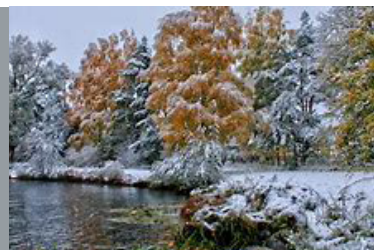


Retiree News



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Editor's Chat

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I have often received a request from a spouse of a past employee who has passed on asking that Retiree News is not sent to them any longer. This is very difficult because a complete mailing list is used which includes all those receiving details of pensions and other related news. Please be advised, I do not hold the mailing list which covers some 4,000 addresses. This is done centrally and it is very difficult to pull out one address for Retiree News as it would mean other information would not reach the respective person. I hope this will explain why it is not possible to create different mailing lists.

What about the wonderful summer? 'Too hot' I hear many of you say, but what a treat to have a proper summer and it is still continuing as I sit here in October on a windy, warm day. Usually now we have to start putting on our winter clothes, not so yet. As a summer person, I loved the weather, but there was one day when the temperature reached 38 degrees centigrade that even I wilted. Some of us had trouble coping, how about Spain and Portugal with temperatures over 40 degrees!

It is lovely to see the autumn colours starting to appear, a lovely season to enjoy. Can you believe that Christmas items are appearing in shops everywhere when we have not yet had Halloween or Bon Fire Night? By the time December comes, it all gets a little wearing. It must be a nightmare being in retail as they work so far in advance instead of letting customers go with the seasons. OK, I am off my soapbox!

I do miss having the Local Contact People as they kept me informed of lots of things including birthdays and anniversaries. I say it every time – there must be a multitude of stories out there with all Retirees. PLEASE write to me by email or good old-fashioned post. I do so enjoy hearing from the retirees that do write and it is good to have articles for inclusion in our twice-yearly publication. Did any of you have wonderful holidays this year? It could make a good story for our news and photos if relevant.

Whatever you plan for the rest of this year and start of next, keep well, warm and happy. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Maurice and me.

News From Chevron

Epic voyage leads to TCO FGP milestone

The safe, on-schedule delivery of an 830 ton modular component was an engineering feat and project milestone for Tengizchevroil Future Growth Project-Wellhead Pressure Management project. After a voyage of almost 16,900 miles (27,198 kilometres), the delivery demonstrated marine functional expertise by Chevron Shipping company.

Industry first: smart cleaning pig solves pipeline problem

Throughout Chevron's pipeline network, we apply a strong integrity management program. Collaboration between Chevron Energy Technology Company (ETC) and Chevron Thailand demonstrates our ability to deploy a new technology – an integrated cleaning and inspection pig (ICIP) tool – and a first for the oil and gas industry.

Empowering the workforce of the future

Investing in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to prepare the workforce of the future to succeed is part of our values. Supporting programmes like Project Lead the Way and Fab Labs inspires the next generation of engineers and other innovators.

Fuelling students' critical needs

Chevron recently announced its ninth consecutive Fuel Your School program. The program is part of our overall support for education, which has totalled more than \$400 million worldwide since 2013. In addition to supporting public education in the United States, Fuel Your School is active in Latin America and Asia.

Chevron announces \$500,000 for California fire relief efforts.

Supporting relief for California wildfires is consistent with our company's global tradition of community responsibility in areas where we operate and our employees work and live.

Chevron reports second quarter net income of \$3.4 billion.

Our second quarter 2018 results are more than twice the level of second quarter 2017 earnings, benefitting from higher crude oil prices, strong operations and higher production.



News From Chevron

Technology drives US Gulf of Mexico performance.

Chevron was highlighted in a recent Bloomberg article for our role in helping to meet North America's energy needs by finding and producing crude oil and natural gas from beneath the waters of the US Gulf of Mexico. The article noted that the combination of new technologies and smarter designs are making deep water more efficient and profitable. "In the past, a lot of the cost of development had been new technology" said Jeff Shellebarger, President, Chevron North America Exploration and Production. "Now we can keep those costs pretty competitive".

