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Editor's Chat

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Hello, good to be back again. I sincerely hope the floods did not cause too great a problem for some of you, if they did, may it not be too long before you are back home again. What an awful start to winter, mild and wet, the wettest December on record. Then came January and the first cold snap which was quite welcome, except for snow and ice! We can't have everything can we? Now we are into spring, a lovely season with so much new growth and life and warm weather to look forward to.

I have received some lovely stories from retirees for which I say a big thank you and I hope you enjoy reading these. There is a multitude of stories out there and I eagerly await hearing from you with your contribution. I also want to thank those that have expressed their appreciation for Retiree News and how they enjoy reading it. That makes it all worthwhile as I get a great deal of pleasure in putting it together. Have a lovely summer and autumn, we will be back in November.

News From Chevron

Exploring for oil and community needs

Since our company acquired exploration interests in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) in 2012 we have found oil and also discovered opportunities to help communities in need, establishing a significant presence in villages near our operations through social investments. Chevron holds 80 percent interests through production sharing agreements in two blocks, Sarta, where we achieved some exploration success, and Qara Dag. Meanwhile, the KRI Policy, Government and Public Affairs team conducted assessments and held numerous engagements with communities and local governments near our operational sites to understand their social needs and priorities.

Chevron ranks high in climate change transparency

Chevron has been recognized for its strong transparency and reporting standards by once again making the Standard and Poor Climate Disclosure Leadership Index. This marks the sixth year since the 2002 inception of the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) that our company has been identified by CDP as a U.S. leader for the quality of climate change related information disclosed to investors and the global marketplace. Each year, the CDP issues a survey requesting companies to report their greenhouse gas emissions management data. Our climate information disclosure score of 99 out of possible 100 ranks us at the top of our industry peer group.

Downstream 101: Our Petrochemicals Business

Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, also known as CPChem, was formed in July 2000 by combining the chemical assets of Chevron Corporation and Phillips Petroleum. The organization plays an important role in our downstream portfolio and with its sustained track record of earnings growth; it has been one of the strongest performing elements of Downstream and

Chemicals during the past five years. CPChem is the subject of the latest instalment in our "Downstream 101" series, which examines the key operations and activities that strengthen our company's value chain and drive earnings to the wider enterprise.

Ships Passing in the Night

Keeping oil and gas moving around our operations requires constant support. One aspect of this support comes from Supply and Trading; the group's top priority is to provide reliable markets for our production and feedstock to our refineries. At the start of this year, routine maintenance at the Pascagoula Refinery led to the need to consider new feedstocks for the refinery and its base oil plant. When Britton Eyles, crude analyst, Value Chain Optimization East, began searching for feedstocks to cover Pascagoula's reduced capacity, he wanted to try different crudes that the refinery was not used to running. His curiosity led to an enterprise collaboration which demonstrated world-class operational excellence and produced cost-efficiency results for our business.

Chevron's 2015 Fuel Your School Program Launches

Our company has launched its 2015 Fuel Your School program, an innovative collaboration with DonorsChoose.org to support public education in 21 U.S. communities, with the help of local Chevron and Texaco marketers in five markets. It will provide up to \$8.8 million this fall to help fund classroom supplies and materials, including materials focused on science, technology, engineering and math and hands-on activities to help connect real-world experiences to classroom learning. Since its inception in 2010, the Fuel Your School program has helped fund more than 23,500 classroom projects at more than 4,000 schools in the United States.



TEXACO - The Early Days in Aberdeen.

From Alan Jones

I started my career in the Merchant Navy having completed a year at Robert Gordon School of Navigation in Aberdeen. I sailed as a midshipman with Alfred Holt & Company on their Blue Funnel Line ships mainly to the Far East. However, the closing of the Suez Canal in June 1967 meant that ships had to sail round South Africa to get to and from the Far East. I was home on leave in February 1972 when I had a freak accident resulting in a dart penetrating my right eye in the local pub. This abruptly ended my life at sea. The result was to work for a rum and spirit merchant in Aberdeen submitting the paperwork to bring spirit out of bond prior to bottling. For fourteen months, I increased my knowledge of H M Customs and Excise paperwork.

