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The International Clothing Trade Transport Specialists



This is the first outing for our Morris Minor Gown Van. Just imagine driving this around in the sixties with garments and gowns swaying side to side as you took a corner at too high a speed.

The company that converted these, used chassis - cabs straight from the factory, this version was converted by Hawson - Garner based in Andover, Hampshire. The rear is made of a coach built timber framed body covered in aluminium. Internally it

would be lined with wood panelling and the beams would carry garment rails. It was fitted with nine - leaf rear springs and raised spring - hangers, which allow for the extra weight and overhang.

We have several more interesting liveries scheduled throughout the year - so keep watching.



New Release

1:43rd Scale

MM034 Tibbett & Britten Ltd Edition 2,000



BATMAN SPECIAL

Continuing our assault on the Ice Cream Theme we have tooled up a new back for the Mini - the Batman Special. This can still be seen at shows and events around the country and has the more "bulbous" front end than on other variants. To whet your appetite further we are planning a new body for next month - the Morris Minor Ice Cream vehicle in the ever popular Walls livery - so look out! We have even more ice cream vehicles scheduled for the second half of 2007.

New Release

MP009 Batman Special Edition 2,000

1:43rd Scale





A few months ago we were in conversation with a competitor who doubted our ability to produce some of the new models promised. Well here we are our J2's have arrived and we've done it - admittedly we underestimated how much in demand they would be, and so some of you will wait until the middle of March to receive yours, but be assured if you ordered one, then you'll get one. Just to make you even more excited the Morris versions are also available, we have a BMC and Post Office version.

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The Post office is the later variant of the Morris J2 that was used, earlier versions were modified with fibre glass roofs over the rear section - we'll release that variant later. Our JM001 is based on the later version when the ladder was moved to the side to allow easy removal, the rear windows were covered in mesh to prevent 'break ins'. There are a lot of variations to our tooling of the J2 and the

side doors are shown here in a layout that was used uniquely by the Post Office. The BMC version JM002 is shown in a livery taken from reference given to us by Ashley Lovering.

JA002

Austin J2 Royal Mail

Edition 2,000

1:43rd Scale

New

A MESSAGE FROM TAFF

Walls

Edition 2.000

When I made the decision to return to producing scale models, I knew that over time we would capture the imagination of collectors and enthusiasts. I didn't fully understand how starved of variety, quality and affordable models the UK market was, nor how quickly our new items would take off. I always bring the product to the UK in two batches, leaving some quantities in our overseas warehouse to feed far flung markets such as Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, who often make decisions on the quantities they require late in the day. Any that remain are then forwarded to the UK. I was caught completely off guard with the J2 as I didn't release enough to the UK on the first shipment, so the second batch only arrives with us by the 14th March. We processed all the early orders for members and it was only the later orders that will have to wait - my apologies for this.

1:43rd Scale

It is getting harder as we continue this exciting batch of releases, fulfilling all of the requirements, but as promised all of my efforts are going into making 2007 an exciting time for all our members. Our next model will be the Bedford CA which arrives in quarter 3 with six body styles planned and probably kicking off with a milk float - that's after Paralanians, J2 High Tops, Minor Campers, Minor Ice Creams, 1:76, Chipperfields etc etc.... over a weeks work here!



In 1850 Orson C. Phelps of Boston was manufacturing sewing machines under license from John A. Lerow. The Lerow and Blodgett machine was not very practical. The circular movement of the shuttle took a twist out of the thread at every revolution. Isaac Merritt Singer, after examining the machine, noted "instead of the shuttle going around in a circle, I would have it move to and fro in a straight line. In a place of the needle bar pushing a curved needle horizontally, I would have a straight needle and make it work up and down.

After 11 days and forty dollars in cost, Singer completed his invention: the worlds first practical sewing machine. This machine had a straight eye-pointed needle and transverse shuttle, an overhanging arm, a table to support the cloth, a presser foot to hold the material against the upward stroke of the needle, and a roughened feed wheel extending a slot in the table. Motion was communicated to the needle arm and shuttle by means of gears.

Singer also conceived the idea of using a treadle similar to that of a spinning wheel; all other machines at the time used a hand crank to generate power.



A word from Michael

We have had some interesting conversations at the various fairs around the world in January/early February and there has been a lot of interest regarding our new models. We seem to be planning further and further ahead as we contemplate new tooling and new ideas. You are just experiencing the quality of the J2's and I can tell you that the other variants are just as good, I just saw a camper on Dusty's desk as he was signing off the production and I can honestly tell you that it took my breath away, it's a reminder that plain vehicles can look just as good, then he got the ambulance livery out and then the Paralanian.....

