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THIS superb metal pin badge can be yours absolutely free with every order for 6 vehicles or more from this issue of the Globe! All you have to do is order a minimum of six vehicles of your choice and we'll include this beautiful badge with your order.

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6 for the price of 4 applies - which means when you order 6 vehicles you only pay for 4 and get your FREE pin badge too! Alas, Mini Classics do not qualify nor do any Cub range vehicles.

It would be nice to recognise other members wouldn't it?

Ten Penny Old Stock Ale



TEN Penny Old Stock Ale was produced in New Brunswick, Canada in the mid 1920's. It wasn't so much a brew of distinction, but the 'dregs' so to speak or indeed the 'not sold brew' or 'old stock' which was dispensed with for 10 pennies - a penny being another word commonly used throughout North America for 1 cent. In other words 10c a flagon!

DAYS INN

FOLLOWING the success of the first series for 'Days Inn' - which consisted of 1 x Bullnose, 1 x T Van, 1 x T Truck, 1 x Chevrolet and 1 x AEC Bus all in resplendent yellow, a second series



has now been commissioned using the same vehicles again, but in a totally new logo style.

The first available vehicle from the second series is the Morris Bullnose 168GU.

STOP PRESS

Kountry Fresh Models 166U - C015U - 089TU edition is 20,000 and not 3,500 as inadvertently advised and printed on the first batch of certificates and in March price list. If you have an incorrect certificate simply contact us for immediate replacement.

A word from *Michael*

Dear Members

Just a couple of months between each edition now - great!

I have to say the 'Mini Classics' vehicles have been well received and I personally think they're just fabulous!

In the last issue, the 'Crosville' reminded me of my youth when I used to spend my holidays in Chester, and a day out was on the 'Crosville' to Liverpool or North Wales, somehow the weather was always sunny (or so my memory says)! The latest set on offer (*see page 4*) conjures up memories of smoke and steam.

On the subject of smoke, the new planned series of old cigarette liveries has been somewhat sceptically launched. The Guv'nor (that man) feels it could be a contentious area, which of course it would be if all of them were current brands or indeed the O.D.C. range were manufactured for children. But as neither apply, in the main the directors are relaxed. As far as we're aware no other company has ever produced such a series, and we feel it has enormous original collectability (though Dinky brought out a Capstan Trojan van in the 60s).

Cont. overleaf.

Taff's been kept busy with constant requests for a new vehicle, and his research has given us some nice ideas. So in the not too distant future a new model should be making its debut.

We're also contemplating a range on a similar theme to the 'Sporting Heroes' which will complete at 12 models.

What do you think of my trek to the factory, following Taff's instructions? I couldn't believe it when I came to an old Baker's shop with the name Stockhams over the door, I thought 'typical, can't he just give me directions without complicating it'. But it revealed quite a story, see separate article on Page 3. We figured (Taff and I) a small edition worthwhile and one you'd quite enjoy.

Hope you like the new boxes - they're similar to the original ones we used to have - it seems most peoples favourite - and Old John Bull has changed slightly too.

I'm babbling on a bit - so I'd better close now and speak to you again in eight short weeks.

Take good care of yourselves and have a happy summer!



M.J.A.

The following article appeared in 'Collectors Gazette', May '99 Issue

'FROM comparatively large to little, sees Oxford Die-Cast's first release in a new range of Mini Classic Sets which are available through their club.

Set 1, The Southern Collection superbly shows off three Bedford OB coaches in Southdown, Hants & Dorset and Sussex liveries.

They really are a joy and come complete with 'garage' display packaging. I understand that further themed sets - production will be limited to around 3000 - will be made available this year, and all at a value-for-money cost of just £9.95 per set. Demand is sure to be high, so if you'd like more details on product availability or the Oxford Die-Cast Club give Fiona or Margaret a call on 01442 828422.'

Note Any member not receiving their FREE copy of 'Die Cast Collector Magazine' offered in December issue, or would like a free copy, please call 01778 391155.

Start the day the healthy way at the O.D.C. Café

"Breakfast for 6 please!"

"What would you like - we have Jordans (009X), Sainsburys (063T), Force (071), Tesco (C006), Sainsburys (064T) and a cute little number from the U.S.A. Raisin Bran (074TU)?"

"They'll do nicely thank you - could you follow that up with some nice bacon and sausages etc?"

"Yes of course - how about Danepak delicious bacon (139G), Mr Brains divine meats (142G), and some Parkinson sausages - they're the ones invented by Norman Parkinson, photographer to the Royal Family (056G), all served up on gorgeous Sheldon's Muffins (155)."

"Would you like salt and pepper?"

"Just Lion Pepper please (007G), and could you please cook them in Pura (04TG)?"

"Yes, of course we can, and you can have all the last six FREE when you buy the 6 breakfast cereals listed above."

"Great, how much?"

"Only £29.70 for the whole lot which equals just £2.45 each model."

