

Retiree News



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Editor's Chat

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Thank goodness winter is behind us, not my favourite season although we need 'the rough to appreciate the smooth'. Spring is the season of new growth and much more light and also for me to get out gardening again. How can anyone not appreciate seeing the first Crocus, Snowdrops and Daffodils? They just cheer everything up by providing lots of colour. Yes there are plants that give winter colour but not as bright and cheerful as spring flowers. I have been planning planting schemes and now await summer blooms. Life would be pretty dull without trees and gardens to enjoy. One of my favourite places to visit is Wisley, the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society. It is magic at any time of year.

I hope this finds you all enjoying life to the full and of course writing stories for Retiree News. Any good trips planned for this year? What hobbies or sports do you enjoy? See what I mean? How many stories are out there? I keep asking but only a few take up the challenge to write for this, your publication. I have never been a keen sportsperson, never had enjoyment playing sports and there are not many I really enjoy watching. I like some cricket (sorry about England in Australia; why are the team better at one day games rather than test matches?), enjoy watching tennis especially Wimbledon and Roger Federer, some golf like the Masters in the US, what a superb course, and have grown to love Formula 1 because of Maurice although I love watching Rally Driving. I had a spin in a rally car once on a track and could not believe how fast the driver made that machine travel. Maurice used to rally years ago when he was in Northern Ireland so have learnt a great deal from him about car racing. He loves cars and started driving at the youngest age possible. He can list all the cars he has either driven or owned; what a memory. Have a lovely summer, will be back in November.

Ian McFarlane: *There are a lot of retirees who will remember Ian as the instigator of Retiree News back in 1998. I had the pleasure of knowing him through work, especially during the Texaco Trophy One Day Cricket Internationals. He was friendly and chatty to everyone both inside and outside the office. Ian has been retired for many years and regrettably, last December he lost his wife Joan. A report in their local newspaper is available to read by the following contact on line. <http://www.stratford-herald.com/80152-tributes-paid-former-stratford-mayor.html> Unfortunately Ian has been very unwell spending sometime in hospital; he is now in a wheelchair with carers attending him at home as well as his two daughters who live very close by.*

Ian, if I may I will speak on behalf of many ex Texaco marketing personnel by saying our thoughts are with you at this sad time and we wish you comfort in your own limited mobility. I for one am thankful I got to know you and thank you for entrusting me to carry on with Retiree News. Sorry I could not keep it to four copies a year, but twice is better than none at all. Bless you. June McCullough, Editor.

News From Chevron

Chevron reports fourth quarter earnings

Chevron reports earnings of \$3.1 billion for fourth quarter 2017, compared with \$415 million in the 2016 fourth quarter. Full-year earnings were \$9.2 billion, compared with a loss of \$497 million in 2016. Strong cash flow drove a dividend increase of \$0.04 per share. In addition, Chairman and CEO Michael Wirth said, "We replaced more than 150 percent of the reserves we produced and reached several significant upstream project milestones in 2017." And net oil-equivalent production grew by 5 percent in 2017, with an expectation that 2018 production will continue to grow by 4 to 7 percent.

A smarter way to negotiate crude sales

Our Supply and Trading business is applying innovative digital solutions across its worldwide operations as part of its efforts to enhance results for Upstream and Downstream & Chemicals. Advanced data visualization is one way that technology is helping provide new insights and transform the way work is done on the trading floor. By leveraging a data

visualization and analytical tool known as Spotfire, our traders are helping to further advance per-barrel returns on Chevron's U.S. equity production

Chevron Partners with Microsoft to Fuel Digital Transformation from the Reservoir to the Retail Pump

Chevron announced a seven-year partnership with Microsoft Corp. establishing the company as Chevron's primary cloud provider, accelerating the application of advanced technologies including analytics and the Internet of Things to drive performance and improve efficiencies. "We embrace every opportunity that streamlines our workflows, gives us insights into more efficient operations and helps us compete," said Joe Geagea, Chevron's executive vice president of Technology, Projects and Services. "We already have a head start in digitizing our oilfields, but we want to accelerate our deployment of new technologies that position us to increase our revenues, lower our costs, and improve the safety and reliability of our operations



News From Chevron

Widening our reach for the best and brightest

Chevron has developed a workforce initiative that starts early in identifying and recruiting the best and the brightest future employees while also aligning with The Chevron Way's diversity and inclusion values. The centrepiece of this effort is the University Partnerships and Association Relations program through which we've forged strategic relationships with more than 130 colleges, universities and associations.

