

# LEGEND LANE

Legend Lane collector's club newsletter  
Issue 7

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## THE LEGEND PRODUCTS WALL PLAQUES RANGES

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THROUGHOUT ALL THE 51 YEARS OF THE COMPANY'S HISTORY MANY DIFFERENT RANGES OF WALL PLAQUES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT. USUALLY TO ENCOURAGE SALES. IT HAS BEEN A REAL LABOUR OF LOVE FOR ME TO TRY AND COMPILE A STARTER LIST FOR YOU ALL TO STUDY.

THE SITUATION HAS BEEN VERY COMPLEX, I HAVE HAD TO DELVE INTO MANY OLD FILES AND RECORDS AND DOUBLE CHECK MANY THINGS.

ONE OF MY TASKS HAS BEEN TO ACTUALLY UNEARTH MANY OLD MASTERS AND PHYSICALLY MEASURE THEM, EXAMINE THEM FOR WORDING AND NOTE ANY FEATURES AND SHAPES

THIS PART OF THE EXERCISE WAS EXTREMELY TIME CONSUMING AND HARD WORK. ONCE THE ITEMS HAD BEEN EXAMINED THEY THEN HAD TO BE VERY CAREFULLY PACKED INTO BOXES WITH LOTS OF PROTECTIVE PACKING AND EACH ITEM LABELLED AND RETURNED TO ITS SPECIFIC PLACE IN OUR MASTER ARCHIVE STORE.

AS THIS EXERCISE TOOK ME MANY MONTHS OF WORK I HAVE HAD ENDLESS PIECES OF PAPER WITH INFORMATION ON. I BEGAN TO REALISE THAT I HAD GIVEN MYSELF A HUGE TASK. STILL I WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE A GOOD START TO TRY AND LIST ALL THESE MANY DIFFERENT DESIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT BY THE COMPANY.

WHEN YOU ACTUALLY WORK HERE YOU GET VERY USED TO SEEING ALL THE SCULPTURES AROUND AND I THINK DO NOT REALISE THE TRUE WORTH OF THEM. I WELL REMEMBER SEEING THE ARCHIVE ROOM FOR THE FIRST TIME SOME SEVEN YEARS AGO AND I JUST STOOD IN AMAZEMENT LOOKING AT ALL THE ACTUAL WHITE MASTER SCULPTURES. I WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THEIR QUALITY WHICH IS FIRST CLASS. I ASKED MY HUSBAND WHEN IT HAD ALL BEEN SCULPTED AND HE SAID WELL ITS QUITE A STORY AND VERY COMPLICATED AND WILL TAKE A VERY LONG TIME TO SORT OUT. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE REALLY WOULD NOT KNOW WHERE TO START, HE WAS LOOKING AROUND HIM AT THE TIME AND THE HUGE ROOM WAS FULL OF THESE ITEMS LOADED ONTO SHELVES FROM FLOOR TO CEILING. IN GREAT QUANTITIES. I BEGAN TO REALISE THE VALUE OF IT ALL.

THIS LIST I HAVE PRODUCED IS ONLY THE BASIC BEGININGS I WILL BE ADDING TO IT AS I CONTINUE WITH MY RESEARCH, BUT IT IS A GOOD START. THERE ARE MANY OTHER SCULPTURES NOT LISTED HERE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY BE CATALOGUED, THEY ARE MANY ASSORTED FREE STANDING ITEMS AND UNUSUAL THINGS THEY DO NOT FORM A PART OF THIS LIST.

THE LIST IS NOT IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER IT IS JUST AS I FORMULATED IT AS AND WHEN I DISCOVERED THE ITEMS LISTED. THE FUTURE PLAN IS TO GET IT INTO BETTER ORDER AND TO PHOTOGRAPH IT ALL.

WHERE THE SCULPTOR'S NAME IS LEFT OUT ON THE LIST SHOWS THAT I DO NOT AS YET KNOW WHO THE SCULPTOR WAS, WHERE THE WORDING ISN'T STATED SHOWS THAT I MAYBE HAVN'T GOT THE ACTUAL MASTER PIECE ONLY A PHOTOGRAPH.

