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THE classic Mini was designed by Alec Issigonis in 1959. They branded the Mini under two names: Austin & Morris and both were owned by BMC (British Motor Corporation).



They built the mini at two different plants, Cowley and Longbridge. It has been a very big hit over the years.

It started off as a big hit with celebrities

Magnificent Mini should never die

such as John Lennon who chose to be seen in one by paparazzi photographers.

After a few years of the Mini in production, they decided to make a more upper class version.

And with this came The Riley Elf and Woolsey Hornet and again they both looked exactly the same. The only difference was the bonnet badge. But they didn't take off as well as the original Mini.

With Issigoni's death in 1988, they still soldiered on with the brand name Mini, with BMC owning the Mini from 1959-1968, British Leyland owning it from 1968-1986 and the rover group owning it from 1986-2000. Then finally BMW took over the reins, from 2000 to the present day.

They started to struggle keeping the brand alive however, and this is when the Rover Group decided to take over, still

making the classic Mini under the brand of Rover. However this didn't last long. In 2002, BMW bought Mini and brought it in to the 21st century.

But in late 2002 to early 2003, they released the all new BMW Mini which was bigger and faster but still had the joyful exciting look and personality of a Classic Mini. Will the Mini brand ever die? I certainly hope not...

A LITTLE RESPECT: Shoppers have been known to be rude to young shop workers



By DANIELLE CONDELL, aged 16

ARE you 17 or under and have a job?

If you have, have you ever found that people treat you differently because of your age?

I have found this problem as I work in a shop in Weymouth and have had some people that have been extremely rude to me.

I am only 16 and they seem to



to my age.

I have also had people that have completely avoided me because

think that, because of my age, I cannot do my job properly.

This is not the only problem I have had from customers due

they see that I am young and think I am incapable of serving them.

It just seems that some people believe that the stereotype of young people is true for all of us and that we all just smoke, drink and bunk school.

What I don't understand is why people would think that young people who actually acted like that would get employed by

somebody. I spoke to two people aged 14 and 16 who would rather stay anonymous.

One of them said that they had seen rude comments on Facebook about where they work including 'the shop is run by ***** kids'.

The other told me that a customer had been so rude and hurtful to them that they had made them cry.

Now I think that this is unacceptable because if somebody is selling you something that you want or need, why would you be so rude to them?

It just doesn't make any sense. Now, I'm not saying that everybody is rude, in fact, it is only a small minority that are.

But you should treat all people who work in the same shop, with at least a little respect.

Shrewd business move from Microsoft's Xbox

By JAMIE DAY

THE recently released Xbox One has just received a price cut from £429.99 to £399.99.

It now includes a free copy of Titanfall, which is the biggest game for the Xbox One since its launch, and a lot of people are looking forward to this mech shooter.

Some people think that the Xbox One is failing, but this is a smart business decision because the people that didn't buy it at launch will probably purchase the Titanfall bundle, which is great for them.

However, the early adopters of the One are very angry about this news

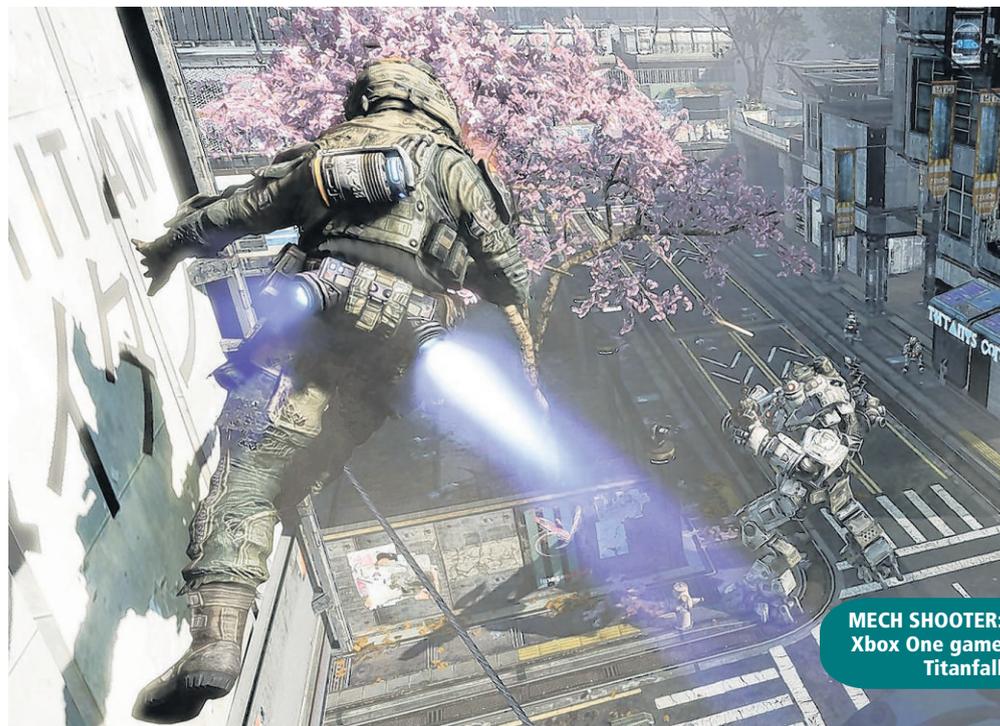
But this is what happens when you



are an early adopter with every console that comes out.

I got a Wii U, which is not the most popular console ever, but I got the deluxe version which comes with Nintendo Land, and a couple of months later a Zelda Wind Waker HD bundle came out for the same amount, and also a Mario themed bundle which included New Super Mario Bros. U, and New Super Luigi U, and a red Wii remote that includes motion plus for the same price I paid for the regular deluxe version.

I was annoyed, sure, but it's not something I will lose sleep over, this is just the price you pay for being an early adopter.



MECH SHOOTER: Xbox One game Titanfall

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