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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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New Mini Van See Back Page

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UK & EIRE Guineas (£2.40) USA \$5.00

POST OFFICE TELEPHONES



New release

The origins of the General Post Office (GPO) can be traced back to at least the 17th century when in 1661, under the Postmaster General, Henry

Bishop, the first British postmark was introduced. From 1st January 1912 the General Post Office became the monopoly supplier of telephone services with the exception of the remaining municipal services in Hull, Portsmouth and Guernsey. Throughout the 1960s, the Post Office was still a government department, part of the Civil Service. The name, GPO/Post Office Telephones was used until October 1969 when the Post Office ceased to be a government department. This new division in the 'Post Office Corporation' became Post Office Telecommunications and vehicles changed colour from mid-bronze green vans to yellow. The change was mainly for safety (visibility) reasons, but the new image branding helped to reflect the changed identity and to show that the telephone business was now a separate part of the Post Office.

This is a further release in the Morris Minor range and is particularly nice with the ladder shown on the roof. There will be quite a few variants over the coming months and this range has proved to be a very popular release.

 **Limited Edition**

**POST OFFICE TELEPHONES
MORRIS MINOR VAN**

Model MM007 of 3,000



MINI VAN



METROBUS



MONTE CARLO



PAST RELEASES

DUSTYS DAY OUT "SPECIAL OFFER"

FREE THIS MONTH

Here they are again models that have been so popular over the last year - particularly when we give them away FREE! They are 1:72 scale (approx 1.5 inches) and come on a plinth. When ordering tick the box or if online at the checkout add it to the order notes. Choose either MINI CAR, MGB's, MORGANS or MINI VANS and Pick UPS. Choose one for every £10 spent.



Terms

£10 excludes postage charges. Exclude membership & renewals fees. £10 is the actual spend - excludes non stock items

No.1
5/-
PER BOTTLE

DOW'S PORT

No.1
5/-
PER BOTTLE

OWNERS OF THE FINEST VINYARDS IN PORTUGAL



Limited Edition

DOW'S PORT

Model B082 of 1,500

In 1798 a Portuguese merchant Bruno da Silva set up a business shipping the wine of the Douro from his native city of Oporto to London. The business thrived and in 1862 Bruno's son John

brought in Fredrick William Cosens as a partner. During the early part of the 19th century, when England and Portugal were allied against the French invasion of the Iberian Peninsula, Bruno de Silva applied for 'letters of marque' to equip a sailing 'privateer' with nine guns. In this way, he could continue to safely send his wine from the Douro River to England through the dangerous and war-ravaged waters of the Bay of Biscay, gaining a valuable advantage over other less audacious producers. Never has great wine been so well protected. George A. Warre, from the longest established British family in Oporto, became a partner of Silva and Cosens in 1868. He was subsequently joined by James Ramsey Dow in 1877. The Dow name became the brand of Silva and Cosens because of its already outstanding Vintage Port reputation.



New release

Face the future with **PEARL** assurance



New release

Metrobus was formed twenty years ago by Tillingbourne, a rural independent based in West Surrey, taking over former Orpington & District operations between Orpington and Croydon. The vehicle is carrying the Pearl Assurance adverts. Pearl grew from a loan club that started in 1857 as the Pearl Loan Company, operating out of a pub called the Royal Oak opposite the famous Whitechapel Bell Foundry. This joined with The Pearl Life Assurance & Sick Benefit Society which had begun in 1862 and was located nearby. Why they had such similar names we don't know ?



Limited Edition

METROBUS

PEARL ASSURANCE

Model RM084 of 2,000

Rejoining Gift 2006

In addition to a free Oxford Diecast model which will be sent to you at the time of membership renewal, plus a free

gift that we will send you chosen at random from our Oxford Collectables range. For 2006 we are offering

The OXFORD DIECAST STORY



By The Members of Oxford Diecast & TAFF

all members the chance to get a FREE copy of the OXFORD DIECAST story which will be written by our members and TAFF. The book will be as comprehensive as we can make it featuring stories, photos and pictures. More importantly we want you to help us by writing additional material in your own words. There are so many oddities and peculiarities that have appeared over the years and also mistakes. These letters will be reproduced in the book and the sooner we get them the better the chance we have of featuring them. Each book will carry a label in the inner page with the member name and the membership number which will be a great piece of memorabilia for generations to come and as you'd expect

each will be numbered - with someone (chosen at random) receiving the first copy. The book will be printed in October 2006 and despatched at the latest by December 10th 2006. It may be that a particular model has brought you back memories or that you are familiar with incorrect certifications, wrong dates or spelling errors - this list is endless. What we want to do is write a book together creating a permanent reminder of Oxford Diecast - see back page for more details.



