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## TONY HANCOCK

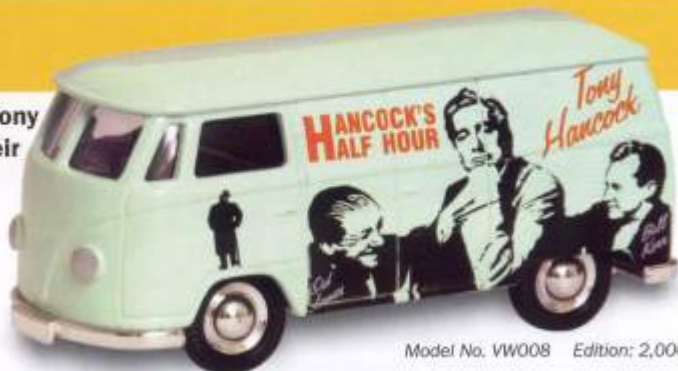
I'm not sure which of the shows I enjoyed the best during Tony Hancock's TV and radio appearances as everyone has their favourite. However I fondly remember the episode *The Lawyer: The Crown v James* (2 December 1957 - TV).

Hancock played the barrister (not a good barrister) and the show starts with a lorry driver on trial for bigamy - eight times. Hancock delivers a fantastic speech which results in the lorry driver being sent to jail for six years. Unfortunately he was supposed to be defending him. So when Sid (Sid James) was accused of a smash and grab raid and finds that he



Michael

and grab raid and finds that he has Hancock as his lawyer, he's not very pleased. Tony was born on the 12th May 1924 in Birmingham and in 1942 he volunteered for the RAF and after being rejected by ENSA, he was accepted by Ralph Reader who organised groups into Gang Shows. It was here he met Robert Moreton, Graham Stark and Peter Sellers. After several successful series on the Radio Tony turned to TV and for 5 years his shows ran concurrently on both. At one point complaints poured in from publicans and shopkeepers who protested that when Hancock was on TV the pubs were empty and the shops deserted. His first film although a success in the UK was not accepted in the USA. During this period his most successful scriptwriters- Ray Galton and Alan Simpson - came up with another series *Steptoe & Son* which was a huge success. Hancock's scripts were never the same and soon in depression he turned to alcohol. Sadly he committed suicide whilst in Australia at the age of 44. Since his tragic death his fame has not diminished, but instead his comic genius has grown in stature. Our VW008 adds to our range of Volkswagen vans with Hancock sitting next to two of his favourite side-kicks Sid James and Bill Kerr



Model No. VW008 Edition: 2,000

## ARMY & NAVY STORES

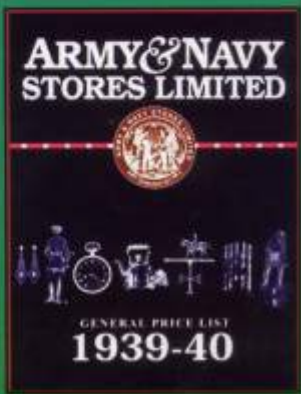
Founded in 1871, the Society of Army & Navy Stores was formed by a group of Army & Navy officers to provide basic necessities and luxuries of life to all members, namely British officers, serving soldiers and their families.

Financed with an initial capital outlay of fifteen thousand pounds of share capital, the society was based on the cooperative principle with

share dividends available to members. Following the depression of the 1920's with the reduction in trade, the membership base was broadened to permit the general public to become members free of charge. In 1934 the society's name was changed from Army & Navy Cooperative Society Ltd. to Army & Navy Stores. The company produced a catalogue from which a broad range of products could be ordered and delivered cheaply. A reproduction of this catalogue found its way into Taff's hands and we produced this lovely Chevrolet Delivery Truck. Checking out the prices back in 1939 makes great reading. A typewriter for £10, soup spoons 30/- per dozen or if your looking for a lovely pair of patent shoes you could have purchased them for 24 shillings and 6d - those certainly were the days. For convenience the items in the catalogue were also available in the Indian depots - Bombay, Calcutta and New Delhi.



Model No. CS016 Edition: 1,500



A word from  
*Michael*

This month's Globe is full of some lovely models - the subjects cover such a wide range that it's difficult to choose a favourite. I do like Tony Hancock's vehicle as it brings back such happy memories - will they ever have any decent comedies on our screens again! Several ideas for the liveries this month have come from our members - so keep them coming in, as we don't want to let Taff have an easy time. Please make sure your catalogue pages are up to date if you are missing one then give the girls a ring and they can help you. If your planning your Summer holidays then you'll like the next Globe as we've got a lovely RT coming!

