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**SPECIAL
BONUS
ISSUE**

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LEST WE FORGET

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



NEW RELEASE



BED008 LEST WE FORGET
Edition 7,500

Continuing our long association with the Royal British Legion, this month we release our Remembrance day vehicles - for the sixth year running. As always we feature a LEST WE FORGET vehicle which is on our Bedford. The additional models in the series are featured overleaf. They will appear throughout the UK in regional papers as part of the Poppy Appeal fund raising. If you want to make a donation to their fund as many of you do, then there's a space on the application. So far over £70,000 has been raised using Oxford Diecast vehicles and we are hopeful of continuing this association in the coming years.

FREE MINI



This month FREE with every order for over £10 you get a 1:43 scale (2.5 inches) Mini. We have 15 different liveries and we will send you one chosen at random from the range. If you spend £20. you get two, £30 three etc. The models come in a polybag. So if you are a Mini fan then this is certainly an offer not to be missed. Offer lasts while stocks last - but we've got plenty!!!

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DISCOVER

NEW RELEASE



BED011 AT THE GOING DOWN
Edition 7,500

There are three other vehicles released this year for Remembrance Sunday. Two feature poems - At the going down of the sun and Flanders Fields - the other shows the cenotaph.

REMEMBRANCE

NEW RELEASE



BED010 FLANDERS FIELDS
Edition 7,500

SUNDAY 2004

NEW RELEASE



BED009 REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY 2004
Edition 7,500

STRATFORD

RM075 CITY SIGHTSEEING Edition 2,200



NEW RELEASE

This time we have Stratford the fourth in our series of City Sightseeing buses - this follows on the heels of the:

- RM072 BATH
- RM073 NORWICH
- RM074 OXFORD
- RM075 STRATFORD

All come in special gift packaging. We have Scottish variants planned for later this year.

PREVIOUS LEGION LEST WE FORGET



C061 2002

2 for 1
CODE
BLEST



C069 2003

We have 100 left of the 2002 and 2003 vans - their normally £4.95 each but we'll let you have the pair for £4.95

Rotherham Town and Rotherham County amalgamated in 1925 to become Rotherham United. Today their ground is just under 10,000, well short of their record which was over 25,000 back in 1952. Their best league victory was against Oldham - 8-0, however their worst defeat was against Bradford in 1928 - they knocked in 11. Jack Shaw is their highest scorer - but who can tell us ?



F015 ROTHERHAM
Edition 1,100



NEW RELEASE

FOOTBALL VEHICLES

Most Oxford Members are familiar with the various football vehicles we've released over the years, quite a few new members have picked up some of our latest releases which are as follows:

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| F001 OXFORD UNITED | F002 WREXHAM |
| F003 BOSTON | F004 TRANMERE |
| F005 BRIGHTON | F006 ROCHDALE |
| F007 RUSHDEN | F008 CHESTERFIELD |
| F009 OLDHAM | F010 DERBY |
| F011 WEST HAM | F012 YEOVIL |
| F013 STOKE | F014 NOTTINGHAM FOREST |



All football vehicles come in special packaging

P005 GWR
AMBULANCE
EDITION 1,500



NEW RELEASE

As well as moving freight around the countryside GWR also moved patients. For most of the journey they would travel by train, but for the last part of the route they would be transferred to a vehicle for movement either to the local hospital or safely back home. This vehicle is a must for anyone who has purchased the H002 Railway Set and would make a nice edition to the range. Anyone who's a fan of GWR can look forward to a further release next month.

A word from Michael

A larger than ever Globe to show you just how much we're involved with various projects at the moment. Well done to Taff and his team for providing us with so much variety. Next month a return to a smaller Globe and of course being Christmas we'll be featuring the Xmas 2004 model which is Free for all Standard and Platinum members.

With an eye to the future Taff is promising us a new range, the timing of which is a little difficult to predict at the moment, but it would seem like an April release although he's saying earlier! *Never* Anyway with the run up to Christmas I know you'll all be busy so if your looking for those extra stocking fillers I think you'll find plenty on offer here.

Until next time.

Take good care

Michael



Set 11 Houdini - The Magic is still there as someone paid a lot at auction for one recently. They should have contacted us as we still have 43 sets in stock. Ours only cost £14.95 for the set of four vehicles !!!!!