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GALLEON ON A STORMY SEA	FRED WRIGHT	20"x17"
CONSTABLE SCENE HORSE & BARGE	FRED WRIGHT	20"x17"
CONSTABLE SCENE RIVER & WEIR & CHURCH	FRED WRIGHT	20" x 26"
CONSTABLE SCENE HORSE PULLING BARGE ON RIVER & LOCK GATES	FRED WRIGHT	20" x 26"
THE MAYFLOWER DEPICTING THE SHIP & THE DECLARATION OF 1620 on SCROLL <i>states a Legend Product copyright design made in England</i>	FRED WRIGHT	14"x10"
PICKWICKS BREAKDOWN 'A LEGEND PRODUCT COPYRIGHT DESIGN MADE IN ENGLAND	DEREK RADCLIFFE	10" Round
DOG & DUCKS	FRED WRIGHT	10" Round
COACHING SCENE	FRED WRIGHT	10" Round
OBLONG BADGER DESIGN <i>States A Legend Product Made in England</i>	FRANK GARBLIT	9" Oblong
OBLONG SQUIRREL <i>States A Legend Product made in England</i>	FRANK GARBLIT	9" Oblong
MERMAID ON A ROCK <i>States a legend product reg design</i>	FRANK GARBLIT	8" Round
BLACKPOOL TOWER <i>states A Legend Product copyright design</i>	FRANK GARBLIT	8" Round
WELSH LADY ON A PLAQUE <i>States Cymru am Byth</i>	FRANK GARBLIT	9" Irregular
PIPER WITH BAGPIPES	FRANK GARBLIT	9" Irregular
BIRD OF PARADISE ORIENTAL	FRED WRIGHT	12" x6" Oblong
MANX CAT & LEGS OF MAN SYMBOL <i>states J. ECERIS STABIT OUOCUNQUE</i>	FRANK GARBLIT	8" Round
OLD VINTAGE CAR		14"x13" Square
FRAMED FOX	FRANK GARBLIT	30"x10"
FRAMED LARGE HERONS	FRED WRIGHT	28"x14"
FRAMED SEAGULLS	FRED WRIGHT	17" x9" Oblong with rounded corners

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS VICTORIA CANADA BC	FRANK GARBUT	8" Round
EL PICO TEIDE	DEREK RATCLIFFE	8" Square
VINTAGE CARS	FRANK GARBUT	
PANHARD LE VASSOR 1895	" "	
DE DION BOULTON 1903	" "	
LANCHESTER 1908	" "	
FIAT 1899	" "	9" OBLONGS
OLD ST SCENCE	FRANK GARBUT	8 Square
HORSE & OLD HOUSE	FRANK GARBUT	8" Square
CONSTABLE SCENE	FRED WRIGHT	8" Square
PENGUINS	FRANK GARBUT	8" Square
3 SEAGULLS	FRED WRIGHT	8" Square
VERY DEEP MILLWHEEL PLAQUE 2" Deep	FRED WRIGHT	12" Oblong
A VIKING RAID	FRED WRIGHT	20" x 26"
THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR	FRED WRIGHT	20" X 26"
THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO	FRED WRIGHT	20" X 26"
BATTELING GLADIATORS	FRED WRIGHT	20" X 26"
A BLACK PANTHER IN FRAME	FRANK GARBUT	18" X 6"
JESTER IN FRAME		
ANTELOPE IN FRAME		
EAGLE IN FRAME		18" X 6"
LONG NECKED CAT IN FRAME (stylised 60s)		18" X 6"
MONARCH ELEGANT KING IN LONG ROBES		30" X 10"
ASTRONOMY (GREEK GOD FIGURE LEANING ON POST FEMALE SEMI NUDE		30" X 10"
COCKEREL (STYALISED) 60s		18 X 6"

