in 1940, whilst she was in the Palace, it was bombed, with the King and her narrowly escaping serious injury.

She was amongst the many thousands welcoming the returning troops evacuated from Dunkirk.

We celebrate her wonderful life with a Bullnose (Model No. 208G) showing her residence Clarence House. The edition is already being requested from outside of the Club, but no orders will be released until 3 weeks after this Globe's release, as all members orders will take precedence. The edition is 2500 pieces.

Wild Woodbines

At last, the epitome of British smoking - The 'Woody Woodbine'.

W.D. & H.O. Wills created the 'Wild Woodbine' brand in 1888 along with another brand called 'Cinderella'. The Woodbine was originally intended as a minor export brand.

The Wild Woodbine was first sold in tin sleeves of 5 followed by paper sleeves of 5. The slide packets of 10 were introduced in 1916 with the slide packet of 20 arriving in 1930. In fact,

the packet of 5 was still available up until 1973 and the price was a mere one penny (old dough) till 1915, when a farthing was added to the price!

In 1920, the 5 pack soared to 2 old pennies whereupon the price held fast for almost 20 years.

Why was it called Woodbine? There are several thoughts, but probably the most held one is that it was associated with a plant of the same name.

This totally untipped cigarette was smoked by virtually every British smoker at one time or another. Edition of just 2000 CIG007 available on a 'Model A'



Taff's Column

We've been quite busy over the last few weeks re-locating the warehouse and despatch section at the factory in Neath. We are planning to streamline the operation ensuring faster turnarounds for all orders. The full benefit of this will be seen in the coming months - watch this space.

It continues to amaze me how sharp some of our collectors are. I have been questioned several times on the New Zealand Lamb Bullnose 127G. Early versions of the model carried a different logo. The first version had the words in "Blue" on the rosette, later versions carried the words in "white", the blue variant is the rarer model. The logo was to have originally appeared on a white model, but when the body colour was changed to blue, the artwork wasn't updated. I estimate that approximately 600 of the edition was affected.

I will be appearing at Rail 2000 for anyone who wants photos and autographs.

'You'll be pretty lonely!'

London Transport Commemorates the last London Trolley Bus

The trolley bus (trolley) crept up silently and smoothly - very fast with just the swish of the tyres and electric overhead line.

In the early 30's the country was in



the depths of depression with both bus manufacturers and operators seeking ways to economise. The trolley filled the role!

First introduced mainly on single deck buses in the early 20's and then to double deckers a few years later - with most fleets throughout the UK operating them.

London Transport trolleys were all double decked and served the capital for at least 20 years per vehicle - they were very durable

with the body work and bright work shining till the end.

The trolleys marked the passing of electric traction in the greater London area. They were replaced by diesel buses. Our Routemaster (RM16) accompanied the last London Transport trolley bus from its depot in Fulwell in the early Summer of 1962.

The top message panel, whilst seeming rather bland, is reproduced as per the actual one from that London R.M. bus.

Our thanks to Gerry Savage for the photograph and details.

Southern Set - Mini Classics

Southern was the smallest of the four groups created by the Railways Act 1921 and had a virtual monopoly over the south of England. The Southern Railway was unique in relying on passenger traffic for three-quarters of its total receipts. The Southern Railway was heavily engaged during World War II with armed services traffic (especially during the Dunkirk evacuation and D-day landings) and suffered severely and continually from aircraft bombings. At the time of nationalisation in 1948, it became the Southern Region of British Railways.

Our three piece set features the Bognor Regis coach moving passengers onwards towards the resort. Our Bedford delivery van is carrying out house removals and our truck is delivering fresh produce to the Southern Region area.

Don't forget 'Rail 2000' over the August bank holiday weekend

when gorgeous engines from the past, including 'The Flying Scotsman' - 'Mallard' and 'Rocket' will all be on moving display.

Plus of course, Oxford Die-Cast will be manufacturing two or even three special 'Rail 2000' show models!



Sunday Post

A delightful set of commemorative vehicles heralding historic occasions.



Celebrating 1980
Model: C045
Edition: 18,000



Celebrating 1945
Model: A009
Edition: 7,500



Celebrating 1975
Model: 207G
Edition: 7,500



Sunday Post
Model: B65
Edition: 7,500



Celebrating 1969
Model: 126TG
Edition: 7,500

Available at £4.95 each or all 5 for the price of 3 = £14.85 (a postal contribution of 50p for the set is required).

We've moved

ODC Customer Service - Michael, Fiona, Mags and Mel have moved to Berkhamsted and can be found on 01442 879996.

All orders will be handled at the factory from now on. We believe this will reduce waiting time for orders dramatically, as the process will now simply take the product straight from production to

handling and despatch. Previously, all orders came from Tring and meant a 3 programme action before despatch to you.

All orders will be under the control of 'Taff the Gaff' and despatched from Neath direct to members.

'ODC continually improving your Club'