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60th Anniversary of D Day landings



Many of our members will have picked up one of our D Day THE D DAY SET CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 4 VEHICLES sets which have been advertised throughout the country over the last month and here for the first time we display them in the Globe. The complete set of models can be purchased for £13.90, or if you wish you can buy them separately. See application form for details. At the time of printing we only have limited sets available as we have had such a large response to the offer

Many of us were moved by the images that we saw during the 60th anniversary of the D Day landings - the biggest seaborne invasion that has ever taken place. After watching the recent coverage on television I think it reminds us all of the thanks we owe to all those involved. Below is a poem from a good friend Gerry Savage that we published recently and I think it is worth recalling it once again.

FREEDOM

Lest we forget the old soldier said as he placed his Centotaph wreath for the dead.

Granddad I know, said the young man with steel blue eyes, we live because they gave their lives.

In the air, on the land and sea these men and women fell, so that we would survive and continue to tell.

That tyranny and evil will never prevail. And when you're gone I'll pass on this tale.

With that the tears flowed from the old man's eyes he'd lost his son in Battle of Britain skies.

His son's wife had gone too a victim of fate and he'd raised his grandson since that date.

Now here he stood in Air Force blue, his dad would have been proud his mother too

So always remember we forget at our cost for freedom and democracy - yes all will be lost.

GERRY SAVAGE MAY 18th 2002

GUARDS ARMOURED DIVISION - CHEVROLET As part of the 21st Armoured

group, it landed in Normandy fighting its way through to Caen. It was the first formation to enter Brussels on its liberation in 1944.

MILD17 GUARDS ARMOURED DIVISION

HMS WARSPITE - BULLNOSE MORRIS

Affectionately known as 'The Old Lady'. With a crew of 925 she was deployed at Normandy. Armed with 15 inch guns she bombarded the German coastal defences.

MILD19 HMS WARSPITE EDMON 10.000

576 SQUADRON BULLNOSE - MORRIS

The 576 squadron played a key part in the preparation for the D Day landings. The squadron concentrated on bombing railways, communication and military installations.

MILD18 576 SQUADRON EDMON 10.000

OPERATION OVERLORD - THORNYCROF

Sixty years ago thousands of British troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. Many soldiers, seamen and airmen gave their lives in the cause of freedom and their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

MILD16 OPERATION OVERLORD EDITION 10,000

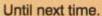


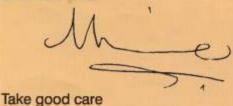


A word from

Michael

We've got a slightly bigger Globe this month to show off some our new releases, we've had a few lettersw from members complaining that you are missing out on the extra items we are running which are sometimes featured on leaflets. So for this month the extra room allows us to show them in colour and lets you see more clearly what we have to offer. As always the Military releases really caught the imagination of members and non members alike and the release of the Special Correspondent models which start next month will, I also be in great demand. On top of that, we've added a new six piece set to our collection this time featuring the Railways a subject always so popular with members. We're not sure which Globe yet, but either 58 or 59 sees the release of some City Sightseeing open top buses and Globe 60 sees the release of a new body shape. So there's no let up for poor old Taff - maybe he needs some help!!







George Formby (1904-1961) b. Wigan, England.

Coming from the northern music hall (his father George Formby Sr, was a music-hall favourite before him), and gaining a national audience through radio, Formby became the most popular male domestic star with British audiences in the late 1930s, alternating at the top of the polls with Gracie Fields. Hollywood attempted to woo most other British box-office favourites of the period, including both Fields and Jessie Matthews, but not our George. Anyway here's a little bit of the song that I'm sure you'll all remember





MILO15 815 SQUADRON EDITION 1,500

815 Naval Air Squadron provides fast, agile Lynx helicopters for the frigates and destroyers of the Royal Navy. It is based at Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton in Somerset, and is the largest helicopter squadron in the world, as well as one the oldest squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm. The Squadron operates the Mk3 and, in increasing numbers, the Mk 8 Westland Lynx. It is equipped with a computerised Central Tactical System (CTS) which allows the crew to manage highly complex tactical situations; and a Passive Identification Device (PID) which is a long range infra red camera. Both makes of aircraft can be armed with Sea Skua anti ship missiles, depth charges and Stingray torpedoes, and can be used in a variety of roles - anti surface warfare, anti submarine warfare, reconnaissance and communications.



Paymaster

CIG058 PAYMASTER EDITION 2,000

The latest in our releases of old 'ciai' packs from the past - this time Paymaster. Don't worry about the missing CIG054 it will appear shortly. We are thinking also that it may be worth releasing a gift pack later this year, so keep watching. CIG058 has an edition of 2,000 pieces.

Motto: Strike Deep



You can tell the summers here again as Dusty likes nothing more than to sit back each evening sipping a glass of whisky whilst watching the salmon fishing during one of his retreats to his country estate. When ever he's short of a bottle - you've guessed it - he decides we should release another whisky model, so here we go. Glen Garioch is situated on the Aberdeenshire village of Old Meldrum in the Scottish highlands. The region is famed for its stunning scenery and colourful tartans and is the home to many distilleries, Glen Garioch being the oldest and most endearing. It was established in 1797 and this small distillery takes its name from the Valley of the Garioch, traditionally the finest barley growing area of Scotland. Dusty says - sweet, malty with floral characteristics. I think this may be as popular as the Glenmorangie.