It was in August 1973 that Texaco North Sea UK Company advertised for a Customs Clerk and I was successful in getting the job. Texaco had moved into the Aberdeen area, first sharing an office with Stormdrill Inc. who owned the small drilling rig Zephyr 1. The first office was in fact an old farmhouse close to the prison in Aberdeen. They were at this time developing an office and storage facility in South Esplanade East, which included a 300 ton capacity fresh water tank. This was required as the offices were in the centre of the fish processing area and the demand for fresh water was immense for both the fish and oil industry. Zephyr 1 was not the first rig to operate in the North Sea for Texaco; in fact back in 1967 the Mr. Cap was successful in finding gas reserves offshore from Holland in the Gronigen Field. The managing Director of Texaco in Aberdeen was Dick de Mestre who had been a drilling Supervisor working on Mr. Cap in 1967. The offices in South Esplanade East were adjacent to the downstream operation of Texaco Ltd. who had moved into that site as Regent Oil in 1936. The area under construction in 1973 was part of the Andrew Lewis coal yard and next to their ship building facility and slipway.

Zephyr 1 commenced drilling in June 1973 in Block 3 / 4, immediately south of the Shell (yet to be discovered) Brent Field. I can remember one day just before Christmas there was a huge winter storm and Zephyr 1 was buffeted by seas in excess of 100 feet. Unfortunately, the rig dropped the "Riser" onto the seabed in that gale. Every effort was made to get a replacement shipped by air over from the USA into Prestwick Airport and transported by road to Aberdeen. The two radio operators on Zephyr 1 were Geoff Lever and Geoff Longsdale and their morning report included a weather forecast, which included waves breaking over the helideck.

Dick de Mestre retired in early 1975 and was replaced by Jim Barbour, who had Frank Badger as Materials Supervisor; Tom Purcell as Drilling Supervisor (onshore); Pete Wallbur in shipping; Dick Jones as Drilling Engineer. We had two secretaries in Evelyn and Heather (their surnames escape me). We also had two drilling engineers in Graham Batchelor and Alan Lipscolme. Alan was tragically killed in a road accident a few years later. Offshore on Zephyr 1 were Sonny Rhodes and Charlie Cobb two very experienced drilling supervisors from the southern states of America.

The second rig to come over from Halifax Nova Scotia was the Sedneth 701. This rig first drilled for Ranger Oil and there was an agreement that the rig was to be shared to complete alternative wells for the two companies. It was Sedneth 701 that first discovered the Tartan Field in Bock 15 / 16, 115 miles northeast of Aberdeen, in 1975. Installation of The Tartan Platform took place in 1979 and the first oil came in 1980. During the construction phase of Tartan the heavy lift vessel "Hermod" worked alongside the Tartan Platform. To this day, I believe that on Saturday 15 December 1979 the largest evacuation of personnel from a North Sea installation took place; 29 helicopters airlifted 527 personnel into Aberdeen in seas of over sixty feet! This all happened early in the morning when three of the heavy anchor lines parted in the huge seas. The decision was made to down-man "Hermod" and later drifted well clear of the Tartan location. It took

many weeks to bring her back alongside and replace the 80 ton mooring wires. It is interesting to note that very little or no news of this incident ever appeared in the papers or on television.

I went on to work for 36 years for Texaco, later becoming ChevronTexaco and finally Chevron. I retired in 2009 as the Global Category Manager Marine for Upstream and Gas in Houston, Texas. I can truly say that I enjoyed my career with Texaco and Chevron, which included many challenges over the years. The people in particular that I worked with made the job both interesting and challenging.

Good to hear about your early career and your time with Texaco and Chevron. Many thanks Alan. Ed!

TOP FRENCH HONOUR FOR WAR VETERAN

Former tank driver from Manchester Godfrey Dennis Telford was one of the British heroes awarded the Legion d'Honneur, a medal recognising his involvement in the 1945 French Liberation during the Second World War. (The award was initiated by Napoleon Bonaparte on 19 May 1802). Risking his life for European Liberation, Godfrey was appointed to the rank of Chevalier in the Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur by the President of the Republic. His medal came through the post with a letter congratulating him on the high honour. Gordon said "It was an honour to receive this medal, (some 70 years after the event) but I don't want to make a big deal about it. People called us heroes, but I don't see it that way; I'm just a man who did a job. I received the honour for my two brothers and all the other people who died during the war. My brothers deserved it more than I did; they did a lot more than me". Serving six and half years through the war, Gordon said it was a shocking time to live through. He was called up in 1939 just after the war broke out at only twenty years of age. He had some near misses when on the front line and considers himself one of the lucky ones that survived.