Set 11 - 75th Anniversary
Harry Houdini



CIG061
POLO
EDITION
2,000

NEW RELEASE

ROYAL ARTILLERY



NEW RELEASE



GR012
ROYAL
ARTILLERY
EDITION 2,000

A vehicle regularly requested since the introduction of the Guards & Regiments range nearly two years ago. Ever since the invention of guns in the 13th century, master gunners were present in forts around the country. In 1716 two companies of artillery were formed at the Woolwich Warren (later the Royal Arsenal) to ensure that a regular force of gunners were available when needed. In 1833, King William IV recognised that to continue granting Battle Honours to the Regiment would result in an excessive list, and granted instead a single Battle Honour, the motto Ubique (Everywhere), with an accompanying motto Quo Fas Et Gloria Ducunt (Whither Right and Glory Lead).

This month we see some Sporting themes added to the range of old 'cigi' packs from the last century. At the time, the use of sport on the packets was very widespread and checking through the records it is difficult to find an area that was not covered. This design was issued by Ogden's although you'll also find a Polo brand that was issued by Murray's.




These models are highly detailed diecast models and not for children. They are some of the finest construction models that you will find and are 1:50 scale. Just released also we have a 1:87 scale EC210 with further release in this scale

A25D ARTICULATED HAULER



1:50 SCALE

KALMAR



1:50 SCALE

L35B



1:50 SCALE

A25C ARTICULATED HAULER



1:50 SCALE

ROTTNE



1:50 SCALE

Detailed model with fully moveable log crane and ball-race mounted bogies.

EC45



1:50 SCALE

EC240B EXCAVATOR



1:50 SCALE

Fully functional boom and bucket open hood with detailed visible engine.

180 HIGH LIFT



1:50 SCALE

G740B MOTORGRADER



1:50 SCALE


Detailed model with functional blade in all angles. Articulated chassis and steering wheels.

150E



1:50 SCALE

A40D ARTICULATED HAULER



1:50 SCALE

Open engine hood, detailed engine articulated steering and moving bogie.

180E



1:50 SCALE

BL71 BACKHOE LOADER



1:50 SCALE

Triple-function front bucket and a backhoe arm, sliding left to right Stabilising legs, steering wheels.

EC210 EXCAVATOR



1:50 SCALE

220E



1:50 SCALE

FM9 DISTRIBUTION



1:50 SCALE

FM9 CONSTRUCTION



1:50 SCALE

EC210 EXCAVATOR



1:87 SCALE

Diecast metal model with tiltable cabin and detailed engine. Super structure with openable rear doors.

Fully diecast metal model with tiltable cabin, detailed engine and a vertically adjustable tipper body.

1:87 SCALE
NEW SCALE JUST RELEASED
WE WILL ALSO RELEASE 150/180/240B AND BL71
IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

Fantastic Offer

WHILE STOCKS LAST

THE WORLD OF BENJAMIN SMITH



The book is 34 pages long and beautifully illustrated

Welcome to the world of Benjamin Smith one of the most adventurous bears you'll find. Benjamin is no ordinary bear and he receives a key on his sixth birthday, the key that will open many doors. In his first adventure he meets Captain Jacob Smith his great great grandfather - a pirate from the seas. The book is beautifully illustrated and in each of the pictures you will find a key - some easy to find others a little harder.

BENJAMIN SMITH DEAL NUMBER ONE - BS001

Our special introductory offer includes the first edition of the book, all the bears shown above, plus a further FREE bear chosen at random from the Benjamin Smith range - six bears in total. The full story of Benjamin Smith can be told making some exciting bed time reading for Children. The offer is limited whilst stocks last - so don't miss out order yours now for just £19.95 a saving of over £20.00 off our normal retail price.

The bears are Captain Jacob Smith (8 inch great great grandfather), Joseph Smith (8 inch Father), Katie Smith (6 inch Mother), Benjamin (4 inch launch bear), Benjamin (4 inch Pirate bear) plus a mystery bear from the range.

BENJAMIN SMITH DEAL NUMBER TWO - BS002

If you've already had some of the bears we're offering Captain Jacob (8 inch bear), Benjamin Pirate (4 inch bear) and the book for £12.95

BENJAMIN SMITH BOOK - BS003

If you'd only like the book then you can have a copy for just £4.95

BENJAMIN MUM AND DAD- BS004

Joseph (8 inch bear) and Katie(6 inch bear) - £9.95

BENJAMIN SMITH - BEN001

The 4 inch bear for £3.95



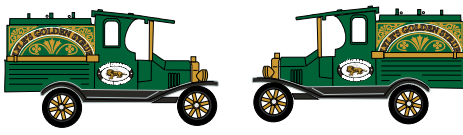
Has TAFF had a hand in this book ? Maybe !! You'll have to look very carefully and you may find a clue - if anyone can tell me precisely how many times he appears in the book and where then you'll receive a FREE gift. The offer is for the first letter received. So get out your magnifying glasses and start looking. Send answer to 'WHERE IS TAFF' at Oxford address.



