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PRINCE WILLIAM

Prince William Arthur Philip Louis was born in 1982 and this June we celebrate his 21st birthday. It is probable that the Queen will confer some sort of title or honour on William to mark the event. He is currently studying at the University of St Andrews, Scotland. A keen sportsman he enjoys, football, rugby, tennis, swimming and water polo.



Before attending University he spent ten weeks in Patagonia, Chile where amongst other things he

taught English to school children and took part in various outdoor pursuits. He was praised for his tenacity and ability to mix with others.

It is not known what he will do after University, but rumours suggest that he may join the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. We've produced this beautiful Model T to commemorate the event and I'm sure we'll see him featured on other vehicles in the future.

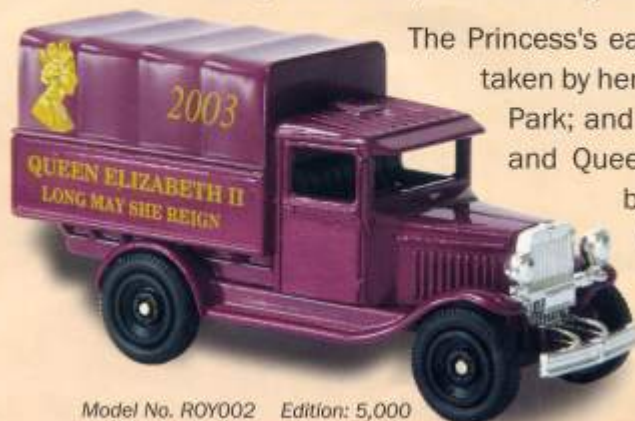


Model No. ROY003 Edition: 7,500

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

LONG MAY SHE REIGN

The Queen was born in London on 21st April 1926, the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York, subsequently King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Five weeks later she was christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary in the chapel at Buckingham Palace.



Model No. ROY002 Edition: 5,000

The Princess's early years were spent at 145 Piccadilly, the London house taken by her parents shortly after her birth; at White Lodge in Richmond Park; and at the country homes of her grandparents, King George V and Queen Mary, and the Earl and Countess of Strathmore. She became engaged and later married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten who she had known for many years.

Their grandchildren are Peter and Zara Phillips (b. 1977 and 1981); Prince William of Wales and Prince Harry of Wales (b. 1982 and 1984); and Princess Beatrice of York and Princess Eugenie of York (b. 1988 and 1990).

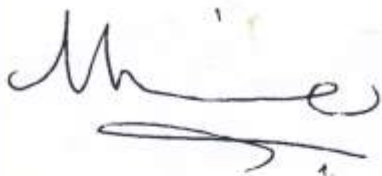
A word from *Michael*

Dear Members

What a response we had last month to our 10th Anniversary model - as I'm writing this column we still haven't processed all of the mail so are yet to decide the edition size (come on Taff get a move on!). We anticipate now that we will release them in the middle of June as we want to accommodate members who are returning from their holidays.

This month we see some lovely new releases and the Guards & Regiment range is developing nicely with the release of the Black Watch. At last Taff has heeded the call and completed the set of Hulton Press titles with the launch of the Robin, 3 years after launching The Eagle. The other titles were Swift and Girl. Thanks for the copies of the comics MT, if anyone else has some old copies for us to borrow please drop us a line.

Take good care



Michael



Model No. MIL010 Edition: 1,500

The 771 Naval Air Squadron operates Westland Sea King M5 SAR (search and rescue) helicopters and they average more than 220 missions every year. The crest of the regiment originates from the early days when the squadron flew the Sea Hornet. They've also adopted the 'ace of clubs' as a logo which is displayed on the nose and sides of the aircraft.

Often operating in extreme weather conditions and at the limits of endurance and range, thousands of people owe their lives to the outstanding feats of bravery performed as routine events by the duty crews. The squadron is on 15 minute alert status from sunrise to sunset, and 45 minutes at night time although in most cases they are airborne in less than five minutes. A typical crew consists of two pilots, an observer, a winchman and a SAR diver. The diver is able to jump 40 feet from a hovering helicopter and free swim in the open sea. We feature the crest of the Squadron on our Bullnose.



