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## 50 Glorious Years - Royal Vehicles

**This year 2002 marks her gracious majesty The Queens Golden Jubilee.**

It's a long while ago 50 years - 1952 - the war was just 7 years behind us, the Korean was at its height, rationing was still prevalent but with our new Queen a promise of a great future.

Born in 1926, married in 1947, she became Queen in 1952 at just 26 years of age.

By the time of her assention to the throne, she had two children - Prince Charles 1948 and Princess Anne 1950.

But lets go back a little way to the unfortunate and sad day she became Queen.

Her father, King George VI was ill and had to undergo major surgery. The King appeared to be recovering well, so much so that Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip undertook a major tour of Canada and the USA, but packed into their luggage went a draft accession declaration with messages to both Houses of Parliament.

They returned from their tour at the beginning of November 1951.

Three months later on January 31st 1952 Elizabeth and Philip waved goodbye to the King and Queen as they set off on another tour, this time to East Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Just 6 days later, on the 6th February, they received the news of the Kings passing. They were resting in Kenya at the time and it was at the famous 'Tree Tops Lodge' that Elizabeth spent her last day as a Princess.

These delightful vehicles commemorate 50 years of our Queens reign and our Chevrolet carries the official logo commemorating 50 years on the throne.



Chevrolet Model No: C056 Edition: 2500



Routemaster Model No: RM37 Edition: 2500



Bullnose Model No: 216 Edition: 2500

## The Queen Mother

Sadly, the day that Elizabeth ascended the throne, Her Mother the Queen became the Queen mother.

It is 65 years ago that King George VI and Elizabeth (the Queen mother) celebrated their Coronation in 1937. The reign to last from the abdication of Edward VIII in 1936 to 1952, a total throne of 16 years and celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary in 1948.

The Queen mother, born in 1900 never expected to be Queen and only because of her brother-in-laws abdication was she thrust into the role! How history was rewritten by this event!



Model No: B77 Edition: 1500

She bore two children, Elizabeth in 1926 and Margaret Rose in 1930. Widowed at the age of 52 she set about her role as Queen mother. Today, she is loved the world over as 'The Queens Mum' and our favourite grandmother.

## The Daily Herald announces the Kings death

King George VI, born in 1895 he was just 5 years older than his future bride.

One of 6 children with five brothers and one sister. Their father George V reigned from 1910-1936.

The heir apparent was of course Edward VIII, but he was to abdicate within months of his assent to the throne and before his Coronation.

This left George second in line as his successor.

George (affectionately known as Bertie) could not have been less inclined or ready to manage this mammoth burden as the head of state. The country as a whole was thrown into turmoil and

war clouds were hanging menacingly on the horizon. Nonetheless, he rose to the enormous challenge, fighting a stammer in his speech, he became a much loved monarch with caring portrayed in all his deeds. He steadfastly refused to move his family from Buckingham Palace during the Blitz, saying he wanted to be with his subjects.

**The Kings reign ended after a prolonged illness at his Sandringham estate.**

On 31st January he went to Sandringham where a few of his close friends awaited him for a shoot. He seemed quite well, even though it was only a few months since he underwent major surgery and he was still recuperating.

His valet took him a cup of tea early on the morning of Wednesday 6th Feb. 1952 to find that the King was dead.

The Herald carried the headlines 'Nation mourns Death of George VI'

Our tribute vehicle is ideal for those who collect 'Newspaper' or 'Royal' vehicles or who generally collect ODC models.



Model A: A022 Edition: 2500



## A word from *Michael*

Dear Member,

I do hope your Christmas was a good one and maybe a few surprise models came your way. Most of all I hope you and your kin were all healthy.

Old Taffs got the bit between his teeth with some wonderful new models and exciting new liveries. No sooner had we launched the VW and the open top, than he's away on two new buses - oh dear what have I said - now the cats out of the bag! Well now you know I'm sure you are as excited about it as I am! I'm told the mould for the first one is superb and should be with us by early Spring.

Don't you think the 'silver' and 'gold' buses are wonderful - something we were unable to achieve before (gold or silver).