FOUR CONTEMPORARY SHAPES DEPICTING  
 CALYPSO DANCERS 1 man 1 woman Black African type  
 SPANISH DANCERS 1 Man 1 woman matador & Castanette types

FLOWER PLAQUE DESIGNS 1947 - 1998  
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CANADIAN BOUQUET FLOWERS OF CANADA	FRANK GARBUT	14" round
<i>states Legend Product World copyright design made in England</i>		
SUMMER FLOWER BOUQUET	FRANK GARBUT	14" Round
<i>states a Legend product copyright design</i>		
CONWAY CASTLE IN DISTANCE AND WILD ROSES AROUND SIDES OF PLAQUE IN FOREGROUND	FRANK GARBUT	
<i>states LEGEND PRODUCTS copyright design</i>		12" Round
DAFFODILLS & HAZEL CATKINS	FRANK GARBUT	
<i>states A Legend product copyright design</i>		12" Round
SWEET PEAS & PLOUGHED FIELD	FRANK GARBUT	12" Round
<i>states A Legend Product copyright design</i>		
CARNATIONS	FRANK GARBUT	
<i>states a Legend Products copyright design</i>		12" Round
A BUNCH OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS	FRANK GARBUT	8" round
DAFFODILLS & FEESIAS	" "	8" Round
8" ROSES	" "	8" Round
A BUNCH OF VIOLETS	" "	7" Round
CARNATIONS	" "	7" Round
ROSES	" "	7" Round
ALL 8" SQUARE WITH ROUNDED CORNERS		8" Square with round corners
CARNATIONS	FRED WRIGHT	
VIOLETS	FRANK GARBUT	"
POINSETTIERS	FRANK GARBUT	"
ALBERTA ROSES	FRANK GARBUT	"
DAFFODILLS	FRED WRIGHT	"
POINSETTIER SMALLER BLOOMS	FRANK GARBUT	"
LILY OF THE VALLEY	FRANK GARBUT	"
DAISIES	FRANK GARBUT	"
CHRYSANTHEMUMS	FRED WRIGHT	"
ROSES 2 DIFFERENT TYPES	FRED WRIGHT	"
POPPIES	FRANK GARBUT	"
SWEET PEAS	FRANK GARBUT	"
ANEMONIES	FRED WRIGHT	"
LARKSPUR	FRANK GARBUT	"
MXD BOUQUET (LILLIES OF VALLEY & DAISY & SMALL CHRYSANTHS)	FRANK GARBUT	"

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TITFIELD THUNDERBOLT TRAIN ON FRAME painted silver	FRED WRIGHT	17" x 14"	Square
LILLIPUTT LOCOMOTIVE ON FRAME painted all gold	FRED WRIGHT	17" X 14"	Square
painted silver, red & grey			
PARROT & BLOSSOM ON BRANCH	FRANK GARBUT	8"	Round
SCENE OF CLOVELLY	E.W. USHER	8"	"
FISHERMANS COTTAGE INTERIOR (OLD)	FRANK GARBUT	8"	"
OLD LADY & SPINNING WHEEL	FRANK GARBUT	8"	"
COTTAGE INTERIOR OLD LADY & CAT & FIRE	FRED WRIGHT	8"	"
HARBOUR SCENE	E.W. USHER	6"	"
HARBOUR SCENE 2	E.W. USHER	6"	"
FISHING VILLAGE & WINDMILL	E.W. USHER	6"	"
BOXER DOG ON WOODGRAIN PLAQUE	DEREK RATCLIFFE	5"	Square
COLLIE " " " "	" "	5"	"
SPANIEL " " " "	" "	5"	"
POODLE " " " "	" "	5"	"
HORSES HEAD " " "	" "	5"	"
VERY OLD MILLWHEEL	FRANK GARBUT	8"	Round
OLD RIVERSIDE	" "	8"	"
COTTAGE IN WOODS	" "	8"	"
SHAKESPEARES BIRTHPLACE	FRED WRIGHT	8"	"
TWO DUCKS FLYING OFF POND	FRED WRIGHT	12"	Round
ANN HATHAWAYS COTTAGE	FRANK GARBUT	8"	Round
CINDERELLAS CASTLE	DISNEY'S OWN		Square
MALLARD'S AND DOG	FRED WRIGHT	10"	Square
WINDMILL & YAUGHT ON NORFOLK BROADS	FRANK GARBUT	8"	Square
TUDOR HOUSE	FRED WRIGHT	10"	Square
COACHING SCENE	FRED WRIGHT	10"	Square
DON QUIXHOTE	FRANK GARBUT	8"	Square
COWBOY SITTING ON HORSE	MR HARPUR	8"	Square