"Madness, pure madness"



NORTHERN

Many independent operators existed throughout the UK and they relied on purchasing second-hand buses from the larger fleets. As the independent operators were taken over, buses more normally associated with other parts of the country turned up in some obscure places.

In the early 1960's Alexander of Scotland had the second largest fleet in the country. The Northern part of the group adopted a yellow and cream livery which can be seen in service in Lossiemouth on our Routemaster.

Any members know of other RMs serving their community?



L.M.S.

THE London Midland Scottish was the largest of the four railway networks founded in 1923.

It also claimed to be the largest transport organisation in the world. In addition to the freight side it owned a chain of hotels across the country.

Some of the LMS locomotives were built in Crewe as featured on the Bedford Duple Coach.

Door to door delivery was critical to move freight around the country and LMS had fleets of vehicles to serve the outlying areas. The Bedford vans were well suited to this task and the two commercial vehicles in our set were typical of those used for the job.

The two mini classic LMS vans carry advertising boards for products available at the time.



Nationalisation saw all of the railways combined, and LMS joined the other three networks LNER, GWR and Southern.

This is the third set in our 'mini classics' series and the first to feature commercial vehicles as well.

The first set (all coaches) 'Mini Classics Set 1' features coaches from the Southern region of England.

The second set (all coaches) 'Mini Classics Set 2' features coaches from the North West of England.

All regions of the UK are planned for Mini Classics Sets.

Each set costs £9.95 each and comes in a display box.

The van advertising boards are Van 1 Super Suds & Fab, Van 2 Pilot Matches & Lutona Cocoa

U.S. IN STORE CURRENT

Kroger 'Raisin Bran Flakes' - 1 Model T truck (074TU) **FREE** in return for 2 proofs of purchase plus \$2.99 s&h. (*A firm favourite with Harrison Ford!*). Note: Kroger 'Raisin Bran Flakes' are currently on offer @ 99¢ a pack!

Bergen Evening Record (New Jersey) - 1 Chevrolet (C013U) @ \$3.99 plus \$2.00 s&h via the newspaper, or \$9.95 via the club.

Days Inn - 1 Bullnose (168GU) @ \$3.99 plus \$2.00 s&h available from 'September Days News' or via the club @ \$9.95 each.

Purity - Orange Juice, Milk & Lemonade - 1 Model T tanker (086TU), 1 Model T churns (087TU) @ \$4.95 each model plus \$2.00 s&h. Or both vehicles for \$12.00 inc. s&h plus a **FREE** Model A van, in return for 1 proof of purchase.

JUNE

Winn-Dixie 'Kountry Fresh' breakfast cereal - 1 Chevrolet (C015U), 1 Bullnose (166U), 1 Model T (089TU). **FREE** for product purchases plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h, or \$8.97 s&h for all three vehicles.

NEXT ISSUE we will announce some new and exciting liveries in this section. We are bound by contract not to release details as yet.

IN THE SHOPS U.K. CURRENT

Pascoes Dog Food - 1 Bullnose (161), 1 Bus (B44), 1 Model T truck (080T), 1 Model T Van (081T). Any one vehicle @ £1.99 inc. p+p or all 4 @ £6.99 inc. p+p, plus 1 proof of purchase.

Frank Cooper sauce sachets - 1 Bullnose (167G) **FREE** with purchase, at Cash & Carry's or at various fast food outlets.

Stardrops household cleaning product - Routemaster Bus (RM5) 1 purchase + £1.99 + 50p p&p.

Simpsons Canned Sponge Puddings - Golden Syrup, Chocolate Syrup, 1 Bullnose (165G) plus 2 tokens and £2.60 inc. p&p.

Longacres Nursery (Bagshot Surrey) - Bullnose (096T) on offer @ £4.95 each or direct from the club.

JUNE

Loctite Auto repair products - (Rust Remedy), (Rear View Mirror Bonder), (Instant Gasket), and (Super Steel) - 1 Bullnose (170G), 1 AEC Bus (B46), 1 Model T Van (094TG), 1 Model T Truck (095TG) for 1 proof @ £2.49 inc. p&p, or all four vehicles for £8.99 inc. p&p. Available from car accessory shops.

TURF CIGARETTES

THE first of the planned old ciggi liveries 'Turf'. The brand 'Turf' was available mainly in the 50s with packaging in sliding sleeve form 10s and 20s, and came untipped - filter tipped cigarettes became popular in later years.

As cigarette cards had been withdrawn in the war to save paper - 'Turf' came up with a nice idea!

The back sleeve of the 10 pack featured 1 picture from a series, with 2 pictures on the 20 pack. A series usually consisted of 50 cards, and were always printed in one colour - blue!

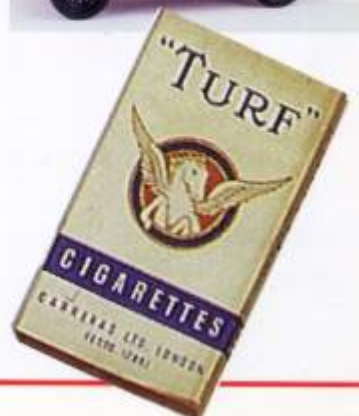
Some notable series included film stars in caricature form, aeroplanes, and famous dog breeds which were released in 1952.

