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Business began for Pickfords hundreds of years ago, although the exact date is difficult to determine, some think it was started by James Pickford in the 18th century whilst others believe it was Will Pickford who was operating around 100 years earlier. What we can be sure about is that during this time it has used a

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variety of different methods to move goods around the country. In the early years it made use of horse and carts, soon these strong animals were dragging boats along the canals and at the beginning of the 19th



Model No. C063 Pickfords Edition: 2,000

century records indicate that Pickfords had nearly thirty boats with goods being transhipped to road wagons for final delivery. The first engines were steam, but as the petrol engine took its grip the road fleet expanded covering many famous truck names. Loads became larger and distances longer as the transport systems improved. Our Chevrolet shows the Pickfords livery that would be similar to the type of vehicle used in the 1930's.

BALMORAL CASTLE

The Highland home of Queen Victoria situated beside the River Dee some fifty miles from Aberdeen. The castle is shown to visitors only on the presentation of a written order. The property consists of about 10,000 acres, which belonged formerly to the Earl of Fife, but which, in 1852, became the property of the Crown by the payment of £32,000. The castle itself, which is of light Scotch granite, was erected by the Prince Consort at his own expense. Near by is the Crathie Church, where the Queen attends divine service; and a mile and a half away is Abergeldie Castle, a favourite "Shooting-box" and summer residence of the Prince of Wales. The adjoining country is of great beauty, and the Castle itself resembles a gem in a most attractive setting. At one end of the building is an exceedingly picturesque tower about 100 feet in height, commanding an enchanting view. More than 100 persons can at one time be comfortably lodged in "Balmoral," and it has frequently been the scene of regal hospitality. There can be, it would seem, no difficulty in entertaining visitors here, for within a pistol shot of the Castle is the "bonny River Dee," which sweeps from the Grampian Hills, and whose whole course of ninety miles offers a constant series of delightful views. The neighbourhood also abounds in opportunities not merely for hunting, but for enjoyable excursions among the Highlands, particularly to that grand old mountain Lochnagar, 3,800 feet high, celebrated by the poetry of Lord Byron, and called by the Queen her "Mountain Jewel."




Model No. C062 Balmoral Castle Edition: 5,000

A word from
Michael

Dear Members

On behalf of Oxford Die-cast I would like to welcome all our new members who have joined us in recent months. Many of you are wondering how you should start your collections and that's a difficult choice with so many liveries on offer. If your new it's nice to start with a range that has only just begun like the Guards & Regiments, or alternatively look out for our full listings which are supplied every 3/4 months. If your looking for more detail and information the catalogue plus updates which comes with Standard Membership is a must and don't forget that also entitles you to a FREE Christmas vehicle each year.

Take good care



Michael

THE DEVONSHIRE AND DORSET REGIMENT

The Guards & Regiments range is proving a real hit and this month we release the 5th in the series - The Devonshire &

Dorset Regiment. The Regiment was formed back in 1958 with the amalgamation of the Devonshire Regiment (11th Regiment of the Foot) and the Dorset Regiment (39th and 54th Regiments of the Foot) - two very famous regiments whose history can be traced back to the late 1600's. The Battle Honours read like the history of the British Army as it has been involved in so many campaigns and this is reflected in the cap badge worn by the regiment today.

The Castle - This is the Castle of Exeter and came from the Devonshire Regiment Badge.

Semper Fidelis - (Ever Faithful) was the motto of the Devonshire Regiment and derives from the motto of the City of Exeter.

The Sphinx - came from the Dorset Regimental Badge, having been awarded to the 54th of Foot for service in Egypt during the Napoleonic Wars.

Marabout - A unique Battle Honour awarded to the 54th for capturing Fort Marabout in Egypt in 1801.

Primus in Indis - This was the motto of the Dorset Regiment. It was awarded to the 39th of Foot after the victorious battle at Plassey 1757 in India, where they were the only British line regiment to serve under Lord Clive.



Model No. GR005 Devonshire & Dorset Edition: 1,500



Oor Wullie
Your Wullie
A'body's Wullie!



Model No. A029 Oor Wullie Edition: 5,000

The first ever Oor Wullie strip appeared in the Sunday Post Fun Section on the 8th March 1936. He was so bored and after setting off an alarm involving the local fire brigade and pulling up a tram track causing havoc he finished the cartoon once again 'bored' - AH'M FED UP! I NEVER GET ONY FUN HERE.

Since then he's become a regular in the Post and can be seen each week often sitting in his familiar pose on the left.

Our Model A shows Wullie as he appears today.



Oor Wullie as he appears today

50th Cigi



Model No. CIG50 Ardarth Edition: 2,000

Well here she is the 50th release in our range celebrating the old cigarette packs from the past. As you know many of the earlier releases are not available via ourselves only through auction. Good luck to all those looking - it shows the importance of collecting the releases at the start of each range. This month we feature Ardarth a name that is not widely familiar, but was founded in 1896 by Sir Albert Levy. The firm slowly expanded manufacturing exclusive and quality lines for fashionable smokers, even opening a branch in Holland before the 1914/18 war. It was acquired jointly by BAT/ITC in 1925. Collectors of cigarette cards will be familiar with the release in 1935 of Sports Champions featuring the likes of Don Bradman and Fred Perry. These cards were issued by:

THE ARDARTH TOBACCO CO LTD

Manufacturers of

STATE EXPRESS

and ARDARTH CIGARETTES

The 50th release appears on a MODEL A.