We still haven't found the winner for the owner of the Certificate number 2638 which came with your 2002 Christmas Thornycroft bus. If your out there we've got a free chrome plated vehicle here for you.

Founded by Charles Lambert and Charles Butler - Lambert and Butler started its life in 1834 at St John St, Clerkenwell, London. A few years later they moved to Drury Lane. As well as manufacturing



Model No. CIG047 Edition: 2,000

cigarettes they are also specialists in pipe tobacco and cigars. Like many of the British companies they played their part in the great tobacco wars in the early 1900's. Lambert & Butler were on friendly terms with Wills and therefore it is not surprising that they were one of the 13 companies that met in the Queens Hotel in Birmingham to counter the threat of the American planned takeovers. With over 500 tobacco firms some of whom were struggling it was important that only the stronger companies were involved. We are not sure when the Waverley brand was introduced, but we have seen many of their cards dated around the 1900's. We presume the brand had some connection with Sir Walter Scott and the Waverley novels.

THE BLACK WATCH



Model No. GR003 Edition: 1,500



Raised over 250 years ago with the purpose of keeping a check on wild clansmen it is the oldest Highland Regiment. There are several ideas about the origins of the name, but the most probable is because of the dark tartan that they wore in contrast to the regular guardsmen who wore red. The Red Hackle was worn from the 1770's and later an order was issued giving the Black Watch the sole right to wear it, which they do to this day.

The Regiment's first action was in 1745 at the Battle of Fontenoy in Flanders and it has served in almost every British Campaign since. At the outbreak of the first world war there were seven battalions which included the Territorials all of which saw action, over 8,000 members of the Regiment lost their lives during this time. In World War II the 1st Battalion, 5th (Angus) and the 7th (Fife) arrived in Africa as part of the 51st Highland Division and took part in the battle of El Alamein.

Men of the Regiment were the last to leave Hong Kong when it was handed over to China in 1997. More recently the 1st Battalion has been deployed to the Gulf and took part in the Operation Telic. During this deployment it suffered its latest casualty Lance Corporal Barry Stephen who was killed in action.

TAFF'S COLUMN

Many of you have been sending me letters and E-Mails about the web site which has undergone an upgrade in recent months, this will continue for the remainder of this year. As each vehicle is released we are updating the information on the subject concerned. If you do have recollections of any sort please let us know and we will add the details to the web page.

I was recently talking to Mr N. Muckley about the Army cigarettes and was fascinated to learn that when the cigarettes were issued the armed forces in Italy were not happy with this brand and the quality of the tobacco. The FREE ISSUE cigarettes were recalled and many of them ended up on the 'black market'. Even this proved difficult as they weren't easy to sell. In fact no soldier would buy these. The two main replacements for the Army were Players and Woodbine.