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HUNTING SCENE	JOHN CHAPMAN	12" Round
RIVERSIDE SCENE WITH BARE TREES IN DISTANCE	UNKNOWN	
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CLOSE BY & WOODLAND FIGURE WITH PONY & PANNIERS	UNKNOWN	12" Round
HARBOUR SCENE	FRED WRIGHT	12" Irregular
AUTUMN IDYL	FRED WRIGHT	12" Irregular
THE BOUNTY <i>states A Legend Product Copyright Design made in England</i>	FRANK GARBUT	8" square with rounded corners
THE SANTA MARIA	FRANK GARBUT	8" square with rounded corners
A FISHING YAUGHT	FRANK GARBUT	8" square with rounded corners
A BLUE NOSE SCHOONER	FRANK GARBUT	"
A GALLEY	FRED WRIGHT	"
ST BERNARD DOG WITH BARREL & MOUNTAINS & CHALET	FRANK GARBUT	"
FRANKE ROTHENBURG —	" "	"
COLOMBEY LES DEUX EGLISES	" "	"
ANGERS MAINE ET LOIRE	" "	"
WILD PIGS DIG FOR TRUFFLE	" "	"
MOUNTAINS & CHALET SCENE	" "	"
GOAT ON MOUNTAIN TOP	" "	"
SAINT MALO	" "	"
MONT ST. MICHAEL	" "	"
DEER & MOUNTAINS & CHALET	" "	"
ST. BERNADETTE AT LOURDES & OUR LADY	" "	"
TOTEM POLES & CANADIAN ROSES	" "	"
PEGGYS COVE LIGHTHOUSE NOVA SCOTIA	FRED WRIGHT	"
MAC PUFFIN ( PUFFIN IN CLOTHES)	DEREK RATCLIFFE	"
GATEWAY TO THE MARITIMES INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE	FRANK GARBUT	"
ST. STEPHEN NEW BRUNSWICK CALAIS MAINE	FRANK GARBUT	8" Round
PIERCE ROCK	FRANK GARBUT	8" Round
INDIAN CHIEF ON HORSE	FRANK GARBUT	8" Square
MOUTY SET AGAINST MAP OF CANADA	" "	8" Square
THE ONEIDA TOWER	" "	8" Square
SHEEP ON ROCKS WITH MOUNTAINS	" "	8" Square
THE BIG FLOWER POT HOPEWELL ROCKS	" "	8" Round
THE BIRTHPLACE OF CANADIAN FEDERATION (CHARLOTTETOWN)	" "	8" Round
VANCOOVER SMALL SHIP VESSEL	" "	6" Square
LARGE MOOSE	" "	6" Square
NIAGRA FALLS	" "	8" Square