June 1



THE WORLD OF BENJAMIN SMITH

Benjamin Smith is 10 years old, but he's no ordinary bear.
Benjamin is very brave and in his short life he has had many adventures which have caused his parents to worry about him. He was quite ordinary as a baby, but on his sixth birthday he received a letter from a special uncle who lived far

away. Benjamin opened the envelope in his bedroom whilst he was all alone, inside was a key and a postcard, it was very old and on it a stamp with the date 1884. On the front of the postcard were written the words 'To Benjamin Smith' - the letter had been sent a long time ago by his great great grandfather. The key would lead to many adventures. These are the first releases of Benjamin Smith. Benjamin is 4 inches high his mother Katie is 6 inches high and his father Joseph is 8 inches high. They are coded as first releases and subsequent items will not carry these codes. The set of three bears normally costs £19.85 but with this Globe you can order them at a reduced price of £12.95 and with every order we will send you a token for a FREE Benjamin Smith Scottish bear which would normally cost £3.95 (4 inches high) - this can be claimed on the 15th July.

TAFFS COLUMN

Not much room this month as we seem to be choc-a-bloc. Apologies for some of the obvious errors last month most of you spotted them - thanks anyway for the letters. One more collection to come next month - this time a brewery theme!

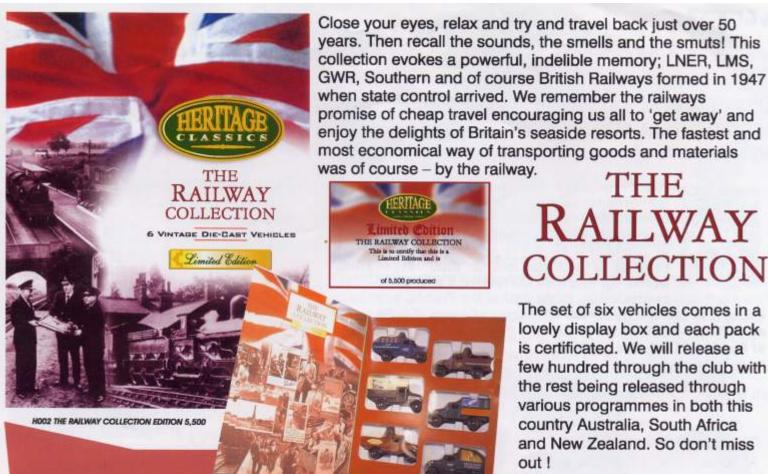




This month sees the release of our 13th RT, this time carrying a Western National livery and heading for Paignton Bus Station on route 178. This brings memories of my holidays as a child. Each year when visiting Torquay we'd hop onto the bus to Paignton, I was always disappointed when the closed top bus arrived, as I was quite prepared to wait all day for the open top. This has an edition of 2,000



You will be hearing a lot more about Benjamin Smith and this September sees the release of his first book. With all orders you'll receive details on the book how to reserve a copy of the first release and how to receive a FREE Benjamin pirate.



RAILWAY COLLECTION

The set of six vehicles comes in a lovely display box and each pack is certificated. We will release a few hundred through the club with the rest being released through various programmes in both this country Australia, South Africa and New Zealand. So don't miss out!









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BRITISH RAILWAY

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"The beginning of the end"

OXFORD DIECAST proudly presents the first in a series of LIMITED EDITION collectable sets remembering the events leading up to the end of WORLD WAR II.



After four years of preparation the greatest seaborne invasion took place on June 6th 1944. Operation Overlord was the allied invasion of Normandy and it marked the beginning of the end of World War II. From Arnhem to Ardennes, the crossing of the Rhine and the final days of Hitler before the German surrender. These key events led up to the end of the War in

Europe. It was the signal for the release of years of pentup feelings - "Advance Britannia" - "Long live the cause of freedom! God save the King!"

Soon it would be over.



Oxford Diecast are delighted to present a series of twelve limited die-cast vehicles and news reports leading up to the end of World War II. Each special collectors box contains a limited edition vintage vehicle, a news report and certificate of authenticity - each sets covers a month in the period June 1944 to May 1945. The news report contains details of events as they unfolded, the first starting with the D Day landings. The set builds up into a fantastic collection of twelve that will be cherished for generations. These sets are going to be in great demand and will be restricted on a first come



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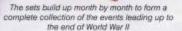
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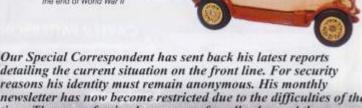
APPLICATION

Limited Edition

CORRESPONDENT







detailing the current situation on the front line. For security reasons his identity must remain anonymous. His monthly newsletter has now become restricted due to the difficulties of the time. The paper famine has now profoundly changed the complexion of British publishing.

We are hopeful that his reports will continue.

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MILDOT FALKLANDS



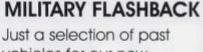


MILDO6 THE SOMME



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vehicles for our new members. Stocks still available.



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Volvo XC90 1:43 Scale on plinth



Volvo C70 1:43 Scale on plinth