All on board with Captain.

It has been a marathon, not a sprint, for those steering a game-changing enhanced oil recovery programme at Chevron Upstream Europe's (CUE) Captain Field in the UK North Sea, but the pace has picked up in recent months as the prize looms ever closer. "The future of the North Sea depends on technology development and deployment to extend the life of existing assets, better define resource potential and increase the economic viability of small pools" said Greta Lydecker CUEs Managing Director.

Five trains, two projects, one country.

Chevron Australia announced the start of liquefied natural gas (LNG) production from the second train at the Chevron operated Wheatstone Project located 7.4 miles west of Onslow in Western Australia. Chevron Australia Managing Director Nigel Hearne said Chevron Australia is now the proud operator of a five-train LNG business and Australia's largest liquefaction owner with access to a world-class natural gas resource base off the coast of Western Australia.

Chevron Shipping Company and Oronite gain from high seas enterprise collaboration.

Among the many winning examples of enterprise collaboration across Chevron, a field testing programme between Chevron Oronite and Chevron Shipping Company (CSC) is especially noteworthy for its longevity, demanding requirements and the value it provides to both organisations. For Oronite the unique access to CSC's fleet over the last decade has played a vital role in evaluating the performance of its marine lubricant additives in both existing and developmental engine oil formulations, including marine products from Chevron Lubricants.

Chevron UK Pension Plan Transition of Administration Services

By now you should have received a letter from Chevron London Office advising that AonHewitt has closed its standalone administration only business and are therefore unable to continue to act as administrator of the Chevron UK Pension Plan. The Trustees have appointed Barnett Waddingham LLP to replace AonHewitt as the administrator of the Plan effective from 1 October 2018. The following is from the advice letter dated 28 August. "The transfer of services is purely an administrative matter. Benefits under the Plan are calculated in accordance with the Plan rules and are in no way affected by this change. There will however be a new look to the Plan website and you will have to re-register to use it after the transition is complete

The Plan will be administered from Barnett Waddingham's Cheltenham office and all correspondence from 1 October 2018 should be directed to:

Chevron UK Pension Plan,
Barnett Waddingham, St. James House, St. James Square,
Cheltenham, Gloucester GL50 3PR.

Phone:
If calling from UK: 0344 264 3587
If calling from overseas: (+44) 344 264 3587

Email: chevron@barnett-waddingham.co.uk

A letter to all Retirees from Barnett Waddingham dated 28 September should now have been received regarding registration onto their website plus a publication from them re their contact details. If you have not received these, please contact them either by email or phone as above.

Happy Days From Chris Belcher

My experience at Texaco began when I was 16 starting as a junior clerk at Regent Oil Co. in Dagenham Dock Lube Oil Terminal. Our boss was Mr Postlethwaite and I worked with a great bunch of chaps. At lunchtimes, we would play cricket, football, table tennis, cards, darts or 'Put and Take' for pennies only. There was also a young sales person, Geoff Drewett who sometimes called in (now in New Zealand).

Over the years, I made it to Despatcher. We had several 40' flat trucks and about eight lube oil tankers, which delivered all over the country. We delivered 45-gallon drums 25-gallon and 5-gallon cans of Havoline Oil to depots like Aylesford, Brighton, Stourport, Cardiff, Exeter etc. We had a massive contract to supply British Rail. The tankers delivered 'bulk' lube oil to many industrial places around the country, shipping to all the dockyards; London, Cardiff, Plymouth, Pembroke and Southampton. Orders for shipping came from Marine Department in London. One of the biggest orders we had was a lube oil delivery (Taro special I think) to the ss Canberra at Southampton Docks. We needed six tankers and around 300' of 2" hose. It took three days, but the drivers lived like lords as meals were free on board. It all went smoothly, everyone was given a pat on the back and as I remember, I got a ten per cent merit rise and a ten per cent yearly



rise at the following salary review. We also had ships delivering base oils to the terminal and black oil to Dagenham Fuel Oil Terminal via ss Texaco Bergen and ss Texaco Belgium. Deliveries of black fuel oil was covered by massive contracts to London Airport and Brimsdown Power Station in North London.

