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Welcome from Brian McGregor



Welcome to the latest edition of the eBay Auction Newsletter.

If you're a new subscriber, a particularly warm welcome to you.

I believe we will look back on 2008 as being a pivotal year in eBay's history. It's been difficult to avoid the negative press to which eBay and its management has been subject.

My wish for 2009 is that eBay let the dust settle on all the changes introduced in 2008, and they let buyers and sellers get used to operating within the new policies and guidelines.

In this Christmas edition of the newsletter, you'll find some items designed to entertain.

If you celebrate it, I wish you a joyous and peaceful Christmas. I also hope you have a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Take care, and I look forward to speaking to you in 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian McGregor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

1. Thought for the Day

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves."

Sir James M. Barrie

2. Christmas Entertainment One

Here is your Christmas Card from me.

Be warned, you have to do a little bit of work to get to it...

Turn up your speakers and go here:

<http://www.jacquielawson.com/viewcard.asp?code=ER13610552>

3. Christmas Present

Here's a nice little tool. It allows you to search 20 eBay country sites simultaneously with the same search term.

You'll get the idea when you go to:

<http://shopibel.com/shopitools/ebay-multi-country-search>

4. Christmas Entertainment Two

Why do we panic?

Try this Christmas Santa game and you'll find out. It took me ages to get to the end...

<http://xmasfun.com/Games/santa/>

Scroll down the page for the playing instructions, and... don't panic (and no swearing either!)

5. Another Christmas Present

Here's another potentially useful tool, if you're a buyer on eBay.

With "Stuff Alert", you tell it what you're looking for, and it continually monitors eBay (currently USA and UK) and emails you when an item appears that matches your search term.

If it doesn't find anything matching your term, it will keep looking 24 x 7 or until you tell it to stop.

So, instead of you having to keep going onto eBay to see if the specific item has been listed, Stuff Alert will keep checking for you.

When it does find an item that matches your search term, it send you an email with a direct link to the specific eBay auction.

You can find out more here:

<http://www.stuffalert.com/>

6. Christmas Entertainment Three

Hope you haven't had too much of the Christmas spirit - if you know what I mean!

You'll need all your powers of concentration to do this one...

<http://xmasfun.com/Games/Concentration/default.asp>

7. Someone's Auctioning What???

Nothing surprises me when it comes to internet auctions. Amuse yourself with some of these beauties in our regular trawl through eBay's auctions.

Here are some auctions I've spotted as I trawled eBay recently:-

[I read somewhere that the average speed of driving in London is slower than in horse drawn days. Well, here's your answer...](#)

[This is great for the summer weather we get in England lately! Shame about the mistake in the title.](#)

[Nothing like being prepared! This could be useful after any Christmas excesses...](#)

[But what happens if your wife wants you to go with her?](#)

[There's that eBay entrepreneurial spirit again! Despite the adversity of others, some people can't help themselves.](#)

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The moral of the story?

If the newsletter sends you to a site that interests you, and you think you might want to refer to it later, make sure you store the site address in YOUR favorites.