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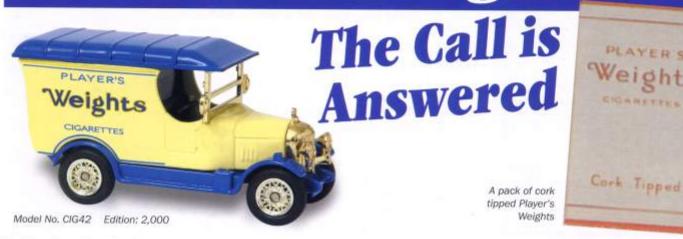
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PLAYER'S Weights



Taff at last has heeded the call and produced the long awaited Players 'Weights' cigi van - well done! Player's Weights was the 'Player's' brand competing head to head with the 'Wills' brand Woodbine, whilst the larger cigarettes 'Player's' and 'Senior Service' competed at the other end. Weights were first manufactured in the 1800's by John Player and Son in Nottingham, and were available in 10's, 15's and 20's (and probably 5's

too) they came in plain or cork tipped variety. They were originally known as Player's No 1 but by the turn of the century they became known as 'Weights' because they were sold by weight and not by count. Our Bullnose CIG42 is based on the plain variety with the lettering in blue, the cork tipped always came in red. This makes an excellent edition to the range so be quick with your order as demand is sure to be high.

BACHELOR

If the above isn't enough for us we've got a double dose this month with the arrival of the Player's Bachelor. This as the name tells you was targeted at the single man and was meant to be a statement of the lifestyle adopted by the smoker and was regularly used in the gentlemens clubs in large cities.

Maybe Taff's trying to tell us something!



A word from Michael

Dear Members

Happy New Year to you all - I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas hols and you are ready for an exciting 2003. It's hard to believe that we'll be entering our 10th anniversary year this April, it was in 1993 that we started our first model the Bullnose Van and here we are nearly 10 years later with our 40th Globe and a fantastic variety of different liveries covering so many different themes with the promise of more to come! We've plenty to offer this month particularly the Wall's ice cream van (it reminds me of the Summer) and not to forget the ladies we have the lovely Womens Realm van - maybe a present for a girlfriend!

Take good care





The Victor first hit the shelves back in 1961 and after over 1600 issues the final comic was issued in 1992. The first issue came with a squirt ring - I do remember these so fondly - a simple device for giving your best pal a wet shirt. "The Tough of the Track" was my favourite strip which told the story of Alf Tupper who had all the qualities any top athlete could wish for: working class background, firm grasp of nonstandard English, steady job (welding the railway arches). beneath economical and unvaried diet (fish and chips), and a complete disrespect for authority whether British or Eastern European. His long running career spanned at least the 1950s (the earliest race was in prose in the 1957

"Adventure" annual), 60's and 70's.

Not only did he continue running successfully into his late fifties, but showed no signs of hair loss or modernisation of hair style, favouring a

low friction quiff at all times - very much like Dusty! Our model is based on Morgyn the Mighty who could be seen regularly in the 1960's.



CELTIC MANOR



It was back in Globe 15 that we released our first Celtic Manor models. There were four in total. To add to these models we are introducing a Routemaster the RM53. The hotel has now been renamed The Celtic Manor Resort as it boasts a whole range of activities including three championship Golf courses. It will also be the venue for the Ryder Cup in 2010 so all you Golf fanatics will be seeing plenty of it in the future. The previous models produced are listed below and we only have stock left of the Bullnose.

Model T Chevrolet 099T AEC Bus B47 C019 Bullnose 173G

REJOINING GIFT 2003

We've had so many requests for additional keyrings that we've decided to extend the offer for the whole of 2003. We've also purchased some more badges and torches which have been so popular in recent years. So this year you can choose from any one of these three items when rejoining. In addition as always we'll give you the choice of one **FREE** vehicle from the Oxford Die-Cast Range.



Rejoining Gift 2003 - You can choose from either the keyring, badge or torch.

WOMAN'S REALM

This VW will go down particularly well with all our lady members as it features that ever so popular 'woman's' magazine from the 1950's -Woman's Realm. It was at this time that many new titles hit the shelves all ready to discuss the issues of the day such as - "A Man's

Place is in the Home". They even went on to discuss what a husband will and won't do about the house - Taff was absolutely horrified when he





read this. Many of us will have worn one off the pullovers whose patterns were featured each week - many in pull-out booklets. We've used the picture of the first issue on our VW, which hit the shelves in February 1958 at a price of 4d and it may be that one of our members will recognise the lady on the front cover!

