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## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Every August, Scotland's capital undergoes a miraculous change with entertainment that is unmatched anywhere in the world. The story began in 1947 when the Edinburgh International Festival was launched. It was seen as a post war initiative to re-unite Europe through culture, and was so successful that it inspired more performers than there was room for. The Fringe is now 56 years old and the festival attracts almost a million visitors each year. To celebrate the event we have produced two Routemasters the RM50 - Edinburgh Festival and the RM51 - I Love Scotland. Both have been sold in Scotland during the Festival this year and we have available for our club members 400 of each livery. They come in a special window box and are not certificated, we produced in total 1,500 of the RM50 and 1,000 of the RM51.



Model No. RM50 Edition: 1,500



Model No. RM51 Edition: 1,000

### A word from Michael

Well I find it hard to believe that Christmas is creeping up on us again. Taffs reminded me that your free Christmas vehicle needs to be sent out to you in December and he's promising us he'll get them made on time and be with you over the Christmas holidays. We've also received the first supplies of the Platinum model - if you want this early then tick the box on this months order form and we'll send it out to you straight away. You'll also find with this Globe updates to your catalogue pages and on the back page an updated list of what your catalogue should now contain.

Don't forget that this is a Platinum Globe, so you'll get 7 for the price of 4 for all orders placed on this months order form. If you are a standard member then remember that you can update for just £4

Take good care

Michael

## The Childrens Hospice in Wales

Ty Hafan (pronounced - T Hafan) is the only Children's Hospice in Wales. It provides end of life care for those children diagnosed with an illness for which there is no cure - they will die before they reach adulthood. Taff has visited the hospice and was shown around recently. The hospice is a place of love and understanding, of fun hope and friendship. It was opened in 1999 and is funded by public

donations and fund raising events. We have produced the Model A for Ty Hafan and for every model sold through the club we will be donating £1.00 to Ty Hafan. If you wish to know more about the hospice then you can get details from the address below. You'll also see this model offered promotionally on packs of Welsh Brew Tea later this year.



The Children's Hospice in Wales

Yr Hosbis i Blant yng Nghymru



Model No. A027G Edition: 2,500

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Barry  
Vale of Glamorgan  
CF63 2BE

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Registered Charity 1047912



Back in Globe 31 we detailed the Nestle Force promotion which has been on the shelf at supermarkets for most of this year. We had some interesting conversations with many people who had eaten Force since their childhood. Force whole wheat flakes were released into the UK at the turn of the century. 'Sunny Jim' with his distinctive peruke has been part of Force from its infancy. His name is now part of the English Language and was created to show him full of 'vigour and vim' because he breakfasted daily on FORCE, as remembered by the rhyme: High o'er the fence leaps 'Sunny Jim' Force is the food that raises him!

The promotion continues until the end of the year, but we do have limited stocks which we can release to members today.

## FX4 Austin Taxi 1959 - 1982

The FX4 taxi was first introduced in 1959; it was the next in line from the FX3 model. This taxi had an Austin 2.2 diesel engine, pull down door handles and "bunny" ears on the roof indicators. The modification over the years changed the taxi to push in door handles, no roof indicators and a 2.5 Austin engine. The FX4 taxi with the Austin 2.5 engine was manufactured between May 1974 and September 1982 this taxi was considered at the time to be the best taxi built. It was very easy to work on and the Austin engine was well known for reliability, good pulling power and a good workhorse. The FX4 did not have power steering, the front brakes were servo assisted, some of them came with a sunroof, some with vinyl and some with both. The public carriage office allowed radio to be fitted around 1982/83, this was roof mounted just below the for hire sign in the drivers compartment. The maximum speed of the FX4 automatic would now be about 55mph, You could expect to get about 23 - 25 mpg around town and about 5 - 6 mpg more on a



run, the manual version would give you about 6 mpg more on both these amounts. Most of the Austin FX4 taxis that came into London were automatic with about only 1% having a manual gearbox. To try to work out how many miles an Austin FX4 taxi would have driven in it's life multiply the age of the taxi by 30,000 this would give you some idea. The engines would have been reconditioned during this time with some of them hitting 3/4 million miles. We'll be releasing several liveries based on this Taxi over the next 18 months. The first in the series is uncertificated and we have supplied to the airports as a tourist gift for a number of years.



Model No. TAX01

## JOYSTICK

Produced by B.Morris & Sons Ltd as a novelty cigarette, it was five inches long and was produced in the late 1950's.



