



THE OXFORD DIE-CAST

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Amy Johnson Reaches Darwin

THESE WERE the headlines to greet readers of the 'Daily Sketch' on Oct 5th 1930!

Amy Johnson flew from London (Croydon) to Darwin, Australia in her second hand 'Tiger Moth' bi-plane which she bought for £600 (\$1000).

Amy Johnson, the 27 year old daughter of a Hull fish merchant, left Croydon airfield virtually unnoticed, but the world soon became wrapped up in her exploits and adventures with reports of her flying blind through sand storms, forced landings in Java to patch up the wings of her plane with sticky plaster and of her jujitsu training to fight off Arabs!

The R101 Airship crashed at the same time, killing all 44 passengers on board!

The R101 was an amazing craft many times bigger than a jumbo jet and measuring 735ft in length! She could travel at over 60mph as the largest object ever to fly at the time.

On the fateful morning of October 5th 1930 the airship left Cardington in Bedfordshire and never returned.

It crashed in a wood near Beauvais, France.

The **Daily Sketch** was first

R101 Airship Crashes

published 2 March 1909 & ceased production in 1971.

The Daily Sketch model bearing these message boards carries the new style roof and has an edition of just 1250 pieces.

Be quick, 400 have been ordered by Australia, leaving just 850 available.



A word from *Michael*

Hello again - no sooner have I finished writing to you than it's time to write the next letter to you all.

Well some exciting new developments are happening within - more on all that in later editions.

Some lovely new vehicles to cast your eyes over. 'Craven A' - (my mum used to smoke them!) the pack was so art deco with the little black cat.

The Aussie truck is nice as are some of the releases for the U.S. Not too many available on each release though!

Couple of quick responses needed this month, particularly Daily Sketch and the RM.

My thanks to you all for the many letters I get - I will answer them all, but forgive me if I am not as quick as you might hope. Some do take a lot of sorting out.

That's all for this time.

Take good care of yourselves

Michael Johnston Allan

Apologies

We now know Gracie Fields was born in Rochdale and not Halifax, and the Hobbie Bus Service should have read Hebble. Thanks to so many of you correcting us.

At least it shows the Globe is well read.

Railway Coal - Chevrolet

Prior to formation of British Rail, the main operating units had interests in various coal, gravel and sand companies. Many such trucks were purchased to run between the pits and the railhead and also direct to the customer when required.

Our Chevrolet is in the blue of LNER which was a feature of the vehicles in the 30's and 40's.

Truly a delightful model and its small edition of just 1100 pieces makes it a must for quick response. Model No C038.



HOT NEWS - All Platinum Members, as from now, will receive a free Platinum Member's vehicle each year, irrespective of the number of vehicles you purchase if you are a Platinum Member (or rejoin as a Platinum Member when your membership is due).

You will receive the Platinum 2001 vehicle FREE and each subsequent year thereafter. (This does not affect the current 2000 vehicle requirements).

Just another way of O.D.C. saying "thank you"!

British Rail Set



Nationalism saw the four railway networks brought together **LMS, LNER, GWR and Southern** to form '**British Rail**'.

This involved some 20,000 route miles and the same in steam locomotives - over 36,000 loco hauled passenger vehicles, just over 4000 electric multiple passenger vehicles and around 1.25m wagons.

The initial aim and policy of British Rail was to restore pre-war standards and unify the practices of the former railway companies.

This delightful set of 3 vehicles comes in the Cubs 'Mini Classics' range complete with garage @ £9.95 per set and an edition of 2000 presentation packs.

Talking of steam and railways.

August Bank Holiday weekend heralds 'The Cavalcade of Steam' which will be held at the old Stockton to Darlington line, and each day the 'Cavalcade of Steam' will take place along eight miles of track which will involve a procession of old and famous steam engines. To name but a few;

'The Flying Scotsman', 'Mallard', 'Green Arrow', 'Rocket' and 'Blue Peter'.

The last time this event was held over 250,000 visitors came along so it's going to be busy.

ODC will be having two exhibition tents on two of the four sites where

vehicles will be on sale - including 4 new and different sets of Mini Classics - British Rail and other rail liveried vehicles and buses. Plus, ODC are delighted to have been requested to produce the official show model!

As well as the 'Cavalcade of Steam', within each of the four sites will be a large steam village with lots of exhibition stands and attractions with something for everyone, including the kids.