Then all the vehicles were centralized. We controlled 7x7 box trucks, 6x40 flatbed tautliners, 10 various sized lube oil tankers and around 12 black oil tankers. The banter at the depot was absolutely brilliant, everyone got on, everyone knew what they had to do; office staff, management, plant staff, drivers; it was the best era ever. After years, the terminals closed and everything went out to contactors. I ended up at West Thurrock, Purfleet, Hemel Hempstead and finally Canary Wharf, still with a few of the chaps I worked with and the banter continued.

After 37.5 years, I was asked if I would like to take early retirement, an offer I could not refuse. I was only 53 years old and I took a lump sum from my pension as well. After a new car, holidays abroad, front and back extensions on our house, I got bored. I took up gardening and built up a collection of customers, about thirty in all. I owned six lawn mowers at one time and again banter with people was great. Unfortunately, at 67 I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. I had to have the op and now I'm plodding along doing a bit of gardening here and a bit of decorating there, a bit of supermarket shopping every other day. So men, please get a yearly PSA blood test!

I haven't spoken about with wife Carol. We have been 56 years married with two years courting prior to our marriage. We have never argued, sometimes not spoken, but not argued. An old sign I saw a while back made me chuckle – 'My wife and I lived happy for twenty years, then we met'. I think I've had a great life and career. Regards to everyone I've known although not many of us are left now. Such is life!

Career History

From Eric Kirkby

Approaching our Golden Wedding anniversary on 12 October, I have been reviewing how lucky we have been, enjoying good health and a 27-year career with Caltex. Caltex started with an interview in Old Burlington Street, London with John Stanway and Jim Bosher. I was offered a job as plant inspector in the Cape Town refinery. After a wonderful year, living in a flat adjacent to Camps Bay beach, my wife Jenny, cried when we left.

We were reassigned to BAPCO, Bahrain. There had been a recent disastrous tank farm fire and additional inspectors were required. I was to assist with the tank repair programme then later involved in the materials testing section. Our first son, Neal, was born in Awali hospital in January 1974. In 1977, we transferred to the Kurnel refinery, Sydney. We stayed two years and second son Ross was born in Caringbar hospital. Neal learnt to swim in the bay and was taught by the Chief inspector, Jack Sargent.

In 1979 with Ross only six months old, we were sent to Yosu Refinery, Korea. I was Chief inspector. The experience level of other inspectors was measured in months. They were hard working but English skills limited and I had no Korean I was kept busy in the refinery, with life for the rest of the family also challenging.

Market day in downtown Yosu was an experience. Jenny bartered with a smattering of Korean and sign language and local women were very interested in Ross with his blue eyes and round head.

They had beautiful autumns and the countryside visits to mountain temples a delight; it was very cold in winter. We all learned to use chopsticks and enjoy the spicy food. Neal attended Dow Chemical's kindergarten with our driver having a twenty-minute trip over mostly dirt roads each way. Today the road is multi carriageway. I remember holding a pigs head ceremony for a new pick up for the Inspection group with a rice beer toast to the head after bowing on our knees. Lots of memories; a difficult assignment but very interesting and one I wouldn't have missed.

A military coup with armed groups approaching the industrial complex required all the ex-pat wives, three plus our boys, to be flown on the company eight-seater plane up to Seoul and they stayed at the Hyatt until the rising was quelled. Flying on the company plane was an experience; Captain Kim was a good pilot. It was often a cold, bumpy journey to and from Seoul. Landings at the refinery were on a very short airstrip and adjacent to LPG storage spheres, exciting in bad weather. We left Yosu in 1981, returning to BABCO and then to London office as a materials specialist. This involved trouble shooting, vendor approval and refinery inspection department audits.