Breakthrough solution of the year: ISOALKY™ Technology

ISOALKY Technology, one of Chevron's newest innovations, won the Breakthrough Solution of the Year Award presented by S&P Global Platts at the Global Energy Outlook Forum on Dec. 7 in New York City. More than 15 years in development, ISOALKY is poised to bolster refinery operations not only at Chevron but around the world. It eliminates the use of hydrofluoric acid from the alkylation process.

Chevron Canada Limited moving into development in the Duvernay

Chevron Canada Ltd. is moving into development on a portion of its lease holdings in the Kaybob Duvernay area of west-central Alberta. Following a successful three-year appraisal program, the decision is a major accomplishment for Chevron Canada Ltd. It reflects more than eight years of significant effort by many people across the business unit toward a common goal of developing legacy assets in Canada and positioning the unit as a major unconventional resource operator.

Protecting habitat in the Piceance Basin

Chevron's Piceance Basin development provides critical birthing and nesting grounds for a rich population of wild life. In this new instalment of Wild Flies, our infographic-style series highlighting our efforts to reduce the potential for significant impacts on sensitive species, habitats and ecosystems, we learn about how we enable our operations to exist side-by-side with agriculture and provide a responsible habitat for wildlife.

Growing the business in Asia

International Products (IP) updated its business strategy to focus on three core business elements: Execute, Optimize, and Grow. The IP approach supports Downstream & Chemicals' business strategy in The Chevron Way to grow earnings across the value chain by growing the business. IP is applying the strategy across its businesses: strengthening its retail network in Thailand and Malaysia, optimizing its

branded marketer model in the Philippines and Malaysia, entering into the jet fuel market and improving the supply chain in the Philippines, and introducing 7-Eleven stores in our Malaysian retail stations.

Technology and crisis

With 24/7 operations that span the globe, diverse microclimates and weather phenomena, Chevron must contend with an array of natural conditions and be prepared for the possibility of a natural disaster to strike at any time. In the latest technology series instalment, we examine the role technology plays in emergency preparedness and response, and how we prepare for, sustain and respond to natural disasters with design and data science.

Downstream heroics during Hurricane Harvey

Chevron is recognizing hurricane heroes and the help they provided their communities and colleagues, to highlight their support of business operations and to show their resilience in a time of crisis. This article focuses on our Galena Park (Texas) terminal, the Port Arthur lubricants plant and Oronite's Oak Park (La.) plant. Heroes include Terminal Manager Ray Harshbarger, who operated the Galena Park facility alone for four days while Hurricane Harvey raged, and Patrick Sanders, who facilitated product deliveries to Port Arthur customers despite personal concerns about damage and relocation.

Lean Sigma: simplicity leads to savings

The Lean Sigma process is providing Chevron's refineries with powerful tools to simplify work, improve efficiencies and reduce costs, and substantially improve gross margin. Lean Sigma is a structured methodology that relies on team collaboration and tools to reduce complexity, eliminate waste and increase reliability. At the Richmond (Calif.) refinery, accrued financial benefits through Lean Sigma have totalled more than \$30 million over the past two years. Other U.S. refineries are demonstrating similar value from Lean Sigma's tools.

All upstream business units now Wellsafe

WellSafe – a well-control assurance program developed by Chevron's Global Drilling & Completions team to eliminate Loss of Containment incidents from our wells – is now fully deployed across all Upstream business units. The WellSafe program has been developed to create a superior level of planning and operational discipline to mitigate against a blowout catastrophe occurring within the business. It ensures that every well that Chevron drills and every rig that is contracted or owned by our company is certified to the highest well-control standards.