New release



Brasso was introduced into Britain in 1905 and still remains the best-known metal polish in the world. A representative of Reckitt and Sons visited Australia at the turn of the century and found that a liquid shoe polish was proving to be more popular than the paste type of metal polish sold in the U.K. He brought a sample of the liquid back home which eventually became the household metal polish that we know today. The Brasso recipe consists of a siliceous polishing powder suspended in an ammonium soap jelly and dispersed in white spirits. This is a product that has barely changed since the turn of the century. In fact the distinctive tin has only changed once throughout the last hundred years and that was during the Second World War in 1941, when the tin had to be replaced by a glass bottle because of the shortage of metal.



A word from

Michael

Happy New Year to you all. We haven't kidnapped Taff we assure you, it's just that he has been very busy with the introduction of all these new models - his column will be back soon.

The mail bag was full after our pre-release information last month which drew a lot of favourable response. We mentioned a further van variant that would appear from about May onwards, well, that has mushroomed into a few different bodysells and we are quite excited by the variations - so look out.

Until next time

Take care

POSTAGE CHARGES

As many of you will remember when we started Oxford in 1993 the costs of our models were £4.95 and since then we have endeavoured to keep costs as low as possible. We have however had to review this and instead of increasing the costs of the models or changing the buying packages we have decided to add a £1 (£2 overseas) handling charge to all orders placed. I'm sure you will understand the reasons for this and we will continue to offer all members good value for money.



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New release



In 1966 3 Mini Coopers accomplished first second and third places in the Monte Carlo Rallye with Mäkinen, Aaltonen and Hopkirk respectively.

The French were furious given the fact that the same British Team, took, for the third time in a row, the first place in the prestigious Rally, so, the judges of the event investigated the Minis with immense depth looking for any excuse to disqualify them. After various hours of excruciating search, they found that the front lights and the spotlights used halogen bulbs of simple filament, which did not meet with French traffic regulations. The Minis were disqualified, as well as Roger Clark in a Ford Lotus-Cortina who had come in fourth. Surprise Surprise Citroën had won! In 1967, vengeance was sweet, when Rauno Aaltonen was first again, it's third official victory at Monte Carlo. Our Mini is shown in the winning colours with the number plate LBL 6D.





LEST WE FORGET
Model MM002 of 5,000



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Model MM004 of 5,000



GOING DOWN OF THE SUN
Model MM003 of 5,000



FLANDERS FIELD
Model MM005 of 5,000



CAPT. MAINWARING
Model VW022 of 2,000



ARTHUR ASKEY
Model VW020 of 2,000



CHARLIE DRAKE
Model VW021 of 2,000



HEINZ
Model VW024 of 2,000



CAMEL
Model CIG070 of 2,000



OXO
Model CS042 of 2,000



DOUBLE DIAMOND
Model DR017 of 1,500



MURRAY MINTS
Model CS038 of 2,000



ROYAL MILITARY POLICE
Model GR020 of 1,500

RECENT RELEASES



CHERRY BLOSSOM
Model CS039 of 2,000



ROYAL SCOTS GREYS
Model GR018 of 1,500



NELSON NAVY CUT
Model CIG069 of 2,000



LONDON TRANSPORT GOLDEN SHRED
Model RM083 of 2,000



BOVRIL
Model CS035 of 2,000



THORNYCROFT MAPLES
Model B081 of 1,500

Model No MM007

Description POST OFFICE TELEPHONES

OXFORD DESIGN CELL

Indicator Lights Colour: Orange 021

Matt Black masks:

Silver masks:

24
26

POST OFFICE TELEPHONES

SWANSEA TELEPHONE AREA

ACY 515F

Body: PANTONE 376
Roof: PANTONE 376
Mask: PANTONE

Chassis Colour: Black
Wheel Colour: Black
Front Grille Type: Morris
Bonnet Badge Type: ACY

Interior Colour: Black
Wheel Centre Colour: Vac Plate
Front Grille Colour: 376

Paint:
PANTONE White
PANTONE Black
PANTONE 486
PANTONE 376
PANTONE 301
PANTONE

Additional Components:

Used	Colour	Amount	Part	No.
			Van	MV026
			AK roofboard	MV027
			Roofboard	MV028
			Ladder rack	MV029
Yes	Pantone Black	X 1	Ladder	MV030
Yes	Pantone 486	X 1	Austin grille	MV031
			Bonnet	MV032
			Light box	MV033
			Headlight beam	MV034
			Speakers	MV035

Notes:
Additional parts fitted to the van roof.