There will also be a fly past by Spitfires and Hurricanes, called 'The Battle of Britain Fly Past', and an exhibition of vintage motor vehicles. Oh and lots, lots more!

There will never be another exhibition of its kind - so do book up and come along. For more details telephone 01604 770025.

Cigarette Vehicle News

The Members response to the cigarette vehicles has been very, very successful, so much so that we are going to bring them out as a separate series starting with 'Craven A', which will be CIG006, and all subsequent vehicles will follow this numbering system.

As for the first five already issued they will retain their present numbers BUT will appear twice in the new catalogue pages (due shortly), once in their numbered pages and again as part of the new cigarette pages section.

This will apply only to the first five vehicles in the edition.

Turf CIG001 (171)
Players CIG002G (181G)
Senior Service CIG003G (186G)
Lucky Strike CIG004G (119TG)
Gold Flake CIG005 (A003)
Craven 'A' CIG006

The Cigarette catalogue page will also show both numbers where applicable.



Thanks to Geoff Fuller for the cartoon.

Craven A

In the 1930's cellophane became widely used. This thin transparent film could be wrapped around any pack to seal it. Craven "A" was the first brand of cigarettes to be wrapped in this material and was introduced in 1932. The familiar black cat with its gorgeous eyes was the hallmark of this brand. The latest series in our cigarette collection features the cork tipped, Virginia variety.

Although the tip was not as one would expect today, it was purely a wrap round cork edge!

The vehicle featuring the brand is the Model T and you'll notice it has the newly released flat roof.

The edition is just 2000, but the U.K. availability will be 1200 pieces only, as both Australia and U.S.A. have requested the balance of this edition.

There are now 6 vehicles in the cigarette brands collection. 'Turf', 'Players', 'Senior Service', 'Lucky Strike', 'Gold Flake' and Craven "A". This series is proving very successful and a nice theme to start collecting. Plus of course it's unique - no other Diecast manufacturer has produced a cigarette range before!

(See article 'Cigarette Vehicle News').



ROUTEMASTER

Based in Meliden North Wales, KD introduced this Bus in the summer of 1998. They were bought from Black Prince of Leeds and retained that livery. Black Prince traditionally paints every bus a slightly different colour. Our Bus is named 'Rosie the Routemaster' and carries the logo 'KD Bus Service' on the side and 'KD Gwasanaeth BWS' on the other.

A superb vehicle with double sided printing and an edition of 2000 vehicles.

Our thanks to one of our young members Adam Floyd, aged 14, for sending us this very interesting livery.

P.S. I hope Taff manages to get the spelling right this time! Also Taff, make sure young Adam gets Model No 1.



Australian 'Imperial Force'

As our Australian operation gathers momentum - it's hoped to start our collectors club there in the near future - ODC decided to pay a tribute to their wonderful armed forces with the first vehicle dedicated to the 'Imperial Force'.

This regiment gained battle honours in;
North Africa 1940-43
Middle East Campaign 1941
Burma 1944
Southwest Pacific 1945

Most Australian Regiments adopted as their badges the national animals and birds from their country. With few exceptions they also incorporated a boomerang into its design.

The 'Imperial Force' badge originated from the first regiment of the Australian Light Horse which served with the 'Imperial Forces' in South Africa and in the Middle East in World War I.

The edition of 2500 pieces will be split as follows; 1750 to Australia, 250 to the US, and 500 for UK members.

A real beaut as our Aussie friends would say!

Quick response recommended!



Hales Cakes

Member Colin Spencer was a salesman for Hales Cakes and he has provided the information for this delightful Bullnose!

Hales Cakes was owned by Gallaher the tobacco giants who eventually sold on the company to Lyons Confectionery.

Hales was originally based in Clevedon Somerset.

The cakes left there by articulated vehicles over night to various points where three or four sales vans would meet it in a car park to collect their pre-ordered cakes at 7 to 8am before setting out on their sales rounds.

The stock required for the Anglesey region however was delivered in a sealed goods van by rail - and met by the delivery vans at the rail depots!

A funny (or not so funny) story related by Colin tells of the day when one of the truckers was travelling on the M6 - the driver, miles away in his mind, was startled by the company call sign over his two way radio 'Doughnut One', he swerved off the road and landed up in a field.