Memories

Richard Comrie

While I would not think my activities are of any interest to anyone but Chrissy and myself, something rather odd happened to us earlier last year. We spend a great deal of the warmer months on our boat, a 40' trawler yacht which we tend to base at Hull. Leaving Hull in June we ran into a very dense fog bank, which covered the entire lower Humber. Even with Radar and AIS, moving in a busy shipping lane in these conditions is not for the faint hearted. We hove to and tried to remain in position out of the shipping lanes. The tide was running quite fast and as the fog cleared we found we had drifted closer than I would have liked to the Immingham Oil terminal. While I have passed it on numerous occasions heading for the North Sea I have never until that day paid much attention to it.

Being so close it all came flooding back. In 1967, prior to Texaco, it was The Regent Oil Company Immingham terminal. As a trainee Representative I spent my first week of training at that facility. In fact the jetty I was so close too was the very jetty where I had watched a bulk carrier discharge product some 49 years ago. Did not seem to have changed a great deal!

I had a great time with Texaco, I worked with and for some wonderful people. I look back on my time with great fondness and each month as I put my barrow under the hopper of plenty, I give thanks for a truly rewarding 37 years. Those who knew me at Texaco will recall that I was always "rowing for the shore of early retirement". Having achieved that goal I guess that I am now cruising towards that final harbour. What fun.

History of marine activities Chevron/Texaco

Alan Jones

When Texaco first commenced operations out of Aberdeen in 1973, they contracted the semi-submersible rig Zephyr 1. To support this marine operation they brought in two 8,000BHP anchor handling vessels from the USA, 'North Seahorse' and 'Arctic Seahorse'. People in and around Aberdeen will remember these vessels as they were extremely loud, have little or no silencers on the exhausts. When the second rig, Sedneth 701 came over from Halifax in Nova Scotia, she had in attendance the 'Barents Seahorse' and 'Celtic Seahorse' vessels, similar in power and noise to the North and Arctic Seahorse vessels.

As time moved forward these vessels were replaced by larger and more powerful anchor handling vessels - too numerous to name. However, there were two in particular that are worthy of mention. The "Oil Mariner" and the 'Oil Driller' were on contract in 1979 to tow the Sedneth 701 to drill in various locations offshore Portugal. They worked down there for six months before towing the Sedneth 701 back to work on the Phillips Maureen jacket which was being installed offshore.

While working out of Setubal, about an hour's drive south of Lisbon, the two vessels went to assist a super tanker at a shipyard Lisnave in Setubal which had just experienced a huge explosion and was on fire. I managed to get onboard the Oil Mariner before she pulled away from the quay to assist. In short, we were asked to use the water cannons to help douse the fire and keep the steelwork at a lower temperature.

The supertanker in question was the 'Atlas Titan' and was completely destroyed in the explosion. Demands from the working rig required the two vessels to return in a supportive role after three days. The 'Atlas Titan' was towed away to be scrapped. Both 'Oil Mariner' and 'Oil Driller' were awarded contracts by the UK Government and departed to the Falkland Islands to assist the military down there. I was very honoured to receive a couple of glass tankards engraved with the vessels names and a map of the Falkland Islands some years later.

Another of the support vessels worthy of mention is the ERRV 'Caledonia Master'. (Emergency Rescue and Recovery Vessel). This vessel was identified to Texaco in early 2006. Located in Brest, France she had been operating for French Telecoms to lay cables in the Bay of Biscay, but they found her to be short on power for the deep water in the Bay. Known as the 'Artabaze', she was bought by our agent and taken to Hull for modification and the addition of a daughter craft for fast rescue, and an azimuth thruster installed for fuel efficiency in the Captain Field. I am pleased to say that this vessel is still on contract to the Captain Field today after over 21 years service. She has been renamed and is now the 'Vos Master'.