They were then cut out by the collector and displayed in one's own album. We are not aware of an album ever being

produced. If any member can give us more information on 'Turf' or indeed has a collection let Michael know.

Also if you can remember some old brands and have memorabilia or photos let Michael know.

The edition is just 2000 so be quick!



TAFF'S COLUMN

FOLLOWING my last column I have been asked by several members to explain what I meant about the Waterford Crystal vans' wrong colours. The initial batch of products were produced in a slightly lighter shade (Pantone 430) which was the colour given to us by the customer. On supplying them to Waterford Crystal they requested that they be produced in a darker grey (Pantone 424). The products affected were 042T, 043T and the B20. All of our stocks are of the second version.

We've had two other 'Collectors Clubs' visit the factory of late. 'The Maidenhead Static Model Collectors Club' visited towards the end of last year and 'The Wessex Model & Toy Collectors Club' arrived just after Easter.

Dusty hasn't stopped reminiscing since they left and is threatening to join one of the clubs. I've told him he's too old and he should stick to doing what he does best - making die-cast vehicles and tea. Anyway, our thanks go out to these clubs as we both found it very interesting talking to them.

Taff

Hope you didn't baffle them or bore them too much Taff - we know how you get carried away, never mind old Dusty! On a kinder note isn't it time the old feller was putting his feet up whilst you make the tea?

A Journey Down Memory Lane



THE first time I headed down to the factory in Neath I was given the directions by Taff and told that if I got lost "just head for Stockham's Corner" as this was nearby, and I could find my way from there. As you can imagine Taff's directions were questionable, however I did end up heading for Stockham's Corner. As I arrived I saw a boarded up shop with the name W.J. Stockham on the sign above it. I was curious to know why this seemed to be a local landmark, and on my next visit to Wales I did some research (without Taff's help I might add).

W.J. Stockham's is Neath's oldest bakery and was originally situated on the corner of Windsor Road and Briton Ferry Road. The story of how it became to be situated here begins in Bridgwater in the 1870's where William Stockham, a lad of twelve lived with his family. His father ran a building firm and, as the eldest lad, William was expected to work in the business.

He however, had other ideas and left one night through a bedroom window and walked to Gloucester. Arriving there in the early hours, he saw a light and found it was a bakehouse. The baker gave William a cup of tea and eventually offered him a job. By the time he was fourteen years old, he had risen to the position of foreman but again wanderlust got the better of him.

Through a roundabout route, which took William via Swansea where he found employment in another bakehouse, he heard about similar but rundown premises in Neath. It was here that William set up Stockham's Bakery. He began by renting the building and repairing the ovens during his time off from working in Swansea. When everything was to his satisfaction, he piled all his belongings onto a handcart and walked to Neath. William continued to bake bread at the premises for forty five years during which time he met his wife who was a member of the Fry's (chocolate) family.

In the early days Stockhams used horse drawn carts to deliver its bread and later on various vans were introduced. The words 'Original Windsor Bakery' were added as a competitor opened a shop further along Windsor Road. The business was handed down through the generations until sadly it closed several years ago. Members of the family still live in the area and my thanks go to them for providing me with the story and in addition, to Mr Stephen Absalom whose father worked at the bakery for thirty years.

M.J.A

New Releases U.S.A. & U.K.

Model No	Edition	Available	(approx.)
Model T			
Die-Cast Collector	092T	5k	Plenty
Days Inn (Open Truck)	093TGU	5k	Plenty
Longacres Nursery	096T	3.5k	1000
Tomlinson (Builders)	098T	2.6k	500
Celtic Manor Hotel*	099T	2k	500
Daily Express	100T	15k	Plenty
Bus AEC			
Celtic Manor Hotel*	B47	2k	500
Sunday Express	B48	15k	Plenty

*The Celtic Manor Hotel is the newest and largest hotel in Wales, sited in Newport and can be seen clearly from the M4.

Model No	Edition	Available	(approx.)
Chevrolet			
Celtic Manor Hotel*	C019	2k	500
Daily Express	C020	15k	Plenty
Bullnose			
Days Inn (New Livery)	168GU	5k	Plenty
Metro Technologies	169G	1k	300
Elks	172GU	2k	400
Celtic Manor Hotel*	173G	2k	500
Daily Express	174	20k	Plenty

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

EXPRESS NEWSPAPERS

DUE TO our publication dates, we were unable to let you know about the Daily Express and Sunday Express four vehicle offer. This was run in the Daily Express and Sunday Express from Saturday 22nd May for 5 days. The offer was any Sunday Express or Daily Express vehicles at £4.95 each plus tokens from the newspaper or all 4 vehicles for £10.90 inc. p+p.

So that you don't miss out, this offer is extended to all members and without the need for Daily Express and Sunday Express tokens.

Please see order form.