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LOHDON BENCHMENS TWO BIRTHDAYS

Every hour is Rush Hour at the Post Office, where the season brings an avalanche of more than 15 million parcels in less than a month.

With the werst yet to come, this year's total already means the record. And this is where the Post Office's our railway comes in handy. The only one of its kind in the world, it stretches along six-and-a-half miles of track - 80 feet below London's busy streets. In the Christmas rush it colebrates its coming-of-age, Britain's Toytoum Special is 21-years-old.

While Mount Pleasant's underground clears the lines for the Christmas traffic, Olympia turns on the fairy lights for the birthday of semeone very young. Mrs. Attlee is there as youngsters look over exhibits at Quality Pair, where the centre of attraction is the miniature Tuder Cottage built for Britain's Baby Prince.

A fertnight's work by three ex-Firemen, Lilliput Palace is a three-reemed, firepreef and fully-furnished model with (almost) every modern convenience.

It'll be three years before its Reyal owner is eld enough to move in. Meantime, junior inspectors declare it truly fit for a Prince.