Lastly, there is another vessel worthy of mention – 'Island Champion'. This vessel was identified to myself as team lead in the joint venture TEAM Marine originally made up of three major oil producers in 1994. TEAM stands for Texaco, Elf and Amerada Hess Marine. This joint venture was unique in the North Sea, created by the three oil operators to provide efficiency in delivering marine services to multiple offshore installations located in close geographical locations in the North Sea. I was very proud to have my wife name this vessel in Oslo Norway on the 28th March 2007. She is now the Godmother to the vessel. 'Island Champion' is still on contract to Chevron after ten plus years providing support including liquid polymer products to the Captain Field.

Old Times

John Brindle

Old times were wonderful for me, in particular the time I was an Industrial Rep for Texaco in the Sheffield and Rotherham area from 1969 to 1973. The people there were wonderful and accepted me, a Londoner, straight away. Sheffield and Rotherham were exciting, thriving and heaving heavy industry towns then. They were steel towns with huge blast furnaces, casting shops, rolling mills, forges with noisy drop hammers and heat treatment plants. Train loads of iron ore and coal arrived every day. Hard to believe now, but some steel works were within a mile or so of the town centres.

After work there was so much to do in the evening from local pubs creating lots of fun with chatting, darts, dominoes etc., or watching football, Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United or Rotherham United, or there was even a night club in Sheffield city centre plus dance halls. The area however, was not everyone's cup of tea (Londoner speaking). Where we lived to the east side had air pollution of the smoky sort, so bad you could not even hang your washing out many days, especially in the winter, we did not have a clothes drier in those days.



However when I joined Regent /Texaco in London, I agreed to go anywhere, and what a wonderful time I had in Sheffield!

My job as industrial representative was mainly to sell industrial oil and the opportunities in this area were fantastic. However the area had not been covered by Texaco for some time due, I think, as no one much wanting the posting. Therefore sales were down. Cold calling to get new business was necessary; most places welcomed your visit even if they were not interested in changing to Texaco. There were little formalities in those days; you just called at the plants with no need for appointments.

However just after I arrived, it was a shutdown week in the area. These were the summer weeks when most industries and businesses were shut so that employees could go on holiday. The consensus opinion was that it was a waste of time trying to make calls during these weeks. However, my friend and colleague John Yarwood, who lived nearby in Chesterfield, said otherwise. He reasoned that the maintenance and engineering staff would be on sites doing essential work whilst the plants were closed. Also they were the very people I ought to be meeting and that the representatives from other companies would not be around. John said he would help and it was great fun making cold calls together for a couple of days whilst I got familiar with the area, then I was on my own. We were made welcome almost everywhere. Later this paid off and the business gained helped me achieve the sales targets set for this area. I soon got into routine and continued the cold calls throughout each year which was fun at the time as the people were so friendly. Happy days!

Life after Texaco H (Bill) Hawkins

I joined Texaco as a chauffeur in 1981 until 1993 when I was offered early retirement, (Texaco were reorganising and re-locating to Canary Wharf from Knightsbridge), I was also working in the stationery and printing department with Maurice Saffery and Maurice Dunne when not required to drive the executives.

Six years ago my daughter and son in law (he was born in America) moved to Florida, but my granddaughter and family and grandson have stayed here. Sadly, my Wife passed away in 2000. I joined a lawn bowling club playing from May to the end of September.

I have been going to Florida each year from January to March and play bowls four mornings a week at the Delray Beach bowling club. For my 80th birthday (like the others I forgot to inform you) my daughter had these photos made into a jigsaw with me in the centre on St Patrick's day parade which is held at Delray Beach where they close the high street for about eight hours. I still keep busy here helping a couple of neighbours who are invalids with their gardens as they cannot do it. Hope you will be able to print the photo and letter and keep sending the News as it is very informative as are the stories.

