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HATS OFF TO OUR LATEST

Or in our case, 'Tops off' to toast our second new release this year, the RM open top. Codes will begin with RMO - meaning Routemaster Open but carry on in the RM numbering system.

The RM open top will be our first new bus casting for almost four years and allows us to bring you a whole new host of liveries. Just think of all the beautiful seaside resorts throughout the country, along with the many sightseeing tour buses of major historic cities.

If you live in a city or town which operates open tops send us a picture and we'll consider it for further models, but don't send us Torquay because that's the subject of today's gorgeous launch model. Torquay, known as the English Riviera, boasts one of the warmest climates in the UK, and is situated in Devon and regularly runs open tops throughout the Summer.

Torquay is also the birth place of two famous characters, the first being Agatha Christie who was born in Torre parish in 1890 to an English mother and American father. She spent her younger years working in a pharmacist in Torquay and one presumes is where she gained her knowledge of poisons!

The second character was of course old 'Basil' from 'Fawlty Towers'. Discovered, or should we say manufactured by the 'Monty Python' team who were staying at 'Gleneagles Hotel' in Torquay whilst filming the TV series.



During their stay, the proprietor threw Eric Idle's bag out of the window mistaking it for a bomb! He also complained that one of the teams eating habits was deplorable and generally snarled and snapped at the other guests!

When the 'Monty Python' team left, John Cleese stayed on and modelled the hotelier into a character and Basil was born.

Open top buses first appeared around the early 50's and were predominantly used in

seaside resorts. They were generally older buses with the top chopped off and brought into service for the Summer. They would always travel along the promenade then often couple the journey with a mystery tour - maybe to a local historical point.

Make sure you get the first of this series - they'll be coming regularly and could be a nice little collectable in it's own right or indeed as part of the RM series.

Model No: RMO34 Edition: 2000

CHRISTMAS - 2001 -

The third vehicle in the new VW series heralds our Christmas 2001 vehicle.

For those who haven't yet seen the VW van, here's your opportunity, as one is on its way to you for Christmas with our best wishes and thanks for your support over the last year.

Remember, ODC is a Club, we do not supply our vehicles for general resale.

We believe, if kept in good condition, their values will increase - particularly the Christmas models as they are manufactured against each member only.

Model No: VW003 Edition: 14,000



A word from *Michael*

Another new release - Taff you're spoiling us! But I do just love the open top bus - it conjures up so many memories of days out and holidays in my mind. I always used to dash upstairs and plonk my backside at the very front. If I couldn't get a seat at the front, then I would stand in the middle of the front. *Damn kid!*

If you've no room in your cabinet for them then just box them up and keep them, because they will be worth collecting.

The new VW made a good start and today's 'Hippy' model makes up for any lack of colour in the launch model. We've quite a 50's, 60's collection coming along haven't we?

The cigis are two very memorable and distinct liveries du Maurier red and blue! On a posh date I'd smoke them.

My thanks to all members who send in there ideas, we do consider them all and I'm sure in time, will launch many of them.

Shortly the Christmas 2001 model which will be sent out hopefully in time for Christmas, if not don't worry though, everyone will get one!

Speak to you soon.

You all take care and a very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year.



Michael Johnston-Allan
Customer Relations Department

Red and Blue means du Maurier

We had Red & White and Black & White, but this time Red & Blue introduces our 2 new cigi vehicles - du Maurier came in red or blue boxes. Red meant strong strength. Blue meant medium strength.

In a way, du Maurier were quite unique. Instead of the flip top or sleeve packs favoured by most of the major brands, du Maurier presented it's cigarettes in lid type boxes of 20. Very art deco in style don't you think?

It sort of sounded nice to say one smoked du Maurier as it promoted style and class, whilst with its lid top boxes, preserved the cigis in perfect condition. Why this style of pack was not more widely used is hard to say, one can only imagine costs, as only the more expensive cigarettes were packed this way.

Manufactured by the London Tobacco firm of Peter Jackson in 1929 or rather re-launched by them in that year du Maurier cigarettes was the first to carry a filter tip and was aimed mainly at women smokers.

These two delightful models are the Model A and Bullnose

Model No: CIG024 (Red)
Edition: 2000 Bullnose

Model No: CIG025 (Blue)
Edition: 2000 Model A

Whilst on the subject of cigis, member Mr. Richardson from Dartford tells us - "I smoked 'State Express' whilst in the Far East in 1945 - I preferred '777' from the range and paid 33 shillings per 1000". Reckon 33 shillings is around £1.60!

PS. Has anybody got a spare 'Kensitas-CIG11 for sale, if so ring Mr. Guish on 01252 655 037.

PPS. Also Frank Robson is looking for the same on 01287 640 643.



Hippy Days

The second vehicle in our VW series sees it in typical 60's style, representing carefree days and long lasting nights.

Sometimes hand painted (probably more often than not) these vehicles took to the roads of Britain and America by the thousands.

Beach boys - hippies - bums, just about every non committed person who travelled would ideally or ultimately have a 'Spittie'.

Our model shows a surfer with the only things missing being a blaring radio a few long haired hippies and the surf board.

"Could Taff or Dusty fill that roll". They're both older than the model but both old 'Hippies'.

Model No: VW 002 Edition: 2500



Cigi Finds

We've a few of some of the older releases left and we mean a few!

They are Turf - Players - Senior Service - Lucky Strike - Gold Flake - Craven A - Woodbine - Piccadilly.

We are talking of under 50 pieces available in most cases!

Just Champion!



The 'Champion' with a cover price of 3d was a firm favourite when it first appeared in January 1922.

Again aimed at boys and similar to most comics of its day, featured coloured cover front and back with black and white inside.

