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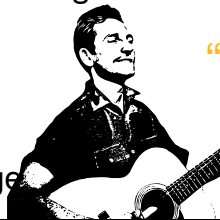
NEW  
RELEASE

WV017 Lonnie Donegan  
Edition 2,000

## LONNIE DONEGAN

Lonnie was one of the most successful recording artists of the pre-Beatles era, he had three UK number one hits and numerous top

10 entries in the 1950s and 60s. The skiffle king's hits included - Does Your Chewing Gum Lose Its Flavour, My Old Man's A Dustman, Cumberland Gap and Puttin' on the Style. The Glasgow-born singer was midway through a UK tour after recovering from a heart operation in 2002 when he died at the age of 71.



"Never Gonna  
Fall In  
Love Again"

# FREE MINI'S LOTS OF FREE MINIS



(We've even got some Mini Minis this month - see Page 4 for more details)

You liked the offer we ran last year so much that eventually we ran out of the FREE Minis, so we flew in some more and guess what we ran out of them as well. To start the year off with a bang we've got some more and have decided to run the offer again - so for every £10 spent you can have a FREE Mini chosen at random from a selection of 20 different types which come in a polybag. You know how nice they are 1:43rd scale (2.5 inches) very good quality.



EVEN  
BETTER

IT'S A PLATINUM GLOBE SO PLATINUM MEMBERS  
CAN BUY OXFORD MODELS SEVEN FOR FOUR!!!!

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### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

PLUS AVAILABILITY LISTINGS  
OF THEMED MODELS IN THE  
PRICE LIST

DISCOVER



# ISLE OF MAN



NEW  
RELEASE

BED013 Isle of Man  
Edition 1,000



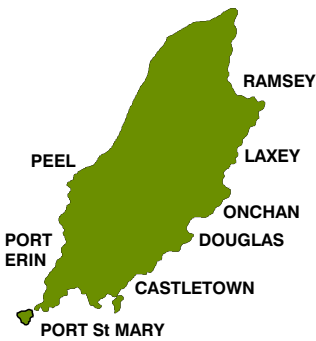
NEW  
RELEASE

RM079 Isle of Man  
Edition 2,000

Motor racing first came to the Isle of Man in 1904 when the Gordon Bennett car trials were held. The English Government had made it impossible to close the public roads for any sort of motor racing so a proposal was put to the Isle of Man Government. The Manx Government brought in new legislation to enable the closing of public roads for motor racing and the Isle of Man was ready to take up the mantle of the Road Racing Capital of the World, a slogan it has used for many years. The TT mountain circuit is without doubt the greatest challenge any racing motorcyclist can take on, but it is not for the faint of heart. Each year some 500+ riders arrive on Mona's Isle to take on the grueling mountain circuit in either the TT races in June or the Manx Grand Prix races in late August and early September. Most come just to pit their skills against the circuit with no thoughts of ultimate victory but just to gain a finishers award or a coveted replica. It is a

dangerous circuit, but they all know the risks. No one is forced to race here, they all come for one reason and one reason only, to pitch themselves against the greatest pure road race circuit of them all, the TT Mountain Circuit, The Road Racing Capital of the World. We've got two models on offer a Bedford and a Routemaster, but we are only selling 500 of each and the rest will be sold in Douglas on the Isle of Man, so when we've run out just head for The Emporium in the Villa Marina Arcade and you'll find some there.

*Just remember to take your racing gear with you !*



Up until 1965 there was a standing requirement placed on upon local authorities to provide local Civil Defence. These included Green Goddess fire engines, ambulances and other vehicles. Many of these were sombre, and intended for use in 'war scenarios' and most were built to Home Office specifications, although some were supplemented with former front-line vehicles. The body was finally disbanded in 1968. We remember their work through the release of this Bedford van carrying their logo.



NEW  
RELEASE

MII020 Civil Defence Corps  
Edition 2,000



## CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS





# ZEBRA

NEW  
RELEASE

Back in 1890, without the sophistication of mass advertising the launch of a new product required plenty of manpower. Local gangs were employed with the sole purpose of ensuring everybody was aware of the new product.