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SCROLL EDGED ROUND PLAQUES	FRED WRIGHT	8" ROUND
COTTAGE & STREAM	"	"
COTTAGE & WELL	"	"
RIVERSIDE COTTAGE	"	"
MILL WHEEL	"	"
WINDMILL	"	"
WOODSMANS COTTAGE	"	"
OLD 10" ROUND PLAQUES		
A VASE OF DAISYS 6 FLOWERS & LEAVES IN LOW BOWL SHAPE		10" ROUND
OUR LADY DRESSED IN WHITE ROBES STANDING ON ROCKS & FLOWERS SURROUNDED BY 6 STARS		10" ROUND
A VASE OF ROSES PAINTED WITH BLACK BACKGROUND GOLD EDGE		10" ROUND
THREE DUCKS FLYING OVER WATER BULLRUSHES ON LEFT EDGE DUCK IN FOREGROUND MUCH BIGGER.		10" ROUND
THE LAUGHING CAVALIER MOUSTASHED MAN WITH CURLY HAIR & LARGE HAT LACE COLLAR CAVALIER CLOTHES		10" ROUND
MRS SIDDONS - LADY SITTING BY CURTAIN WITH LARGE FEATHERED HAT STRIPED BLUE LONG OLD FASHIONED DRESS WEARING NECKBAND LONG GREY HAIR		10" ROUND
OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST BERNADETTE		10" ROUND



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STREET SCENE	FRED WRIGHT	8" SQUARE
FISHERMANS COVE	"	"
MILL & WIER	"	"
POPPIES SEASCAPE	"	"
THISTLES	"	"
ALBERTA WILD ROSES	"	"
MILL & STREAM	"	"
LAKESIDE	"	"
COBBLECOMBE	"	"
COACHING SCENE	"	"
ELIZABETHAN HOUSE	"	"
FISHERMANS COTTAGE INTERIOR	"	"
COTTAGE & STREAM	"	"
COTTAGE & WELL	"	"
RIVERSIDE COTTAGE	"	"
MILLWHEEL	"	"
WINDMILL	"	"
WOODSMANS COTTAGE	"	"
BRIDGE	"	"
CANALSIDE COTTAGE	"	"
FOREST MILL	"	"
COUNTRY MANOR	"	"
VILLAGE SMITHY	SHEILA COCHRANE	"
THATCHERS COTTAGE	SHEILA COCHRANE	"

10 " OVALS

TROUTBECK COTTAGES	SHEILA COCHRANE	10" OVALS
HARBOUR VIEW	FRED WRIGHT	"
MILLERS COTTAGE	FRED WRIGHT	"
TUDOR HOUSE	FRED WRIGHT	"
BROOKSIDE COTTAGES	SHEILA COCHRANE	"
TRAVELLERS REST	FRED WRIGHT	"

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## OLD 10 " ROUND PLAQUES

SWEET PEAS & MIMOSA WITH PLOUGHED FIELD IN BACKGROUND	FRANK GARBUS	10" ROUND
DAFFODILLS NARCISSI & HAZEL CATKINS	FRANK GARBUS	" "
WILD ROSES WITH CASTLE IN BACKGROUND SEA VIEW & SMALL BOAT WITH SAIL	FRANK GARBUS	" "
FIVE LARGE ROSES ON BLACK BACKGROUND PAINTED PINK & RED WITH LEAVES	FRANK GARBUS	" "
THREE LARGE ROSES & TWO SMALL ONES ONE FACING BACKWARDS & LEAVES PAINTED RED YELLOW & PINK WHITE BACKGROUND	FRANK GARBUS	" "
LARGE ROSES AROUND EDGE OF PLAQUE IN WREATH OR SPRAY SHAPE MANOR HOUSE IN BACKGROUND WITH TWO POPLAR TREES EITHER SIDE. LAKE IN FRONT OF HOUSE & LAWNED AREAS	FRANK GARBUS	" "

The following pieces will be retiring on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1998

The moulds will be destroyed and not used again

Wall Masks

No.5	Viking	No.14 Mexican
No.2	Friar Tuck	No.15 Gypsy
No.113	Maga Tipica	No.23 Brigand
No.87	Jenny Jones	No.24 Bedouin
No.100	Anne of Green Gables	No.25 Afghan
No.102	Lena	No.21 Indian Prince
No.103	Louis	No.22 Sikh
No.104	Mountie	No.29 Ahmed
No.1	Clown	No.27 Mine Host
No.2	Clown	No.119 Leprachaun
No.3	Clown	
No.4	Clown	
No.5	Clown	
No.6	Clown	
No.7	Clown	
No.8	Clown	
No.98	Miner	
No.16	Cowboy	
No.110	Pocahontas	
No.33	Artful Dodger	
No.34	Fagin	
No.35	Bill Sykes	
No.36	Mr Bumbles	
No.37	Mr Pickwick	
No.38	Sairy Gamp	

