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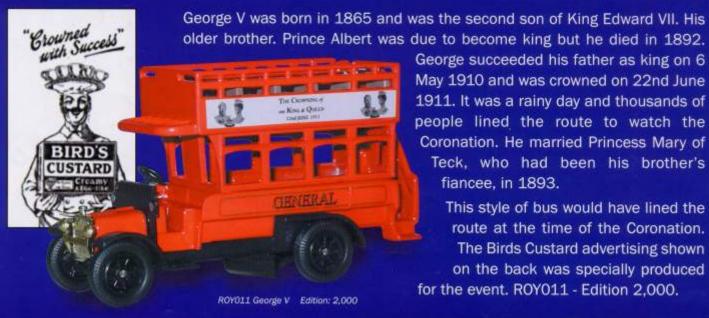
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Official Organ of the Salvation Army



It was back in 1865 that William Booth, a methodist preacher, funded the Christian Mission in London's East End to help feed and help the poor. A few years later it was reorganised along military lines with the preachers known as officers and Booth as the General - it then became known as the Salvation Army. Booth sought to bring an informal atmosphere into his services with joyous singing, instrumental music and the clapping of hands. He was deeply influenced by his wife who believed that women were equal to men and she promoted the idea of women preachers. She was also deeply concerned with the low wages paid to workers and soon the Salvation Army opened its own match factory paying twice the usual wage. The first issue of the War Cry was published back in 1879 which makes this year the 125th anniversay. So to celebrate we are releasing a special Model A to commemorate the event.



older brother. Prince Albert was due to become king but he died in 1892. George succeeded his father as king on 6

May 1910 and was crowned on 22nd June 1911. It was a rainy day and thousands of people lined the route to watch the Coronation. He married Princess Mary of Teck, who had been his brother's

fiancee, in 1893.

This style of bus would have lined the route at the time of the Coronation. The Birds Custard advertising shown on the back was specially produced for the event. ROY011 - Edition 2.000.

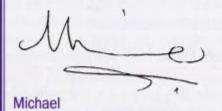
A word from Michael

We're certainly packed with models this month and we've many more planned between now and June.

The buses have been a bit slow on their releases of late so Taff's given us a double helping this month and he has a series of new liveries now planned for the rest of the year.

I'm on a short break at the moment so until next time.

Take good care



IRISH GUARDS

The Irish Guards were formed on 1st April 1900 by order of HM Queen Victoria to commemorate the bravery of the Irish people who fought in the Boer war. The Irish Guards played a major part in both World Wars, winning a total of six Victoria Crosses including the last to be presented in the Second World War and have seen armed conflict in many parts of the world since 1945.

On 21st April 1900, the first recruit, James O'Brien of Limerick, was enlisted and many followed as a free transfer was offered to all Irishmen serving not only in the Guards Brigade but also from the Line Regiments.

The Irish Guards are presented with shamrock on every St Patrick's day (17th March) by a member of the Royal Family. This dates back to 1901 when HRH Princess Alexandra presented the Battalion with it for the first time. Until recent years this duty has been carried out by HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother but since her death the honour has been taken up by HRH The Princess Royal.

The Irish Guards, orginally nicknamed "Bob's Own" after Lord Roberts, the first Colonel of the Regiment, are affectionately and widely known as "The Micks". No other Regiment of Foot Guards has such a widely accepted nickname.







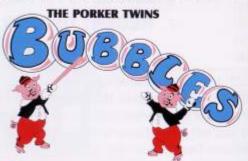
The club was formed in 1866 as Chesterfield Town making it the fourth oldest club in the football league. It joined the league in 1899 but failed to to gain re-election in 1909. Today it plays in division 2 and the club is managed by Ray Mcfarland.





Could Piggy and Wiggy actually be Taff and Dusty (The Porker Twins)? They certainly have a lot of similarities. Over the years they were a regular favourite and the issue from 1924 is shown here. The earlier titles was shown as "Bubbles and the Children's

Fairy" - this was dropped to just Bubbles sometime after 1924. Throughout, the Bounty Boys appeared on the front and many of the strips stayed the distance from the first issue in 1921 to the last in 1941.



TAFF'S COLUMN

With the release of a couple of six pack sets over the next few months, I've certainly been kept busy.

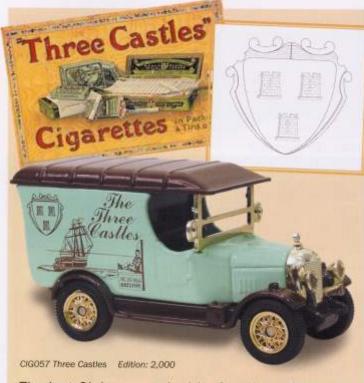
Additionally we have some activity around the 6th June with the 60th anniversary of the D Day upon us. We're also releasing something a little different called "From Our Special Correspondent" in June/July. There's the figurines were releasing as a gift for the airports, they come in a lovely pack.

We've also got a Teddy Bear offer in the wind, so for any of you with grandchildren watch out!

I think I need a holiday!

Take Care

Taff



The last Globe caused a bit of a stir as there was no "cigi" vehicle. No need to worry they are still being released. Three Castles brand was introduced in 1878 at the same time Gold Flake was launched and is shown here on a Bullnose.

Southend on Sea



RM068 Southend on Sea Edition: 2,000

The largest town in Essex, Southend on Sea has a population of over 175,000 and is found at the mouth of the Thames estuary. The original settlement was Prittlewell from which the borough of Southend grew. RM068 is a welcome edition to the range.

Formed in 1895, their first match was against Berry Reserves, the second team of Berry's Blacking Works, Blackley, Manchester - the "Latics" as they are nicknamed won their first match. The formation had come after an article in a local newspaper. "It is really surprising that a first rate - Association THE Football Club cannot be run in LATICS Oldham for there is plenty of room for one without crippling the leading rugby club and, in addition, there is demand for good soccer" (see also NEW001 Oldham Chronicle). They play at Boundary Park and today FO09 Oldham Football Edition: 1,100 the attendance capacity is 13,559, a long way from their attendance record of over 47,000 in the 1930's. Their best league win was in 1962 against Stockport County when they knocked in 11 goals.

CATALOGUE PAGES

The latest catalogue page releases

C055 - C060 CIG037 - CIG042 RT001 - 06 DR001 - DR006 REGENT DIVIDER DRINKS DIVIDER

What a fantastic holiday I had in London, (RM042) I travelled everywhere, but when it rained I took the closed top bus (RM061) to keep dry. I read the Illustrated whilst travelling towards Buckingham Palace (MAG009) but soon got tired reading the Topper (CC022). Coffee was nice (CS009) but the Martell (DR005) certainly warmed me up. There were plenty of police (P001) lining the streets - I think they'd just left a Neighbourhood Watch meeting (218G). I later relaxed with a bowl of soup (VW010) whilst watching that old favourite Double Your Money (VW011) on the TV. The Celtic Manor (RM053) was fantastic. I certainly think I'll move there soon (C063).

It was such a lovely trip that for every three you choose from the selection you can choose another three absolutely FREE!



RM042 London Tours



RM061 London & County



MAG009 Illustrated



CC022 Topper



CS009 Coffee



DR005 Martell



P001 Police



218G Neighbourhood Watch



VW010 Campbells Soup



VW011 Double Your Money



RM053 Celtic Manor



C063 Pickfords

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