

ROYAL WORCESTER CANDLE EXTINGUISHERS

Candle Extinguishers were first manufactured at the Worcester Royal Porcelain factory in Severn Street in the 1850's. They were sold in large numbers, singly or as pairs, with a matching single or double extinguisher stand, which was also made of porcelain. They were usually kept on the mantelpiece and we have to assume that many were broken during use as relatively few survive today.

Victorian Worcester extinguishers were made of a cream-coloured porcelain called Parian. They were slip cast in Plaster of Paris moulds and were decorated entirely by hand. Early Extinguishers were plain white, some were embellished with simple gold lines and later others were decorated in full colour. Blush Ivory versions are also known.

We have no record of who designed the early range of extinguishers in the 1850's, but the designs were so successful that the same master moulds remained in use for nearly 120 years. Many Extinguishers introduced in the 1870's and 1880's were designed by the talented modeller, James Hadley.

Extinguishers introduced in the 1850's and 1860's (* indicates a rare model)

- 7/56 * The Philosopher (monkey with glasses, in a full length gown)
- 7/57 * The Lawyer
- 7/58 Diffidence (Jenny Lind, The Swedish Nightingale)
- 7/59 Confidence (Jenny Lind, The Swedish Nightingale)
- 7/60 * The Greyhound (with dress and bonnet)
- 7/61 * The Giraffe (with dress)
- 7/62 * Monsieur Reynard (The Fox Lawyer)
- 7/67 The Monk (with book)
- 7/68 The Praying Nun (Sister of Mercy)
- 7/69 The Friar (Kneeling in prayer)
- 7/70 The Abbess/French Nun (Sister of Charity, holding book)
- 7/71 Mr.Caudle (Punch cartoon character wearing nightcap)
- 7/72 Mrs.Caudle (Punch cartoon character in bonnet)
- 7/73 The Owl (wearing nightcap)
- 7/74 The French Cook (apron & bonnet)
- 7/75 * Night (girl asleep, leaning on pillar)
- 7/76 * Morning (girl awake, leaning on pillar)
- 7/77 * The Torch (conical)

Extinguishers introduced in the 1870's

- * Lady & man in period dress (bell shaped bases)
- * The Snake (curled round wooden pole)
- * The Lizard (curled round tree stump)
- * The Hand (2 versions, one holding book)

The Japanese Girl

- * The Tichbourne Claimant (lawyer, small figure & butcher's block)
- * English Lady (Period Girl, bustle & fur muff)
- * Dutch Lady (girl with Breton hat & apron)
- Granny Snow (two sizes)

Extinguishers introduced in the 1880's (designed by James Hadley)

Monkey & Lotus (pair of monkeys with Lotus leaves)

Young Girl (head & shoulders with bonnet)

Old Woman (head & shoulders with bonnet)

Girl with mob cap (head & shoulders)

Girl with feathered hat (full length figure)

Town Girl (with fan, 2 sizes)

Country Girl (full length with bonnet, large size only)

Boy with boater (in long coat)

Girl with muff (long coat & bonnet)

- * Budge (small boy in large coat & wool hat)
- * Toddy (small boy in large coat & top hat)
- * Boy in sailor suit (removing large coat)
- * Mr.Punch (head & shoulders)
- * Dog Toby (head & shoulders, in feathered hat)
- * Dog in a barrel
- * Cat in a barrel
- * Owl on a stump

Extinguishers introduced in the twentieth century

- * Baby (girl in a long dressing gown) 1905 by George Evans
- * The Lady Motorist (in hat and goggles) 1909
- The Witch (cloak & pointed hat) 1912
- The Mandarin (hat, beads & fan) 1914 By Mr.Sharp
- Hush (girl with hair bow)1927 By Frederick Gertner.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century with the increasing use of electricity, extinguishers were no longer needed and production dramatically decreased by 1900. Extinguishers made in the twentieth century were intended for decorative use only. They were made either of white bone china or 'Wall Body' a cream coloured bone china.

Production of decorative extinguishers continued until the 1930's, with firm favourites, Nun, Monk and Cook, and three new snuffers, Witch, Mandarin and Hush being made in large numbers. After the Second World War many extinguishers were produced in a huge variety of different colours. They remained popular until the late 1950's.

Between 1976 and 1986 new versions of the earlier extinguishers were made. These were produced in bone china and were decorated in very soft colours, including Nun, Monk, Hush, Old Woman, Young Woman, Mr.&Mrs.Caudle, Mr.Punch, Budge, Toddy, Owl, Cook, Girl with Feathered Hat and the Girl with Mob Cap.

In 1999 a complete new range of extinguishers was launched. These were larger in scale than the original models and were elaborately decorated in full colour with 22 carat gold detail. The decoration of the range was designed by Kevin McGee.