Thanks for this Bill and of course RN will continue to be sent to you and all retirees. *Ed!*



Correction for Geoff Drewett

My apologies to Geoff for giving wrong details of his email in the November 2017 issue. The correct details are **Gf.drewett@gmail.com** *Ed!*

Former Gulf Employees Get Together From Nick Burrell

Former Gulf employees get together in central London from time to time. The next session is on Tuesday 5 June at lunchtime in the Devonshire Arms on Duke Street. For further details please contact Nick Burrell on RNBU@hotmail.co.uk

Shares Information Received from Dave Poulter, CUKPA

The CEL Nominee Service was established in August 2013 as a transfer option following the vesting of the Chevron United Kingdom Limited Share Incentive Plan (CHUKL SIP) and when the heritage company Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) wound up in 2008. These plans are administered by Link Market Services IRG Trustees Limited (Link) and shares are held by Link (as trustee) in an uncertificated form on your behalf but you remain the beneficial owner of the shares. This means that the shares are treated as if they belong to you. You will continue to receive voting rights on those shares for the Chevron AGM, and you will continue to receive dividends. You can also view your personal shareholding at www.mychevronshares.com, or contact the Plan administrators, Link Asset Services, on 0371 664 1835 or email chevron@linkgroup.co.uk. For the latest info.

A good find

Whilst researching family history recently, I discovered the following in our family bible.

David Moss, Chevron retiree

I Can't Remember

Author unknown

*Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And all mixed up in my head.*



*I got used to my arthritis
To my dentures I'm resigned
I can manage my bifocals
But dear God I miss my mind*

*For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at the foot of the stairs
If I must go up for something,
Or have I just come down from there?*

*And before the fridge so often,
My poor mind is filled with doubt.
Have I just put some food away, or
Have I come to take some out?*

*And there's a time, when it is dark
I stop and hold my head.
I don't know if I'm retiring.
Or am I getting out of bed?*

*So, if it is my turn to write to you,
There's no need getting sore,
I may think that I have written
And don't want to be a bore.*

*So remember that I love you,
And wish that you were near.
But now it's nearly mail time,
So must say, "Goodbye dear."*

*Here I stand beside the mailbox,
With a face so very red.
Instead of mailing you my letter,
I went and opened it instead.*

All About the First Day of Spring

Found this gem but do not know where it comes from. Ed!

The first day of spring is 20 March (sometimes 21 March) and it is also known as the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox occurs usually around 1 a.m EDT 20 March. This means it is the exact day separating winter from spring.

Actually, to be more precise, it is the first day of spring north of the equator - in the south it is the first day of autumn. Equinox is a Latin word, which means, "equal night." This is the time of the year (and there are two days in each year) during which the day and night are of equal length.

Spring is the time of year when winter is ending yet summer has not yet begun. It is time to put away the winter coats and get out the swimming trunks. Before long the flowers will bloom and the air will buzz with insects. Practically what spring means is that from this point until the fall equinox your days will be longer and your nights shorter. Traditionally, spring has been associated with the start of life. This is the time when the earth wakes up from its winter sleep and the world appears to be reborn. This was a very important time in the past, as people stop eating their winter stores and begin planting their crops. In addition, the temperature was greater so people did not need to spend much of their energies figuring out how to stay warm.

Eggs play a very important part in ancient myths regarding the vernal equinox. Of course, birds begin to lay their eggs in spring which was very significant to ancient folks. According to folklore, this is the one time of each year when an egg could be stood on end. If an egg can be balanced on end during this equinox, at exactly the say time when the day and night are also in balance, then earth and nature are said to be in harmony.

The spring equinox was considered the start of the pagan new year. This was the day of resurrection of the sun god from the underworld of winter. He met his goddess, Eostre (which comes down to us in the words East and Easter), who was a deity of the dawn. She was associated with new life, and many of the traditions of Easter (Easter eggs and rabbits – symbols of fertility) are derived from these ancient pagan rituals and beliefs.

Texaco & Chevron Reunion Lunch Rod Pesch

As the Company Retiree programme has ceased, I feel it is still good for retirees to get together at least once a year, therefore a reservation has been made at the RAF Club in London Piccadilly for a reunion lunch on 26 October 2018, replacing the previously company sponsored retirees event. The RAF Club is an excellent venue and popular with our retirees from London and the Regions. The reservation is for luncheon in the Ballroom and includes the Churchill Bar (pay bar) for pre-lunch drink reception. The plan is for arrival from 12 noon followed by lunch at 1:00 p.m. with a three course set menu as below which has been well received on previous occasions:

Menu:

Soup of the day, Steak, Kidney & Mushroom Pie,
Sherry Trifle, Vegetarian Option available

The venue has been independently sponsored without cost to retirees, which means we are paying only for lunch; drinks are not included. Price indication is £40 per head, which for this most prestigious and historical location is excellent value. We need to establish numbers of those wishing to attend with an aim of achieving a minimum of 100. Retirees are welcome to bring along a guest or partner; please advise your interest by Friday 8 June. After this date we will be asking for payment in full as there will be no refund should any retiree cancel, or as in the past, not turn up on the day. Contact details for your response is as follows:

Rod Pesch

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Finally, we feel that we would like to maintain this as an annual social event, which will depend upon your ongoing support.

QUIZ



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

- 1 George V,
- 2 I saw Mummy kissing Santa Claus,
- 3 Oliver Cromwell,
- 4 6 January,
- 5 Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come and Jacob Marley,
- 6 Advocaat,
- 7 Silent Night,
- 8 24 December,
- 9 Oklahoma,
- 10 Nativity Scene,
- 11 Pigs in Blankets,
- 12 Melchior,
- 13 Vista Vision,
- 14 Delaware,
- 15 The calendar changed from Julian to Gregorian,
- 16 Cake,
- 17 2004,
- 18 Christmas Fair on a frozen River Thames,
- 19 364,
- 20 We Three Kings of Orient Are,
- 21 Australia,
- 22 Samuel Pepys,
- 23 The Ellipse in Washington,
- 24 King's Canyon National Park California and Elipse Park Washington.
- 25 Samuel Pepys,

The winners were:

Christopher Belcher, Essex. Terry Nunn, Cuxton.
Tony Shapcott, Newport. David Stokes, Bristol.
Dorothy Wenzelul, St. Albans.
Well done to you all. *Ed!*

The Trivia quiz for this edition is:

- 1 What is the name of the Paranoid Android in Douglas Adams' 'Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'?
- 2 In a standard UK Monopoly game, the green set consists of Bond Street, Regent Street and which other?
- 3 Who created Snoopy?
- 4 What does UNESCO stand for?
- 5 After how many years would you celebrate your crystal anniversary?
- 6 Which sign of the zodiac would you be if your birthday was on the 18th October?
- 7 Who was the first famous non-royal to appear on a UK postage stamp?
- 8 Which birthstone is associated with the month of May?
- 9 Which measurement of speed is equivalent to one nautical mile per hour?
- 10 Of what is semiotics the study?
- 11 Which is the oldest parliamentary democracy in the world?
- 12 Who was known as Maid of Orleans?

- 13 Which British King said, "He never said a foolish thing, nor ever did a wise one"?
- 14 Who named the Pacific Ocean?
- 15 Who wrote Grapes of Wrath, a novel set in California describing the state 'flowing with milk and honey'?
- 16 What was the real name of authoress George Eliot?
- 17 Who invented the jet engine?
- 18 Which country is called "Land Of White Elephants"?
- 19 Which is the largest sea in the world?
- 20 What is the name of the Spanish Islands that lie off the North West Coast of Africa.

Answers to the Editor by post or email together with your address, (details at foot of this newsletter) by 30 June 2018. The Editor's decision is final. Have a go; you never know you may win!

Email is not the answer to everything.

The following story came in via email and I thought it was a lesson on how hard work is good for us without having to rely on computers. Oh for the days when eating out no one had a mobile phone with them. *Ed!*

An unemployed man applies for the position of a janitor at Microsoft. He is interviewed by the HR Chief and subjected to a battery of employment tests. The HR Chief tells him: Congratulations, you got the job! Just give me your e-mail address so that I can send you an employment package and let you know when to start work. The man is distraught. He has no choice but to tell the HR Chief that he has no computer and therefore no e-mail. The HR Chief tells him that, if he has no e-mail address, he virtually does not exist and therefore cannot hold a job

The man leaves in a desperate mood, he is down to his last £10 with no job in sight. He sees a supermarket and decides to buy a 10 lb box of strawberries. He starts out making door to door calls selling those strawberries by the pound. Within two hours, he manages to double his capital. He repeats the deal three times more and goes home with £60 in his pocket. He comes to see that he can survive this way, so he starts earlier and goes home later, tripling or quadrupling his money every day. Before long, he buys a wheel barrow so he can buy and sell more strawberries. After a while, he is able to buy a truck and eventually becomes the owner of a fleet of delivery trucks with several employees working for him. Then he adds other produce items to his deliveries.