1 of 25
2nd August 2005

CODE: DCMM007

DESIGN CELLS

A very detailed design cell restricted to 25 - comes framed and each picture is signed by Taff. This makes a lovely companion to the vehicle shown on the front page. We have been asked to increase the edition of these design cells, but we feel they are better issued at these levels as the rarity level is higher. Particularly interesting in this cell is the listing of the various parts which will appear on later models. For example you will see reference to the Austin grille which will appear on a Co-op variant that will be issued in the Autumn.

Model No MIN002

Description 177 MONTE CARLO RALLY

OXFORD DESIGN CELL

Body Type: Rally

Wheel Type:

Front Bumper:

Window Masking/Wipers:

Lights:
Front Indicator: ORANGE 021
Rear: RED 485 SILVER

Radiator Black

177

GB

Notes:
Please note black mask sprayed wheel arches

1 of 25
14th September 2005

CODE: DCMIN002

The second design cell features the MINI002 Monte Carlo Rallye Mini. This drawing follows the product through the factory and ultimately everything has to conform to this. We reference all colours by Pantone numbers. This colour referencing system was invented by Lawrence Herbert in 1963, Pantone's founder, when he created an innovative system of identifying, matching and communicating colours to solve the problems associated with producing accurate colour matches. This led to a book of standardized colours in fan format - THE PANTONE MATCHING SYSTEM.



Each of these vehicles you can have for £3.95 each or if you want we'll let you have 4 for £12.00. You can choose four of the same model if you want - if you do choose the Morgan or Focus we will ensure we send you different colours/variants. All of the Transit vans are white which is great if you want to livery up your own models!

CRAZY PRICE



Book 1 01.26.96 (01.12)

NEW FOR 1996 - THE EXCLUSIVE OXFORD DIE-CAST COLLECTORS CATALOGUE

THIS exciting catalogue contains a photograph of every single release, including code number, edition, date of release and brief history of its origin.



IT HAS a hard back cover and ring binder inserts - so it can easily be updated. In fact, every 8 months, you'll receive the latest pages containing the new editions to add to it, keeping you constantly up to date.

The cost is £9.95 - BUT if you renew your membership before the end of January 1996, you'll receive it absolutely FREE (offer closes January 31st).

Thereafter, it will be offered at a special price of £4.95 each to those renewing their membership. (Additional copies ordered in January can be purchased at £4.95 each and thereafter at the full price of £9.95 each.)

REMEMBER - all the inserts are FREE and will be mailed to you automatically. We see the value of the catalogue in years to come as substantial to collectors.

A word from Michael

Dear Member

On behalf of all at Oxford Die-Cast may I wish you a very Merry and Happy Christmas and also all a prosperous and healthy 1996.

Under separate cover, you'll receive your Christmas 1995 vintage vehicle - I hope you like it. As you will see, I've chosen the new Model T which was launched in September. I know you keep it in perfect condition and I promise it will certainly increase in value. For example, we have been offered £100 for the model since the original value! As you see the checks alone, only enough to pay for the model, as you can see the value has increased since you bought it last year's vintage was £100 and this year's will be approximately £100, only enough for our Club Membership!

Again please As I mentioned earlier, the Model T was launched in September 1995 and I've got one and 600 models available in one line members to our Club enjoyed you and would like you, but the total edition will close off at only 2,000 please see what you can do.

Best regards

The Model T is also available in 1/43 scale from the first set to be released through Budgets Stores, or from Carwood MSL. The second will also be released this year via the Croydon, both are valued at £1.99 each with product numbers. As your year programme several different books will be introduced, mainly, mainly, etc. if I have you refer to them.

MEMBERSHIP 1996 Membership renewal is now due for 1996. Please see the article and renewal form on back page. Although the annual membership fee has increased, there are more benefits than ever, including the Free Christmas 1996 vehicle. We anticipate these vehicles also being worth more than your membership cost, as they cannot be bought at any price and a better value than from your Member's Club.

I hope to hear from you real soon.
Yours faithfully,
Michael Johnson
Michael Johnson - Alan Curran Deputies

10 YEARS AGO

Although the first Oxford vehicles appeared back in 1993 it wasn't until 1996 that the first Globe was issued - pictured opposite. This proudly announced the introduction of the catalogue and the article makes interesting reading. "REMEMBER - all the inserts are FREE and will be mailed to you automatically. We see the value of the catalogue in years to come as substantial to collectors."

CATALOGUE PAGES

The latest catalogue pages are now in preparation. There will be 36 in total with an additional six tab pages. The catalogue is already 135 pages with 19 tabs so the additions are going to make it crammed packed. Additional Oxford binders can be purchased at £2.95. The pages will be released with Globes 77 onwards and will be supplied Free to all Standard and Platinum



TRIPLE PACKS - STOCK CLEAROUT

1:43 Scale



MORG A

1:43 Scale



MORG B

MORGAN PACK

MORGAN PACK

We are clearing out the warehouse and these are available on a first come first serve basis. They can be yours for £3.95 per pack.

