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## Southend on Sea

### Michael's recollection

This livery certainly brings back memories of childhood. As a boy, I was taken to Westcliffe-on-Sea by my parents for a weeks holiday. Whilst most things about this holiday are vague on recollection - 3 things are not!

*I remember the boarding house.*

*I remember the pier at Southend - 1 1/4 miles long, I believe.*

*I remember the blue and white Southend buses.*

Southend Bus Company probably remember me too! As a boisterous 8 year old, I had the devil in me (so my Gran said). As soon as we got on the bus I would charge upstairs to the front seats - if they were occupied, then I would stand between the seats at the front between the passengers (what a pain). I recall on one occasion very clearly the bus conductor would stamp on the floor above the drivers cab twice and the bus would move off from the stop. I tried it, it worked, 2 stamps of my feet and off we'd go. After a few stops the bus didn't move following my two stamps, so I tried again and again.



Model No. RM46 Edition: 2000

Nothing, except the driver coming from his cab up the stairs to the front of the bus to ask me what the hell I was playing at!

My dad and mum, who were sitting further back asked me what I had been doing. I forget my answer, but I didn't do it again that's for sure.

Our R.M. is seen in August 1992 and is a vehicle previously owned by London Transport who purchased it in 1962 and sold it to Southend Transport in 1988. It finished up being sold to Reading Mainline in 1994. It travelled a few miles with its different owners did this R.M.



## Churchman's

Now there's a lovely memory jogger for you 'Churchman's' originally WA & AC Churchman's of Ipswich and Norwich - a Real Fen country brand!

Our 2 feature vehicles are Churchman's No. 2 tipped and Churchman's 'K' King size tipped. The 'K' brand was part of Imperial Tobacco who later purchased Churchman's.

Incidentally, the 10 pack of 'K' was the same size as normal 20 packs except it was very thin and contained its cig's in one row of 10 only (instead of 2 rows of 10).

Edition on each is 2000.



Model Chevrolet 'K' No. CIG033



Model Bullnose '2' No. CIG032

# Scouts Honour

This letter came from member Frank Deakin from Oldham.

Dear Michael,

In *Globe* issue No. 28, following previous mentions to boys weekly magazines, I wondered if you would be interested in the enclosed copy of 'The Scout' weekly magazine which wasn't published just for scouts, but was on free sale at all newsagents.

As you look back you feel you should have kept more things, as they seem to become more interesting, when you manage to turn something up of years gone by, but there again, what do you do with them. This year, I have completed 75 years of active involvement, being Cubmaster, a Scoutmaster and a Commissioner for over 20 years. Last month, I resigned as County President and accepted the lesser offer of Vice President.

On turning out some papers, I came across this copy of 'The Scout' and looking at the date of publication, was delighted to see it is October 24th 1938.

It was first published in 1908, the year scouting started and ceased sometime after the second world war. At that period, it was in colour, but unfortunately, I didn't save them. I have kept all my copies of the *Globe*, but I reckon some day they will follow my copies of 'The Scout'.

If and when you have no further use for it perhaps you would kindly return it.

Sincerely yours.

Frank Deakin

Thanks a lot for the wonderful insight Frank and for the magazine you sent.



Model No. MAG004 Edition: 1200

How about some of these prices 1/2d postage. 'How to be Healthy' book for just 6p plus 1p postage.

They were the days weren't they!

Your free model with our compliments Frank.

As for the rest of you - sorry you will have to dib dib into your money.



## A word from Michael

Well here we are nearly half way through the year and quite a year too. One gorgeous new bus, the R.T. Two new open tops, the R.M. and now the R.T. Today. This has brought our bus range now as pretty good.

I was in Chester recently and noticed that they operate an open top, so I'll be taking my camera with me from now on. Incidentally, if you see any 'opens' and send us a photo, we will consider them for production (specially if they're RMs or RTs).

I gave one of the new key rings to my youngster, as he is like a jailor with his keys all hanging on a chain from his belt hoop on his trousers. He loves it, but so do about 100 of his friends - requests are high!

You all enjoy what I hope will be a warm old-fashioned Summer - take good care.

Michael

## Look out for

### The Jubilee set of vehicles

These will be available via the *Mirror* on 1st June.

