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The History of the GLENMORANGIE distillery stretches back into the mists of the Celtic dawn. The earliest documented reference to distillation on this site is to be found in 1703.

Many of the buildings at the Glen of Tranquillity date back to the time when the distillery was licensed in 1843. If you could travel back for a moment to that year, you'd discover that the distillery was in urgent need of new stills. But at the time money was tight. So, rather than buy brand new stills, the distillery manager had no alternative but to trawl the market for something second hand. What he discovered were swan necked stills that had been used in a gin distillery. Those, he decided, would do just fine. Which is why the stills are made of 99.9% pure copper - with each narrow, arching swan neck individually hand beaten into shape by skilled coppersmiths and why they have always been, and always will be, precisely sixteen foot ten and a quarter inches tall.

In more than 150 years since, the distillery has had only six managers and successive generations of local families - the workforce of only sixteen have passed on their skills and secrets: a continuous tradition of commitment to the distillers art, and to the integrity of tried and trusted methods. In all that time, despite the occasional temptation to shed age-old customs in favour of fashionable or more cost-effective practices, the processes used to create GLENMORANGIE have altered hardly at all.

This is the second vehicle bearing this name, the first being produced back in 2000 and coded 190G. This vehicle comes in a special Glenmorangie box, of the 2,750 produced only 300 are available to the club.

Could this be another Teachers!!



This month sees a double helping of drinks, as we've also got some rum on the menu as well. Interestingly, Alfred Lamb started his business in 1849 a few years after Glenmorangie distillery was licensed. He opened a wine and spirit business in London, ageing casks in cool cellars beneath the River Thames. Apparently it's best served neat, over ice!

A word from Michael

Some more lovely liveries this month with another double helping of the football releases.

It's very snowy as I sit here writing the Globe on a family break in Scotland and I wonder just how many games will be cancelled over the next few weeks. The Rainbow Model T makes me feel a little chillier, but is a nice edition to the range.

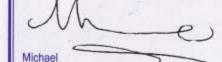
The catalogue pages are on the way again and we have six dividers being printed as I write. If you do want a further catalogue binder then they can be ordered off this months order form.

Back in Globe 40 we itemized how best to separate the pages - for those of you who missed it, please separate as follows:

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

Catalogue 2 - Mini Classics, Routemaster, Model A, Corner Shop, Cigarettes, Comic Cuts, VW's, Regent, Guards, Royalty, Magazines, Drinks, Military, That will keep you busy for a few days!

Until next time Take good care



RANMERE ROY



Our model is based on the cover of the 1943 issue - January 9th. By now the war had reduced the pages down to eight from its previous twelve - and it was only issued fortnightly. Throughout the 20's, 30's and 40's the Bruin Boys featured on the front cover - this day they were off to Dr Lions party!

Other favourites were Sing Hi and Sing Lo, Marzipan the Magician and the Brownie Boys. Model CC026 is our latest edition to the range.

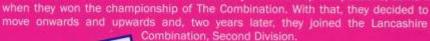


Another Ogden's brand to add to the range, this time Guinea Gold cigarettes. The counterfeiting of cigarettes was very common and it became necessary to add warnings to packs to avoid imitations. Many of these were imported and sometimes the counterfeit tasted better than the real thing. CIG054 will be released later this year.

Not satisfied with playing just 'friendlies' against local opposition, Rovers entered the Liverpool and District Challenge Cup for the first time in 1886-87 season and followed that by entering into the pioneering West Lancashire League in 1889-90.

They continued their climb up football's ladder in the Liverpool & District League, the Lancashire Combination and the Liverpool, Wirral and District League. Their thirst for improvement was fuelled by an 1887 Liverpool Challenge Cup tie against Everton, at their old Anfield ground. Though they lost 1-9 in front of over 2,000 fans, Rover's share of the 'gate' did at least allow the ambitious committee, headed by secretary Alf Mayor, to finance the move to Ravenshaw's Field. Between 1884 and 1889, Rovers played in blue shirts, white shorts and blue stockings, apparently with the intention of 'dazzling' their opponents, only reverting to the blue and white in 1904. By 1897, they had Joined 'The Combination', a much stronger league which included Everton Reserves. Some of the players became semi-professional, getting paid whilst still having other jobs.

Having successfully negotiated a crisis in 1900, when the club was split down the middle over a proposed ground move and player defections. Rover's first taste of silverware, beyond local cup competitions, came in 1908 when they want the champingship of The Combination. With that they decided to



Their rise continued when they were promoted to the First Division 18 months after that. Their arrival in the Lancashire Combination was swiftly followed by the move to the present Prenton Park site and conversion into a limited company.

Some favorite players from the past include Bunny Bell in the 1930's and John Aldridge - both scored 40 goals in a season and share the club record.





A Fiji Class Light Cruiser, she was built by Alex Stephen, Govan being launched on the 18th August 1939. In May 1941 as part of the

2nd Cruiser Squadron she was involved in the hunt for the Bismarck. After the second world war she was re-fitted and served in the American and West Indies Station, 8th Cruiser Squadron. During the Korean War it played its part with its involvement in the Inchon landings. MILO14 is the 14th release in the series.



COLUMN

Everyone should have received their Christmas vehicle by now. If you haven't then please give the office a ring and Geraldine or Sue will be pleased to help you. Many of you were pleased to receive the new Bedford. Sorry WR I can't always get it right.

It always surprises me how often I bump into members at different events. This time it was at the Spring Fair in Birmingham. Eagle eyed BG pointed out to me that the Christmas model 2003 shown in the Globe had no coachlines, unlike the one he received. I am happy to say that this model we photographed was altered to include the coachlines so this was a 'one off'!

Take Care





In November 1897 the first professional football club in Brighton and Hove, Brighton United, was formed. It competed in the Southern League at the County Cricket Ground in Hove from 1898, but gates were poor and the club folded in 1900 before the end of its second season.

Some enthusiasts then formed Brighton & Hove Rangers, an amateur club which played to the north of Brighton at Withdean. Rangers managed some excellent results against good opposition and secured a place in the Southern League for 1901/02, but then they too were forced to disband.

John Jackson, the former manager of United, organised a meeting on 24 June 1901 at the Seven Stars Hotel (now O'Sullivanns bar) in Ship Street at which a new, third club was formed. Brighton & Hove United took up the now-defunct Ranger's place in the Southern League, but, because of complaints by Hove FC, the name was soon changed to Brighton & Hove Albion.

Today the club is in the second division and at the time of writing they were 6th in the table looking possibly for a play-off position this season.



This vehicle has been released to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Aldergrove Carriers. From the edition of 500 only 192 will be available to club members.

This is a further low edition model that has been finished in the UK by our associate company Pasteur Promotions.

CATALOGUE PAGES

RM049 - RM054 CC019 - CC024

RM055 - RM060 CS013 - CS018

We're kicking off the release of catalogue pages over the next few months and your first releases are coming with this Globe.

VW007 - VW012 CC013 - CC018

The mini classics were produced in sets of three, but TAFF being the clot he is made too many of some and not enough of the others. Therefore we can offer the following models which we still have available as single models.

They come in a mailer box. You can buy them individually for £2.00 each or take the ten for £15.00.



LMS Van Pilot





GWR Bus



LNER Van



LMS Fab Van



GWR Van



Southern Van



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LNER Bus



Southern Bus



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How's that for a deal!