



Omnibus Ubique



For members and supporters of The Forward Association

Hello Scotland!

After the war in the 1940s, bus fleets were in very poor condition. Apart from a few utility vehicles which were already wearing out, there had been no replacements for years.

Bus manufacturers could hardly keep up with the new demand. Birmingham was to replace its entire fleet, and its trams, with over 1800 new buses.

Edinburgh was in a similar position. In order to reduce delays it ordered Daimlers to the same specification as BCT. They were to receive the nickname 'Birminghams'.

Forward Models has produced one of these, running along the number 11 route to



Fairmilehead along the iconic Princes Street. It carries advertisements for Tern shirts and Drinkapintamilksday,

typical for the 1960s.

A special edition will also be available from Harburn Hobbies in Edinburgh.

Welcome from the Forward Association

Our support organisation, set up so that enthusiasts can demonstrate support for the project, continues to grow.

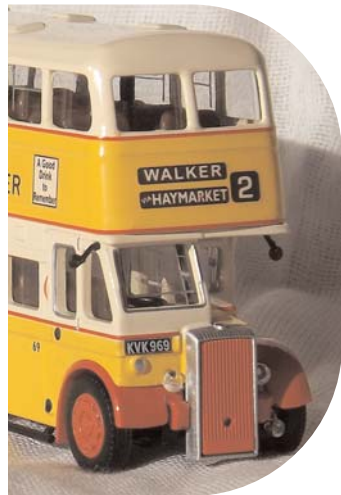
With over 200 members, it has helped to keep the project going. Some members have bought 'bus bonds' which have financed the project at a time when banks were reluctant.

Derek Perry, the secretary of the association, is grateful for all the comments and messages of support. He has not been able to reply to everyone but hopes to do so at some time!

Membership is now being renewed, and new members are welcome. You will get discounts, the occasional newsletter and a chance to meet. Join now!

Going North to Newcastle and Hull

Newcastle Transport was in the same position as Edinburgh after the war. They also chose Daimlers to



the same design as an 'off the peg' replacement.

The first deliveries were in the blue and cream livery of the time, and even included the Birmingham-style destination blind. These were quickly changed and the buses later repainted in the yellow livery used for trolleybuses.

Our model is on route 2 to Walker and carries adverts for Tizer and Isaac Walton, a local men's outfitter.

Some of these buses were later sold to Hull Corporation Transport in the early 1960s, for their trolleybus replacement programme. They kept their 'KVK' registrations but received the blue and white 'streamlined' Hull livery.

The new model is on the no.50 route via Market Place. It carries advertisements seen on photographs of the time, for Hull Brewery and Littlewoods Pools.

Forward Models is particularly proud of the advertisements it produces for its buses. A lot of research goes into making sure they are authentic for the place and time. There is usually a photograph somewhere showing a bus with the advert.

The adverts are redrawn to ensure they have the correct colours, typefaces and illustrations. In fact, we are so proud of them, they are being made available as an accessory for modellers. Our

highly detailed coats of arms at 1:76 scale are also now offered for sale. Look out for details in this newsletter.



Buses stop here

By popular demand, we now offer a 'bus stop' set in diecast metal kit to enhance your display or diorama.

Having researched original equipment at museums, we have tried to reproduce the distinctive style of bus stop, Bundy clock and 1950s shelter. Printed clock and bus stop faces are included.



Bus not included!

What's your route?

You can now 'personalise' your bus with your favourite route. Sets of four waterslide transfers are now available for Birmingham routes.

Or, we can supply any New Look bus with your choice of destination. Twenty routes are available - see our list overleaf. Just add £1 to your order.