All members should now be up to date with their catalogue pages after the releases in Globes 37 and 38 - many of you have also purchased new binders to hold the pages. The monthly product record sheets now being issued with the order forms are also adding to the thickness of the binder and some members have asked how best to hold this information. After some thought we have decided to identify in future the catalogues as follows:

Catalogue 1 - Morris Bullnose, Ford Model T, Bus, Chevrolet, Boxed Sets, Sporting Heroes.

Catalogue 2 - Mini Classics, Routemaster, Model A, Corner Shop, Cigarettes, Comic Cuts and Volkswagen.

When we update the catalogues the RT, Military, Drinks and Magazines will be added to Catalogue 2.

Thanks also for the many recent ideas you've sent me keep them coming in.



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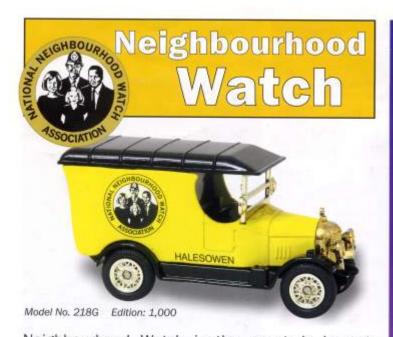
Charlie Stuart

One of the first purchasers of second-hand RT's was A & C McLennan of Spittalfield, Perthshire, which bought five in 1958. It later added to these acquiring we believe at least seven from other sources. This RT sporting the Charlie Stuart livery (More Whisky Dusty !!!!!) was operating in Perth in the summer of 1966.

You should have all received your Christmas vehicle. It's the first time we've released the Thornycroft and it makes a lovely addition to the range and is the ninth in our series. Previous releases were:

020G	Bullnose	1994
008TG	Model T Van	1995
029T	Model T Truck	1996
134	Bullnose Van	1997
C008	Chevrolet	1998
120TG	Model T Tanker	1999
A016G	Model A Van	2000
VW003	Volkswagen	2001
B80	Thornycroft	2002





Neighbourhood Watch is the country's largest voluntary organisation with over 133,000 schemes involving more than 10 million people. It is relatively new in the UK with the first scheme starting in Millington, Cheshire in July 1982. Watching and caring - not snooping is what it's all about. Neighbours uniting and acting together means that dozens of eyes and ears are ready to pick up on anything happening in the neighbourhood that could cause worry or concern. It's not about being nosy or interfering, it's about being a good neighbour and caring about your community. By working together, neighbours can help reduce all sorts of local crimes. They can also take action to improve the environment by getting something done about things like vandalism, graffiti, poor lighting and a lack of local amenities. As well as making the neighbourhood a better place to live and work in, tackling local problems and concerns will help people to feel less nervous about crime especially those who are elderly or vulnerable for other reasons. This Bullnose was specially commissioned by the organisation for Halesowen.

CIG36ery

Back in Globe 35 we released the Four Square (CIG36) Volkswagen, but unfortunately we had a problem with the paint - this was Taff's 'excuse'

"The vehicle was painted in two colours cream and red. Unfortunately due to the make up of the paints they reacted with each other after transportation and storage. This meant that although the vehicle initially looked OK after a period the paint began cracking giving a 'crazing' appearance "

Once we were aware of this we stopped shipment to collectors, but we are now in a position to release them again. The background to this also gave us a bit of a problem because when we asked some of our members to return their crazed model for replacement they declined to do so, as they wished to retain them for their collections. So we decided to issue the corrected model coded as CIG36R. For all those who order the CIG36R we will give them the option to purchase also the CIG36 (crazed version) for £2.50. Anyone who already has the crazed version CIG36R (corrected version) at £2.50.



We only have limited numbers of the crazed version left and will honour the offer until they are exhausted.





As we sit in front of the fire quietly waiting for the winter to pass how about a nice ice cream - that will cool us down after seeing some off this month's releases. This lovely Model A features the brand that would be at every seaside

resort throughout the summer months, it

was so nice to choose a small 'block' of ice cream remove the wrapper and place it between two crispy wafers. The ice-creams today have become 'luxury' items costing three times as much.

How about some more lollipops Taff?