The Double Group Wall Masks

No.42	Eastern Hawk
No.43	Afghan & Dog
No.44	Indian Horseman
No.45	Barbery Buccaneer
No.46	Romany Rogue

## Legend Lane Ltd

### Wild Life Studies

No.49	Snowy Owl
No.66	Barn Owl
No.67	Kingfisher
No.82	Sparrowhawk

### Legend Lane Cottages

No.1	Oakley Grange
No.2	Old Mill House
No.3	Keepers Cottage
No.4	Wicklewood Stores
No.5	The Kings Head
No.6	Briarwood Cottage
No.7	Vine Lodge
No.8	Dovedale Cottage
No.9	Loveday Antiques
No.10	Riverbank Cottage
No.11	The Toll House
No.12	Navigation Mews
No.13	Irish Cottage
No.14	La Colombiere
No.15	La Perigourdine
No.16	La Chaumine

### Large Oval Plaques

No.1	Trout Beck Cottages
No.2	Harbour View
No.3	Millers Cottage
No.4	Tudor House
No.5	Brookside Cottages
No.6	Travellers Rest

### Square Plaques

No.1	Cottage & Stream
No.2	Cottage & Well
No.3	Thatchers Cottage

## Other Legend News

We would like to advise all members that back issues of all the newsletters are available For £1.50 each. Colour versions are £15.00 for the whole set of 7 letters.

Our miniature cottage collection has again been included in this years Millers collectable guide. I ought to inform all collectors that our cottage range will not be made any more and that the Cottages will all be very rare and therefore extremely collectable as we have not made that many. We still have a limited stock of most designs but hurry if you wish to obtain them they are going fast Prices as are listed on our price list or ring for details.

## CORONATION ST MASKS

We are also about to sell all our stock of Coronation St masks to end of line buyers. Therefore if you have any wish to obtain these for your collection now is the time to order. We are offering them at The BARGAIN price of £10.00 each.

Designs available are;-

Sally Webster  
Stan Ogden  
Ena Sharples  
Albert Tatlock  
Bet Lynch  
Ken Barlow

We would also like to thank Peter Kilgore who has helped us to set up our own E.Mail address and WEBB site. The WEBB site will be up and running shortly. Our E. mail address is:-  
Sheila@legend-lane.demon.co.uk

## THE HISTORY OF THE LEGEND CO BOOK

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A COPY OF OUR NEW BOOK ' A HISTORY OF THE LEGEND COMPANY' IT WILL BE IN THE FORMAT OF A LOOSE LEAF FOLDER /FILE INITIALLY YOU WILL BUY THE FOLDER AND THE FIRST FIVE PAGES WHICH WILL BE PROTECTED WITH POLYTHENE. AFTER THAT WE WILL BE BRINGING OUT FIVE PAGES AT A TIME FOR YOU TO COLLECT AND KEEP. THE COST WILL BE APPROX £ 25.00 AND THEREAFTER £1.50 PER PAGE. THE SIZE WILL BE A4 AND IN FULL COLOUR WHERE POSSIBLE. I AM TAKING ORDERS TO SEE IF I HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE INTERESTED ENOUGH TO MAKE THE PROJECT WORTHWHILE. PLEASE WRITE IN WITH YOUR ORDER.



THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR 20"X26"  
SCULPTED BY FRED WRIGHT



FRAMED LARGE HERONS 28"X14"  
SCULPTED BY MR FRED WRIGHT

## TWO ORIENTAL GEMS DISCOVERED

During September we had a letter from Mr M. Pointon member No 0042 , Mr Pointon who lives in Birmingham had included a photograph of two Japanese face masks that he had obtained from friends of his who live nearby in Dudley.