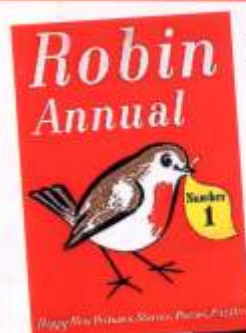
Taff

See you soon

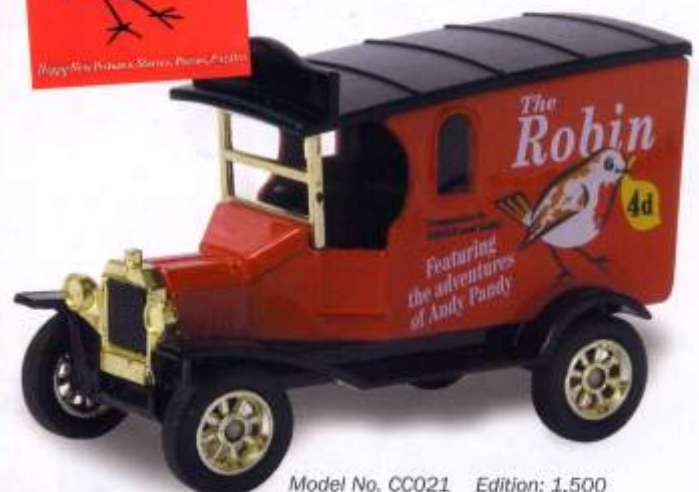
It was in the 1950's that children's television came of age and Robin was launched as the companion to Eagle, Girl and Swift - aimed at the younger age group. In 1950 Andy Pandy had hit the screens. In the first TV episode he was alone, but soon Teddy arrived and then Looby Loo. Only 26 original episodes were made, all in black and white, a further 13 colour were added in the 1970's. The Flowerpot Men (Taff and Dusty?) were added to 'Watch with Mother' a couple of years later.

It was in response to this that Robin was issued on the 28th March 1953 and the front cover featured Andy Pandy. Along with the Flowerpot Men, other favourites were Mr Woppit and Toyville. We believe the last issue of the comic was in January 1969 although we were not entirely sure. We have seen annuals dated as late as 1974. Perhaps someone out there can help us?

The Robin



The First Robin Annual



Model No. CC021 Edition: 1,500

Stevenson's BUS SERVICES



Model No. RM058 Edition: 2,000

In Globe 42 we released the RM058 and asked for details on its history. We had many responses but felt that the one that covered the history best was the letter from Mr S. Tyrell Membership 151633. He receives a free model and certificate No 1 signed by Taff.

Stevenson's are from Uttoxeter, Spith and started on 11 September 1926. The company started by John Stevenson, a farmer who at the age of 51 after struggling through difficult times decided to set up as a bus operator. In 1966, following his death at the age of 91, all his sons and daughters received shares in the business. However only George and John (junior) wanted to continue and following a public auction George took control of the business which then expanded. The Oxford model is RM699 a Routemaster originally built for Northern General. The company was sold to the Cowie Group who acquired British Bus in June 1966. It is now called Arriva serving the North Midlands.



Model No. SET No 8 Edition: 1,000

Remember this little set that we released a few years ago - J Arthur Rank - featuring The Cruel Sea. The stars of the film Jack Hawkins, Donald Sinden and Stanley Baker. There are three in the set, two vans and a Bedford Bus. The set comes in a mailer box and normally retails for £9.95 but this month if you make any purchase with Globe 44 we're letting you have it for just £4.95.

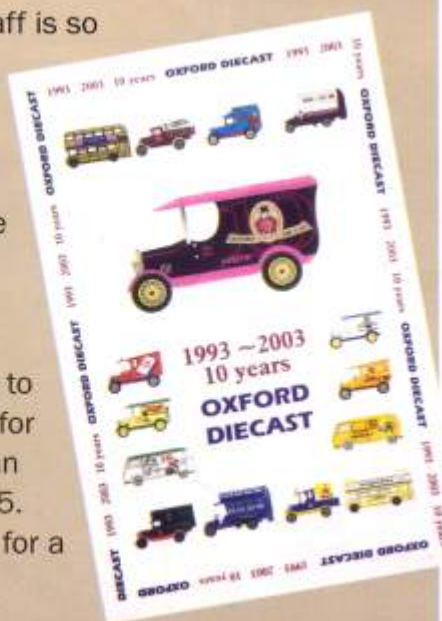


Model No. RM064 Edition: 2,000

We've just run a promotion with Key People and we have just four hundred of these buses left for our members.

Key People is recognised by industry analysts as the leader in providing customer value recruitment consulting.

We think that Taff is so keen on keeping these T Towels that last month he left them off the order form! So this month we're giving you another chance to get hold of one for £4.95 or you can have 3 for £9.95. How about that for a lovely present.



Model No. 219G Edition: ????

If you did miss last month's Globe and you want the 10th Anniversary model you should immediately ring our office on **01792 643500**. The edition size is being closed now and after the 31st May no orders are being accepted.