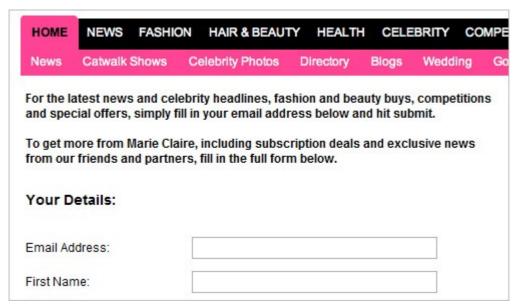
Signing Up For A Newsletter

This is an important step in convincing users that your newsletters are interesting and that they would benefit from signing up.

Tell Users What They Will Get

Before asking users for their details, tell them what they will receive, and identify the benefits of signing up. If you mention that the newsletters will include exclusive offers and deals, make sure to keep the promise. In addition, let users know how often they will receive the newsletter: weekly or monthly.

On the <u>Mulberry sign-up page</u>, the company promises to send users exclusive updates and offers. The <u>Marie Claire UK subscription page</u> clearly states that its newsletters include news, beauty buys, competitions and offers.



Marie Claire UK subscription page

Reward Users for Signing Up

You may want to consider giving some reward to users for signing up; for example, a free gift, voucher or discount. To encourage users to sign up for his newsletter, <u>Jamie Oliver</u> offers a free £25 wine voucher that can be claimed after subscribing (on the condition that users spend £64.99 or more on the wine).



Jamie Oliver sign-up page



Jamie Oliver reward page

If you will give rewards, let users know as soon as possible in the process. <u>James Perse</u> gives users who subscribe to its newsletter a \$15 online gift card. However, the reward is not mentioned on the subscription page, and the promotion code is sent via a confirmation email only after the subscription has been received. You would not have known that until you subscribed. The company is clearly missing a great opportunity to get people to sign up for its newsletters.

From: James Perse Sales Assistance <orders@jamesperse.com>

Subject: Welcome to James Perse.com - Gift Card Inside

Date: 16 November 2009 23:12:44 GMT

To: Chui Chui Tan

Reply-To: orders@jamesperse.com

JAMES PERSE LOS ANGELES



Your email subscription has been received.

Thank you for registering for James Perse Los Angeles emails. To begin, we would like to welcome you with a limited time, online gift card.

\$15 ONLINE GIFT CARD*:

Enter code: SBSC1258413163716 at checkout into the promotional code box.

Gift card expires in the next 10 days.

James Perse subscription confirmation email

Preview Your Newsletter

One way to let users know what they will get is to give them a preview of your newsletter. Hershey's Kitchens has two different newsletters, and it offers examples of both types. The company even gives each newsletter a name and clearly indicates how often it will be sent out.

Would you like to sign up for any of the	following email	communication
Sweet Ideas: Monthly Seasonal Recipes	Yes (Opt in)	No
▶ Preview		
Cookie Ideas: Weekly between Nov 1 - Dec 25	Yes (Opt in)	No
▶ Preview		

Hershey's Kitchen sign-up page

Keep Questions Short and Simple

Users avoid filling out forms and submitting their details if possible. For a newsletter signups, all you need is their email address.

<u>Hersey's Kitchens</u> has 10 mandatory fields. <u>MarieClaire.com</u> has 8 fields, but only the email field is required. We have found from our studies, though, that people often miss the asterisk or do not know what it means. Users who are reluctant to fill in many details may well refuse to sign up in this case.

Sign up below to access our new community features. ALL fields are required. Contact Information First Name: Last Name: Date of Birth: State: State: State: State: Email: Password: Zip Code: Enter the Word Above:

Hershey's Kitchen sign-up page

Content Of Newsletter

Based on our user testing, we found that people look at three things when they receive a newsletter:

- 1. The sender, to see if it is from someone they know.
- 2. The subject line, to see if it is of interest to them.
- 3. The date, to see if the communication is up to date.

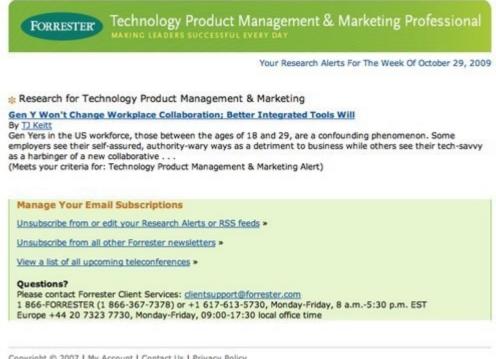
Write an Attractive Subject Line

One way to encourage users to open your newsletter is to write a subject line that grabs their attention.