On leaving the army he settled in Manchester with his wife Muriel and went on to work for the Regent Oil Company which became Texaco. When he retired they moved to Chester which they loved. His darling Muriel died three years ago. Gordon said "She was a darling my Muriel, beautiful and understanding. I miss her dearly. I will never forget the day I came home from that war. Muriel was there waiting for me on the platform as I stepped off the train. It was heaven and everything I could have wished for".

Thanks go to David Snewin for sending in this story. Ed!

Pensions

It is noted that no statutory increases were awarded to pensions in payment (e.g. GMP) by the Government due to negative inflation in the relevant period. This, therefore, explains why no communication has been received from the Plan as there have been no changes to the level of pension in payment.

QUIZ

The answers to the quiz in the November issue of Retiree News were:

1 Kidneys, 2 Shoulder blade, 3 Lactic Acid, 4 The aorta, 5 B1 (Thiamin), 6 Archbishop of Canterbury, 7 Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip, 8 Captain James Cook, 9 Bones in the hands, 10 Forty, 11 John D Rockefeller, 12 Big muscle on the shoulder, 13 Lungs, 14 The eye (inflammation of the cornea), 15 Mormons, 16 Adam and Eve, 17 Princess Diana was killed in a car crash, 18 Leprosy, 19 1990, 20 Moses.

The Winners are: Alan Coverdale, Dundee. Windsor Davies, Pembrokeshire. Les Evans, Pembrokeshire. David Stokes, Bristol. ***Congratulations to you all. Ed!***



Now for something different; miscellany.

1 What does a lepidopterist collect?

2 What acid is associated with muscles in the body experiencing lack of oxygen?

3 Who discovered penicillin?

4 What is the collective name for a group of beavers?

5 By what process does the sun's energy reach the earth?

6 From which part of its body does a cow sweat?

7 What two creatures are on the Australian Coat of Arms?

8 What is an 'ocular contusion' more commonly known as?

9 What property of a body is calculated by multiplying its mass by its velocity?

10 From which continent did the guinea pig originate?

11 What is floating wreckage at sea called?

12 What is the next prime number after 37?

13 What is the common name for loss of peripheral sight?

14 Which word means the forecast of the probable course or outcome of a disease?

15 What name is given to a person that stuffs animals?

16 What is the world's largest animal made structure?

17 What is the plural of the word Mongoose?

18 What is the last letter of the Greek Alphabet?

19 Pb is the chemical symbol for which element?

20 What is a Natterjack?

Answers to the Editor by email or post (including your address) to be received by 30 September 2015. The Editors decision is final.

A poignant note from a Grumpy old man and a lovely lady.

received from Alan Stanbrook

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminium foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed rather than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused and their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, shirt and a hat and Mum in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things, a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress; things we keep.

It was a way of life and sometimes it made me crazy, all that re-fixing and renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful, waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more. But then my mother died and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes what we care about most gets all used up and goes away never to return. So while we have it, it' is best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick.

This is true, for marriage, old cars, children with bad report cards, dogs with bad hips, aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep, like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special and so we keep them close! Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Keep them close!

Health Tips

Brian Cox recently wrote to the Ed suggesting Retiree News includes some health tips following the advice about flour healing burns in a recent edition, therefore if any of you have some tips, you know where to send them. Here are a couple of tips from Brian.

A slice of lemon with a spoonful of honey in a glass of hot water makes a healthy, tasty drink at any time of day, effectively cleansing the internal organs. Lemon is also a powerful household cleaner. A smear of honey is also very good on sores and itchy eyelids.

Aches and pains slow us all down in time. Simple gentle exercises/ movements such as bending legs, arms and clenching hands, feet and toes, can be carried out sitting watching the TV and this encourages vital blood circulation and a healthy heart. Also, having a hobby/interest and trying to remember something helps keep the old grey matter active.

AGE

As I was lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realized that at my age I don't really care anymore. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet lives for 150 years. And you tell me to exercise? I don't think so. Just grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do and the eyesight to tell the difference

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.

I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.

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If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?

It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.

Some days, you're the top dog; some days you're the hydrant.

I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.

Kids in the back seat cause accidents.

Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.

When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.

It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here after".