When Zebra grate polish hit the shelves, the first towns chosen were Sheffield, Bradford, and Leeds with the distribution of samples going to the best houses in the residential districts. After this was completed the gangs moved on to the working class houses, however they were only given tickets which were redeemable at the local grocery store. The larger the house then the more samples you'd get, the logic being that too small a sample would be inadequate to sample the product. Small shops were given advertising material including glass mirrors and metal signage. Servicing of these often took place every three months - re-painting and maintenance, was undertaken by a body of 'renovators' employed by the company. I suppose it is for this reason that we see so many well preserved examples of tinsplate adverts. Once the towns had been well covered local agents were appointed to ensure the sales continued whilst the gangs moved on to new towns to start the task all over again.



CS030 Zebra  
Edition 1,500

# ZEBRA



# GRATE POLISH



## KNOCK-OUT VIRGINIA

# KNOCK-OUT

Continuing the Sporting themes that we have featured over the last few Globes. This brand was not readily available in the UK and we would be really interested in any of you have some more information on this pack. We think it may have its origins in Scandinavia before being introduced into the UK market for a short period.



NEW  
RELEASE

CIG063 Knockout Edition 2,000

A further release in the City Sightseeing livery this time we have Stirling, the history of this town is rich with legends and events from the figure of William Wallace who fought and won the battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297 against an occupying English army, to the Battle of Bannockburn where Robert the Bruce's defeat of another English army in June 1314 secured Scottish independence.

RM077 Stirling Edition 2,000

NEW  
RELEASE



Stirling

# CHRISTMAS 2004

All Standard and Platinum members should have received their vehicles over the Christmas period. If for any reason you haven't then please give Geraldine or Sue a ring in the sales office.



D003 XMAS 2004 EDITION 9,200



# RALLY MINIS

(TWO PACK TYPES AVAILABLE)

**£9.95  
for  
FIVE**

**1:43 Scale**

These are some of the Minis that we've been giving away over the last few months and we'll give more away in this Globe (see front cover). We've had so many requests from members who want to purchase them that we've decided to let you have a pack of five for £9.95. We've got two rally sets and 4 Plain sets. The assortments are so wide that we can't guarantee the colours in each of the boxes although no two models in the same box are the same. Just to remind you - these are the 1:43rd scale Minis approximately 2 1/2 inches long. Remember for every ten pounds you spend in this Globe (excluding postage) we'll give you one FREE Mini. If you want the six packs tyou can have them all for £50 which includes the FREE Minis - Only for Mini fanatics!!!



# PLAIN MINIS

(FOUR PACK TYPES AVAILABLE)

**1:43 Scale**

**We've even got  
Mini Minis**

**£5.95  
for  
FIVE**



**1:72 Scale**

These really are Mini Minis being 1:72 scale which makes them just over 1 1/2 long and each comes on a plinth in a box. There are six colours red, white, black, blue, green and silver and the six together make an attractive little set. In this Globe we are offering the complete set of six models for £5.95 when you make another purchase from this Globe.

**Taff has  
gone absolutely  
mad he's giving  
away six of  
these Minis for  
£5.95\***



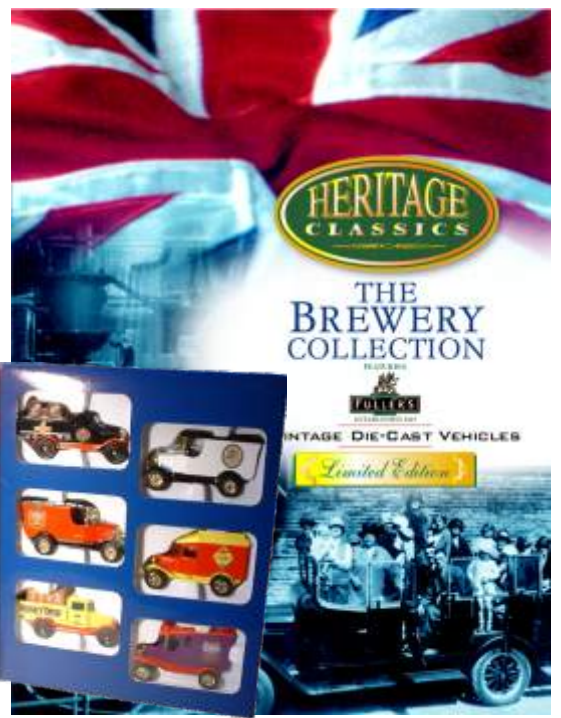
\* While stocks last.