If you are offering some sort of deal in your newsletter, try to avoid generic appeals in your subject line (for instance, Game July newsletter subject line: "Sizzling Summer Deals"). Instead, mention specific offers, such as Dorothy Perkins November Issue: "25% Off Just for You". Also, be realistic about your offers, and avoid making them sound too good to be true. Users are skeptical about subject lines like "Get 1000 Extra Points" because they know they will often have to spend a lot to get those points.

Provide Useful and Well-Written Content

A newsletter should contain information that users would not normally research on their own. Users take seconds to scan for topics of interest to them before deciding whether to spend more time reading the newsletter. If your newsletter, like Forrester's, shows only one or two topics, users would less likely to find something of interest to them.



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Furthermore, including links to your website in the newsletter is crucial.

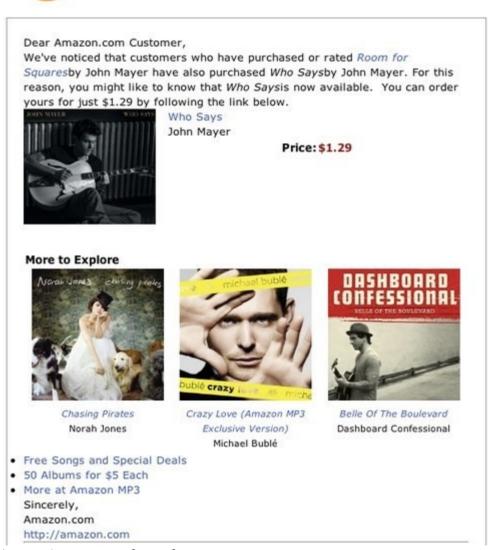
Make Content Relevant to Your Readers

Make your newsletter's content as relevant to your readers as possible, whether through offers, products or images. Superfluous content will add no value and simply be ignored. You could also provide customized content. Personalization can be done in one of two ways:

- 1. Asking users for more (optional) information when they sign up.
- 2. Implicitly recording what they buy and view on your website.

For example, <u>Amazon</u> sends newsletter with recommendations based on what its users have purchased. Recommendation-based newsletters can be highly useful, provided that your analytics are accurate.

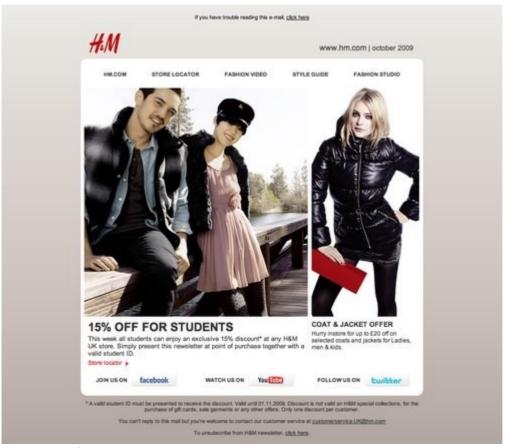




Amazon's customized newsletter

Offer Exclusive Deals

You could always offer subscribers special deals or freebies. There are a few ways to go about this. <u>H&M</u> and <u>Photobox</u> ask users to present their newsletters at the point of purchase in stores to receive discounts. <u>Clinique</u> and <u>Airparks</u> include a promotion code in their newsletters that users can redeem when checking out online.



H&M newsletter



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order your 2010 calendar or diary before midnight Tuesday and get 2 for the price of 1!

Because of the recent Royal Mail disruptions, we've decided to give you a bit more time and extended our great <u>2 for 1 calendar and diary offer.</u> Now's the perfect time to get organised early for Christmas and enjoy an amazing saving, but hurry offer must end midnight 27th October!



Photobox newsletter



Airparks newsletter

Avoid putting these benefits so deep in the newsletter that users miss them. For instance, Clinique (above) puts its code at the bottom of the page, whereas Airparks puts its at the very top of the page.

In addition, make sure the rewards are relevant to your product and target audience. Take Inkclub, which gives out a free blusher to customers who shop via its newsletter. Not only does this item have little relevance to Inkclub's product line, but it may not be very attractive to the company's target users.

Club Offer OctoberinkClüb







Place an order, get an exquisite blusher free of charge

Right now we will send you a blusher of the well-renowned brand FACE Stockholm when you place an order with us.