In 1993 I was transferred to the SPRC project; a grass root refinery to be built in Rayong, Thailand. The initial phase was preparing scope and specifications in Houston. My responsibilities were for mechanical equipment, fabrication and testing, etc. In 1994, we relocated to JGC's offices in Yokohama working on the detailed design, approved equipment vendors and the inspection and testing of that equipment. Hardware purchased in Japan, Korea and Italy where I had inspectors assigned. In 1995 we moved to site for construction. It was very hard work but rewarding. I stayed through a successful start-up and on to the first T&I.

Jenny enjoyed a good social life with the other project wives. After start-up we travelled up country to see Chiang Mai and border temples. My Thai inspectors introduced us to Yoga. One of them was a local of Bangkok and took us to the better local food stalls. I understand that refinery reliability has been outstanding since.

I retired from Caltex after 27 years, but in 1999 recruited on contract to the Shantou, China LPG storage project. After Shantou we returned to London. We knew that the apartment we owned in Thailand was too distant for a holiday home and sold it. On our first visit to Eire, we committed to purchase a plot of land to build a holiday home in Ahakista, near Bantry. This project was essential for me after such an interesting career. We are very happy with our new house and now live in West Cork full time; we are well integrated in the community and keep busy despite the high rainfall. I am looking forward to drawing my pension for many more years.



Continuation of my walk

From David McAuliffe



As reported in the November 2017 retiree news I completed the first half of the Wainright's Coast-to-Coast walk. Tradition dictates that the walker takes a pebble from the Irish Sea, carries it across to England and throws it into the North Sea. The Company I went with last time was not running the second half this year so I took the decision to complete the remaining 95 miles solo with the help of my own support team, namely Jane my wife and our two Labradors. The weather during the first half was atrocious with torrential rain for four days out of seven. The start of my second trek was 14 May 2018 and the weather for the next eight days could not have been better; warm sunshine with a gentle breeze.

I met and walked with people from all continents that had their own reasons for undertaking the challenge. The scenery was both spectacular, at the same time being arduous. I now know where the saying uphill and down dale comes from. The most I officially walked in one day was 17 miles but I can assure you there were hidden extra miles when either my compass or me went a little bit awry.

Two places on route, namely Borrowdale and Patterdale the scenery was amazing with the flora and fauna being incredible. In May 2018 I completed the stages from Keld to Robin Hoods Bay (North Sea) roughly 95 miles. The many grouse in the heather kept one alert at all times. The moors especially were very challenging, each day a new endurance test presented itself, a very positive mental attitude plus good walking boots and a compass helped greatly. Reeth, Great Fryup Dale and Danby Wiske were notable interesting places passed on route. I managed to complete the 192 miles on the 2 June with no blisters.

Volunteering

Rosemary Wenzelul

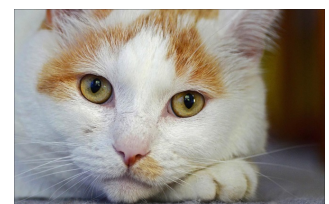
Volunteering with Animals

When it is time to retire, the question inevitably arises of what I will do with my time. Nothing is worse than to be at home and bored. After my husband Derek passed away, although I have many hobbies and interests, I had some time to spare and had always wanted to work with animals. I only started volunteering at the National Animal Welfare Trust, Watford at the beginning of 2018 working with cats and have loved every minute of it. Even though I can only spare a few hours a week it has been extremely rewarding and definitely something I should have done years ago. Every Animal Rescue Centre/Charity welcomes volunteers warmly, whether you are young or old, male or female, there will always be a place for you! You can help with the animals e.g. stroking cats, walking dogs or helping in the reception area and much more.



