

A DIECAST GEM

Rick Wilson meets the team behind a new name at collectors fairs.



fellow, like-minded people across the globe, trading and educating about diecast toys", commented Phil.

Having been involved with our very own Ramsay's British Diecast Model Toys Catalogue, Phil will also be providing future contributions to this magazine. He has also appeared on the BBC's "Inside Out" regional news television programme to share his knowledge and passion.

So why Diecast Gems? Phil explained this in detail. "Diecast Gems is about sharing my passion for obsolete diecast toys with others. We will have a large range of high quality diecast toys for sale, specialising in Dinky. What I believe will make my site unique will be that I plan to do a series of articles when time permits based on individual or a group of models. The intention of this is to pass on not only my knowledge, but also that of fellow enthusiasts in the hope we will inspire the next generation of collectors."

Phil already has substantial stock and is busy acquiring further top quality models to bring to the marketplace. This could be either at auction or by buying collections. Would he consider the latter? "I expect so. My focus will be on quality stock and so whether to sell on commission or buy outright will depend fundamentally on whether the quality and the price are right. Another crucial point is that the collection retains the integrity and values of Diecast Gems in order to ensure that the site provides what collectors and dealers will expect." Sensible words indeed. A sparkly future could await and we look forward to sharing the journey with Phil. **DC**

Cast your mind back to the December issue and the "News & Events" section in particular. We carried the announcement of a great new venture by retired independent financial adviser and lifelong diecast collector, Phil Silvester.

We caught up with Phil, ably assisted by his lovely wife, Ruth, at the recent Sandown

Park Toy & Collectors Fair where his new enterprise, Diecast Gems, was launched.

The aim of Diecast Gems is to bring high quality obsolete diecast toys by Dinky, Corgi, Spot On and more to the market. "I have been an avid collector of diecast toys, particularly Dinky Toys, since I was a small child and I am excited that I now have the opportunity to share this passion with



This beautiful Corgi Toys Gift Set No.38 had a price tag of £1,600.

i **Diecast Gems will be at Sandown Park again on February 15th. Feel free to contact Phil with any enquiries or visit the website: www.diecastgems.com phil@diecastgems.com 07973563476**



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