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THE OFFERS
KEEP COMING
TAFF MUST BE
CRAZY !!!!!

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BILL HALEY AND HIS COMETS



NEW
RELEASE



VW018 Bill Haley Edition 2,000

**One, two, three o'clock, four o'clock, rock,
Five, six, seven o'clock, eight o'clock, rock,
Nine, ten, eleven o'clock, twelve o'clock, rock,
We're gonna rock around the clock tonight.**

The anthem of Rock, the song that really gave birth to teenage culture back in 1954. "Rock Around The Clock" featuring that hard driving beat, immortal guitar solo and wonderful crescendo of an ending - Bill Haley and his Comets were the Kings of Rock. The original Comets were - Danny Cedrone, Billy Williamson, Johnny Grande, Joey D'Ambrosio (tenor sax), Marshall Lytle (bass) and Billy Gussack (drums). Joey, Dick and Marshall left the Comets and were replaced by Al Rex (bass), Frank Beecher (lead) and Rudy Pompilli (tenor sax). This was the classic Comets line-up and in the coming years audiences throughout the world would marvel at the antics of Rudy and Al. Rudy belting out his sax solos, arching his back until he was virtually lying flat on the floor. And Al throwing his bass up into the air, then jumping onto its' side while still playing. *A must have VW our latest release in this classic range.*

FREE THIS MONTH



If you've filled up your shelves with the Minis we've been recently offering then why not try out some of these little VW -Pick Ups, Ford Capris or if you missed them the Minis from last month- so for every £10 spent you can have a FREE Model. You choose VW, Capri or Mini. They each come in a range of 6 colours and we will send them out at random from the range we have available. They are 1:72 scale (approx 1.5 inches) and come on a plinth.

EVEN
BETTER

SOME LOVELY CLASSIC CARS

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Special
Correspondent

PLUS AVAILABILITY LISTINGS
OF THEMED MODELS IN THE
PRICE LIST

DISCOVER

Inverness

NEW
RELEASE



RM078 Inverness
Edition 2,000

Inverness is known as the Capital of the Highlands, with its suspension bridges across the River Ness and old stone buildings it's a lovely place to visit. In December 2000, it was one of only 3 towns to be awarded city status by the Queen. The official ceremony took place on 19 March 2001 and celebrations were held in July around the time of the Inverness Highland Games. The local population is about 41,000 in the city plus another 20,000 in the district. If you want to find out more then you have to hop on board the CitySightseeing tour.

THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS

Raised by the 4th Duke of Gordon in 1794, The Gordon Highlanders, numbered the 100th, traditionally recruited from the North East of Scotland. The raising of the Regiment was famously assisted by the Duchess Jean who is said to have offered a kiss to prospective recruits with a guinea between her lips.



In 1798 the Gordons were numbered the 92nd. The Sphinx emblem was awarded for services against the French armies in Egypt in 1801 and the Tiger emblem in 1807 in recognition of the 75th's service in India. Further honours were earned in the Peninsular War and in 1815, the 92nd fought at Quatre Bras and Waterloo, taking part in the famous 'Scotland for Ever' charge with the Scots Greys. Service further afield then brought honours in India and Afghanistan and, following amalgamation with the 75th in 1881, the Gordons earned further fame for their victory at the Dargai Heights, where two of the Regiment's 19 Victoria Crosses were won. Later six VC's were won during the Boer War. Under the 1980s programme of Defence cuts, The Gordon

Highlanders were amalgamated on 17 September 1994 with the Queen's Own Highlanders to form The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons).