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BIRTHDAYS
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George Arthur Berry, West Lothian
Michael Edward Atkinson, Milford Haven
Doreen Brookes, Droitwich
Monica Brownhill, Warwickshire
Pat Brunt, Wimbledon
Shirley Bryan, Romford
David Clark, Aberdeenshire
Norman Crampton, Devon
Ron Dumford, Beaconsfield
Catherine Hall ,East Lothian
Mary Harding, Cardiff
Rex Harwood, Warwickshire
Mary Hoare, Stourport on Severn
Thomas Harry Hollowood, Birmingham
Mrs DC Holmes, Dagenahm
Gordon John Ledger, Nottingham
Edith Leiper, Aberdeen
Terence William Lye, Dorset
Jarrold Leonard, Stanford-le-Hope
Dave Pezzack, Cardiff
Wally Quinn, Cambridgeshire
Joseph Sach, Rainham
Cyril Soley, Holland on Sea
Leonard Stevens, Worcester
June Thurgood, Saffron Walden
Mr Edward Walton, Romford
Bob Ward, Chelsea
Eileen Wender, Welshpool
Christine Whiting, Cheltenham
Alan Wilson, East Yorkshire

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James Bennett, Solihull
Rosina Bohane, East Sussex
David Glover, Aberdeen
Cyril Hardy, Kent
Harold Jones, Madrid
Kenneth Lloyd, Cornwall
Jeanette May
Bessie Reason, Sutton Coldfield
Richard Garnett Robinson, Nottingham

Golden Wedding Anniversaries

James and Myra Craig on 3 March 2016, Moray
Bill and Mary Duncan in June, Aberdeen
Barry Hicks MBE and Haf on 26 March 2016, Llandrindod Wells
Alan and Nan Higgins on 21 November, Aberdeenshire
Beresford and Maureen Rogers in July, Pembroke Dock.
Robert and Brenda Smith on 11 August 2015, Gloucestershire
Terry and Denise Waterhouse on 23 March 2016, Gwynedd

Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Robert and Vanessa Bills celebrated their Diamond Wedding on the 10 November 2015. They renewed their vows at St. Bartholomews Church, Binley, Coventry followed by a ‘bit of a do’ at Broad Street Rugby Club on 14 November.

Robert worked mainly out of Swindon for about twenty years employed as a Road Transport Engineer
Michael and Marjorie Burke on 25 August 2016, Birmingham.
Tony and Joan Grange-Bennett on 18 June 2015, Alton, Hampshire. This was listed under Golden Wedding Anniversaries in the November 2015 issue. Apologies to you both and Congratulations on your Diamond Anniversary.
Ron and Jean James on 10 March 2016. Ron worked at Buncefield, they now live in Spain. (pictured below)



Ian and Joan McFarlane on 30 June 2016, Stratford upon Avon. Cannot forget you Ian, the creator of Retiree News.
Hector and Amy Milne on 25 August 2016, Aberdeen

Update from Sandy Mackay

My wife and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary next year, hopefully with our family all out in Australia in the Brisbane area. We have been visiting them every 18 months to 2 years since 2004. I am delighted they are living there as it is a great country. Our grandson, now coming up for twenty is in the Australian navy and our granddaughter, 18, has just left school to train as a nurse. I have just turned 77 and winding down from the various community activities I was involved in. I was the leader of a volunteer group ‘Dunblane in Bloom’ for the past ten years. I am still involved but taking a back seat, which is not easy as I have to bite my tongue! After threats from my doctor of pending heart attacks or strokes if I did not change my life style, I have been attending a gym for the past year, three or four morning a week for an hourly session and feeling the better off it The fishing (trout) season will be staring soon and I am looking forward to that.



This is me in the middle receiving the Provost’s Award for our floral displays around Dunblane in 2010



BOB HOPE

A man never lost for words.
I hope this will put a smile on your face and in your heart. This is a tribute to a man who did make a difference by creating fun and mirth on stage and in films.

On turning 70.
‘I still chase women, but only downhill.’

On turning 80.
‘That’s the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing.’

On turning 90.
‘You know you’re getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.’

On turning 100.
‘I don’t feel old. In fact, I don’t feel anything until noon, then it’s time for my nap.’

On giving up his early career – boxing.
‘I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them.’

On never winning an Oscar.
‘Welcome to the Academy Awards, or, as it’s called at my home, ‘Passover.’

On golf.
‘Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees.’