Take care



Michael

# THE HOTSPUR

Over 100 copies of it were produced since it was introduced in September 1933. In 1957 it changed its name to the New Hotspur before it finally left circulation in 1981.

I'm told that if you have the first issue that it could reach as much as £75 - so start looking in the attic you never know what you may find. Here's a selection of the Hotspur characters that you could find in the comic in 1961:

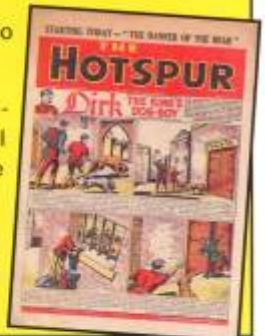
The Beacon is Lit - The story of 'Thunder Chief' - the Indian Chief who guarded the wagon trains of the West.

Lonely Larry, Castaway, The Races of Lightning Logan, Lanky Franky - He meddles, and muddles. The Cat Street Kids, Dozy Danny - Football star in the making. Scrapper Dent - The Flying Fireman and Dynamite Jim.

Our Bullnose is based on a strip in 1950 about Big Axe Nolan. He'd been captured by the Mystery Rider and forced to work in a stolen Gold Mine - doesn't sound too bad does it!



Model No. CC017 Edition: 1,500



# Practical Mechanics

Just over a year ago we received a letter from Mr John Wells from Bristol (Membership No 164801) and enclosed were some copies of a magazine Practical Mechanics.

They belonged to his late father Mr Francis John Wells who had a subscription with the local newsagent. He was in the printing business, employed as a cutter and obviously had an interest for all things mechanical. We don't know an awful lot about the publication except that it was issued monthly and that early editions were in black and white.

The subjects covered were wide ranging, some being very practical such as making a sink

unit whilst others were slightly more specialised - how to make a Geiger Counter. All of the copies we received were priced at 1/3d and each carried the editors name F.J.CAMM



Model No. MAG007 Edition: 2,000

# BLACKPOOL

Blackpool is one of Britain's favourite holiday resorts - bright and bustling - with non-stop fun. Famous for its "Golden Mile" of piers, amusement arcades, tram and donkey-rides, pubs, fish and chip shops and bingo halls.

There is seven miles of wide sandy beach to enjoy. Over 7 million visitors make their way there every year - many head for Blackpool Pleasure Beach, which has over 140 rides, the famous Tower - with playground, ballroom, Jungle Jim's and Circus! There are 3 magnificent piers, with a 108-foot Big Wheel and the Skycoaster! Come within inches of creatures of the deep, at the Sea Life Centre! For a really wild day out, spend the day with the animals at the zoo. Blackpool is famous for its Illuminations, from the beginning of September to November over half a million light bulbs decorate the

promenade, which is dominated by the 518 foot Tower - a sight not to be missed! Our Routemaster has a lovely display of illuminations on the side you can just imagine it running along the front.



Model No. RMO/54 Edition: 2,000

# H.M.S. EDINBURGH

There have been five previous warships to carry the name Edinburgh, the first in 1707 being a fifth rate warship carrying only 32 guns.

The second was the forty year old Warspite which in 1715 was rebuilt and renamed Edinburgh. She had a long and distinguished career culminating in the award of battle honours "USHANT 1747" and "CAPE FRANCOIS 1757".

The third Edinburgh was a third rate of 70 guns, launched in 1811. She also had a busy career, distinguishing herself gaining the battle honours "SYRIA 1840" against the Egyptians and "BALTIC 1854/55" in the war against the Russians. In 1882, a steel plated turret ship of 9,150 tons was launched to become the fourth Edinburgh.



She was the first battleship to carry breech loading guns and was heavily armoured. The last, and most famous, warship to bear the name was the cruiser built in 1939. She played a major part in many actions gaining the honours "NORWAY 1940/41", "ATLANTIC 1941", "MALTA CONVOYS 1941" and "ARCTIC 1941/42". On 30th April 1942 whilst on convoy duty to Murmansk she was torpedoed by the German U-Boat U456 and later sank, 57 men along with her cargo of £5 million in gold bullion, en route to us as war payment, were lost. In 1981



Model No. MIL004 Edition: 2,000

the ship was again in the news when the gold, then worth £45 million, was salvaged

from her. The sixth and current HMS Edinburgh is a Batch III Type 42 destroyer built by Cammell Laird Shipbuilders at Birkenhead. Laid down in July 1980, she was launched by Mrs Anne Heseltine on 14 April 1983. Displacing some 4,800 tons and 140 metres long, Edinburgh is complemented for 26 Officers and 260 Ratings. She is powered by two Tyne gas turbines for cruising and two Olympus gas turbines which give a maximum speed in excess of 30 knots.