NEW
RELEASE

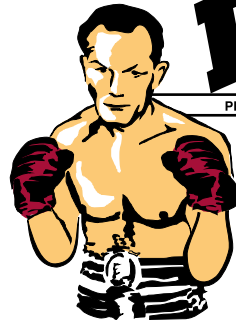
GR014 GORDON
HIGHLANDERS
Edition 1,500

BOXING NEWS

World's Premier Fight Weekly

PRICE ONE SHILLING

MAY 26 1964



A RINGSIDE SEAT AT EVERY FIGHT

Boxing was really at it's peak in the fifties and sixties and for many the various magazines available were read from cover to cover. We feature Boxing News from 1964, but there were many others including The Ring and Boxing Illustrated. Nearly a year after Henry Cooper's left hand sent a young and up-and-coming boxer called Cassius Clay flat on his back in front of a packed Wembley Stadium, we were still reading about the fight. Cooper's punch had come in the dying seconds of the fourth round and Clay was literally 'saved by the bell' -the rest is history.

NEW
RELEASE



MAG015 Boxing News
Edition 2,000

The latest release in this range this time on a Bedford featuring Toss a pack from the fifties.



NEW
RELEASE

CIG064 Toss
Edition 2,000

I asked Dusty about Robin Starch, so here goes
"When I was young I would make the fire up with wood or household rubbish. The clothes would first be wet in the zinc bath then transferred to the copper for boiling. Then they would be put back in the zinc bath into warm water with something called the "blue bag". This contained a whitener which helped clean the clothes. Everything would then have to go through the mangle and be hung out to dry. The last job would be the ironing and adding "Robin's Starch" for stiffening collars and shirts. The job would take all day. We always used to have bubble and squeak to eat on washdays as there was no time to cook a proper meal."

That will teach me !!!!!

CS031 Robin Starch
 Edition 1,500

**ROBIN
 STARCH**



A word from Michael

A very brief column this month. As I write I'm visiting various gift fairs around Europe and during my travels I'm making arrangements to supply all members with FREE commemorative medals for the 60th anniversary of VE day - we will give you all details next month.

Until next time, take good care

Michael

Michael



VW017
 Lonnie Donegan
 Edition 2,000



**LAST
 MONTHS
 RELEASES**

CS030
 Zebra
 Edition 1,500



CIG063
 Knockout
 Edition 2,000



RM077
 Stirling
 Edition 2,000



RM079
 Isle of Man
 Edition 2,000

MII020
 Civil Defence
 Corps
 Edition 2,000



BED013 Isle of Man
 Edition 1,000

MODERN CARS

Here is a variation this month with some modern cars all coming in different packs - three cars per pack. Each pack is available at a cost of £9.95, but we will let you buy them also at 4 for the price of 3 (£29.85) and 6 for price of 4 (£39.80). We only have limited stocks so don't leave it to long as we will definitely run out of these as they are very attractive packs.

6 FOR 4 OR 4 FOR 3

1:43 Scale



CP001

BMW PACK 1

1:43 Scale



CP002

VOLKSWAGEN

1:43 Scale



CP003

MERCEDES

1:43 Scale



CP004

LAND ROVER

1:43 Scale



FOCUS/PORSCHE/MITSUBISHI

CP005

SPORTS

1:43 Scale



CP006

BMW PACK 2

CLASSIC CARS



CP007

1:43 Scale

What a lovely pack this is, three 1:43rd cars, a Morgan, a Lotus Europa and a Capri. In the seventies the Ford line up was I believe at it's best - Escort, Cortina Granada and Capri and all manufactured in the UK. This lovely set is available at £9.95.

MOTORART
COLLECTION



1:43 Scale



MODEL NO 13157
FORD CORSAIR
AND CARAVAN

£11.95



1:43 Scale



MODEL NO 13156
POLAR CARAVAN
& VOLVO V70

£11.95



1:43 Scale

£14.95

MODEL NO 13155 POLAR CARAVAN & VOLVO S80

VOLVO 8700 BUS

1:43 Scale



£28.95

MODEL NO 10501
Detachable chassis with engine
details and luggage compartment

These are lovely caravans sets in 1:43rd scale and at this time of year I'm sure many of you are looking forward to a break next summer - so I guess they may be the next best thing. Each caravan comes with a car



1:43 Scale

MODEL NO 1219
VOLVO V70

STOCKHOLM TAXI

£3.95

What other car would you expect to find in Stockholm liveried as a Taxi. It has to be a Volvo and this is a V70 and is 1:43rd scale with opening doors. This month she's yours at a special price of £3.95 - a snip.