The face masks on close inspection were found to be back stamped with the words 'published by Legend Products' Needless to say Mr Pointon was absolutely thrilled to have discovered them and As Mr Pointon has considerable artistic skills he set about very carefully restoring them to their former beauty using acrylic paints. We picture them here back to nearly their original quality. Here at the factory we did not have any record of their existence nor had we any photograph of them.

Therefore we were very excited by this amazing find. However somewhere in my memory I remembered seeing something similar somewhere, after searching my memory for quite some time I Remembered visiting an aunt of my husbands and seeing Japanese wall faces displayed on her wall. At the time we did not ask her about the masks as we had not seen her for a long time and had a lot of ground to cover in a hour or two. This lady is however the sister of David's mother and therefore it was likely that she had obtained the masks from the young company . These masks could well be the first to have ever been made by the company as we do know that Mr Alec Cochrane did get his original idea for making the wall faces from a company in Italy who he had dealings with. We are therefore intrigued to know if there are more of these oriental pieces in the set as it seems unlikely that only two were produced. We have since contacted David's aunt and she did indeed get the masks many years ago as a present from her sister. One is a lady and one a young man , they have our name on them And where made when the factory was operating from the Newbridge lane address which dates them as definitely before 1964. Please keep your eyes open for oriental pieces !

Please collectors keep your eyes open for oriental pieces.



## Factory shop now open

Here in the factory we have just opened a brand new factory Shop, selling our famous ranges of products. So far there has been a good all round interest in the shop.

We are open to passers by from 10am till 4pm Wed till Sat.

Many people who have called in to the shop have never heard of us and are amazed to find that we have been manufacturing at this address since 1969.

After giving this situation some thought we really do not sell in our local area and our coverage of the U.K. market is very patchy, as the company has over the past years gone toward exporting.

We are now trying to better this situation by contacting retailers in several areas and trying to get them to stock Legend.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to Jackie and Alex Fleming members of the collectors club who live in Glasgow and have recently bought a lakeside castle no less! Their unfailing enthusiasm for our products has led them to visit their many local retail shops in Scotland and to convince the owners that they simply have to stock our products and Jackie won't get off their case until they do! Good for you Jackie !





# ROMANY ROGUES

By Martin A. Clark



## First Model 1955-65?

(Top Left). This model was sculpted by Frank Garbutt and is part of the Wall Groups series. Others in this set included the Cossack Marauders (with horse) Eastern Hawks (with hawk) Barbary Buccaneers (with parrot) and the Assyrian Warrior (with mastiff dog). I'm sure Mr Garbutt was influenced in design of the Romany Rogue by the late comic actor Sid James who seems to bear a striking resemblance to the character. In this early version the monkey wears a "pill box" hat. This piece has a hollow in the back and is clearly marked Legend Products, Copyright Made in England, and the name Romany Rogue. This piece is 8" x 6" and is painted silver on the back.

## Second Model 1960-65?

Bottom Middle). This was modelled by Derek Ratcliffe, based on the original, with several adaptations, making the piece easier to mould. It is smaller (6" x 5") and the monkey is joined on to the side of the man's face and has a Fez. The monkey has a new face and open mouth. Also, the bow on the neckerchief has swapped sides and is now the familiar yellow rather than the original polka dot red and white. This piece says only Made in England on the back, and would originally have had a paper label, as shown below.



This label dates the piece to 1965 or earlier because it gives the address as Newbridge Lane Stockport before the move to Albion Mill. How long this piece was produced for is not clear, but I have only ever found one in six years of searching.

## Third Version 1973-present

(Top Right). This piece was sculpted by Fred Wright and is 6" x 6". The monkey has changed sides but retained the fez and a collar with a bell have been added. Also the Romany has a more rounded, jolly face and a feather and band have been added to his hat. I have seen the hat painted in several shades of blue/green, from turquoise, as illustrated to the latest bottle green version. It clearly marked Romany Rogue on the bottom.