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NEW FACTORY '98

THOSE OF our members who experienced delays in January and February might have wondered why!

Well here's the reason - we have a new factory in Neath, South Wales - about 10 miles from the last manufacturing plant.

We couldn't tell you before as we were endeavouring to keep it a secret from our competitors. Though they did find out and would have you believe we had gone out of business!

There is a special commemorative vehicle (see page 4) available in this issue to mark the occasion. The edition is only 2600 pieces - see back cover. Tell your friends and family about ODC. We'll welcome them to our club! (page 4)

What's more, we've unearthed some obsolete models - see 'Some old Finds' (page 3).

THE FACTS

- The factory is approximately 30,000 square feet in size.
- It took 3 weeks to move all the machinery using heavy haulage contractors - with police escort!
- We will be handling a lot more product from this site - in particular promotional offers, ie. 'In the Shops' deals etc.
- Its 5 minutes from junction 43 on the M4.
- We believe we are one of the only manufacturers of die-cast vehicles operating solely from the U.K. as most other die-cast products are now part or fully Far East manufactured.

A word from Michael

Phew! What a couple of months it's been, keeping our new set up a secret. Fortunately it hasn't been as disruptive as we thought. Two or three models from the last issue of 'Globe' got held up - 'Chesham Dairies' and 'Bucks Examiner' - but I understand they should now be available.

Hopefully with the new streamline set up our production capacity should increase considerably. We've also found some 'desirables' in the move and I've asked for them to be released to you - (see page 3).

To mark the occasion of our move we've launched a superb special commemorative vehicle - and what better than the Bullnose - which was the first O.D.C. vehicle - to celebrate with (see page 4).

The wheels problem on the Chevy now seems resolved and the Norbert Dentressangle pantechinon (C002) is the first Chevrolet production vehicle to be released on behalf of a company (available at the end of April).

There are also several new models in the pipeline which will enhance the range considerably, and we hope to launch two new ones this year.

Take a look at the shopping list available from today onwards - some gorgeous liveries with some major companies.

We seem to be doing a lot of meat products - New Zealand Lamb, Brains Faggots, Danepak, and the gorgeous Bovril duo.

Shortly we will commence with a further 6 part special set of War Time vehicles with our U.S. members in mind.

I hope you liked the calculator - it's really proving useful. When you add it up (with the calculator) it's pretty good value being a member of the ODC Club.

The guvnor (that man) has got this very nice restaurant in Wendover, and naturally he has his own vans on offer. It's called 'Oscars', and well worth a visit.

One more thing, I think Deidre is innocent.

That's about it from me. You all take good care.

Michael Johnston - Tillan

NEW RELEASES

Chevrolet

C002 Norbert Dentressangle

The Largest Carrier in Europe. Every 2 minutes of the day and night one of their vehicles is on a cross channel ferry.

Edition 6000

Available 2000

Bullnose



135G Michael Butler

Manufacturer of fine leather goods, this established company celebrate their 50th anniversary with this lovely Bullnose.

Edition 2500 (Plus 200 with Gold base)

Available 800 (without Gold base)

136 Champion Spark Plugs

This Bullnose will be highlighted at a future exhibition as a means of attracting customers.

Edition 15,000

Available 8,500

137G 'Lytham St Annes Express'

Our range of Newspaper vehicles has become very popular - with the 'Blackpool Gazette', 'Bolton Evening News', 'Bucks Examiner' and now the 'Lytham St Annes Express'.

Edition 1500

Available 600

138G Michelin

Every truck drivers friend - the roly poly man - he features on the side of this Bullnose as part of its superb livery and message.

Edition 5000

Available 1000

141 Oscars

A low edition vehicle featuring Oscars' restaurant in Wendover.

Edition 2500

Available 500

145G Heart of Midlothian

One of Scotland's senior clubs and our first football club over the border.

Edition 5000

Available 1000 (early May)

Bus



B34 Beamish

Take a trip down memory lane with a visit to Beamish the old town museum situated in Durham where the pennies are pennies and trams and buses still run.

Edition 5000

Available 2000

B37 Babbacombe Model Village

Set in Babbacombe in Devon - this lovely village is really worth a visit - the Bus serves as a delightful reminder.

Edition 2600

Available 600

WAY DOWN UNDER

John West Australia are running a promotion on 'John West' foods starting in May. The vehicle is a Bullnose and its number is 144GA. The edition is 20,000 of which 18,000 are destined for Australia. Be sure of owning our first Aussie vehicle by ordering today.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE COMPETITION

Find the ten changes in the cartoon.



From our Colin - Thanks to him.

IN THE SHOPS

We make every effort to ensure the dates in this feature are accurate, but sometimes manufacturers may change their promotional activity for various reasons. In case of difficulty contact our customer services department on 01442 828422.

IN STORE NOW

Sainsburys - Mini Wheats, Apricot Wheats & Raisin Wheats, featuring the following:

1 Bullnose, 1 Model T Open Back Truck, 1 Model T Milk Churn Truck, 1 Bus - @ £2.99 inc. p+p each plus proofs, or all 4 vehicles for £9.99 inc. p+p plus proofs. With the vehicles you will receive a 25p money back coupon.

Walkers 'Nonsuch' Toffee - Bullnose & Model T Van @ £2.60 each inc. p+p plus proofs. Available in Sainsburys, Confectioners and Newsagents.