At the NAWT, the staff and other volunteers are all so friendly and helpful. It is wonderful to see how caring everyone is and the compassion they have for all the animals in their care. The cats seem to be completely stress-free and just want to cuddle up on your lap; just magical. Having said this, when some of the cats arrive they are often distressed, but taking time and patience with them, they eventually begin to trust you. The 'Open Paw' training, which has been introduced into the Centre, started in the States and has really proved to be extremely successful. This involved training volunteers and staff to engage with all the animals by feeding them kibbles every time they approached the kennel. In this way, the animals would associate food with humans and come to the front of the cage when they passed by rather than hiding at the back of the cage under a blanket. It is an absolute pleasure to see the cats and dogs do this when members of the public approach. It was a real revelation for me when attending the training sessions for both cats and dogs, to see how the training is carried out and how beneficial it is for these animals when prospective new owners visit the Centre.

The most rewarding thing about volunteering every week is seeing the difference it makes. As I have said above, when cats arrive they're often extremely stressed, but eventually with a lot of TLC and patience they begin to trust you. The NAWT (and other animal rescue centres) strictly vet prospective owners before an animal is rehomed. It is so important for them to do this as each animal has his or her special needs and matching them up together ensures they won't be returned. In addition, when they are homed, to know they are going to a good home and will be happy. You really miss them when they have gone. If you enjoy being with animals, I strongly recommend that you get in touch with your local Rescue Centre and volunteer your services. Even a few hours each week is always appreciated.





Texaco and Chevron Reunion Lunch

Rod and Sue Pesch

On Friday 26 October, over eighty Retirees attended the Royal Air Force Club, in London for a reunion lunch, covering Texaco, Chevron, Caltex and Gulf pensioners. An RAC club member privately sponsored this event. Lunch Commenced in the Churchill Bar for a pre-dinner drink followed by a hearty lunch in the splendid Sovereign Room. The occasion was memorable in so many ways with Retirees attending from far and wide, including some returning from overseas especially for the lunch. Feedback since then has been quite overwhelming with requests for another reunion lunch next year. Comments from individuals indicated just how much meeting up again with ex colleagues meant to them. It did not stop there though, as many congregated afterwards in a local pub, continuing to share their stories. The RAF Club has now been booked again for Friday 25 of October 2019, so watch this space.

QUIZ



The response to the May edition quiz was somewhat disappointing, so I urge you to have a go at the quiz in this edition.

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

- 1 Marvin,
- 2 Oxford Street,
- 3 Charles M Schulz,
- 4 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation,
- 5 Fifteen,
- 6 Libra,
- 7 William Shakespeare (in 1964),
- 8 Emerald,
- 9 Knot,
- 10 Signs and symbols,
- 11 Iceland,
- 12 Joan of Arc,
- 13 King Charles 11,
- 14 Ferdinand Magellan,
- 15 John Steinbeck (for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize),
- 16 Mary Ann Evans,
- 17 Sir Frank Whittle of England in 1937,
- 18 Thailand,
- 19 Philippine Sea,
- 20 Canary Islands.

The winners were:

Christopher Belcher, Essex.
Alexander Riddell, Aberdeenshire.
Edward Sim, Shetland.
Gerald Tomson, Staffordshire.
Rosemary Wenzelul, Hertfordshire

The quiz for this edition is related to Christmas as it is nearly here.

