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## The Phone Call

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Is it about the bicycle? Because I put the ad in weeks ago and I have not had any interest in it at all.

“Um, well...” replied the caller.

Well I bought it three years ago with the intention of taking it away on holidays in our camper van, but we only went away once and the weather was so bad that we never even got the bikes out. It is almost brand new and I resented the fact that we couldn't ride them but that's Jim for you, he hates the rain and wanted to stay inside all day. It was an awful holiday. The campsites were dirty and the showers didn't work most of the time.

“Umm well actually...”

Oh and the other thing is the basket, well it has a lovely shopping basket on the front which is an actual antique, but I am including it in the price as it just needs to be on the bike and suits it really well. I wanted to keep it but feel they just need to be together.

I can keep the bell on as well, although this is not an antique but I bought it brand new from Halfords and it cost quite a lot of money, but I just loved the sound it made. I have got quite attached to it and I was rather pleased that no one had rung, but as you seem so keen I am happy for you to come and look at it. Perhaps Wednesday or Saturday would suit, Jim isn't here on a Thursday or Friday due to him playing in the bowls league and they have a match on Friday, but on Saturday he will be here in the morning but will be racing his pigeons in the afternoon. He keeps about 10 of them, you know homing pigeons, personally I am not keen on them myself they smell so bad especially in the hot weather, but it keeps him happy and so I don't really mind; anything to keep the peace. Oh yes also there is the bike pump, that can go with it too, it has not been used yet and it is an electric one so it is very quick no pushing and pumping. It has all the paper work with it and we have just had it serviced, which actually cost us rather a lot but we won't be asking anything for that. Jim seemed to think it would sell better if it was in tip top condition. I thought he would have done it himself which I thought would be cheaper but he insisted that it went to a proper bike shop to have it done; I realised after that he probably didn't have a clue about servicing a bike, he is a bit a like that not very good with his hands you might say.

Oh I almost forgot you will need our address. "Hello...hello honestly, imagine wasting someone's time like that!" Hello...