Trust you liked your Christmas model - it lets you see the new model first hand.

By the way, your rejoining gift for 2002 is a super die-cast key ring as shown, so keep up your membership - remember it costs just £12.00 for Standard and £16.00 for Platinum membership.

If any member knows of anyone wanting to join our Club, have them write direct to me and tell them to mention your name and I'll send you a vehicle of your choice absolutely FREE.

Please be advised that we carry a large data of future liveries which we will be eventually producing. Members who send in ideas do so of their own free will and ODC cannot acknowledge any of those submitted as ownership to the individual. Where we acknowledge an idea a Free Vehicle will be given to that person. No other form of commitment will be acknowledged. I trust this clears this matter up once and for all.

Now getting back to this month's 'Globe'. The 'Royals' are worth purchasing and certainly would make lovely gifts and don't forget the gorgeous cigi vehicle and of course our Page 3 girl!

You all take good care and very good wishes from myself, Taff, Dusty, Fiona, Mags and Mel for a healthy New Year.

Michael Johnston-Allan



Customer Relations Department

## SOUTH OF THE THAMES

The other side of London where of course the old Festival Gardens were, sees our latest arrival from the Routemaster stables.

Seen in South London, our Routemaster in this distinctive livery showing the route on its upper section, as opposed to an advertiser, is on Route 159 crossing 'Lambeth Bridge' on its journey.

This colour scheme or theme was carried for a few years before all buses were reverted to the normal 'London Reds'.



Model No: RM39 Edition: 2000

## London's Not Burning

Like London Transport and many other large fleets of vehicles, such as the Ambulance and Police, etc. London Fire Brigade has a fleet of service vehicles. Designed to service and maintain the London Brigade, they would journey from station to station doing their work. Checking the Fire Engine's many functions as well as its mechanics, brakes and tyres, they would carry out a service and report on the vehicles overall condition. Really the Fire Brigades 'AA' or 'RAC'.

Our superb VW van is the fourth vehicle in the range and now that all our members have a model, you can see the quality of the little chap for yourselves. It's our first vehicle associated with the Fire Brigade and will also appeal to outside fire vehicle collectors. We mention this as the initial manufacture of 1000 from the edition of 2000 could be quickly snapped up. So be quick and ensure your model.

Model No: VW004  
Edition: 2000



## - Valiant Comic -

Who remembers 'Valiant'? Obviously Taff does as he chose this livery for the Comic Cuts range.

Funnily enough 'Valiant' never numbered their issues - though we're told 713 were actually released. Throughout its life-span 'Valiant' was paired with other publications - 'Knock-out' in 1963 - 'Smash' in 1971 - 'T.V. 21' later in the same year - Lion (our old friend) in 1974 and 'Vulcan' in 1976.

The hero of 'Valiant' was 'Captain Hercules Hurricane' who appeared from the publications offset, leading his team of crack Royal Marine Commandos. His supreme colossal strength proved invaluable to his men.

Captain Hercules Hurricane and his pint size batman - wait for it - 'Maggot Malone' distinguished themselves in action throughout the second world war. The publication sold for 7d a copy.

Model No: CC009 Edition: 1000





# Page 3 Topless Lady

*Don't get excited now - as we mean our topless bus, and the second in the series.*

**Bath the beautiful Roman city and famous for its historical buildings and baths is the subject of our open top.**

This magnificent city situated in North East Somerset boasts a history going back to Roman times with wonderful Georgian architecture untouched. Most famous probably for its hot baths and springs and of course its spa water.

King Lear's father was in fact crowned in Bath and Jane Austen lived there and in which two of her novels were set.

There are many museums - 'The Jane Austen Centre', 'The Museum of Asian Art', 'The Costume Museum' and 'The Postal Museum' where the letter bearing the first postage stamp was sent from.

The service had to be better then, even if it was with pigeons and horses.

Bath is also famous for its Abbey and its beautiful parks and scenery.

As the local Guide Book says "One of the best ways to see Bath is on an open top Bus Tour". We're doing just that.