*Sunday Post* - 2nd and 9th June.

Look out for these vehicles at special prices:-

The models are:

Chevrolet	Edition: 20,000
AEC Bus	Edition: 20,000
Model A	Edition: 20,000
Model A	Edition: 20,000

## Dubonnet

This wonderful drink goes back a bit and was very trendy. A bottle a week or so was normal, but now a bottle can last a year!

Apparently, the favourite recipe was Dubonnet Helado. Anyone wanting to give it a whirl, here's the ingredients.

- 1) Sit down
- 2) 2oz white rum (more if you are brave)
- 3) 1 teaspoonful of lime juice
- 4) 1oz of Dubonnet
- 5) 1 teaspoon of Grenadine
- 6) 2 teaspoons of Maraschino (this is not the liquid in a bottle of

Maraschino cherries, but strong cherry based alcohol, also used in fondues).

If you are capable (after sampling this lot) place in a chilled blender with ice and blend until stiff. Then drink it, (or eat it) then pray, then be careful you are not stiff.

The first in our new range of drinks model is a Model T.



Model No. DR001 Edition: 2000

## We love Muffin - Muffin the Mule

Who can forget the irresistible puppet 'Muffin the Mule' - yes that was early days in television and in black and white of course.

Muffin would dance on your screens with his strings dangling from every joint of his body. The delightful Annette Mills (sister to Sir John Mills) was his friend and of course puppeteer.

Muffin went on from fame on the television to fame in coloured cartoon within 'T. V. Comic' and our 'Comic Cuts' van features

this wonderful little fellow.

Annette has sadly died and Muffin with her, but their memories linger on.

'T.V. Comic' was published for over 30 years between 1951 and 1984 with some 1600 plus issues.

Some of the characters during this time were 'The Pink Panther' 'Basil Brush' 'Popeye' 'Doctor Who' 'Tom & Jerry' and 'Mighty Moth'.



Model No. CC014 Edition: 1500

# Anyone for Doubles?

**1969 - Ladies Singles Final Anne Jones (GB) beat Billie-Jean King (US) 3-6 6-3 6-2**

In the 1960's and 1970's, King dominated the game with Martina Navratilova - as Steffi Graf would do in generations to come and when home favourite Jones walked out to play in the final few gave her a chance.

The only item of discussion seemed to be Jones' kitbag, which had a huge 'Pepsi' logo on it. Under pressure from the BBC, the Wimbledon committee asked her to remove the name, which she did for the final.

King had thrashed her at Wimbledon two years before and while Jones had a magnificent win over Margaret Court in the semi-final, many people thought lightning would not strike twice, especially because of the physical and mental strain that match had caused Jones.

It seemed to be going to form when King took the first set with relative comfort, but Jones, a world class table tennis player before she turned to tennis, worked hard and battled her way back into the game. Amazingly, she abandoned the usual baseline defensive tactics, which had earned her the French title in 1961 and 1966 and started to take the net position from the usually more aggressive King.

Now the huge crowd on Centre Court started to chorus their partisan support for Jones which seemed to annoy and unsettle the American.

Jones took her chance with both hands and swept through the third set for the greatest moment of her career, to win Wimbledon.



Model No. RT003 Edition: 2000



Model No. RM045 Edition: 2000

**THIS YEARS WIMBLEDON IS SCHEDULED FOR 24th JUNE TO 7th JULY.**

## '1/- a bottle'

The lovely pine tree on the side of the bottle base gave an immediate 'impression' of cleanness.

'Zal' disinfectant in a bottle.

Popular in the 50's and 60's 'Zal' was an early household disinfectant for domestic use and only 1/- per bottle - can you imagine! Today's price for a bottled disinfectant - at least 20 times more! Isn't that amazing? In fact, you could have an extra large bottle for just 1/6d.

Did you know also that the wonderful Matt Monroe sang:-

*'Zal is freshness with a zing, Everyday yes, Zal's the thing,  
The dreamy, steamy smell of pine, Zal disinfects every time!  
Zal hates germs just kicks them out Leaves the  
smell of pine about, You'll notice  
the difference with  
everything,  
Zal is freshness  
with a zing',*

A treasure of economy at only 1/- a bottle.