MEMORY LANE

SOME OF TAFFS
FAVOURITES,
THOUGHTS and
RAMBLINGS

TAFF

Editor: *How does his mind work!*

I'm leaning on a lamp post
At the corner of the street
In case a certain little Taff comes by.
Oh me. Oh my.
I hope the little taff comes by.
I don't know if he'll get away.
He doesn't always get away.
But anyhow I know that he'll try.
Oh me. Oh my.
I hope the little taff comes by.



VW015 GEORGE FORMBY EDITION 2,000

Robert **NINEHEAD** OPEN-DAY VISITS 10am-6pm

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.



RT013 WESTERN NATIONAL EDITION 2,000

The **Magnet**

**YOU ROTTERS!
EXCLAIMED DUSTY !**



CC028 THE MAGNET Edition 1,500



"STARTER BATTERIES"

An advert from the 1950's read as follows:
"Listening to Schubert's beautiful piece of work is delightful, but to hear one's favourite music fade and die is an 'unfinished symphony' of a different kind. You can help your customers to avoid similar experiences by recommending Oldham Radio Batteries - the batteries with 'Power-to-spare' - and incidentally build prestige and good business."



BD006 OLDHAM BATTERY Edition 1,100

**THE
HAMMERS**

Since appearing on our vans their league form has improved considerably. Is that a coincidence ?
Let this be a message to other clubs.



F011 WEST HAM Edition 1,100

THE RAMS

Top half of the league as well - there seems to be some sort of pattern appearing here.
Editor says:
So what happened to Wrexham then ?
Taff says: It doesn't work if the van is red - obvious!



F010 DERBY Edition 1,100

**ROUTEMASTER 50TH
ANNIVERSARY
RELEASE OF BUS
IN OXFORD DIECAST
LIVERY**



RM071 OXFORD Edition 2,000

Just what I want! **AITKEN'S BEER**

I wonder if anyone out there has any FREE beer for me, I would very much appreciate any spare cans you have as it will help me to create some better models and also make me a better person.
Editor says: You can't beg for beer TAFF
Taff says: It's worth a try someone may feel sorry for me and send me some in. A party pack would be nice !



RT014 YOUNGS Edition 2,000

I definitely don't want any FREE Brillo pads as they'll be no use to me whatsoever, I would be very offended if these were sent instead of the FREE crate of beer. After my recent advise on the use of Ajax as a pan cleaner, we've only had three reports of food poisoning - which I think is quite good.



CS023 BRILLO Edition 1,500



**EVENING
ALL !**



I just wish they would bring this programme back. Who decides to put on the rubbish we see on the TV today? My grandfather always made me watch Dixon of Dock Green - and I loved it. I'm sure it was on a Saturday because that's normally when I went around his house. We would always watch the wrestling at 4.00p.m. I think the commentator was Kent Walton and my favourite wrestler was Mick McManus - he was a true gentleman as well !



VW016 DIXON OF DOCK GREEN Edition 2,000

CHARRINGTON
of London
Established 1757

A FREE lorry load of beer would be really fantastic and I would not, I repeat not, be offended by such generosity. I would give some to Dusty, however I don't think it would be good for him, so I would keep it all for myself. I estimate that a lorry load of beer would keep me going until Globe 100.

EDITOR SAYS: You're not allowed to accept gifts.



DR012 CHARRINGTONS Edition 2,000

SCHOOL FRIEND

I never seemed to have many School Friends - they always ran off and left me. When we were playing hide and seek, sometimes it would take me up to four hours to find the first person. Once when we were stealing apples from one of our neighbours gardens I was hit in the face by a stick thrown by a friend who ran off and left me, I was caught and punished. I still have a small scar under my eye to prove it.



CC029 SCHOOL FRIEND Edition 2,000

I have never been fishing, all my friends used to go when I was at school, but there was never any room in the car for me - although they definitely wanted me to go with them. When they came back they would always say how much fun it was, but they would have enjoyed it more if I'd gone I'm sure. I have heard that they do fishing trips in Torquay and I would love to go on a trip like that !! So if I was invited by someone.....