- 1 What animal is Snowball in George Orwell' book Animal Farm?
- 2 Yorkshireman William Strickland is believed to have brought the first what to Britain from North America in 1526?
- 3 What date is St Stephen's Day?
- 4 In Charles Dickens' novel 'A Christmas Carol', who was Scrooge's dead business partner?
- 5 The song 'White Christmas' was first performed in which 1942 film?
- 6 London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is traditionally given by which country?
- 7 In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', my true love brought to me nine – what?
- 8 Name the original eight reindeer from the 'Twas the night before Christmas' poem.
- 9 What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
- 10 In the inspirational 1946 film 'It's a Wonderful Life', what is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel?
- 11 What are the names of the three wise men said to have brought gifts to the baby Jesus?
- 12 What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
- 13 What Christmas item was invented by London baker and wedding-cake specialist Tom Smith in 1847?
- 14 In what year was Band-Aids 'Do they know it's Christmas' the UK Christmas chart topping record?
- 15 Which country did St. Nicholas come from?
- 16 From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?
- 17 Who wrote Auld Lange Syne?
- 18 How many points does a snowflake have?
- 19 What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?
- 20 What is the chemical formula of snow?
- 21 US President Franklin Pierce introduced what to the White House Christmas tradition in 1856?
- 22 Which charity in 1949 was the first to produce a Christmas card?
- 23 Brandy is made from distilling what?
- 24 Choirboy Peter Auty sang the film version of which song later recorded as a hit record by Aled Jones?
- 25 What creature, noted for feeding on its berries, is linked by name to the mistletoe plant?
- 26 What is the birth sign of people born on 25 December?

Please send your answers to the Editor, details at the foot of this issue, by 31 January 2019 either by email or post. Don't forget to include your address in case you are a winner! As mentioned in my chat, I do not keep addresses. The Editor's decision is final.

BIRTHDAYS

I am sure there must be more of you who reached 80 and 90, but these are all I have heard about.

90

Ian Macfarlane, Stratford upon Avon
David Whybrow, Somerset



Golden Wedding Anniversary

On 14 September, Christine and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Back in 1968, I had already been working four years for Texaco (the Technical Service Dept.) I thought this might be a better way to remind former colleagues and friends before an entry in the Obituaries column. Robert King – Spain

Ian and Margaret Terry celebrated on 21 September with a family gathering at a lunch party.

Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Mike and Karen Atkinson's anniversary was on 13 September. They live in Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire.

Rita and Derek Broughton celebrated in March with their son and daughter, five grandsons and six great grandchildren and friends. It was quite a party. Rita and Derek still go dancing a couple of times each week.

Congratulations to you all. *Ed!*

The Chemistry of Autumn Colour

Jon Ardle, Technical Editor for The Garden explains how and why autumn colour varies between species and from year to year.

Autumn colour is natural alchemy, produced within the foliage of deciduous species as they prepare to shed their leaves and enter winter dormancy. It is often supposed that the fiery reds and oranges produced by some species are because 'new' chemicals are being produced within the leaves. In fact, pigments such as yellow xanthophylls and orange carotenoids (betacarotene for example) have usually been there all along, but are only revealed when the dominant pigments, green chlorophylls, are being broken down and not replaced. Once some of the chlorophyll has been lost from a leaf and its phosphate levels fall, newly synthesised red and purple pigments (anthocyanins) may appear, but only in about ten per cent of temperate tree species. The proportions of these different pigments are what make autumn colour vary over time, from plant to plant and even from leaf to leaf on the same plant.

Another part of the alchemy is how the processes are affected by the weather, especially temperature and rainfall. Leaf colours tend to be at their brightest with sunny but cool autumnal days and chilly, though not frosty nights. Leaves also colour up and last longer without strong winds.

So far this year the colours have been good to see. I did wonder what autumn would be like after the various temperatures we have had during spring and summer this year. It can be a lovely time of year so make the most of it. *Ed!*

So That's Where It Comes From!

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "Goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

Conflicting Proverbs

Actions speak louder than words.
The pen is mightier than the sword.

Look before you leap.
He who hesitates is lost.

Many hands make light work.
Too many cooks spoil the broth.

A silent man is a wise one.
A man without words is a man without thoughts.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.
Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

Clothes make the man.
Don't judge a book by its cover.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained.
Better safe than sorry.

The bigger, the better.
The best things come in small packages.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
Out of sight, out of mind.