TAFF'S COLUMN

I have been asked to summarise the releases of vehicles by many of the new members so here goes. The following represents the various codings up to July 2003, but this is ever changing.

001-219G	Bullnose
01TG-145T	Model T - vans and trucks
B1-B80	Thornycroft Bus
C001-C063	Chevrolet Trucks
RM1-RM064	Routemaster Buses
A001-A030	Model A (A028 later this year)
VW001-VW011	Volkswagen Camper Van
RT001- RT010	Regent (RT007 later this year)
MALTA1 - MALTA9	Bedford Bus
SH1G-SH12G	Sporting Heroes
SET1-SÉT 14	Boxed Sets
MINI SET 1- 13	Mini Classics Bedfords
CS001-CS019	Corner Shop
CIG001-CIG050	Old Cigarette Packs
CC001- CC024	Comics
MAG001- MAG009	Magazines
MIL001 - MIL012	Military
DR001-DR006	Drinks
GR001-GR005	Guards & Regiments
P001-P002	Emergency

There are a few gaps due to recordings etc -but not many. See you soon

Taff

In 1086 the Doomsday Book indicates that the population of Brighton was around 400 strong and that the fishing industry was well established. Brighton was divided between three manors, Brighthelmstone - Lewes; Brighthelmstone - Michelham; and Brighthelmstone - Atlingworth. Brighthelmstone - Atlingworth was the most important as it contained the church. Each manor was valued at £12 and the town paid an annual rent to Ralph de Chesney of 4000 herrings. So much has changed since those early days and in 2000, the Queen granted Brighton and Hove city status. The seafront development transformed the area into an attractive, trendy magnet for visitors. The newly created artists' quarter, clubs, bars and restaurants revitalised it and turned it into one of the most fashionable beach fronts in Britain with the completion of Projects such as the Brighton Dome, the Aquarium Terraces, Brighton Marina waterfront and the redeveloped Brighton and Hove museums and art galleries.

I wonder if we can start paying Taff in herrings, or maybe mackerel!

BRIGHTON



Model No. RM063 Brighton Edition: 2,000

BRIGHTON DURING THE WAR

The Second World War (1939-45) had a devastating effect on Brighton. The first air raid took place in July 1940, general blackouts were introduced during 1939. Although Brighton was bombed, Hitler ordered that the Royal Pavilion should be left alone as he intended to use it as a base following a successful invasion. The beginning of the War put a stop to Brighton's entertainment and trade, but these were later allowed to continue with some restrictions. Both of the piers had sections removed as a precaution against enemy landings. The beach was out of bounds to the general public, strewn with mines and barbed-wire the beach was a first line of defence against

invasion. Wardens would watch from the end of the piers to warn of advancing bombers. On September 14th 1940 the Odeon Cinema in St George's Road was hit in an air raid killing four children and two adults, although the worst attack occurred in May 1943 when German fighters dive-bombed, killing 4 people and injuring 51. Anti-aircraft guns were placed at the New Steine and manned by the Black Guard (Scottish Regiment.) Air raids continued until 1944 when visitors were allowed back into Brighton. Victory was celebrated in 1945 with street parties and bonfires along the South Downs and beaches.

double your money

I'm sure many of you will remember Hughie Green who was regularly to be seen with hit shows like Double Your Money, Opportunity Knocks and The Sky's The Limit.

He regularly had two programmes simultaneously at the top of the ratings. Debuting in the music hall at the age of 9 and appearing in his first film at the age of 13, Green joined the fledgeling ITV network in 1955 to present Double Your Money, the first cash quiz show on British television. Opportunity Knocks soon followed and by the beginning of the 1960s, Green was the biggest star in British television.

We show Hughie on our VW - **"And I mean that most sincerely folks"**



Model No. VW011
Double Your Money Edition: 2,000



SCOTLAND



Model No. 146T Scotland Edition: 5,000

This Scottish themed vehicle has appeared in one of our recent promotions and when you purchase any model from this Globe we'll let you have her at a special price of £2.50. The soldier is brandishing The Scottish Flag which is one of the oldest national flags of any country and dates back to the 12th century. Scotland has two flags - the Saltire or St Andrew's cross (white on blue) and the Lion Rampant (yellow and red). The Lion Rampant is the Royal flag and is supposed to only be used by royalty. The St Andrew's Cross according to legend is that shape because the apostle Andrew petitioned the Roman authorities who had sentenced him to death not to crucify him on the same shape of cross as Christ, and this was granted.

The first four releases of the Guards & Regiments range that started earlier this year are shown here. All will appear on the Bullnose and are coded GR.

Guards & Regiments



Model No. GR001
The Lifeguards
Edition: 1,500



Model No. GR002
5th Royal Inniskilling
Edition: 1,500



Model No. GR003
The Black Watch
Edition: 1,500



Model No. GR004
The Scots Guards
Edition: 1,500