Until next time



Take care



GRX 195D carrying the number 82. A further addition to our popular Mini series. MIN002 is sold out and no longer available, but we still have MIN003, 4 and MIN005. For those of you who are following this series, you'll be pleased to know that we will introduce a new body variant around September, October to further extend the range of Minis on offer.





New Release **ANG010** AA Edition 2,000

The last of our series of AA vehicles for a short while. This shows the Anglia sporting the new AA logos. For those interested the six vehicles release are shown below.



AA Edition 2,000



Edition 2,000



Watch out for RAC liveries the first of which appeared last month



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AA Edition 2,000 **MV006** AA

Edition 2,000



VW030 **Dave Allen** Edition 2,000

Dave Allen (born David Tynan O'Mahoney in Tallaght, Ireland on 6 July 1936) was one of the comedy

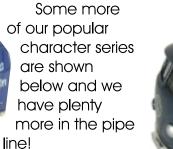
mainstays of the BBC schedules throughout the 1970s and '80s. Sitting cross-legged on a high stool, a drink in one hand and a cigarette in the other, Allen held forth on the absurdities of the human condition and the foibles of life for over twenty years. Although he received his big break



VW028

and ended his television career with ITV, it is the BBC shows, with their combination of stand-up (while seated) and sketches, that remain etched in the our memory. The drink in his hand reminds us a lot of Taff whilst he recollects his past exploits!!

of our popular character series are shown below and we have plenty more in the pipe







MV008 RAC Edition 2,000

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Standard Oxford Box Packaging





CIG076
Players Richmond
Edition 2,000



CS050 KODAK Edition 2,000



1:43rd Scale MP003 Mini Tonneau Cover Edition 2,000



GR023 South Wales Borderers Edition 2,000



MM028 Post Office Edition 2,000



MP005 CREPES MAISON Edition 1,600 1:43rd Scale



ANG018 Walls 1:43rd Scale Edition 2,500



Walls 1:43rd Scale Edition 2,500



ANG020 Walls 1:43rd Scale Edition 2,500









ANG011 DER Edition 2,000



British Rail



MM030 British Rail Edition 2,000





MM031 Currys High Top Edition 2,000



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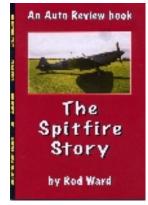


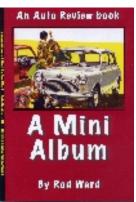


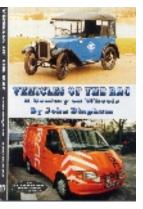




We previewed our new 1:76 scale models at the recent toy fairs and boy did they go down a storm! We only had the castings as the plastic moulds weren't completed, but they looked great. At just £2.95 each, on a plinth they are superb value. Our first liveries arrive early April and we will have further liveries releasing throughout the year. What's excited everyone is the variety we plan, we will announce in May the next four castings which will be cars and a further four castings will come in November.



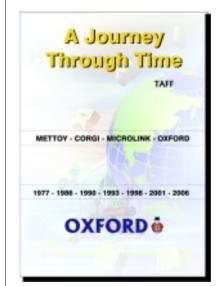




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SO WHAT'S HAPPENING?

As I attended show after show from Japan, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Germany and of course the UK I was asked the same question. "Oxford is changing and it's evident from the products that you are releasing". The answer I said is easy - just buy a copy of my book.

Thanks to Roger and Bob who did lots for my ego when they ran onto the stand in Nuremberg asking for my autograph and flattering me with praise. I was with Pieter from South Africa who must have thought I set it up! South Africa is not clear about our products, they say our products are boring - so I have made myself a personal commitment to show them who's boss. Johannesburg here we come!

CODE: JOURNEY

PRE-PRODUCTION SAMPLES





We have been trying out these two new castings over the last few weeks and both are nearly ready, although the camper needs some more work. I need to create the effect of corrugation along the side of the casting and although it should be straightforward there is a degree of risk. Once we cut into the slides there's no going back, so I preferred to take the longer route and I took test shots without this feature. I had them decorated in green as you can see above and I quite like the look, I'm half tempted to leave it as it is - big decision!. The Ice Cream Minor looks nice and I think this is going to prove as popular as some of our last releases.

CHIPPERFIELD CIRCUS PLANS





Early liveries planned for the Chipperfield Circus Vehicles









Pre-release information.....

We plan to attack the Bedford CA offering several variants - milk floats, ice cream, canopy and pantechnicon together with the more traditional van and minibus variants. These will be 1:43rd scale and tooling is already underway and the first products are scheduled for around August which will further widen our range. We also have a different body shape already prepared for introduction in September/October with four body variants and a further item scheduled for December. The pattern for this is underway.