What will be, will be.
Life is what you make it.

Cross your bridges when you come to them.
Forewarned is forearmed.

What's good for the goose is good for the gander.
One man's meat is another man's poison.

The more, the merrier.
Two's company; three's a crowd

It's no wonder we're all confused. *Ed!*

The Law Of:

The write of the following didn't believe these laws at first, but found them to be true from actual experience. (Anon)

Law of Mechanical Repair – after your hands become coated with grease your nose will begin to itch.

Law of Gravity – any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped will roll to the least accessible corner.



Law of Probability – the probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers – if you dial a wrong number you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Supermarket Law – as soon as you get in the smallest line, the cashier will have to call for help.

Variation Law – if you change lines (or traffic lanes) the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Bath – when the body is fully immersed in water the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters – the probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result – when you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics – the severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

The Coffee Law – as soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers – if there are only two people in a locker room they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces – the chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor are nil.

Law of Logical Argument – anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance – if the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking – a closed mouth gathers no feet!

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy – as soon as you find a product that you really like, they stop making it.

Doctors' Law – if you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor. By the time you get there you'll feel better.

Neologisms

The Washington Post published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words. Here are the winners.

Coffee (n) the person upon whom one coughs

Flabbergasted (adj) appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Abdicate (v) to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Negligent (adj) describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Lymph (v) to talk with a lisp

Gargoyle (n) olive-flavoured mouthwash.

Balderdash (n) a rapidly receding hairline.

They also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter and supply a new definition. Here are the winners.

Giraffiti (n) vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Sarchasm (n) the gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Osteopomosis (n) a degenerate disease.

Decafalon (n) the gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Arachnoleptic fit (n) the frantic dance performed just after you accidentally walked through a spiders web.

Caterpallor (n) the colour you turn after finding half a maggot in the fruit you are eating.

What Next?

Anon

This might happen to us all eventually. Recently I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests itself:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide my car needs washing. As I started toward the garage, I noticed that there is mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mailbox earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table and notice that the can is full. So I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table and see that there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk where I find a can of Coke that I had been drinking. I'm going to look for my cheques but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye – they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the counter and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. Then I decide I better put them back on my desk but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV I will be looking for the remote but I won't remember that it's on the table. So I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water on the flowers but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill, then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day

- the car isn't washed
- the bills aren't paid
- there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter
- the flowers don't have enough water
- there is still only one cheque in my cheque book



- I can't find the remote
- I can't find my glasses
- And I don't remember what in the world I did with the car keys!

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long and I'm really tired. I realize this is a serious problem and I'll try to get some help for it but first I'll check my e-mail. Do me a favour will you? Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember to whom it has been sent. Don't laugh – if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!!

Growing older is mandatory.
Growing up is optional.
Laughing at yourself is therapeutic.

P.S. I just walked outside and someone left the water running in the driveway!

Laugh and the world laughs with you.

Don't take life too seriously, you won't get out alive,
Ron McManus.
If all people had the minds of babies, the whole world would be laughing and smiling
What a wonderful life I've had, if only I'd realised it sooner.
If you spend your life worrying about dying, you won't enjoy living.
Be interested in the future because you are going to spend the rest of your life there.
Free advice is worth what you paid for it.
A child of three gets as much fun out of a £300 swing in the garden as it does out of finding a worm.
Cleaning your house while your children are growing up is as pointless as shovelling snow off your path while it is still snowing.
Maybe all you can do is hope to end up with the right regrets.
Enjoy life. There's plenty of time to be dead!
The graveyards are full of indispensable people.

OBITUARIES

Sadly, we record the passing of our colleagues. RIP.