On Presidents.
‘I have performed for twelve Presidents but entertained only six.’

On why he chose showbiz for his career.
‘When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, Congratulations, you have an eight pound ham.’

On receiving the Congressional Gold Medal.
‘I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it.’

On his family’s early poverty.
‘Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother.’

On his six brothers.
‘That’s how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom.’

On his early failures.
‘I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn’t for the stuff the audience threw at me.’

On going to heaven.
‘I’ve done benefits for all religions. I’d hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality.’
Give me a sense of humour Lord, give me the grace to see a joke, To get some humour out of life, and pass it on to other folk.

Success

A poem from Brian Cox
There’s no knowing what you can do till you try
And whatever the task facing you
Once you begin, you’ve started to win
Persevere to see the job through.

But however much you may try
Your efforts might well prove in vain
Whatever it takes, disappointments, mistakes,
Real winners just get going again.

If at the end of the day
No matter what was or wasn’t achieved
If it can be honestly said you did your fair best
You’ve most definitely won, yes indeed.

Tall Nettles

by Edward Thomas

Tall nettles cover up as they have done
These many springs the rusty harrow, the plough
Long worn out and the roller made of stone
Only the elm butt tops the nettles now.

This corner of the farmyard I like most
As well as any bloom upon a flower
I like the dust on the nettles never lost
Except to prove the sweetness of a shower.

TIME FOR A CHUCKLE 😄

A husband came home from work one evening. He walked in the house and saw his wife sitting on the couch watching TV. She told him she was having trouble with her car. “My car won’t start,” she said. “But I know what the problem is.” “OK,What’s the problem?” the husband asked. “There’s water in the carburettor,” she replied. “Come on, honey,” the husband said. “You don’t know how a car works, much less what the parts look like, so how can you tell me there’s water in the carburettor?” “There’s definitely water in the carburettor,” the wife insisted. “OK,” the husband said. “I’ll go take a look. Where is it?” The wife said, “In the lake.”

The Importance of drinking Water

An interview with 101 year old Hattie Mae McDonald of Feague, Kentucky
Reporter: Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 101.
Hattie: For better digestion I drink beer; in case of appetite loss I drink white wine; for low blood pressure I drink red wine. In the place of high blood pressure, I drink Scotch. When I have a cold I drink Schnapps.
Reporter: When do you drink water?
Hattie: I’ve never been that sick!



So That's Where It Comes From!

Wedding Bouquet

Here is a fact about the 1500s: Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour, hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Come Fly With Me.

June McCullough

How many of us have flown on business or holiday trips? Probably most of us. When packed and ready to go, we wait anxiously at the airport hoping that our flight will not be delayed so that we can set off on our trip. Here I will tell you about the various other flights I have had the fortune to undertake over the years and share these with you.

When working in Public Affairs, I had the chance to travel to the Tartan Platform accompanying a group of students who had won a visit as a prize for a project undertaken on the oil industry. We first had to fly from London to Aberdeen and stay overnight in a hotel; off to a good start except that my luggage did not turn up and as we were leaving very early the next day this meant there was no way I would have it before then. Capt. John Campbell came to my rescue with items that would see me through and early the next morning, John joined us. We arrived at the heliport, were given safety instructions and then went on board. We really needed the ear protectors as the helicopter was very noisy. It reminded me of a sailor's song, 'I joined the navy to see the world and what did I see, I saw the sea'. That was all we saw until a small dot appeared which gradually increased in size until we saw the Tartan Platform. Landing was quite something and the time spent on the Platform was an education. Our flight back was full of memories of what we had learnt. On arrival back at the hotel there was my luggage!

Two holiday trips come to mind, the first was a wild west tour of the USA and a very special event for me was to see the Grand Canyon, not just see it but fly in and around it in a small eight seater aircraft. It was magical, the depth looking down to the Colorado River and we also saw a tribe of Indians that live in the canyon. It was breath-taking and the flight was, for me, the only way to see the entire canyon and to see all the different colours in the rocks is a memory I will always have.

On a trip to Hawaii we had a flight in another small eight seater aircraft around all the islands, stopping off on each. They call Hawaii the rainbow islands and the reason is the weather is always warm with showers which produce wonderful rainbows. Each island has the most fabulous flora and fauna, birds so beautiful; one I remember was a Cardinal, the reason for the name the feathers were all a bright red. It was a good way to get a taste of each island in one day.