The R.M. started life as did most, if not all as a closed top and went topless in the 1980's where it was converted by a company in Liverpool who undertook this work. Our model is seen in the 1990's travelling from Bath City centre on its city tour.



Model No: RM038 Edition: Just 2000

# Get into the Grocers

Go on, grab the shopping basket and make your way to the breakfast cereal shelves. There you will find a lovely little offer running on 'Force' (due out late February). You might remember we ran a 'Force' vehicle back in 1996 - Model No: 071 Edition: 17,500.

*This time the offer is better still with three magnificent models available.*

Here's what you have to do to get one or all three.

With your purchase, you will receive details of the offer with mailing address etc. One vehicle is FREE save for £1.95 towards p&p. All three vehicles for just £5.95 (inclusive of p&p).

If you can't go to the grocers in Feb/March time, we will have them available after the offer.



Model No: A023G  
Edition: 5000

Model No: 141T  
Edition: 5000

Model No: C057  
Edition: 10000



## A1 Motor Stores

Get yourself up to speed with this lovely little racer - its **FREE** at A1 Motor Stores with a purchase of oil. Whilst stocks last.

*Note: We do not hold stock of this item.*



## No RISK - DE RESZKE CIGARETTES



Model No: CIG026 Edition: 2000

So many cigarettes of the 40's and 50's and even 60's were to have a Piccadilly address and De Reszke was no exception.

Jean De Reszke was the brand and manufactured by J. Millhoff and Co Limited, Piccadilly W.1.

Jean De Reszke it seems was a well known singer as the brand in its strap-line refers to him as follows.

"Just as good and pure a cigarette as was specially made for and always smoked by that great singer".

The brand consisted of 'De Reszke Majors' in grey packs (A) and in white packs (B), each of which carried a distinct picture of 'De Reszke' holding his song book. Whilst De Reszke filter tip (C) had a much smaller picture and no song book, there was also De Reszke 'Turks' (D) known as the aristocrats 'fag' (no picture of De Reszke). Being Turkish one presumes was probably too strong for or conducive to a good throat, or they'd killed him!

The De Reszke vehicle featured is the Chevrolet showing the 'Majors' brand (A).



## RM's Flowering out

### The National Botanical Garden of Wales

The National Botanic Garden is situated only twenty or so miles from the Black Mountain. The principle of informing and educating is central to the dynamic of the Garden's philosophy and facilities include teaching workshops for children, undergraduates and postgraduates and extra mural courses for others centred on a 'Bioverse' educational centre for biological sciences.

The garden has been developed in harmony with the 18th century layout of the surviving buildings and the park of the original Middleton Hall estate. The Hall and its 658 acre park were the creation and home of Sir Thomas Paxton, a formidable political figure who bought the estate in 1785 and commissioned Samuel Pepys Cockerell to design it.

The park itself may have been designed by William Emes, a major landscape architect of the late 18th century who specialised in themes involving water, which makes what remains ideal for aquatic plants around the lakes, ponds and streams within the woodlands.

Middleton Hall was burnt to the ground after an accidental fire in 1931 and the site and park were abandoned.

Our delightful RM carries the logo of the garden and is specially commissioned.

Taff, perhaps you could wheel old Dusty around it, for a day out.



Model No: RM35 Edition: 2000

## Your rejoining gift from us

When you renew your membership at either standard £12.00 or Platinum £16.00 you will receive this lovely die-cast key-ring absolutely FREE.



### Remember Standard Membership gives you

- A minimum 6 copies of Globe per annum
- Updated catalogue pages
- Your FREE Christmas vehicle showing the year
- FREE vehicle of your choice

### Platinum Membership gives you

- A minimum 6 copies of Globe per annum
- Updated catalogue pages
- Your FREE Christmas vehicle showing the year
- Your FREE annual Platinum members vehicle showing the year
- Twice year purchasing at 7 for 4
- FREE vehicle of your choice

The Free Key-ring will be sent when we receive your membership renewal application. We will advise you automatically when yours is due.