

Issue 100

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1946 heralded the first ever Billy Smart's Circus which appeared at Southall Park and then toured alongside Smart's Funfair. It became incredibly successful with the post-war general public and featured regularly on TV. Televised Easter and Christmas Circus extravaganzas became a vital part of viewing. In 1956 Billy Smart appear on the 'This is Your Life' programme. He was a man who led

BILLY SMART'S WORLDS LARGEST CIRCUS

and lived the circus life to the full and was known for his largerthan-life presence, big fat cigar, Stetson hat and ebullient personality.

He continued to bring his colourful circus to the masses throughout the 50's, 60's and into the 70's. At the height of its powers Billy Smart's Circus toured the whole of Britain, with a huge 6000 seater big top, an army of international circus artistes, and a 200 strong host of elephants, lions, horses, polar bears, camels,

sea lions, and chimpanzees. Billy Smart died in showman's style having just led a parade through the streets of Ipswich.

This is the first in an occasional series of 1:43rd vehicles which will carry the Billy Smarts livery, later this year we will have a Land Rover with speakers, a smaller 1:76 variant will appear in the Chipperfields range.

Mini Billy Smarts Circus			N	IEW
BC001	1:43	<b>2,000</b>	£6.95	-



The first Globe.

This is a very important year for Oxford as we release a variety of new tooling and introduce more ranges. It all started in 1993 and back then no one thought that Oxford would grow and become one of the leading die-cast brands. In the early days it was just promotions, but in 1996 we started the club and soon after we began offering club models. Everyone remembers the Bullnose and then came the Model T which was quickly followed by the Thornycroft Bus. Reaching Globe 100 is a real milestone and as well as my own contributions I must give special thanks to Michael and Dusty for their efforts; Dusty reckons that we could reach Globe 1000, he would be around 160 by then! Also thanks to Sue, Geraldine and Kate for checking the content each month, which is full of my grammatical errors. Thanks also to Brenda and Ken who have packed and sent out the orders over so many years and more recently Danny. Also to all of the new team which is growing by the month Adrienne, Martin, Rob and Brian. Also to all of my Far Eastern team most notably Rita and more recently Jackson. TAFF



Morris J2 E	NEW			
JM011	1:43	2,000	PRICE <b>£9.95</b>	-
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On Bradford's coat of arms you will see the head of a boar and hunting horns. In the early 14th century a boar was said to haunt Cliffe Wood. A reward was offered for anyone who killed the animal. John Northrop Manningham saw the animal drinking from a well, took aim with his bow and arrow and killed the boar. To prove his feat he cut out the tongue of the boar and went off to claim his reward. Another man saw the dead boar and decided to profit from the kill. He cut off the head and made his way to the court to claim the prize. Arriving

before Manningham he offered the boars head to the court, however he was unable to offer an explanation as to why the tongue was missing. John Manningham turned up and showed the tongue claiming the reward of a piece of land which today is called Horton. A condition was that he and his heirs were to blow three blasts on a horn every St Martins Day.

There are some enterprising people out there. We released this model at 1:76 scale and we had several calls from newspapers across the country who thought we'd produced the model especially for them - which we hadn't. It turned out that a few members had purchased them and offered them at twice the price in the free ads sections. As the logo just says

Evening News it covers many titles.



Morris Minor Van - Evening News NEW

CODE SCALE EDITION PRICE \$6.95



Morris J2 Redi	NEW			
JM013	1:43	<b>2,000</b>	PRICE <b>£9.95</b>	-

It was Tony G who sent us in the details regarding Spectra Rentals - he adds the following information. DER was started by Tom Ludlow in 1947 and sold, over his head by the Board, in 1963 to Thorn Electronics. He immediately started Vista Rentals that amalgamated with Radio Rentals in 1966 but both were taken over, again by Thorn, in 1968. He then started Spectra Rentals in 1970 and that company was taken over in 1976 by Granada who were, at that time, controlled by GEC. By then Mr. Ludlow had enough and retired. No doubt this release will unearth some more memories.



Bedford Roma		N	IEW	
		<b>2,000</b>	PRICE £9.95	-

The first HA Viva rolled off the production line at Ellesmere Port on June 1, 1963 and due to demand at the 1964 motor show a second production line was started at Luton, Bedfordshire. By mid-July 1964 the 100,000th Viva had been built, only 10 months after introduction, the van proved just as popular and there were several derivatives and conversions of this. The Roma was the Dormobile version and we are releasing it here in the open form - a little tricky to do - but I think you'll agree that it's very nice.