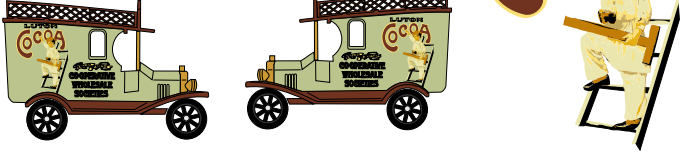


A picture from the book. Can you see the key ?

DESIGN CELL

These have proved very popular since they were introduced a few Globes ago. As we're nearing Christmas we thought we'd give you the chance to choose from two this month. Both of these models were very popular but the Design Cells are limited to 25 of each - first come first served ! The pictures are framed and individually numbered and signed by Taff and cost £29.95 each. The order codes are DCTATE for Tate & Lyle and DCCO for the COOP

Model No H001 GROCERY ONE OF SIX MODELS	Description TATE & LYLE	OXFORD DESIGN CELL
  <p>In the early years the families of Tate & Lyle were competitors until their amalgamation in 1921. Henry Tate the son of a Lancashire Clergman had moved to Liverpool as a young boy and opened some grocery shops before becoming a partner in a sugar refining company. He later purchased it and changed its name to Henry Tate & Sons and constructed a refinery before extending their activities to London. Meanwhile Abram Lyle had become interested in sugar refining through his father who was a ship owner bringing in raw sugar from the West Indies. He moved to London from Greenock and the families of Tate & Lyle had refineries within a mile of each other. After the merger the expansion of the company was rapid and they grew into a household name. Golden Syrup still bears the name Lyles Golden Syrup with a picture of a lion surrounded by bees under which is the phrase from Judges.</p> 		
PAINT	Body Chassis Roof	3rd January 2004

Model No H001 GROCERY ONE OF SIX MODELS	Description COCOA	OXFORD DESIGN CELL
  <p>COOPERATIVE WHOLESALE SOCIETIES</p> 		
PAINT	Body Chassis Roof	29TH December 2003

The designs for these were completed over the Christmas period 2003 with a planned launch of April 2004, however delays in production meant that the sets were not completed until June 2004. Taff does approximately half the designs with the balance shared out amongst our design team.

RM069 Platinum Routemaster Edition 2,300

PLATINUM RELEASE



This month sees the release of RM069 which is the Platinum members vehicle. We've had a lot of requests for a bus - so here it is. If you're a Platinum Member you're entitled to this FREE as part of your Platinum package To claim yours simply tick the box on this months order form and we'll send it out to you with your goods. If you're not a Platinum member and wish to join, the costs are shown on this months order form. Or if you wish to upgrade to Platinum then check out the cost on the back of the order form.

NEW RELEASE

MINI RAMA SCENES

BACK IN STOCK



£9.95

MR001

Ford Corsair

Detailed diorama of a classic gas-station includes a 1/43rd scale 2-door version of the Ford Corsair 1966-Die Cast metal.



£9.95

MR002

Racing Car

Detailed diorama of a classic gas-station includes a 1/43rd scale racing car being fitted out by mechanics. Great Christmas Present.

MORE MINI MANIA

Here they are once again our Twin Mini sets which have been so popular over the years. We have three on offer British, English and Scottish sets. Each set of Twin Minis come in a special display box and are £9.95 each, but if you buy two sets we'll throw in the third set absolutely **FREE**. These Minis are just over 4 inches long. So its.....

'Goodbye to the old and hello to the new'

- MINI001 British Flags
- MINI002 English Flags
- MINI003 Scottish Flags



You can choose any combination you like e.g. one of each or three of a kind

BUY THREE FOR THE PRICE OF TWO



MINI003



MINI001



MINI002

THE WORLD OF BENJAMIN SMITH

Our support of the Royal British Legion this year has extended to offering some of our Benjamin Smith Teddies with various tops - Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force - we have offered six inch bears to readers in many regional newspapers across the country. In addition and not to be left out Benjamin appeared in a Poppy T Shirt. As always we'd like to give you something extra so for £14.95 you



BS008

Benjamin Poppy Bear



BS006

Royal Navy Bear



BS007

Royal Air Force Bear



BS005

Army Bear



BS004



Set of bears for just £14.95

can have the set of three bears plus Benjamin for the same cost but instead of 6 inch bears you can have three larger 8 inch bears. That's quite an offer don't you think! Alternatively if you want to buy them as singles you can, the various bears can be found on the order form.