This is the brewery collection we featured recently in Globe 58, but it seems that some of you may have missed this. Anyway we've still got some in stock - coded H003 for cost £24.95 and fully certificated. We also have a handful of the Grocery Collection (H001) and Railway Collection (H002).



## THE BREWERY COLLECTION



**£24.95**

# FORD FOCUS SIX FOR FOUR

Nice little car this one, it's even got a rollover cage and opening doors. The price is £4.95 or if you want you can include it in your multi-purchasing with Oxford Diecast models - 6 for 4 and 4 for 3 etc. They come in 6 assorted colours.

**1:43 Scale**

**£4.95**



# EC280

**1:50 Scale**



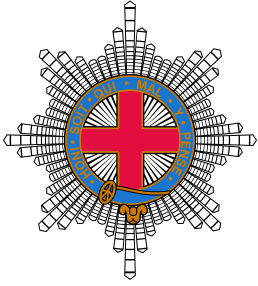
**£5.95**  
for a 1:50 SCALE EXCAVATOR

# CRAZY PRICE

This was one of the products I designed back in 1995 and you can buy it today in a few different boxes, but normally with substituted plastic parts and then it sells for £5 or £6. I've just found the Premium product in a low end box - where there are plastic parts you will find diecast parts. What's more I purchased them at the low end price - that's why you can have them at such a good price. I think someones in for the high jump - TAFF.



# RECENT RELEASES



GR013 COLDSTREAM GUARDS  
EDITION 2,000



F016 HULL CITY AFC  
EDITION 1,100



BED007 GWR SIGNAL EDITION 2,000



CIG062 SPORTSMAN EDITION 1,100



Norwich City  
Football Club



RM076 CITY SIGHTSEEING  
GLASGOW EDITION 2,000

## A word from Michael

So here we are, the New Years arrived and such has been the success over the last few months that we are continuing to produce the larger Globe. Our plan is to continue to do this with odd gaps which will allow us to catch a breath. We also want to give you some of the best deals around so if Taff picks up some stock we'll offer them to you at very competitive prices. I think he's gone mad with the Minis - you'll be telling me next that he bought some Range Rovers ! This month I particularly like the Lonnie Donegan VW as I still love listening to his records which bring back so many happy memories - he really was unique and sadly missed.

I was in Barcelona recently, for a short break and I went on a CitySightseeing tour - the city is full of trips like these. Whilst visiting the waterfront area I was surprised to see, in a craft exhibition, a Routemaster Bus carrying the Brighton livery. I can only assume it came from one of our overseas members - the price 13 euros, or approximately £10 by my reckoning - "I can buy mine at 6 for the price of 4" I said to the stallholder and offered him 7 euros (about a fiver). He told me I was crazy as this was a collectors item and refused to sell it to me - if only he knew.

Until next time, take good care

Michael



# VOLVO CARS 1:43

These are lovely cars and very good quality, they are 1:43 scale and all models come on a plinth in a Volvo box. If you like cars these are certainly the ones for you.



10454 S80 BLACK



10404 V40 BLUE



10406 S40 GREEN



10407 S40 SILVER



10408 V70 RED



10409 V70 SILVER



10410 V70 XC SILVER



10411 V70XC BROWN



10412 S60 RED



10414 S60 YELLOW



10452 C70 BLACK



1073 XC90 CRY GREEN



1074 XC90 RED



1094 V50 DAWN BLUE



1095 V50 FLINT GREY



1096 S40 RED



1097 S40 GREEN 2003



1098 S60R FLASH GREEN



1099 S60R PASSION RED

## THE HISTORY OF TAFF AND OXFORD DIECAST

After I left the plastic shop I was introduced to the Stores manager, there was stock everywhere, millions of pounds of it spread throughout the factory in different locations. It was this that led a few years later to my interest in Production Control, as the levels of these stocks frightened me. For every process there were vast amounts of items. Having just spent a little time in the Plastic Shop I was familiar with a few of the materials - HIS, ABS, Polycarbonates etc. The material was purchased in its raw form, normally in bags of 25kgs and pelletized, if moulded like this the component would be uncoloured, to add colour you needed a dye and this also came in the form of pellets called masterbatch. Depending on the material and colouring required you would add a percentage of masterbatch to the raw plastic - typically 3%. Mettoy had invested heavily in the latest ICL computer and all material requirements in the factory were controlled through this. I later came to understand how out of control this system was, when materials were ordered incorrectly - too little, too much or the wrong types. This was 1977 yet when we closed the UK factory of Oxford Diecast in 2001 we still had stocks of masterbatch dating back to this time - in fact virtually every Bullnose roof made in the UK used colourants that were 15 to 20 years old. We sold off 8 tonnes of colourant when we switched manufacturing overseas and I suppose some of it's still used today.