Bedford High Top			N	IEW
HA006	1:43	<b>2,000</b>	£9.95	-

Another addition to the HA range is the High Top, just as it would have looked when it came straight out of the factory. Like some of the other variants this conversion was particularly useful for local deliveries of the larger refrigeration equipment/washers that were becoming popular at this time. I remember a Bendix washing machine being delivered in such a vehicle, a machine that lasted for around 20 years with very little problems. Today they just don't last as long.

The release of the 1:76 series of vehicles has awakened interest in our Routemaster, as an affordable vehicle as compared to some of the higher priced collector items. This livery is in British Rail colours and will be of great appeal. We are expecting a lot of demand for this and therefore will restrict sales initially to one per member. Subsequently we can review and if there are any left, they will become available on a first come first serve basis. There are several other interesting liveries planned on the Routemaster - some of the issues may surprise you!

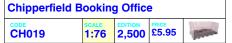


Routemaster Bus British Rail NEW					
RM102	1:76	<b>2,000</b>	£5.95	-	











1:76

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£5.95

2,500

The despatches of the Land Rover start early March and will continue until around the 15th March. It is unlikely that we will have any left over. We will keep you updated.

## 60th ANNIVERSARY LAND ROVER

Land Rover 80 inch - HUE 166 NEW

CODE
LAN180001 1:43 EDITION 29.95 PRICE
2,000 29.95

## 1:76 SCALE NEW



























































































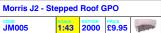














Bedford CA Canopy Pick Up				
CA005	1:43	2,000	PRICE £9.95	-



J2 Mid Anglia Police					
JM010	1:43	2000	PRICE £9.95	-	



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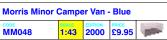


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CA002	1:43	2000	PRICE £9.95	100		



BOAC				
ANG026	1:43	2000	PRICE £4.95	







Bermuda Morris Minor				
MM046	1:43	2000	£4.95	



_	Home & Colonial Gown Van					
	MM039		2,000		-	



GEC Mini Van				
MV023	1:43	2,000	PRICE <b>£4.95</b>	



British Steel - Mini Van						
MV025	1:43	2,000	£6.95	-		



Austin J2 -	tin J2 - Heathrow						
JA007	1:43	2,000	PRICE £9.95	-			



Bedford CA Milk Float						
CA001	1:43	2,000	PRICE £9.95	The same		



Heathrow Mini					
MV022	1:43	2000	£4.95		



Bedford HA - Walls - Batman						
HA003	1:43	2,000	PRICE £9.95	-		







Bedford CA Lyons Maid				RAC Morris J2					
			PRICE <b>£9.95</b>	-			2000	PRICE £9.95	-
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Burton - The Tailor of Taste							
MM038	1:43	2000	PRICE <b>£9.95</b>	-			
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Bedford CA Van - GPO					
CA009	1:43	2000	PRICE £9.95	-	





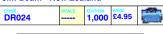




2000 £9.95

**Bedford HA Van GPO** HA001 1:43 2000 £9.95







CA004







**National Service Station** 

MV021 1:43 2000 £4.95 **Bedford CA Royal Mail** 

CA007 2,000 £9.95









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£4.95 MM042 1:43 2000

Walls Mini				
MP008	1:43	2,000	PRICE £9.95	-



## 1:76 TRUCKS

Pre-prodcution shots of our 1:76 scale trucks. Much awaited and a little behind schedule. Expect release late March/early April.





## **LONDON TAXI TX4**

Many of you will have seen our buses and taxis at airports throughout the country and this is the latest version the TX4, very popular with taxi drivers. The shape has become an integral part of British heritage, and this version is even better. It has a built-in fold out wheelchair ramp, 25-foot turning circle, conventional side-loading doors and bolt on panels attached to an ultra-strong chassis. The engine is built specifically to meet the latest Euro IV emissions legislation, the VM Motori R 425 DOHC is the cleanest diesel engine ever to beat at the very heart of a LTI taxi.



TX4 Shanghai	Motor	Show	Taxi	NEW
TX4002	1:43	<b>2,000</b>	£9.95	-



TX4 Taxi				NEW
TX4001	1:43	<b>2,000</b>	£9.95	-