RECENT RELEASES



DR012 CHARRINGTONS
Edition 2,000



GR011 GRENADIER GUARDS
Edition 1,500



CIG060 TRAWLER
Edition 2,000



RM074 OXFORD
Edition 2,000



CC029 SCHOOL FRIEND
Edition 2,000



F014 NOTTINGHAM FOREST
Edition 1,100

NEW DENNIS CASTING



D002
Royal Mail 1,500
Second Dennis Release



RM071 OXFORD
Edition 2,000



D001
Oxford Diecast Edition 2,500

SAAB 93 CODE SAAB 1 TWO COLOURS GREEN & RED 1:43 SCALE



CODE SAAB 2
SET CODE SAAB SET
£9.95 each or £14.95 for both



ROY011 GEORGE V
Edition 2,000

60th Anniversary of D Day landings

ORDER CODE DDAY
Complete set just £14.95

THE D DAY SET CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 4 VEHICLES



MIL017 GUARDS ARMoured DIVISION
EDITION 10,000

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.



MIL019 HMS WARSPITE
EDITION 10,000

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.



MIL018 576 SQUADRON
EDITION 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.



MIL016 OPERATION OVERLORD
EDITION 10,000

OPERATION OVERLORD - THORNYCROFT

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.

VOLVO CARS 1:43

These are lovely cars and very good quality, they are 1:43 scale and all models come on a plinth in a Volvo box. If you like cars these are certainly the ones for you.



10454 S80 BLACK



10404 V40 BLUE



10406 S40 GREEN



10407 S40 SILVER



10408 V70 RED



10409 V70 SILVER



10410 V70 XC SILVER



10411 V70XC BROWN



10412 S60 RED



10414 S60 YELLOW



10452 C70 BLACK



1073 XC90 CRY GREEN



1074 XC90 RED



1094 V50 DAWN BLUE



1095 V50 FLINT GREY



1096 S40 RED



1097 S40 GREEN 2003



1098 S60R FLASH GREEN



1099 S60R PASSION RED

THE HISTORY OF TAFF AND OXFORD DIECAST

As promised last month we begin a series of articles on the history of Taff and Oxford Diecast and how it all started. With any article such as this it's difficult to portray events other than in the way the author has seen them, so I make no apologies for the way in which I tell the story. In addition I am including some detail on how I became involved and more importantly, why I became involved - the story starts quite early.

Living in Swansea in the 1960's was quite hard and many of us at school were prepared for a life in industry. Anyone who lived in Swansea was aware of the toy companies who made products here, if only as it presented the possibility of cheap Christmas presents. Mettoy employed thousands across factories in South Wales and at its birthplace in Northampton. Around the age of nine I remember a craze in school with plastic monkeys and lions, all the kids had them it wasn't until later that I realised they had originated from the toy factory where Mettoy (one of their brands being Corgi) were producing Daktari and The Lions of Longleat gift sets. No doubt the factory manager was puzzled at the shortage of their plastic figures.

A few years later the company was nearly crippled when a massive fire broke out in its warehouse in Fforestfach. To all the employees this was a crisis, as there were rumours that the company would go bust. To us kids nearby it was a goldmine, the chance to salvage some of the burnt out toys that remained. I recall that my loot amounted to 4 Batman Cars, 3 Walkie Talkies, half a plastic train set and a Corgi Rockets Track. Unfortunately all the James Bond cars had been sold and none were held at that site.

From those difficult times Mettoy recovered and prospered and it was with some excitement that I saw the job advert in the paper - Commercial and Production Management Trainee required - 4 O'Levels. I wanted that job and the thought of a warehouse full of toys brought a smile to my face. There was only one thing for it I had to start revising for my exams right now.

Oxford Diecast Take your Pick

Buy one
Take one

The big question is how many of these liveries will remain after this Globe! For every model you choose to buy on Page 10 and 11 you can choose another model absolutely free (from Page 10 & 11).

Please remember to add a substitute as we may run out of a few! These are just a few of the ranges that we have on offer to our club members.



MAG011 GIRL GUIDES



MAG006 JOHN BULL



MAG008 WOMANS REALM



MAG007 PRACTICAL MECH



MAG009 ILLUSTRATED



MAG012 PRACTICAL WIRELESS

MAGAZINES

Some of the magazines that we've enjoyed throughout our lives.



CC025 BUSTER



CC022 TOPPER



CC015 ROVER



CC018 VICTOR



CC023 SKIPPER

Comic Cuts

We all grew up with comics and enjoyed some great stories, great characters and fantastic artwork. Our vehicles capture that moment and the spirit of the time.