A 40 foot trailer full of crumbs!

Colin will be receiving vehicle No1 and I request Taff take care of this from his end.



IN THE SHOPS UK

MAY/JUNE

Cains Brewery (Liverpool)
- Canned Bitter and Mild.
1 x Chevrolet Dray (C034) -
FREE with 4 product tokens
plus 40p p&p, or 2 tokens and
£1.95 inc. p&p.



Fray Bentos steak & kidney products - 1 x Bullnose (192) + 2 till receipts as proof of purchase plus £2.60 inc. p&p.



Nairobi Coffee & Tea - 1 x Bullnose (197G) + 2 tokens from packs plus £2.60 inc. p&p.



New Zealand Lamb
Two glorious Buses - (RM14 & B59) All you have to do is go to your local butcher and ask for a leaflet for the New Zealand Lamb Bus offer. Then simply send the completed address panel with £1.99 +



50p p&p for 1 Bus or £2.99 + £1 p&p for both.
They're lovely!

Soda Crystals No 5 - (A005G) On pack in store is the fifth vehicle offered by Soda Crystals (washing powder section of supermarkets). The first one offered was a Bullnose 069G in 1995 and the second vehicle, later in the same year, was the Model T



Truck 06TG. Then came the Bus B9 in 1996, and the T Truck 054TG in 1997.
This model is the new Model A and the offer is available any time now!

Jennings Cumberland Ale - Bullnose (202G) FREE with 3 neck collars from the product + 1 ringed till receipt and 50p p&p.

Kerrygold - The Kerrygold Model T truck (142T) is available from 'Kerrygold Butter' and 'Cream for Coffee'.

6 proofs of purchase gets you the truck FREE + 50p p&p. Or you can send 3 proofs and 99p + 50p p&p, or 1 proof and £1.99 + 50p p&p.



That's not all - when you send in for the above offer you'll receive details of the 'Dubliner' Bullnose (199G) which you can buy for just £2.49 inc. postage.



Dickinson & Morris - 1 x Bullnose (198G) in return for purchases of special promotional pies or sausages plus £2.60 inc p&p.



In Store USA

MAY/JUNE

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

Tender Twist Bread (Kroger) - Model T van (115TU), Model T truck (116TU), **FREE** plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h.

Instant Rice (Kroger) - 1 x Chevrolet (C037), **FREE** with 1 proof of purchase plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h.

Kroger Shredded Wheat - 1 x Model T van (102TGU), 1 x Model T truck (101TU). **FREE** against two product proofs of purchase plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h.

Kroger Pickles - 1 x Chevrolet (C025U), **FREE** against 1 proof of purchase plus \$2.99 s&h.

Mac & Cheese (Kroger) - 1 x Model T truck (122TGU), **FREE** with 1 proof of purchase plus \$2.99 per vehicle s&h. (Released late March).

New Releases

Chevrolet	Edition	Model No	AEC Bus	Edition	Model No
Millingtons	1500	C039	Die-Cast	4000	B60
Kuppers	1500	C040D	Collector (White)		
Model T	Edition	Model No	Die-Cast	4000	B61
Bimbo bread	6500	123TGE	Collector (Red)		

All the above are very low availability

Taff's Column

If you haven't visited the Web Site then you're missing out on lots of information regarding Oxford Die-Cast. As well as featuring releases as they happen, we also have competitions and a discussion web where you can pass on your views, ideas etc. The email is very popular as it allows us to tell you when that last minute promotion is about to hit. Dusty and I are quietly working away on a new model. So look out, you'll be seeing it later in the year!

Thanks to Jeff for sending me that lovely old Army and Navy Book. It certainly will add to my collection. Anyone who has any old unwanted books/literature which they feel may be of interest to us, please send them to me at the factory. They would be most appreciated.

PS. I have no plans currently to start a fan club, although Dusty seems quite keen.

Well, you'll be sure of two members won't you!

THE OXFORD GARAGE

This model garage is built on baseboard and measures 15" x 8" and constructed from foam board, plastic, balsa wood and modelling medium for bricks and mortar.

It weighs just 14oz and comes complete with trees and petrol pumps.

Each model costs £55 plus £3 p&p and can be purchased direct from: **Derek Duncombe, 10 Cheviot Street, Lincoln, LN2 5JD**

Make cheques payable to:
D Duncombe.