The blusher, in the colour Shy, gives your skin a natural glow. Inside the lid you will find a practical little mirror.

Don't miss this offer - place your order today!

75% discount on magnetic paper



Create personal refrigerator magnets and magnetic invitation cards. We now offer magnetic paper (4x6") at a very low price.

NB! The magnetic paper is intended for use in inkjet printers.

Price: £ 0.75 (ord. price £ 2.53)

Buy magnetic paper at a 75% discount

*Offer valid max. three packages per order.

Other offers:



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SDHC Memory card 4 GB, £ 11.95 (incl VAT.)



SDHC Memory card 8 GB, £ 15.95 (incl VAT.)



2.5" Portable Hard Drive USB 2.0 400GB, VERBATIM, £ 69.95 (incl VAT.)

This offer can only be used by clicking on the links in this e-mail and is valid until 19/11/2009 or whilst stock lasts.

Inkclub newsletter

Newsletter Design

Design your newsletter to suit its chief purpose. If the main objective is to announce a new product or promote a particular service, you may want to focus the newsletter entirely on this product or service. Good examples are <u>Apple</u> in promoting its new iPhone 3GS.



Apple newsletter promoting its new iPhone 3GS.

To promote its latest exclusive offers, <u>Ted Baker</u> takes an easy and rather lazy approach: the whole newsletter consists merely of one big banner showing offers of 50% off, in the hope that users will click to the website to find out more. By contrast, <u>Dabs.com</u> showcases a number of its latest deals in its newsletter, giving users a rough idea of its product line and sale prices.



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Ted Baker newsletter





Dabs newsletter

You could also adopt a catalogue style, like <u>IKEA</u>, or create a summary of your e-commerce website, like <u>Audible</u>, which teases users to visit its website with prices and a clear call-to-action button.



All products

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Hello

Our brand new 2010 catalogue is now online and we wanted you to have the opportunity to browse through all 382 pages of pure inspiration. On every page, you'll find clever storage solutions and easy ways to brighten up your home.

Check out our exciting new product ranges and home furnishings solutions right now.



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IKEA newsletter



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Audiobook of the Month



The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest by Stieg Larsson

What the Critics Say: "The most original heroine to emerge in crime fiction for many years." -Independent

Lisbeth Salander lies in Intensive Care with a bullet lodged in her head. She will face trial for three murders and one attempted murder on her release. With the help of journalist Mikael Blomkvist, Salander must not only prove her innocence, but identify and denounce the corrupt politicians that have allowed the vulnerable to become victims of abuse and violence. Salander is now ready to fight back.

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New & Notable ▶



And Another Thing by Eoin Colfer

And Another Thing... features an Englishman's continuing search through space and time for a decent cup of tea.

Arthur Dent's accidental association with that wholly remarkable book, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, has not been entirely without incident. Arthur has traveled the length, breadth, and depth of known, and unknown, space. He has stumbled forward and backward through time. He has been blown up, reassembled, cruelly imprisoned, horribly released, and colorfully insulted more than is strictly necessary. And of course Arthur Dent has comprehensively failed to grasp the meaning of life, the universe, and everything.

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Audible newsletter

Keep it Simple and Straightforward

As reported by the Nielsen Norman Group in its **Email Newsletter Usability Report**, the average reader skims a newsletter for 51 seconds. People never read: they scan for content that is of interest to them. So, don't overwhelm them by squeezing too much information on the page. Make sure your content gets straight to the point, and write short paragraphs and bullet points.

The main purpose of <u>Flybe</u>'s newsletter is to present an exclusive offer on family trips to Disneyland. The value of this deal is lost among the long paragraphs. The message could be conveyed more effectively in bullet points for quick scanning.



Get away with the family for less this autumn

Flybe has teamed up with Disneyland Paris to bring you this exclusive offer on autumn family breaks. Now, not only can you fly from 8 regional airports throughout the UK direct to Paris from just £29.99 one way, but you can also save up to 50% on family breaks at Disneyland Paris!

To take advantage of this exclusive Flybe offer you simply need to book a 3 day/2 night minimum package in a Disney® Hotel for arrival before the 18th December and you will receive up to 50% off your hotel and park ticket package. What's more, this offer can be combined with Disney's 'Kid's under 7 Stay & Play Free' promotion which means you can get even more for your money at the Paris resort.

For more information or to book your Disneyland Paris autumn family break online <u>click here</u> to visit the Disneyland Paris website, or call 08448 003 256 and quote 'Flybe'.