1:43 Scale



CP001

BMW PACK 1

1:43 Scale



CP002

VOLKSWAGEN



1:43 Scale



CP003

MERCEDES

1:43 Scale



FOCUS/PORSCHE/MITSUBISHI CP005

SPORTS

1:43 Scale



CP006

BMW PACK 2



RT011



RT010



MAG012



MAG013



218G

DUSTYS DAY OUT

It was cold and Dusty had been drinking, he was uncertain whether there was one (RT011) or two (RT010) Green buses at the stop. He had just taken his wireless (MAG012) back to the shop and exchanged it for for a copy of Good Housekeeping (MAG013), and three comics (CC026, CC027 and CC028).



CC027

His bag was full with three bottles of Rum (DR009) and two half bottles of Glen Garioch (DR011). He thought about his days with the RASC (GR010) and Coldstream Guards (GR013) and the the time he was rescued by the 815 Naval Air Squadron (MIL015). Those were happy times, his mood swung as he recalled his appearance on Double Your Money (VW011) - he could have one £1,000, but instead he won the Brillo Pads (CS023). He heard the roar of the train in the background (BED014), it wouldn't be long until he arrived at the Neighbourhood Watch meeting (218G).

He was in such a happy mood that he shouted:

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"I tell you what - for every model you choose on this page you can choose another from this page absolutely FREE !"



BED014



CC026



CS023



CC028



VW011



DR009



MIL015



GR013



GR010



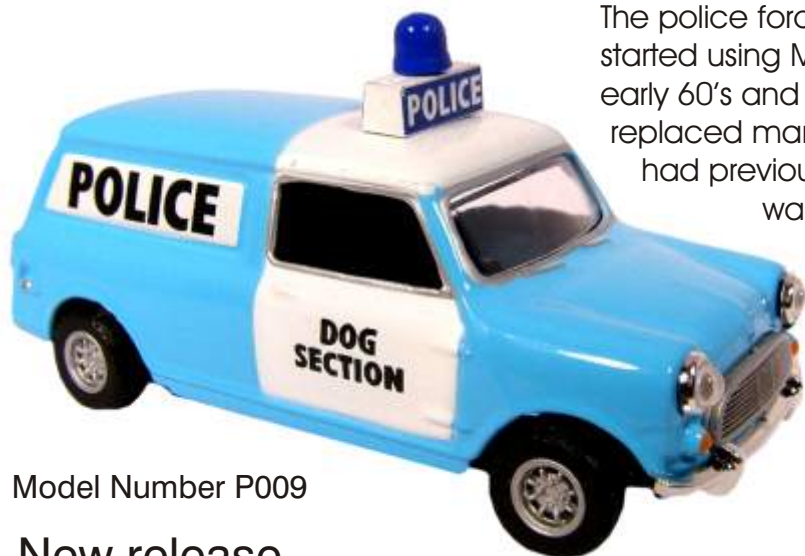
DR011

FREE CLUB VEHICLE



Christmas 2005

This is the latest club release which has been issued to all Standard and Platinum members. We despatched approximately half prior to Christmas and the balance left between Christmas and early January - so if you haven't received yours by the 10th January please give the office a ring and we can check it out for you. The first club model was released in 1994 so if you've got the lot you should have 12 in total. We small quantities of odd years (not the first few years) available and we will only sell those to members if you've missed out.



Model Number P009

New release

The police forces around the UK started using Mini vans in the early 60's and they quickly replaced many scooters that had previously been in use. It

wasn't long before their size and versatility made them an ideal mode of transport for the Dog handlers. We show P009 which is one of the first releases in the Mini Van series following quickly on the heels of the Diecast Collector model shown below. This type of vehicle would have been in use throughout the country.

POLICE

JRK 15D

The OXFORD DIECAST STORY



By The Members of Oxford Diecast & TAFF

We want you to send us letters, stories about your collections about the liveries we have shown on our vehicles and the memories of the brands concerned even stories about yourself and why you collect Anything about Oxford Diecast including our mistakes and things you have noticed that maybe we have missed. We can't promise to use them all, but we'll try and include as much as possible: Send to:

Oxford Diecast Ltd
DEPT ODS
PO Box 62
Swansea
SA1 4JW

This is MV005 and will be available through the Diecast Collector magazine which is available in newsagents like W H Smith etc for the cost of £1 p&p. This model will only be available through the magazine so it's important that you seek out the magazine if you want to keep your collection s complete. We have already had calls from members after we featured this in last months issue particularly from members outside the UK who are worried that they cannot get an issue of the magazine - we will keep a small quantity back for those members and they should e-mail us or phone us direct for arrangements.



New release
Model Number MV005