1999	Henry VIII by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
1999	Catherine of Aragon by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
1999	Anne Boleyn by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
1999	Jane Seymore by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
1999	Anne of Cleves by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
1999	Catherine Howard by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
1999	Catherine Parr by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
1999	Elizabeth I by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
1999	Tawny Owl by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited, current 2004)
1999	Blue Tit by Nigel Weaver	(Unlimited - discontinued 2001)
1999	Giles Cat by Nigel Weaver	(Unlimited, current 2004)
1999	Imari Cockerel by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited, current 2004)
1999	Nelson Elephant by Nigel Weaver	(Unlimited, current 2004)
1999	Kingfisher by Nigel Weaver	(Unlimited, current 2004)
1999	Apple (green) by Neil Jeffree	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
1999	Apple (red) by Neil Jeffree	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
1999	Pear (green) by Neil Jeffree	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
1999	Pear (terracotta) by Neil Jeffree	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
1999	Lemon by Neil Jeffree	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
1999	Peach by Neil Jeffree	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
1999	Manadrin in yellow & orange by Sally Hamer	(Limited Edition 500, sold by end 2003)
1999	Mandarin in gold & black by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
1999	Japanese Girl by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
1999	Cardinal Wolsey	(Limited Edition)
2000	Monk by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
2000	Abbess by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
2000	Teddy bear seated	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
2000	Hush, green & red by Sally Hamer	(Limited Edition 500 sold by end 2002)
2000	Hush, lilac by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
2000	Millennium Champagne bottle	(Unlimited - discontinued 2000)
2000	Empress, designed by Kevin McGee	(Limited Edition 500, sold by end 2001)
2000	Emperor, designed by Kevin McGee	(Limited Edition 500, sold by end 2001)
2000	Robin by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - discontinued 2001)
2001	Polar Bear by Scott Shore	(made in 2001 only)
2001	Snowy Owl by Scott Shore	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2001	Goldfinch by Sally Hamer	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2001	Nelson Cat, Imari	(Unlimited - current 2004)

2001	Motorist	(Limited Edition 500, sold by end 2001)
2001	Lady Motorist	(Limited Edition 500, sold by end 2001)
2001	Lazy Days, Art Deco conical Collector's Society exclusive	(2001 only)
2001	Castles in the air Art Deco conical	(Unlimited - discontinued 2001)
2001	Morning River, Art Deco conical	(Unlimited - discontinued 2001)
2001	Blue Lagoon, Art Deco conical	(Unlimited - discontinued 2001)
2001	Swallows at Dusk, Art Deco conical	(Unlimited - discontinued 2001)
2001	Old Windmill, Art Deco conical	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
2001	Blue Glade, Art Deco conical	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
2001	Homeward Bound, Art Deco conical	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
2001	Sails at Sunset, Art Deco conical	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
2001	Queen Victoria	(Limited Edition 500, sold by end 2002)
2001	Prince Albert	(Limited Edition 500, sold by end 2002)
2001	Mr.Punch, Punch & Judy	(Limited Edition 600, current 2004)
2001	Judy, Punch & Judy	(Limited Edition 600, current 2004)
2001	Crocodile, Punch & Judy	(Limited Edition 600, current 2004)
2001	Baby, Punch & Judy	(Limited Edition 600, current 2004)
2001	Toby, Punch & Judy	(Limited Edition 600, current 2004)
2001	Policeman, Punch & Judy	(Limited Edition 600, current 2004)
2001	Pineapple	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
2001	Plum	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
2001	Strawberry	(Unlimited - discontinued 2002)
2002	Pansy Fairy, conical	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Harebell Fairy conical	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Columbine Fairy conical	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Poppy Fairy conical	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Sleeping Buddha	(Unlimited- current 2004)
2002	Smiling Buddha	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Zodiac Horse	(2002 only)
2002	Girl with muff	(Collector's Society 2002 only)
2002	Queen Elizabeth & Duke of Edinburgh	(Limited 1000 pairs, 2002 only)
2002	The Lion & the Unicorn	(Limited 750 pairs, 2002 only)
2002	Budge, Helen's Babies	(Limited Edition 750 - current 2004)
2002	Toddie, Helen's Babies	(Limited Edition 750 - current 2004)
2002	Howard, Helen's Babies	(Limited Edition 750 - current 2004)
2002	William Shakespeare	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Titania	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Bottom	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Othello	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Desdemona	(Unlimited - current 2004)

2002	Romeo	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Juliet	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Prince Regent Teddy	(Unlimited - discontinued 2003)
2002	Little Owl	(Unlimited - current 2004)
2002	Old Lady	(Limited Edition 600 - current 2004)
2002	Young Girl	(Limited Edition 600 - current 2004)
2003	Zodiac Sheep	(2003 only)
2003	Boy with Boater	(Collector's Society exclusive 2003)
2003	Peter Rabbit, Beatrix Potter	(Limited Edition 500 - current 2004)
2003	Squirrel Nutkin, Beatrix Potter	(Limited Edition 500 - current 2004)
2003	The Mouse Tailor, Beatrix Potter	(Limited Edition 500 - current 2004)
2003	Hunca Munca, Beatrix Potter	(Limited Edition 500 - current 2004)
2003	Benjamin Bunny, Beatrix Potter	(Limited Edition 500 - current 2004)
2003	Jeremy Fisher, Beatrix Potter	(Limited Edition 500 - current 2004)
2004	Zodiac Monkey	(2004 only)
2004	Heraldic Ram	(Limited Edition 750 - current 2004)

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