Another form of flight was in a hot air balloon. It was a crisp October day, sunny with a slight breeze. Firstly we watched the balloon being inflated and when it was ready, we climbed into the basket, not easy to be ladylike doing this. We gradually rose above the ground to a good height and moved with the breeze which meant it was not cold on board. Seeing the countryside from above was special and hearing quiet chatter from people in a pub garden created a sense of being aware but not being able to join in the chat. It was quiet on board with the exception of the flame being increased to keep us in the air. When we finally came to land, with a bump, we got out of the basket and had to wait until the balloon was deflated. The van that was following us was there to give us all a glass of champagne - however it was then we really felt the wind chill and a bowl of soup would have been more welcome. It was a very special experience.

What other form of flight? A glider. Safety instructions given and camera at the ready, we climbed on board and were lifted by being towed from a plane. When we were on our own, the pilot explained about the thermals and how to follow them. He then asked me to take over the control, quite nerve racking but exciting all the same. The camera did quite a lot of work too. At the end of the flight we came down quickly and steeply, my stomach ended up in my mouth and I did feel queasy for a little while, but it was worth it.

On holiday in Portugal a few years ago were boats going out and giving passengers the opportunity to para sail. Yes please, I want some of that! Strapped in a safety jacket and harness it was my turn to get ready.' Bend your knees slightly' said the skipper and away I went up, up and away. It was awesome; seeing dolphins swimming near to the boat and hearing children laughing on the beach as though they were in a vacuum. The skipper then lowered me down so that my toes touched the water, then up again and finally down. What a magical experience. Maurice said I had the biggest smile ever.

Will there be future flights? I hope so, however probably airlines to take us on holiday. Maybe we will spoil ourselves by upgrading from economy, who knows.

Nine Questions.

This is a quiz for people who know everything!

I found out in a hurry that I didn't. These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers.

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.

2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters ' dw' and they are all common words. Nametwo of them.

7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

See last page of newsletter for answers.



REQUEST TO LCPs

With the retirement of both Co-ordinators of the Retiree Welfare Programme, I may not always get complete information from Ashley Sanders regarding 80, 90 and 100 birthdays together with where they live. Also Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries. My request to you is any information you get both now and in the future, please email details to me to enable inclusion in future issues of Retiree News.

Dust if you must.

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture or write a letter
Bake a cake or plant a seed
Ponder the difference between want and need.

Dust if you must but there's not much time
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb
Music to hear and books to read
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes and the wind in your hair
A flutter of snow, a shower or rain
This day will not come round again.

Paraprosdokians

These are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them).

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. My desk is a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted the salary.
12. In filling out an application where it says, "In case of emergency, notify:" I put 'DOCTOR.
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer tummy and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
18. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
19. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
20. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
21. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
22. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
23. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
24. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
25. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
26. Where there's a will, there are relatives.
27. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Perks of being over fifty.

Kidnappers are not very interested in you.

In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.

No one expects you to run--anywhere.

People call at 9 pm and ask, Did I wake you?

People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

Things you buy now won't wear out.

You can eat supper at 4 pm.

You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.

You sing along with elevator music.

Your eyes won't get much worse.

Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.

Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

You can't remember who sent you this list.

OBITUARIES

Sadly we record the passing of our colleagues. RIP.

Our sincere apologies for listing in the November 2015 issue Audrey Spooner. This should have read Peter Alfred William Spooner on 17/03/15 aged 84. He lived in Essex.

AonHewitt would like to offer Miss Neilson an apology for inadvertently including her name in the obituaries listing in the November edition of the Retiree News. Miss Neilson is alive and well.

