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■ by <u>pat.dunham</u> » Sat Jun 21, 2014 8:25 pm

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Attachments



I'd rather see the world the way it used to be...... ..I'm goin' back.

Pat x



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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger** » Sat Jun 21, 2014 9:14 pm

Good catch Pat. Here's the URL:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b047lfyj/flog-it-trade-secrets-series-1-13-play-time-part-1

Maggie



I've got a good thing ***

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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

■ by <u>pat.dunham</u> » Sat Jun 21, 2014 9:22 pm

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Maggie

Thanks Maggie ,the item starts at 21.00ish I'd rather see the world the way it used to be...... ..I'm goin' back.



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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

 \blacksquare by <u>Beautiful soul</u> » Sun Jun 22, 2014 12:22 am

I'm not certain I understand this Pat, are you saying these are still made and available for sale(even if just replicas)?! Or is it a one off auction?



Every fan alive would want one.



I'm even interested in the Holland Years...





Beautiful soul

I've got a good thing

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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

■ by <u>pat.dunham</u> » Sun Jun 22, 2014 12:45 pm

Hi Connie, yes it is confusing. I refer you to "Merrythought" web pages of which there are quite a few. The Merrythought web lists all the bears they make and an Einstein comes under "cheeky". I think the original cheeky bear stopped production sometime in the '60, these of course are now valuable as there were only the two, Cheeky (of which E was one) and Punk. You will note that all the bears are quite expensive but there may be some on e-bay.

In our eyes of course there is only one Farnell/Merrythought bear and that is "Einstein"

BTW I have visited this shop in Ironbridge a wonderful place to visit. I was not aware of "E" at the time. I'd rather see the world the way it used to be......
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Pat x



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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

■ by <u>darren2722</u> » Sun Jun 22, 2014 3:25 pm

Thanks Pat & Maggie. That was really interesting, great that even today they still use basically the same techniques that they used to make Einstein 50 odd years ago. Couldn't Ask For More



darren2722

Someone who cares

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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

■ by <u>pat.dunham</u> » Sun May 10, 2015 10:17 am

pat.dunham wrote: Well "Einstein" has some relatives. I found this on "Flog it Trade Secrets", visiting the "Merrythought" bear factory at Ironbridge. The factory is the only UK bear maker, all bears are made by hand. Merrythought used to be owned by Farnell who were the UK Steiff bear equivalent. The "Einstein" bear is called "Cheeky" and there is another called "Punk" which has a tuft of hair on his head. They are very collectable. The programme is still available for a few more days.

A search for "Einstein"

Hi Carole, I will forward details to the producers, maybe "Merrythought" will be willing to assist. Unfortunately the program is no longer on iPlayer but if you move up on this thread there is a rather poor picture of a "Cheeky" bear. I'd rather see the world the way it used to be.......

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Pat x



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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

by RenegadesEPC » Sun May 10, 2015 4:01 pm

Is Eistein jointed? Hmm, I can't tell! XxClaudiaxX

"Give a butch roar or a girlish shriek, I don't mind who does what, sort it out for yourselves!"



RenegadesEPC

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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

■ by <u>pat.dunham</u> » Sun May 10, 2015 5:39 pm

I am not sure either Claudia, maybe nowadays but I don't know about Einstein. If you look on the Merrythought web, the bears look bigger anyway. The new "Cheeky" series are quite a lot different from the originals except for the unusual face. Let's hope

that the Company will be able to help the show. I think it is great that the most constant object in Dusty's life has not been forgotten. This show is being produced with so much love.

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Re: Look who I found on BBc iplayer

by Renegades EPC » Mon May 11, 2015 2:52 am

I agree with you 100%, Pat I think it's amazing that they are considering even the smallest details, like getting an Einstein doppelgänger instead of using any old bear. Shows real commitment and adoration, not just towards the show, but towards Dusty herself Something to be very proud of! And most of the bears I've found online have joints and are a little bigger, but Einstein is definitely a little smaller and more floppy-looking. The search continues! XxClaudiaxX

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