**Corner shop series**



Model No. CS013  
Edition: 1500

## IT'S MARTINI

Many of our liveries in this issue had little songs attached to them. Martini being no exception 'Any time, any place any where - it's Martini' rings a bell.

Isn't this also the drink Leonard Rossiter and Joan Collins enjoyed?

Martini is vermouth and referred to internationally as such - except for the UK!

Vermouth dates back to the turn of the 18th century and the main supplier was Martini and Rossi who started in 1847. The business continued until 1860 when both founders died within a short while of each other, thus in 1863, after being run very successfully by 3 talented individuals, the company became known as 'Martini Sola & Cia'.

In 1867 one hundred cases were shipped to New York from Genoa. You can guess who for! The rest as they say is history.

You've all heard of Whisky Manhattan and Brandy Manhattan. Well if you want one simply give yourself a shot of either whisky (Bourbon preferably) and a shot of Martini. You'll soon be in cuckoo land.

The second is our new drinks series.



Model No. DR002 Edition: 2000

## Birds - Be Quick

E.A. Birds & Sons Limited, Butchers of repute, celebrate their 100th anniversary. They are commemorating the occasion with the delightful Model T Van.

Based in Sutton in Ashfield, Worksop.

**JUST 1100 VEHICLES HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED OF WHICH ONLY 300 ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS.**



Model No. 143T  
Edition: 1100

# R.T. in the Country

Could this be the vehicle Michael referred to in his column last issue.

Except he referred to his bus as running under the 'London Transport' logo - not 'London Country'. Did they change it in R.T. days pre R.M.s? According to Taff's research - yes.

Our R.T. is the second in the series and if as popular as the first one, then demand will be heavy.

As has been previously documented 'London Country' is a division of London Transport and takes in the country routes and the buses are green.

Gather up your R.T. and if you didn't get No.1, it's worth a call to Fiona or Mags to see if they can accommodate. (though it's on the Order Form as well)



Model No. RT002 Edition: 2000

## A unique Collection

This beautiful commemorative London bus set of 3 vehicles is commissioned for release via Duty Free Airport outlets.

It is designed as a gift set and apart from that, is a nice collectable in it's own right, as Michael says - "They are great for nephews and nieces and grandchildren as stocking fillers - book me six sets" - When you cough up Mike, they're yours!

**White Stars' Titanic** new luxury liner comes into service - advertised on our 1911 AEC - 34 seater Bus.

**The London Evening News** now extinct, the last of the broadsheets in London advertised on our early 50's R.M.

The open top **Tours Bus** visiting the world's greatest monuments and buildings and featuring the world's flags.

The set of three comes in a presentation box at a superb 'knock-out' price of £9.90 for all 3 plus 50p towards extra p.p.o. (Note, this set cannot be used in conjunction with other offers).

These vehicles differ from the original ones issued as singles as follows.

1. AEC (Thornycroft) has destination London

2. Closed top is new issue
3. London Tours has world's flags on side strip

### NOTE:

In Globe 33 we featured RM042 but inadvertently showed the vehicle from this set of 3. Though the correct bus was sent out on orders.

The difference was it only had a single 'Union Jack' on the side board as opposed to the 'World of Flags' as in this set.

So anyone ordering RM042 in last issue would have received the correct bus (with one Union Jack).

**RM042 One Union Jack**  
**Set No. 12 The World of Flags**



Set No. 12

## The Queens Jubilee a nice 2 piece



### The 50 years anniversary model and the London Open Top

Both vehicles can be seen (in full size of course) roaming the streets of London - with slightly different top billings though.

Both of our vehicles have 'Buckingham Palace'

destination boards.

The set cost is £9.90 and can be included in 4-3 and 6-4 orders.

**Set No. 13 No Edition.**



## Taff's Treasure Chest

Were coming to the end of the golden oldies, but still a few to go!  
**THIS ISSUES SPECIALS ARE:-**

**Evo-Stik**  
**Bullnose 183**  
Edition: 3000  
(141 Available)



**Plastic Padding**  
**Bullnose 170G**  
Edition: 2000  
(116 Available)



**Roses**  
**Model T 106TG**  
Edition: 29000  
(186 Available)



**Booths**  
**Bullnose 113G**  
Edition: 15000  
(150 Available)



*Be quick if you want any of them*