CIG060 TRAWLER Edition 2,000

I don't travel on the train as much as I used to. I always remember the smell of cigarette smoke in the carriages. The only thing that would stop me being sick was to eat a Polo mint, which was strange as my brother would eat barley sugar which I used to hate.



BED007 GWR SIGNAL Edition 2,000

Incredibly there was a mix up **again** this year which meant I spent Christmas Day all on my own for the fifth year running. There was nothing on the TV, so I went through my collection of films and pulled out a set of four Ealing comedies. I watched them all, but my favourite is still The Lavendar Hill Mob. Which got me thinking - I would love to star in a movie. I am open to offers and would really like to play James Bond. Maybe "From Russia with Taff" or even "Dr Taff" and if you could get the right leading lady I would do it for FREE - absolutely no problem there.



VW012 LAVENDAR HILL Edition 2,000

THE HISTORY OF TAFF AND OXFORD DIECAST

The C1113 Hyster Stacker truck had a lot of components that needed fitting together and the target for a team of 9 girls was 200 pieces per hour. The previous day they had only achieved in eight hours a total of 504 pieces with 10 girls, with an additional 40 made that were not of a high enough standard. We had to make a total of 50,000 pieces which at this rate would take us forever. The moral was low as the girls' bonuses depended on reaching 1800 pieces a day. Part of the problem was the fit of the components, being a new release the debugging of the parts hadn't been fully completed. This was an important lesson to learn, as to try and assemble a product that is not fully developed is a waste of time and money. The best thing to do was to stop the production and correct the fits, it seemed obvious, but in a large factory with so many pressures nobody had made that decision - so I did. The windows were too tight and the assembly line wasn't correct so I spent the day with the 10 girls reworking all the components and changing the layout of the assembly operation. At the end of the day I filled in the production sheets and handed them in to the assembly manager. I hadn't got far down the corridor before there was a yell behind me, the assembly manager went berserk as he had just seen that our production for the day was zero, on top of which I had promised to cover the girls full bonuses, I thought he was going to kill me. I was told in no uncertain terms that tomorrow had to be different. Fortunately for me it was. As with the new set up and the components fitting together we belted them out and produced the 1800 pieces - to be honest we made 1900 pieces but we kept 100 back towards the next day. Over the years I was never surprised to see products being produced that weren't correctly developed, usually because there was a demand pressure.

Christmas was nearing and I was warned about the antics of the last day, you had to experience it to believe it. In a factory full of mainly women you would not believe what they got up to, when I tell people today I'm sure they think I'm making it up. We would start at 7.30am as usual and by 9.00am many of the girls were already suffering from the effects of alcohol - there would always be one or two who had fainted. By 10.00am you would get no sense out of them, but if you were stupid enough to be around at this time - lookout !!! Many innocent apprentices would find themselves short of a few items of clothing and running for cover, at the time it was quite scary. With Christmas over 1977 was coming to an end, what joys would I have in the New Year.

"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
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



SC005 Edition 2,500



SC004 Edition 2,500



SC007 Edition 2,500

DECEMBER

1944

NEW RELEASE

FROM OUR
SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT



SC006 Edition 2,500

Six months ago the Allied invasion of France began, and it has proceeded so successfully, with smaller losses than expected, that this month the Home Guard has been stood down.

There was a stand-down march past His Majesty the King in Hyde Park on 3 December.

HM the King broadcast to the nation his thanks for the Home Guard's service during a difficult and dangerous period. In part he said, 'In July 1940 the Local Defence Volunteers became the Home Guard. Under the competent administration of the Territorial Army Associations it soon became a well-equipped and capable force, able to take over many duties from regular soldiers preparing to go overseas. It was well known to the enemy that if he came to any part of our land he would meet determined opposition. I am very proud of what the Home Guard has done and I give my heartfelt thanks to you all. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men, you have served your country with a steadfast devotion. I know that your country will not forget that service'.