John West Pink Salmon - Bullnose and Model T Truck with Salmon can on the back @ £2.60 each inc. p+p plus proofs.

Danepak Bacon - Bullnose for 2 wrappers plus £2.60 each inc. p+p.

April

Geo. Adams Wafer Thin Pre-packed Ham - Bullnose for 2 wrappers plus £2.60 each inc. p+p. (not available in supermarkets).

Horlicks Farms Pre-packed Cheddar Cheese - Bullnose for 1 wrapper plus £2.60 inc. p+p. (Available in most supermarkets).

May

Tullamore Dew Irish Whisky - Bus, FREE from Duty Free Outlets. Against product purchases only.



Mr Brains Faggots - Bullnose and Model T Truck for 3 tokens plus £2.60 each inc. p+p or both with 5 tokens plus £4.99 inc. p+p.

Bovril - Bus and Bullnose for 1 token plus £2.99 each inc. p+p, or both for 2 tokens plus £5.00 inc. p+p.

Bovril

The perfect product for our vintage vehicle range - both the Bus and Bullnose on offer capture an era long past and a period when time was a slow moving process. This beautiful duo will be available from May onwards.

Some old Finds!

DURING THE factory move a few ceased edition models were found, here they are - with certificates

001	Chesham United	60
002	Princes	73
008	Trex	116
013G	Evans Vanodine	38
017G	Tesco	173
057G	Chartridge Golf Club	36
020T	Woodgate Dairies	30

If you require any of these vehicles, please order immediately to avoid disappointment.

NEW DISPLAY BOXES

SORRY! these will be filtering through around July, not in February as previously stated.

New Catalogue pages

8 NEW pages are on the way, featuring Bullnoses, Model T's and Buses. The first Chevrolet page will be printed as soon as we have 6 releases.

COMMEMORATIVE VEHICLE FOR THE NEW FACTORY NEATH 1998

TO CELEBRATE Oxford Die-Cast's new factory in Neath we are introducing a small edition of just 2600 special vans to commemorate the opening (1000 available to members).

The factory which is about 30,000 square feet will manufacture from scratch - from the smelting of the zinc along with the spraying and printing to the assembly of each vehicle.

From production the finished vehicle will move through quality control into the packing department to



be boxed with its certificate of authenticity.

Finally it will go to dispatch for packing into outer cartons ready for mailing to the customer.

The orders will still be processed at our offices in Tring where all customer information is stored.

This special commemorative vehicle is manufactured from the Bullnose range and as it is unique, we anticipate it will be highly sought after.

P.S. Fiona, Mags, (and our Mel) can be found in Tring as usual.

Add a Friend

Introduce a member to O.D.C. and we'll send you a **FREE 24 exposure film** and a **FREE processing voucher** (applies to UK members, USA members will receive 2 **FREE 24 exposure films**). Simply send your name and address along with your nominated person's name and address plus £6 (U.S. \$10) for 1 years membership. We'll then send you your film(s) and processing voucher. Film(s) is 35mm.

Here's what they get!

- 1 Years Membership from the joining date.
- 4 Copies of 'Globe' per year.
- A catalogue showing every vehicle manufactured to date, with regular **FREE** page updates.
- Personalised Membership Card.
- Each end of year a **FREE** members only Christmas vehicle.

MEMBERS LETTERS

Dear Michael
Thank you for the excellent calculator. I shall now be able to keep an eye on my bank balance with a view to buying your latest releases, but with the unequalled value for money of your marvellous products, they are well worth going into the red for!
Thanks a million
Charles T. Walton
Reading
Thanks for writing Charles, regards Michael

Dear Michael
Just a line to thank you for the new model 1934 Chevrolet. Arrived on the 16th December 1997 in mint condition!
Colin Spencer
Buckley
Glad you liked the Chevy, Colin.
See new releases for the next one.
Michael

Dear Mrs Toal
I need the following to complete my Bullnose collection: 019G Scottish Island; 030G Golden Shred; 035G Arsenal FC; 041G Skips; 052G King Henry; 103GU AGH (USA).
If anyone can help could they please contact me.
Yours thankfully
E. J. Atherton
17 Glenbrae, Bridge of Weir PA11 3BH. Tel: 01505 614568.
CAN ANYONE HELP?

Dear Michael
I am writing to praise O.D.C. on their '1966 World Cup Winners' set which is outstanding and hope if England win again in France this summer you can get the rights to produce another set, because you made such a good job on the 1966 set.
Yours sincerely
C.B. Shears
Thank you - they are superb aren't they?
Michael

Dear Michael
This is the first time I've written to you since I have been a member. I know its a bit late but I still wish you and all the staff of The Oxford Die-Cast Collectors Club every success. I am very proud to be in your club and you have some really very interesting items. Thank you for the last issue of the Globe. I enjoyed reading it and I find it very interesting.
I would also like to thank you very much for the lovely vehicle you have sent me with the Oxford Die-Cast Christmas 1997. Really nice!
Thank you
Joseph Saliba
Malta
You will be interested to know that Lillywhites in St. Julian, Malta stock some of our products. Michael.

All originals are kept on file.
Letters should be sent to the address on the front of this newsletter. We will publish as many as space allows.