CC019 BEEZER



CS009 COFFEE



CS011 BROCKS



CS015 MELIAS



CS010 SUNLIGHT

CORNER SHOP

A series that revives memories from the past when the corner shop was so much a part of our lives.



CS019 BIRDS



CS016 ARMY/NAVY



VW009 TOMMY COOPER



VW011 DOUBLE YOUR MONEY



VW012 LAVENDAR HILL MOB



VW013 GLOBE 50



VW014 MORECAMBE & WISE

VW'S Some just for fun, some for memories, some great comedians and some brilliant musicians.



DR006 CINZANO

BUSES

Buses from before the war to the famous Routemasters that still carry people from around the world throughout the streets of London today.



RT001 GREENLINE



RT005 LONDON TRANSPORT



RM042 LONDON TOURS



RM063 BRIGHTON



RM046 SOUTHEND



RM045 WIMBLEDON

MILITARY



World War I World War II
El Alamein The Falklands HMS Edinburgh
Guard & Regiments
So many people and so many memories.



GR008 THE GLOSTERS



GR006 BLUES & ROYALS



GR010 RASC



GR007 WELSH GUARDS



GR005 DEVONSHIRE



GR009 IRISH GUARDS



CIG037 MATINEE



CIG043 PLAYERS CLIPPER



CIG046 ROBIN

A range that remembers some of the old packs that were on sale during the last century.

CIGARETTE PACK ART



CIG049 BRISTOL



CIG039 THE GREYS



CIG052 STAR

“The beginning of the end”

OXFORD DIECAST proudly presents 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 pent-up feelings - “Advance Britannia” - “Long live the cause of freedom! God save the King!” Soon it would be over.



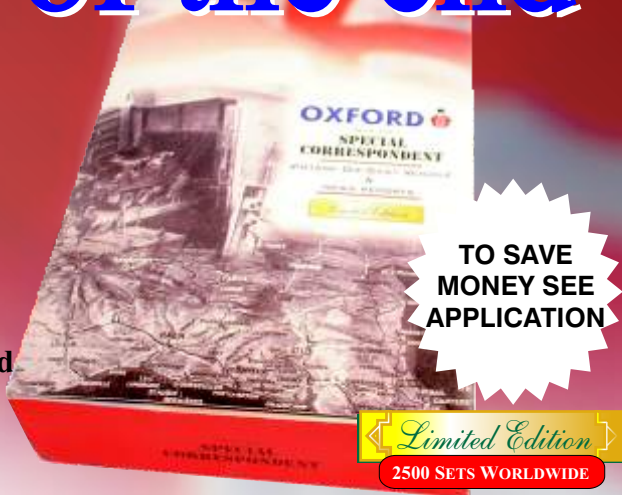
Limited Edition
WE HAVE LANDED IN FRANCE
JUNE 1944
Model SC001 No. of 2,500

Oxford Diecast 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. You can choose to order individual sets or alternatively you can order the set of twelve today (Set code is SCSET). If you do we will send you the first four (SC001 to SC004) in the range and an additional set will be sent to you each month building up your collection to twelve.

FROM OUR
**SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT**

SEPTEMBER 1944
AIRBORNE FORCES LAND AT ARNHEM

A large contingent of men of the Allied 1st Airborne Army, under the command of Lieut-General Frederick Browning, have been dropped in the area of Nijmegen, Eindhoven and Arnhem, in the Netherlands. The aim is to seize strategically important bridges over the many waterways in the area which may impede the Allied advance. These include the Grave bridge over the Maas, the Maas-Wahl Canal bridge and the Arnhem Bridge over the Lower Rhine (the Lek). After enemy airfields were cratered by bombing raids, over 1,000 troop-carrying aircraft took part. There were four engined Short Stirlings and twin engined Douglas Dakotas, some towing gliders, others loaded with paratroopers. This is just the first stage of an operation which will be reinforced over the next few days, and which will ensure a speedy and secure advance for the Allied armoured columns.



TO SAVE MONEY SEE APPLICATION

Limited Edition
2500 SETS WORLDWIDE



SC001 Edition 2,500

VINTAGE DIE-CAST VEHICLE & NEWS REPORTS



FROM OUR
**SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT**



The sets build up month by month to form a complete collection of the events leading up to the end of World War II



SC002 Edition 2,500



SC003 Edition 2,500

Our Special Correspondent has sent back his latest reports 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.

SEPTEMBER
1944

NEW RELEASE



SC004 Edition 2,500