Once you have secured your discounted break at Disneyland Paris, book your flights to Paris from Manchester, Southampton, Birmingham, Cardiff, Exeter, Glasgow, Belfast and Jersey now at Flybe.com.



Flybe newsletter

Make Good Use of Images, Numbers and Colors

Users are drawn first to elements that are visually simulating, such as graphics. Use images to guide users to the most important content and messages.

Numbers also grab attention. Users tend to associate them with prices and savings. Use percentages and dollar values to show concrete offers. For example, <u>Pixmania</u> newsletter has a big "49% off," showing how much savings are available: clear and appealing.



Pixmania newsletter

Color adds interest, too. But be careful, because inappropriate use makes for a messy, confusing newsletter. Take <u>Rimmel London</u>'s newsletter.



*GLOSS NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 23, OCTOBER 2009

Welcome to Issue 23 of *GLOSS

This month Rimmel London have launched our exciting NEW Stay Matte Face Range and we are be giving you the chance to WIN a free sample in your PERFECT shade. We have also introduced fab NEW Lasting Finish Vintage Lipstick Shades which 10 lucky readers will receive!

Most importantly this month in the *GLOSS Newsletter you can grab yourself a pair of EXCLUSIVE Golden Circle Tickets to T4 STARS OF 2009 at Earls Court!You will have an amazing view right at the edge of the stage and up close to all your favourite stars!

Keep reading for a chance to have a great day out at T4 STARS OF 2009, with must-see acts like Alexandra Burke, JLS and Diversity! You will also experience the live announcement of the WINNER of The World's Greatest Popstar..... all thanks to the proud sponsors Rimmel London!

What an exciting month!

Rimmel London newsletter

Tailor the Layout to the Content

A newsletter can be designed in a one-column or multi-column layout or a mixture of both. A one-column grid is easier to skim but might take up more space and increase the length of the newsletter. While people do skim email newsletters, that's no reason to make them overly lengthy. However, some exceptions are the <u>Design Hotels</u> newsletter, which is long but well organized. Hotels are shown based on location, with attractive photos and deals.



Design Hotels newsletter

A two-column layout is common for newsletters. Narrower columns is usually used for the table of contents and upcoming events, while the main content is given a wider column. Etsy uses a two-column design for its newsletter, but both columns contain photos and links, and the sections have no prominent divisions. The design makes the page look messy and it lacks focus, making it hard to figure out where to look on the page. By contrast, iStockphoto's clear division between sections and grid design help guide the user's attention to the left or right column.





Danielle



Our Picks from Etsy's Gift Guides

March 5, 2009

I fancied myself a curator this week and put together a collection of an from some of the newest sellers on Etsy. If you have wine and cheese nearby, feel free to sip and snack while you stroll through my virtual gallery opening. Check out the rest of the <u>Artistic Endeavors series</u> (and our <u>Art Grit Guides</u>!) for more curated art selections.

Nicky Amstein



Portrait of a dashing fellow by pathamou, \$30. View Item | View Shop

Mini Paper Mache 010



Creatures by Kawasaki adist <u>mumbranze</u>, \$25. <u>View Item | View Shop</u>

Etsy newsletter



iStockphoto newsletter

Be Creative

Creativity in a newsletter is always welcome. Both <u>First Great Western</u> and <u>Southern</u> present their content using fictional characters, Bob and Loco respectively, who users can easily relate to.



Enjoy a better view when you book your train tickets online.

(and choose some great 2FORI offers too)

This was the view from the window of Bob's study as he booked himself and his wife Sarah two tickets to Bath on First Great Western's website. It didn't take long, but - sadly - it meant he simply wasn't able to accompany Sarah on a trip to choose their new tumble dryer. Ah, well. These things can't be helped.





This was the view from the Quiet Carriage, where Bob was able to reserve two table seats when he booked his tickets online. He and Sarah both had a glass of Chilean merlot, before sitting back and enjoying the peace. How relaxing. Much better than being ordered about by a power-crazed sat nav sending you via the ring road.

This was the magnificent view across Bath from the open air rooftop pool at the Thermae Bath Spa, where Bob treated Sarah to a surprise day of pampering. He got Sarah's ticket FREE as part of his 2FOR1 Entry offer - just one of the loads of 2FOR1 deals available when you book your train tickets online. Not that he told her that.



First Great Western newsletter



Southern newsletter

Giving each edition of your newsletter a different layout or design is okay as long users can easily recognize your brand. Despite <u>STA Travel</u> using various styles for its weekly newsletter, certain elements follow their branding guidelines, allowing users to quickly identify it.