Kenneth Ablewhite (T) on 26/11/15 aged 94, West Sussex
Kenneth Akers on 19/12/15 aged 82, Sussex
Kenneth Colin Adcock (G) on 29/10/15 aged 88, Hereford
Paul Francis Alder (G) on 29/11/15 aged 69, Essex
Donald Allcroft (T) on 16/03/16 aged 90, Barbados
Raymond Arrowsmith (T) on 01/11/15 aged 95, Tyne and Wear
John George Baker (C) on 07/10/15 aged 87, Bexhill on Sea
Norman Roger Blackburn (T) on 23/01/16 aged 84, Norfolk
Peter John Brake (T) on 26/09/15 aged 81, Pembroke
Michael John Bridger (T) on 14/10/15 aged 61, Suffolk
Donald Bridson (T) on 21/03/16 aged 83, Pentraeth
Gordon Lockhead Buchanan (G) on 01/09/15 aged 85, Aberdeenshire
Martin Chambers (T) on 24/01/16 aged 89, Lincolnshire
John Edward Chapman (T) on 07/12/15 aged 71, Kent
Jean Margaret Chapman (T) on 25/10/15 aged 81, Sudbury
Victor Frederick Cheshire (T) on 29/01/16 aged 82, Warwick
Kenneth Citrine (T) on 03/10/15 aged 84, Wigan
Dennis Frederick Edge (T) on 18/11/15 aged 88, Nottingham
David Ernest Evans (G) on 06/01/16 aged 69, Teddington
Andrew Erskine Ewen (C) on 05/02/16 aged 85, Aberdeen
John Stanley Fawcett (G) on 16/03/16 aged 77, Milford Haven
William Reginald Fifoot (T) on 05/01/16 aged 72, Aberdeen
Richard Henry Ford (T) on 03/12/15 aged 84, Bristol
Audrey May Forse (Cx) on 27/12/15 aged 91, South Africa
Edward John Gask (T) on 13/10/15 aged 90, Stone
David Anderson Halliday (T) on 26/12/16 aged 71, London
John Hannay-Wilson (T) on 11/10/15 aged 69, Aberdeenshire
Gordon Walter Hewitt (T) on 07/03/16 aged 90, Wiltshire
Michael Edward How (G) on 14/02/16 aged 84, South Humberside
Victor William Hughes (T) on 30/01/16 aged 97, Kent
David Leaford (T) on 01/09/15 aged 73, Kent
Reginald Macfarlane (G) on 07/09/15 aged 90, Perthshire
Harry Marshall (G) on 06/09/15 aged 94, Grimsby
Brian Bruce McCarthy (T) on 18/02/16 aged 78, Pembroke
Diana Russell McCrindle (T) on 22/09/15 aged 60, Tenby

Malcolm David McLuckie (G) on 20/01/16 aged 71, Leeds
Beatrice Olga Miller (T) on 17/09/15 aged 90, Kent
Brian William Molyneux (T) on 09/09/15 aged 71, Pembrokeshire
Gary George Morrice (C) on 17/01/16 aged 64, Aberdeen
Terence Dannatt Morris (T) on 03/10/15 aged 80, Angelsey
Stanley James Newman (G) on 23/01/16 aged 92, Essex
Charles Newton (T) on 07/09/15 aged 85, Sunderland
George Richard Palmer (T) on 06/10/15 aged 85, Leeds
Raymond Charles Peacock (T) on 14/10/15 aged 86, Weston Super Mare
Jean Pearson (C) on 03/10/15 aged 80, London
Alison Phillips (T) on 25/01/16 aged 60, Pembroke
Geoffrey Alan Porter (T) on 06/02/16 aged 68, Lincolnshire
Ronald Leonard Porter (T) on 02/02/16 aged 87, Dorset
Dennis Joseph Pounds (G) on 08/12/15 aged 89, South Humberside
Barbara Irene Prewer (C) on 23/12/15 aged 88, Potters Bar
Kenneth Raymond Read (G) on 18/09/15 aged 80, Haverfordwest
Fred Riach (T) on 20/12/15 aged 93, Newcastle
John Henry Taylor (G) on 23/01/16 aged 89, Stourbridge
Peter John Tweedie (C) on 20/01/16 aged 68, London
Frederick Norman Vickery (T) on 30/11/15 aged 83, Buckinghamshire
Catherine Vitalis (T) on 26/12/15 aged 74, London
Rita Mary Watkins (C) on 23/01/16 aged 81, Surrey
Ashwyn George Watkinson (T) on 08/11/15 aged 96, Essex
Ian Anthony Weatherly (T) on 17/02/16 aged 64, Leighton Buzzard
Percival Sidney Wilson (T) on 16/10/15 aged 85, Lancashire

Answers to Nine Questions.

1. Boxing. 2. Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute. 3. Asparagus and rhubarb. 4. Strawberry. 5. It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems. 6. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.. 7. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses. 8. Lettuce. 9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

Editors Last Word

Words to Ponder:

If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep.

Learn politeness from the impolite.



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