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BEDFORD BBCHNS

Here's our latest edition to the range and I'm sure many of you will remember seeing this popular little van on the roads in the 50's and 60's.

Model No. BED001 Oxford Release Edition: 2,000

This Bedford was produced as a standard KZ 30 cwt chassis and there were several derivatives including an ambulance, all supplied through the specialist coach builder Spurling.

This will give many of our new members a chance to collect the whole range and you can be sure that the Bedford will feature in some of our theme ranges in the coming months. Many companies chose this Bedford for local deliveries such as WH Smith who had a fleet of them across the country. Back in 1950 you could have purchased the chassis for just £359 or the complete van for £526 - a snip at the price.

The first release comes in the Oxford colours which so many of you value in the collections you have.

B.O.A.C All aboard our

Speedbird

We've had many requests to complete the set of airline buses having released the BEA and British Airways a few years ago so here's the BOAC Routemaster. The fleet consisted of many aircrafts including VC10's, B707's, B747-100's, Comets, Britannias and others.



A word from Michael

Dear Members

It's great to see the release of the Bedford, a vehicle that I remember so well in my early years. I was a member of the local Scouts and one of the fathers used to be a delivery driver, in the summer he would get permission to borrow it and we'd pile tents, cooking stoves and fishing rods into the back. No matter how much gear we had there was still room for more. The Royal Mail version is a little beauty and one that has been asked for many times over the years,

For all you Platinum members thanks for your patience as next month we give details of the Platinum models along with release dates. Looking forward to next month and the release of GLOBE 50!

Take good care



Model No. BEDO02 Royal Mail Edition: 2,000

The Lavender Hill Mob was one of Ealing's most successful pictures starring Alec Guinness as the long-serving bank employee, Stanley Holloway as a souvenir manufacturer, and Sid James and Alfie Bass as a pair of crooks



recruited to make the caper work. The plan was largely concocted by the Bank of England itself, when it was asked by a film company for advice on how to steal a million pounds' worth of gold. A committee was quickly brought together to work out a way in which the Bank could be robbed. Inevitably the robbery, which was planned to occur while the bullion was in transit between refinery and vaults, goes wrong, as one of them is arrested in the middle of it for stealing a painting off a market stall. But the chief downfall

is caused by a consignment of gold Eiffel Towers getting mixed up with genuine souvenirs on the sales stand in Paris. A batch of English schoolgirls buy them, which leads to a hunt to recover them. The last one ends up in a police exhibition, and the now intrepid criminals steal a police car to make their escape, frustrating the hunt by broadcasting false messages from it. Our VW remembers the movie which was launched back in 1951 with the profile of Sir Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway. , 1



So much has changed with the Royal Mail over the last few years that we thought we'd transport you back to the 50's when things were a little different. At this time many of the vans were Morrises, and they were based at village offices only visiting the main office for servicing. Of course the driver was responsible for keeping the vehicle clean, topping up the oil and keeping an eye on the tyre pressure. The GPO was always ready to test other vehicles and the whole range were used including Standard, Austin, Ford and Thames plus many more. We show our new Bedford carrying the Royal Mail colours of the day.



Last month for the first time in years we didn't release a vehicle in the cigarette range and our ears burned, some of you even thought we had finished the range at 50 vehicles. Well not to disappoint you here's number 51!.

Thanks to Darby Allen for the suggestion when we released the Guards & Regiments range earlier this year, he thought this may be a nice vehicle to compliment the series. The cigarettes were produced by Carreras a company founded by a young Spanish entrepreneur who gave his name to the business when he established a tobacconist shop in London in 1846. He specialised in blending mixture of tobacco for wealthy and discriminating clients, who included the then Prince Of Wales. The firm was later taken over by an American Bernhard Baron who had emigrated from Russia as a youngster and was the inventor of the Baron Cigarette Making Machine which enabled the company to break into the mass produced market. The Guards brand we believe was around in the 50's and is featured on a Model A.

GOING, GOING GONE...

Just a few more from our clearout at the warehouse to make way for the new vehicles. I know there was quite a clamour last month but many of these have been showing as low stock for some time - so it's strictly first come first serve.

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	STOCK LEFT
B4	Kings Head	25
B11	Streamline	26
B16	Beckonscot	30
B19	Oakey	16
B25	NSPCC	17
B29	Golden Anniversa	ry 22
B31	Sainsbury	33
B41	Bolton Evening Ne	ews 26
B42	Tesco	5
B44	Pascoe	17
B51	Elizabeth & Philip	13
B55	British Legion	10
B57	Daily Telegraph	30
B61	Diecast Collector	28
B64	Langham Hilton	20
B65	Sunday Post	18
B71	Bradite Paints	14
B73	Manor House	30
B76	Legion 2001	20
B79	Job Opportunities	75

Girl Guides' Gazette



After the release of MAGOO4 (The Scout) a couple of years ago we had several letters requesting a Girl Guide release so here it is. In the early years of the 20th century, Robert Baden-Powell, a famous army general, developed a scheme for training boys. He tried out his ideas at a camp on Brownsea Island in 1907 and the following year published them in a book, Scouting for Boys. The book was an instant success and boys throughout the country enthusiastically took up 'scouting'. As a result Baden-Powell soon found himself organising the Boy Scout Movement. At the Scouts' first rally, at the Crystal Palace in 1909, Baden-Powell (B-P) was faced with a small group of girls,

representing hundreds of others, who insisted they wanted to be Scouts too. In an age when skirts were ankle length and young ladies never ran, the idea of girls being involved in camping, hiking and similar activities received a mixed response. Angry critics denounced 'girl scouting' as a 'mischievous new development', a 'foolish and pernicious movement', an 'idiotic sport'. However, the girls won. In 1910, Baden-Powell formed the Girl Guides and asked his sister Agnes to look after the new organisation. Such was the success that only a few years later the Gazette was launched proudly announcing on its cover - FOR GOD OUR KING & EMPIRE.

AUSTRALIAN VARIANTS -LOW AVAILABILITY

Set 10 was released a few years ago and has been out of stock for some time, it was used in an Australian promotion. As part of the offer we produced a few specials for them which have all featured in our range such as CO41, the Australian Imperial Force along with several other models. The programme has just finished and several of the variants that were never released are shown here. The products were manufactured in the UK factory and we have coded them into our range as part of our policy of ensuring that all products are catalogued correctly. We have between 100-150 of each so don't wait too long if your looking for one of these.











GLOBE 50 VW

Don't forget that you'll receive your next voucher with orders placed with this GLOBE. The third and final voucher will come with GLOBE 50. You will then be able to claim with your order from GLOBE 51.