STA newsletter, issue #254

Plus:



STA newsletter, issue #255

Unlike the rather uninspiring <u>Tripadvisor</u> newsletter, <u>Top Gear</u> gets creative with its hand-sketched design, which makes the newsletter fun to read and explore.



Tripadvisor newsletter



Top Gear newsletter

Be Wary of Table of Contents

Some newsletters include a table of contents at the top of the page, which can help users quickly scan for items of interest. A table of contents can be especially helpful in lengthy newsletters that have a lot of content, such as the one from MoneySavingExpert.



MoneySavingExpert newsletter

Previous experience tells us, though, that some users do not understand that the links in the table of contents navigate *within* the newsletter. Assuming that the links take them to a website, they avoid clicking them altogether. One solution is to avoid placing the links in the left or right columns, as <u>Foodepedia</u> does, which is where external links and ads are often found.



In this issue

Recent restaurants reviewed

- Canteen
- · Caleya
- · Jeremy's Restaurant
- · Rothay Manor
- · Stanza
- · Ondine Edinburgh
- · Buddha Bar
- Equilibrium at Fawsley Hall
- · The Glass House
- · Harry Morgan's
- · Aquum
- · Criterion
- · Green's Cornhill
- · The Loft
- · Chez Bruce
- · Quirinale
- Many more

Recipe Time

 Persian Dried Lime, Beef and Split Pea Stew (Khoreshteh

Foodepedia newsletter

Welcome to the Foodepedia newsletter. This week restaurant reviews are in from the workmanlike Canteen in Baker Street, the supremely Spanish Caleya, a blast from the past at Rothay Manor in the Lakes, Jeremy's classic posh nosh and does Stanza strike the right note?

Gordon's got a new book out which is obviously good news for Gordon and it's actually good news for us because his recipes are easily achievable at home. And we tried a cupcake or three at the new Primrose Hill Bakery, which is of course in Covent Garden. Perplexed? There's more on site, this is just an amuse bouche.

TEACHER'S A LESSON



With Christmas coming up, yes we know it's a bit early but....the recession means that for those of us not working in the City there is a bit of belt tightening to do. So if you can't afford single malt scotch, how about a bit of a blend? We talked and drank with Teacher's master.

Be Wary of Ads

If you have to include ads in your newsletter, make sure they blend in with the content. A good example of this is <u>Lastminute.com</u>, and a bad example is <u>PCMag.com</u> which merely copies Google AdSense code directly into its newsletter, making the page look messy and the content unconvincing.

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dates dating through the ages

It used to be so easy. Before **political correctness**, before the invention of language, before cognitive thought itself, all you had to do was **grunt seductively** at the object of your desire and you were pretty much in there.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it, you know? But no, every generation since thinks they invented romance, don't they? Had to make the bloody thing ever more complicated, adding layers of etiquette like toppings on a pizza.

Thank Cupid, then, for the new <u>lastminute.com dating service</u>. It's free to register and set up your profile, and with thousands of people online, you're bound to meet someone who tickles your fancy.

Better still, until June 1 it's free to contact anyone you like - click here

In this week's newsletter...

- they don't call it wonderful Copenhagen for nothing
- win a seriously flash, limited edition crystal Xbox
- get your hands on the new lastminute.com credit card

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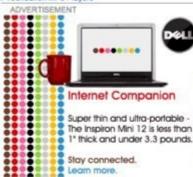
The PC Magazine Buying Guide: Affordable Tech

July 16, 2009

Welcome to the PCMag Buying Guide newsletter.

This week: Everything you need to know about Affordable Tech!

- ▶ TechSaver: Summer Deals
- Roundup: Business Smartphones for Under \$100
- ▶ TechSaver: Desktop PCs
- ▶ TechSaver: MP3 Players



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TechSaver: Summer Deals

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Tools And Features

Make it easy for users to unsubscribe, but don't remind them how to all the time. Also, tell users how they can change their email address, view the newsletter in a Web browser and quickly share the newsletter with their friends. Other useful features include: "Follow us on Twitter," "Be Our Fan on Facebook" and "Watch Us on YouTube."

After Sending Out The Newsletter

After sending out your newsletter, use an email marketing tool and list manager to track, monitor and measure the performance of your campaigns. Many email service providers are out there, such as MailChimp, iContact, Mailvivo, Mailing Manager and Atomic Email Tracker. The majority of them also provide templates to help you create your newsletter if you don't want to get your hands dirty.