Joystick cigarette box from the late fifties.



Model No. CRG45 Edition: 2,000

Thanks to Donald Allen for his update on Double Ace. They were first listed in the Smokers Handbook in 1948 and were sold until 1960 - for the last six years or so they were just sold in 10's.

# Film Fun

Film Fun was the "All star comic" which was first issued in January 1920, with comic strips such as "Sid Field - the Famous Comedian" and "The Great George Formby - the famous laughter maker of the screen". We also had those old favourite double acts Laurel & Hardy and Abbott & Costello. Film Fun ran for over 2,000 issues but finally finished in 1962 when it joined with the Buster.



Model No. CC020 Edition: 1,500

Piccadilly Hayride. He was born in 1904 in Edgbaston but died at an early age in 1950 whilst in London. Perhaps his most celebrated sketch is the Golfer, with his dim-witted novice trying the frustrated patience of teacher Jerry Desmonde. However, his finest comic moment came as Flash Harry, the spiv-styled black market salesman who ambled onto stage in a huge black overcoat and charmed the audience with his crafty cockney attitude.

## Sid Field

Sid suddenly became a star in 1943 with the west end revue, Strike A New Note. Initially the production, performed at the Prince of Wales theatre, wasn't designed as a starring vehicle for anybody but after just three weeks word of mouth had got round and Sid's name was up in lights. The show ran for an amazing eighteen months and was quickly followed by two more Sid Field revues, Strike It Again and



# TAFF'S COLUMN

The British International Motor Show takes place in Birmingham from the 25th October to the 3rd November. Oxford Diecast will be attending the show and you'll find us in the A1 Motor Section (Stand A8). If you're in Birmingham and attending the show then please drop by, we'll be happy to see you. I'm also looking for information about British Regiments for a new range which starts next year - so if you have anything that can help me then please drop me a line at the Swansea address.

**Taff**

## Platinum Vehicle 2002

Well here it is a lovely VW for our Platinum members and the seventh in the series of these vans.

Remember these are only available to Platinum members and if you want it early and sent with your order today then simply tick the box on your application form. As part of Platinum membership you also get to buy 7 for the price of 4 twice a year. Remember this is a Platinum Globe so if you take advantage and upgrade your membership today for £4 then you get the Platinum vehicle and the special purchasing straight away.



Model No. VW007 Edition: 5,000

## Two Sets For You



SET 8 Smokers Companion Edition: 1,000

Set 10 was produced as an Australian promotion and has four Chevrolets.

**Brunswick Breweries**  
**Brains**  
**Carlton & United**  
**Fremains**

Two of our sets that we are releasing as a special offer - buy one set and we'll give you the other absolutely **FREE**. Set 8 is our Smokers Companion and has four vehicles.

**Englands Glory Matches**  
**Manikin Cigars**  
**Glen Ord Whisky**  
**Kendall Brown Snuff**

**Bullnose**  
**Model A**  
**Chevrolet**  
**Model T**



SET 10 Australian Edition: 1,000

**This offer can't be used in conjunction with any other offer**

# CATALOGUE PAGES

This month we are releasing our latest batch of catalogue pages and there'll be more coming in your next issue. We've enclosed the following:

RM25 - RM48 4 pages  
 CIG013 - CIG036 4 pages  
 CS007 - CS012 1 page  
 CC001 - CC012 2 pages  
 VW001 - VW006 1 page

You should have received 12 pages in total

To help you keep a check on your collection we have pictured below all models shown on the catalogue pages for which we still have stock. These are also included on the price list if you wish to purchase them.

Please check your catalogue to ensure that your up to date after you receive these then your catalogue should have pages up to the following models.

**Morris Bullnose 209G**  
**Ford Model T 129TG**  
**Bus B72**  
**Chevrolet C048**  
**Boxed Sets Set 5**  
**Sporting Heroes SH12G**  
**Mini Classics Set 12**  
**Routemaster RM48**  
**Model A A014**  
**Corner Shop CS012**  
**Cigarettes CIG036**  
**Comics CC012**  
**Volkswagen VW006**

In your next Globe you'll receive further updates which will also include a page separator for the Volkswagen. The catalogue has now grown to such a size that some members have requested an extra binder, these can be purchased on this month's price list for those interested.



**The Platinum Globe 7 for 4 Purchases can be made up until 31st October 2002**