A comprehensive radar and sonar suite inputs into the ship's computer system to allow an effective use of her weapons; Sea Dart anti-air or anti-surface missile system, a single 4.5 inch automatic gun, and 20mm guns for close range defence and policing roles. Also available is a multi-role Lynx helicopter capable of deploying missiles and torpedoes. Modern electronic warfare and communications equipment along with data links to exchange computer information with other ships makes Edinburgh, along with her Batch III sisters York, Gloucester and Manchester one of the most capable surface ships in the Royal Navy today. Thanks to Roderick Morris who suggested this and we dedicate this model to all those who lost their lives during the sinking of the fifth warship 60 years ago.



HMS Edinburgh

# THE GREYS

Greys Cigarettes were produced by United Kingdom Tobacco Company and our Bullnose is based on a pack of 10's and this is our 39th vehicle in the range.

After a couple of recent letters discussing cigarette cards we thought it such a shame that we don't see as many of them as we used to. There was a time when cards appeared in a variety of products particularly Tea. How did the idea begin? In America during



the 1880's cards known as 'stiffeners' were inserted into paper packets of cigarettes to reinforce the packaging and so to protect the contents, someone (believed to be an American journalist) had the idea of advertising by printing a picture and descriptive details on them. Children of the time used to stand outside tobacconists asking smokers for their cards, they were then kept to make up sets and sometimes they'd try and win more by playing games with the cards and hopefully winning them. Some sets today are valuable especially those printed, but withheld or withdrawn for some reason. In 1917 a shortage of materials due to the First World War stopped the production of cards and they did not reappear until 1922. From about 1901 Cigarette Cards really caught on and thousands of different sets were issued by over 300 tobacco companies both in England and America. Many sets are still regarded as miniature reference books with illustrations and texts absolutely correct.



Model No. CIG39 Edition: 2,000



A026 Singin in the Rain



RM0/38 Bath



RM0/34 Torquay



RM0/41 Scarborough

## Rainy Days

"What shall we do to miss the rain today (A026)."

"How about a ride down the front at Torquay (RM0/34)

or

Scarborough (RM0/41) in an open top bus."

"I think I'll stay at home and have a Bath (RM0/38) as I don't want to get wet."

"In fact as we can get them all for £9.95 we better get ready straight away."

# CATALOGUE PAGES

This month we are releasing a further batch of catalogue pages. We've enclosed the following:

## VOLKSWAGEN INSERT PAGE

210GU - 215G 1 page  
 130TGU - 141T 2 pages  
 B73 - B78 1 page  
 C049U - C054 1 page  
 A015G - A026 2 pages  
 SET6 - SET13 3 pages

You should have received 11 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 215G**  
**Ford Model T 141T**  
**Bus B78**  
**Chevrolet C054**  
**Boxed Sets Set 13**  
**Sporting Heroes SH12G**  
**Mini Classics Set 12**  
**Routemaster RM48**  
**Model A A020**  
**Corner Shop CS012**  
**Cigarettes CIG036**  
**Comics CC012**  
**Volkswagen VW006**

If you do need an additional binder then these can be purchased on this months price list for those interested.



210GU New York



214 Elks



215G Legion 2001



130TGU New York



131TGU New York



132T Bettws



136T Rhys Coal



137T Ballantines



138T Chesham



139T Kiveton



140T Morehouse



141T Force



B73 Manor House



B74 Waterford



B75 Beamish



B76 Legion 2002



B77 Queen Mother



C051 Legion 2000



C053 Derst



C054 Turnbull



A015G Duerrs



A017G Legion 2000



A020 Derst



A021 Legion 2001



A022 Herald



A023G Force



A024 Sunday Post



A025 Sunday Mirror



A026 Singln



SET 6 Dunkirk



SET 8 Smokers



SET 10 Australian



SET 11 Houdini



SET 12 British Bus



SET 13 Jubilee