Showcase

MacHeist's Directorate newsletter grabs its readers' attention with the price of its iPhone apps (£0.99). Then, it tells them what MacHeist does in a short paragraph and presents its features in a clear and appealing way via icons. Simple, interesting and effective.



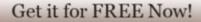


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Headscape's newsletter with large headlines and nice illustrations.

CO Headscape Big changes in the web landscape will impact your website Hello, I thought it was time for another email updating you on the latest web innovations. It is amazing how fast things change and I know it is difficult to keep ahead of the competition. This is especially true when you have to juggle the website alongside other priorities. The last month has been interesting with lots of stories that well impact your site. However, I have narrowed the list to the three top issues you need to be aware of

What is the Website Owners Newsletter?

The Website Owners Newsletter is a monthly email that will summarise the latest web news affecting your site. The news stories selected are for those run websites and so contain no technobabble. It will focus on how you can make your website more usable, accessible and better able to achieve your organisational aims.

Now you know what the Website Owners Newsletter is, lets look at the latest news.

Latest News for Website Owners

Google is changing and it will impact your search engine rankings

We have a great article on Boagworld this month that outlines the changes Google are making to their site.

One of the changes you need to be particularly aware of is the introduction of real time search. Essentially this is taking results from twitter and integrating them into Google.

What is interesting is that the twitter results are placed above the traditional search listings. This means that even if you are number one on Google, your competition could leapfrog you by making better use of social media sites like Twitter.



Is it time for you to stop targeting Internet Explorer 6



Internet Explorer 6 is now nine years old, has some major security risks, and yet remains a popular browser.

The problem lies with corporate IT departments who have been hesitant to upgrade due to legacy systems built specifically for IE6.

However, things are beginning to change. Both the french and german governments have published statements encouraging people to upgrade and even Microsoft itself have followed suit. Also Google has also joined the likes of Facebook in saying they are going to phase out support for the browser. All of this has led to a sharp drop in IE6 usage over the last month.

Although I would not recommend dropping support for IE6, I do believe we have reached a point where we can safely offer IE6 users a lesser experience and actively encourage them to upgrade.

Could flash based content prevent you reaching an emerging market?

Many organisations make use of Adobe Flash to enhance their websites. However, the plugin has always had accessibility concerns, not least of which is the need to have it installed.



Muji's newsletter has a tidy layout that allows for quick scanning. Each section is accompanied by nice product images and prices.

MUJI LIFE 無印良品 2009

CHILDREN'S GIFTS, MUJI STYLE

Think of MUJI and elegant homewares, stationery and storage solutions come to mind. But did you know about our range of simple children's toys made from natural materials? From quirky patchwork animals full of character to beautifully made wooden gifts, they'll bring fun and pleasure for years to come. For more unique gift ideas, see our website.



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Howies might have a bit too much text in its newsletter. However, it organizes the content into different sections with big clear headings.

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hello...

It's December and that means Christmas is just around the corner.

It's probably raining where you are. It seems to be raining everywhere.

That's fine, though. We love the rain. It provides a great excuse to stay indoors away from the cold.

If this sounds familiar, and you're looking for things to do while snuggled by the fire, then you may be interested in these little bits of news from us.



The start of December also means that Movember is over so the men of howies can finally shave off their tashes.

We took some photos to record the fruits of our labour though and we beat Innocent too, they forgot to take photos before they shaved (allegedly).

Do Lectures 2010 Tickets.

The Do Lectures team have uploaded all the videos of this year's talks, and we can highly recommend watching these inspiring, engaging, eye opening, moving stories.

It's the second best thing to actually attending the event.

And speaking of attending, tickets have just gone on sale for Do 2010.

You can secure your place now by calling the Do hotline on 07760 757633.



Books.



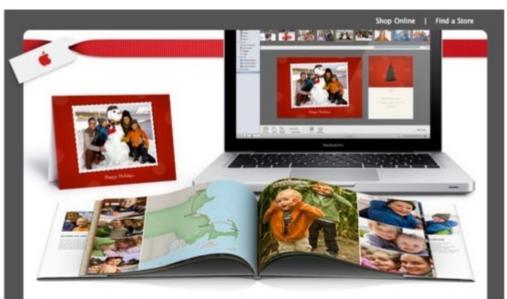




We have teamed up with Parthian to offer you some hidden gems of Welsh litrature. They are a local publisher who publish many of the younger generation of Welsh writers such as Caryl Lewis, Rachel Trezise and Cynan Jones - but while what they publish reflects a diverse contemporary Wales it is also based around stories and perspectives from writers who are looking out or write about a wider world.