It was early December and we were giving the task of stockchecking the whole of the plastic stores, it was a filthy job and I was told it had never been finished before - I hated that job. Then a switch to the shop floor which was full of excitement. Nearing Christmas of 1977 the hot item was the Starsky and Hutch Ford Torino and the James Bond Lotus Espirit. We were knocking out 10-12,000 little Corgi Juniors a day and about 3,000 big ones, however instead of getting involved in that I was given the task (by KEN!) to watch over a new release, the C1113 Hyster Stacker Truck. Not quite what I had in mind, but my first chance to make an impression - the production was not going well and they needed it increased immediately!



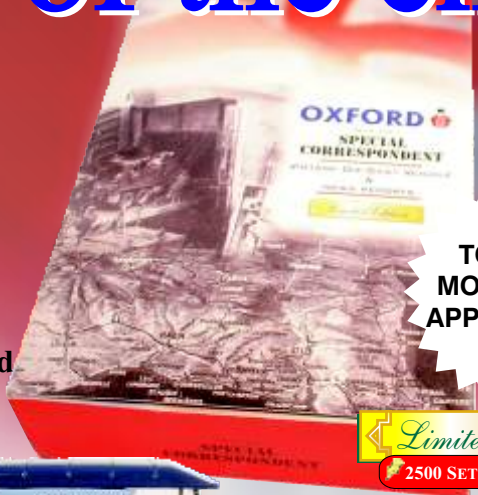
# “The beginning of the end”

OXFORD DIECAST proudly presents a series of LIMITED EDITION collectable sets remembering the events leading up to the end of WORLD WAR II.



After four years of preparation the greatest seaborne invasion took place on June 6th 1944. Operation Overlord was the allied invasion of Normandy and it marked the beginning of the end of World War II. From Arnhem to Ardennes, the crossing of the Rhine and the final days of Hitler before the German surrender. These key events led up to the end of the War in

Europe. It was the signal for the release of years of pent-up feelings - “Advance Britannia” - “Long live the cause of freedom! God save the King!” Soon it would be over.



TO SAVE MONEY SEE APPLICATION

Limited Edition  
2500 SETS WORLDWIDE



SC001 Edition 2,500  
FROM OUR  
**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**



VINTAGE DIE-CAST VEHICLE & NEWS REPORTS



SC002 Edition 2,500



The sets build up month by month to form a complete collection of the events leading up to the end of World War II



SC003 Edition 2,500

Oxford Diecast present a series of twelve limited die-cast vehicles and news reports leading up to the end of World War II. Each special collectors box contains a limited edition vintage vehicle, a news report and certificate of authenticity - each sets covers a month in the period June 1944 to May 1945. The news report contains details of events as they unfolded, the first starting with the D Day landings . The set builds up into a fantastic collection of twelve that will be cherished for generations. You can choose to order individual sets or alternatively you can order the set of twelve today (Set code is SCSET). If you do we will send you the first six (SC001 to SC006) in the range and an additional set will be sent to you each month building up your collection to twelve.



SC005 Edition 2,500



SC004 Edition 2,500



NEW RELEASE

NOVEMBER  
1944

FROM OUR  
**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
SC006 Edition 2,500

## NOVEMBER 1944 RAF SINKS THE TIRPITZ

The Tirpitz has been sunk by a force of 29 Lancasters of the RAF in Tromsø Fjord, Norway, using 12,000 pound 'Earthquake' bombs. This is the culmination of a long process of attacks on the infamous German battleship. Last April she was bombed by a force of Fairey Barracudas in a surprise attack as she lay in Alten Fjord. This was the third attack on the battleship using 12,000 lb bombs, but it was the first time that the bombers could see the ship clearly.

On 12 November, speaking of the final destruction of the Tirpitz, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary for Air, said, 'This brilliant feat of arms was accomplished by British crews, aiming with a British bombsight of extraordinary complexity, ingenuity and accuracy, a 12,000 lb bomb of British design and manufacture from a British Lancaster - the only aircraft in the world which could carry that bomb'.