In total, 1729 issues were printed until its cessation in 1955 - thirty three years later.

There was some confusion with the last publication as the centre fold told its readers to start buying 'Lion' from next week on, but other editions advised readers to get 'Tiger'.

We have no such problem however - our 'Lion' vehicle is model no. CC05 and was released a few months ago!

Back to 'Champion'. It also had a few of those familiar super heroes including 'Buckaroo Bill Hardy' who was the cowboy champ of the 'Double Diamond' ranch and the toughest guy around. His sidekicks were Tommy Turk along with Giraffe Jackson. Oh and by the way, Buckaroos horse was called 'Red Flame'! Can you believe it! Here 'Red Flame' - go 'Red Flame' oh dear! Our lovely model featured is the Chevrolet.

Model No: CC008 Edition: 2000 (see 'Comic Cuts' on order form).

OMNIBUS

Isn't it a beauty! George Shilibeer gave London its first regular bus service in 1829. Not at all like today's model though!

Horse power it had but only one or two! To commemorate 150 years of 'the Shilibeer buses' anniversary a dozen Routemasters were painted in the original Shilibeer green, with every bus being sponsored by an individual advertiser.

This vehicle operated around Trafalgar Square in 1979 and was still running in the colours 10 years on.

Model No: RM33 Edition: 2000



A new Range

For some while we have been asked and requested regular military vehicles and so the first of this new series begins today.



1st Commando - The 1st Commando unit was one of many such units formed during the second world war. The shoulder flash depicts a Salamander, a mythical creature like a lizard which was able to endure fire. To wear the salamander shoulder flash symbolised your quality for endurance and danger.

The '1st Commando Force' was founded in 1940 to operate units of storm troops who could move with stealth and speed, each unit was small and consisted of just 50 men with 10 troops in all, later reduced to 6 troops of 65 men.

Battle Honours - Vaagso Dec 1941, St. Nazaire 1942, Dieppe Aug 1942, Kangaw Feb 1945.

The model is a Model T Van. Model No: MIL001 Edition: 2000

Beamish - The first Beamish bus Model B sold out its entire edition of 5000.

This vehicle, very similar to the first, carries more advertising and is much closer to the exact vehicle running round the Beamish Museum. In fact, the advertising panel is now increased to the 4 adverts as their vehicle has on it. Our original model carried only 2.

This vehicle is probably amongst the most detailed models manufactured by ODC and will be on sale at the Durham site.

Model No: B75 Edition: 5000



Who wants a deal?

Bumper Christmas Stocking filler offer!

Taff's annual clear out means certain vehicles will be sold off at bargain prices and these are:-

Vehicle	Model No.	Livery	Available
Bullnose	129G	Saffron Waldon	209
Bullnose	072G	Acdo	194
Model T	123TGE	Bimbo (Spanish release)	97
Bullnose	183	Evo Stik	150
Bullnose	170G	Plastic Padding	89
Bus	B31	Sainsbury	218
Newspapers			
Model T	121T	Daily Telegraph	120
Bullnose	182G	Lancs Evening Post	164
Bullnose	193	Daily Telegraph	111
Bullnose	204G	Wirral Globe	166
Bus	B57	Daily Telegraph	219
Bus	B65	Sunday Post	138
Chevrolet	C035	Daily Telegraph	160
Model T	121T	Daily Telegraph	130

These vehicles will never be re-manufactured, this is all the stock left - get in now if you want any of them!

Taff's Deal - 5 for the price of 3, 7 for the price of 4.

The vehicles may be used if singularly purchased as part of normal 4-3 or 6-4 purchasing, but you cannot introduce any other vehicles to Taff's deal other than above.

U.S.A. BOUND

This delightful Ford T Truck has been commissioned by Moorehouse Mustards U.S.A. One of the oldest established suppliers. The company goes back generations.

Model No: 140TU Edition: 2500 (see New Releases on order form).



The Old Magazines Continue - 'War Illustrated'

During World War II the publication 'War Illustrated' was published. However, during its duration through the War, its circulation and regularity of issue reduced.

Initially, it was produced weekly, but as materials became more difficult to obtain - many readers had to share the same issue. Even by doing this only helped for a short while due to restricted imports and availability of wood for pulp!

The magazine eventually became a 3 per month issue and later fortnightly.

Its articles of course related to the happenings of the War and made very interesting reading, catching the spirit of pain - courage - misery - desperation and agony, with superb pictures detailing victories and defeats.

One such article - It was on October 30th 1942, (nearly fifty years ago), that the pale gold of a full moon cast ash over the desert as General Bernard Montgomery gave the fateful command; within the instant one thousand guns thundered into action. The Battle of El Alamein had begun. The Eighth Army infantry attacked on two fronts. Montgomery's 200,000 men included Britons, Australians, New Zealanders, Indians, Frenchmen and Greeks. By the 15th November the bells of victory were ringing, it was the first time they had been sounded since the threat of German invasion in 1940. The Eighth Army had virtually wiped out the Afrika Corps.

If any reader has a copy of this magazine, please let us know.

Our old bus is Model No: MAG002 and is the second in our Magazine series. Edition: 1500 (see 1st Commando & War Illustrated section of order form).

Good Old Millwall



You'll remember the lovely Millwall van which came out in 1995, Model No. 064G, which has long sold out. Well, here's the latest vehicle commissioned by them.

The super Millwall Routemaster commemorates them winning the Division 2 championship 2001.

'Come on Millwall' - 'Come on Millwall' lets see you win Division 1 and get back to the Premier Division!

Millwall has bred many super stars including Teddy Sheringham - George Graham - Mick McCarthy to name a few.

The Routemaster bus is Model No: RM36 Edition: 1000. Be quick.