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Apple 's Christmas newsletter has a photo-related theme promoting its digital photo organizer software, iPhoto, and its photo books and calendar printing service.



Make something merry and bright with iPhoto.

Create display-worthy cards and beautiful gifts like photo books and calendars - right on your Mac.

Learn more •



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A gift that's bound to impress.

With our new, extra-large 33 x 25.4 cm photo book format, you can create your own hardcover coffee table book, complete with photo cover and matching dust jacket. iPhoto '09 can even use GPS data from your pictures to automatically generate a custom map for your book.

Make their day. Or even their year.

Whether you want to create a greetings card, postcard, wall calendar or all of the above, iPhoto has the tools to bring your vision to life. Just choose an Apple-designed theme, drag and drop your photos, add subtitles and let us print your masterpiece in all its glory.

Learn more >

iPhoto Tip

To begin your project, select the photos you want to use or choose an event. Then simply click the book, calendar or card icon at the bottom of the window. iPhoto will show you where to drop your photos and add text, so you can be done in minutes.



The latest features and designs. Only with iPhoto '09.

Part of the new iLife, iPhoto '09 packs in more features than ever. Upgrade today and start designing extra-large photo books, illustrating your journeys with Travel Maps and organising your photos with Faces. Upgrade now >



Helpful how-to videos.

Need a hand getting started? Our online video tutorials will show you how easy it is to create something amazing with iPhoto.



Create your own photo book >



Make a calendar of your photos +



Create your own cards >

Holiday workshop: Create Memorable Gifts with Your Photos.



Come in to an Apple Retail Store for this free holiday workshop and learn how to make your photo gifts really shine. Son up now b **HQhair.com** gives its users an exclusive offer with a code. It not only emphasizes the word "FREE" but makes good use of the model to draw attention to the offer.

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HROUGHOUT THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND NO MINIMUM SPEND*

Offer Code: MAYBANK Offer Ends: 25.05.09

Here's hoping for a sunny Bank Holiday!

It's supposed to be the hottest weekend of the year so far so top up on your SPF, get your legs out (fake tan first, of course) and enjoy the sunshine!

Simply enter MAYBANK at the checkout to enjoy FREE SHIPPING all weekend with NO MINIMUM SPENDI Expires 25.05.09



























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*Free Shipping is valid on UK orders only, Offer ends Midnight
BST 25th May 2009. Not valid in conjunction with any other

If you no longer wish to receive our e-mails with news, offers
and freebies from time to time, please click here to opt-out

Bluefly cleverly divides its newsletter into two sections: "Offers" (the main section) and the right navigation section, using beautiful imagery in the process. Also, notice how it emphasizes the 80% offer and word "OFF" (in large font).



*STYLES IN THIS ASSORTMENT ONLY.

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- COATS & JACKETS
- **DRESSES**
- INTIMATES & SLEEPWEAR
- **JEANS**
- ▶ PANTS
- SHIRTS & BLOUSES
- **SHORTS SKIRTS**
- **SWEATERS**
- **▶ SWIMWEAR**
- TOPS & TEES
- SHOP HANDBAGS & ACCESSORIES
- SHOP WOMEN'S SHOES
- SHOP MEN
- **ACCESSORIES**
- **BLAZERS**
- CASUAL SHIRTS
- COATS & JACKETS
- DRESS SHIRTS
- **JEANS**
- PANTS
- **SHOES**
- > SUITS
- **SWEATERS**
- SHOP HOUSE



"Selected styles only. Sale ends at 12:00 A.M. EST on 05/20/09. Reduced prices cannot be applied retroactively to purchases made prior to the start of this sale or to purchases made after the end of this sale. This offer is valid for online sales only.

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Ambiance San Francisco takes a creative drawing-based approach to encourage users to shop with it.



Disney Adventures' newsletter is another good example. Its beautiful picture gives users that holiday feeling.

Add us to your email





Good Life Garden's newsletter effectively uses the word "Free" to grab the user's attention. The design is simple yet visually pleasing. Unfortunately, the content is repeated in the same newsletter.



They're doing it AGAIN... just in time for Thanksgiving!

FREE HERB HARVEST

WHAT: Harvest any herb in the garden: lavender, sage, thyme, chives, rosemary, marjoram & mint.