Pauline Georgina Adams (T) on 27/07/18 aged 70, Surrey
William Morton Auld (T) on 31/12/17 aged 85, London
Michael Cyril Axelsen (G) on 27/07/18 aged 80, Dyfed
Ernest Barratt (T) on 05/09/18 aged 83, Lincolnshire
Michael Joseph Barrett (G) on 06/09/18 aged 71, London
Vincenzo Berardi (C) on 19/09/19 aged 70, Italy
Norman Boyd (G) on 24/07/18 aged 92, Pembrokeshire
Marcia Brice (T) on 26/04/18 aged 76, Wiltshire
William Brian Burgoyne (G) on 30/04/18 aged 82, Pembrokeshire
David Welsh Clark (C) on 18/08/18 aged 82, Kincardineshire
Frederick Leonard Coombs (T) on 11/05/18 aged 98, Bristol
Dave Crombie (T) on 08/06/18 aged 81, Avon
John Davies (T) on 19/08/18 aged 97, Shrewsbury
Frank William Eaton (T) on 06/08/18 aged 91, Hertfordshire
Janet Anne Entwistle (G) on 24/04/18 aged 55, Preston
Leonard Ernest Goodman (T) on 09/05/18 aged 86, Essex
Eric Grocock (G) on 11/07/18 aged 87, Lincolnshire

David Grubb (T) on 05/08/18 aged 72, Worcestershire
Alfred Lawrenced Harris (T) on 12/08/18 aged 89, West Midlands
R J Harris (T) on 17/07/18 aged 89, Cornwall
Brian Lawrence Haste (T) on 15/04/18 aged 81, Essex
Ali Haydar (T) on 29/04/18 aged 73, London
Peter Howells (T) on 12/04/18 aged 84, Cornwall
Wilfred William James (G) on 02/05/18 aged 88, Pembrokeshire
Margaret Angela Jenkinson (C) on 30/07/18 aged 80, Bedford
Stanley Jones (G) on 04/06/18 aged 74, Gloucestershire
David Kan (C) on 20/07/18 aged 77, California
D J Lakin (T) on 13/08/18 aged 83, Staffordshire
Arthur Lyddall (C) on 25/02/18 aged 85, South Croydon.
John Morrison Mackay (T) on 07/04/18 aged 60, Glasgow
Hugh Robert McDougal (G) on 02/08/18 aged 87, Lancashire
Dennis Alexander Mcnamara (C) on 26/05/18 aged 65, Aberdeenshire
Thomas Melrose (C) on 22/07/18 aged 84, Essex
Hector Mitchell Milne (C) on 19/04/18 aged 86, Aberdeenshire
John William Newton (T) on 27/07/18 aged 72, Essex
Roy Paines (T) on 31/07/18 aged 85, Wales
Thomas Pulford (G) on 25/09/18 aged 93, Belfast
David Walter Ralph (T) on 15/07/18 aged 97, Kent
William John Russell (T) on 22/05/18 aged 88, Dyfed
Ronald Stanley Smith (T) on 27/04/18 aged 88, Essex
Stephen John Smith (T) on 04/05/18 aged 62, North Yorkshire
William Pawlett Smith (G) on 11/05/18 aged 80, Pembrokeshire
Edwin Sparrow (T) on 17/08/18 aged 84, Essex
Geoffrey Dennis Telford (T) on 22/09/18 aged 99, Chester
Richard Turret (Cx) on 03/05/18 aged 93, Oxon
Anthony Charles Watkins (T) on 26/05/18 aged 78, Essex

Quotes:



Three C's in life, Choices, Chances, Changes.
You must make a choice to take a chance or your life will never change.

Be Happy, you never know how much time you have left.



TIME FOR A CHUCKLE



After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her. He looked at her for a while, then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K." She asked, "What does that mean?" He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot. She smiled happily and said, "Oh, that's so lovely, What about L, J, K?" He said, "I'm Just Kidding! The swelling in his eye is gradually going down.

Editors Last Word

Life can be so serious. Get outside in the fresh air, it has been proved that walking in a park, spending a little time in the garden or just sitting by a river or lake is very therapeutic.

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