WHEN: Thursday, November 19

TIME: Anytime between 9:30 AM and 2 PM

WHERE: UC Davis Good Life Garden In the courtyard of the Robert Monday

Institute for Wine and Food Science
RSVP: goodlifegarden@ucdavis.edu

Please bring the following items:

- scissors or pruning shears
- · a bag to hold your herbs
- wet paper towels to put in the bag with the herbs (if you don't have a refrigerator to keep them in for the day)

goodlifegarden.ucdavis.edu





Join Us for Another FREE Herb Harvest!

Thursday, November 19 anytime between 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM

What: FREE HERB HARVEST including lavender, rosemary, sage, thyme, mint,

marioram and chives

Where: UC Davis Good Life Garden in the courtyard of the Robert Mondavi Institute

for Wine and Food Science Directions: Click Here

Bring: Your own SCISSORS and a BAG More Information: <u>Visit our Blog</u> RSVP: <u>goodlifegarden@ucdavis.edu</u> **Bite Card**'s newsletter has festive background imagery to evoke the winter season. It is simple, with a big banner at the top showing the product price, followed by cocktail choices and ingredients.



The Squawk's newsletter attracts users with the beautiful book cover on promotion for that month.



Happy New Year Squawkers III

We hope you had a great Christmas and a fantastic holiday.
Did you read any good books? Tell us about the best
book you read in 2007 and you could score a great prize!
And don't forget to check out the Extreme Adventures
website for yet another great competition.

Book of the Month



Sam Fox is back in Shark Bait, the action-packed and most scary Extreme Adventure yet!!

Have yourselves an Extreme Adventure for only \$4.95. Visit your local bookshop NOW to take advantage of this ridiculously cheap price.

Visit the website here

FREE STUFF



We have 20 passes to see The Water Horse with 20 free books that we just can't wait to give away.

For your chance to win tell us what was the best book you read in 2007 and why.

PS - please include your postal address so

Competition Time

You could win a whole set of signed books just by imagining your own Extreme Adventure and telling us at about it.

Visit the website to enter

THIS MONTH'S TOP 5

... so many books, so little time . .

My Name is Will Thompson Robert Newton

The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep

Paul Jennings' Spookiest Stories Paul Jennings **Cauldron**'s newsletter also has a tidy layout and clearly defines the purpose of each section. It tells users the subject of its next issue in the "Coming Next Month" section at the bottom, a nice tease.



Hi there,



Welcome to Autumn!

The nights are drawing in, and don't we just know it! As we say goodbye to long days and T-shirts, you can't

deny here's something about Autumn that's exceptionally exciting and beautiful.

What really gets us going about Autumn here at Cauldron is the wealth of delicious colourful seasonal produce that emerges in October.

Check out our thoughts on the <u>best and brightest players in the kitchen</u> right now.

October's Tofu Top Tip

Pressing your tofu makes it more succulent and extra firm. Simply wrap the block of tofu in a clean tea towel or kitchen paper and place on a plate. Cover weith a heavy cutting board, and put a heavy weight on top (a heavy pan or cookbook will do). Leave the tofu to 'press' for 10 minutes for a firm texture.

Calling all tofu newbies!



To celebrate Autumn, we're calling all you Cauldron enthusiasts to send us your favourite Autumnal recipe featuring a Cauldron product.

Whether it's a recipe using one of the many vegetables in season at the moment, a recipe you always roll out in October or just your first 'comfort food' meal of the year, we want to hear all about it.

Email us at blog@cauldronfoods.co.uk with recipe (and a picture if you can). The one we like the best will win a £20 voucher.

Simon Rimmer



Visit our blog for an <u>Inspirational Autumn menu</u> from Simon. With recipes for chickpea guacamole to (naughty but oh so good) deep fried cheese and glorious salads, consider dinner parties sorted!

Our favourite recipe this month



Gill's spicy Thai soup

This spicy number created by one of our readers gives you just the right kind of kick to warm up chilly evenings. Mango's newsletter makes good use of bright, attractive colors.



iStockphoto 's uses a gallery to present its top eight photos of the month: neat and easy to scan.



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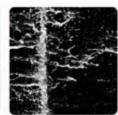
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Threadless' newsletter offers "\$10 per tee" in big clear type at the top of the page.



The Loves Tate Pop Life tees have been chosen!



Springfield Still Life by Alvaro Arteaga Sabaini



Pop Life Deserves A Toast! by Knyleigh Doughty







Further Resources