Five years go by. The man is now the owner of one of the largest food chains in the United Kingdom. He starts thinking about the future for himself and his family and decides to buy some life insurance. He calls an agent and selects a good insurance policy. The agent asks him for his e-mail address to send him a confirmation of the policy. The man tells him that he doesn't have an e-mail address! That is incredible, says the agent. You have no e-mail, but you built this large empire! Can you imagine where you would be if you had an e-mail address? The man briefly thinks and then answers: Yes, I would be a toilet cleaner at Microsoft!



Moral 1 of the story:

The internet does not solve all the problems in our lives!

Moral 2 of the story:

When you have no e-mail but work hard, you can become a millionaire!

Moral 3 of the story:

This story was received by e-mail, therefore am I closer to cleaning toilets than to being a millionaire?

Have a good day!

BIRTHDAYS

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Frank Brangwin, Edinburgh

Billie Hullis, Enfield.

Derek William Pugh, Pembroke

Bert Wilkinson, Cheshire

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Eric Jennings, Birmingham

Golden Wedding Anniversaries

Brian and Janet Chambers celebrated in September last year. Brian worked for Gulf Oil from West Bromwich Terminal within the retail section of the business. They had a wonderful cruise of the Norwegian Fjords.

Alex and Eileen McMaster celebrated on 21 December 2017. They were married in Kuwait in 1967 and have had happy and exciting times over the years. Here's to many more.

Some may remember John Renwick who served in the company—industrial and distributor markets-- between 1973 and 1989. John has recently celebrated 50 years of marriage to Angela, they have retired to Northumberland and would both be very happy if anyone with whom John worked should wish to get in touch. Their e-mail address is: johnrenwick334@btinternet.com

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Dick and Eve Gimber on 27 July 2017. They still play indoor and outdoor bowls and are keeping relatively fit.

Victor (T) and Daphne Smith celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 2 April 2018 at the wonderful and luxurious 'Jamaica Inn' Ocho Rios. This small hotel had retained a gracious air of colonial Jamaica and attracts individuals and couples who return on a regular basis. In this our 'Diamond Year', we look upon our life generally and think to ourselves, how lucky we are despite our age, to enjoy reasonable health with the very good fortune of being together for over sixty years. Our Daughter Joanne, a Senior Lecturer in Chinese studies at Newcastle University, will arrange a family Diamond Year Luncheon, which we are both looking forward to

OBITUARIES

Sadly we record the passing of our colleagues. RIP.

L Anderson (T) on 31/01/17 aged 82, Greater Manchester
Richard George Annand (T) on 02/12/17 aged 67, Middlesex
Lilian Lee Barnes (T) on 14/07/17 aged 78.

Anthony James Barnett (T) on 17/10/17 aged 78, Dorset
Brian Albert Bennett (T) on 08/10/17 aged 75, Essex
Harry Blake (T) on 22/10/17 aged 87, Gloucestershire
Ronald Blears (T) on 25/09/17 aged 84, Preston
Colin Alfred Blott (C) on 09/12/17 aged 68, Peterhead
Olive Thelma Bourgeois (T) on 11/06/17 aged 99, Eastbourne
John Alexander Bowman (C) on 17/12/17 aged 72, Aberdeenshire
Sandra Chapman (C) on 14/07/17 aged 60, Aberdeenshire
Graham Chesney (G) on 19/09/17 aged 75, Manchester
Thomas Cox (T) on 30/08/17 aged 79, Pembroke
Dennis Emery (T) on 23/09/17 aged 80, New Zealand
Dennis Wilfred Euinton (T) on 30/12/17 aged 87, Hampshire
Peter James Evans (G) on 27/10/17 aged 66, Milford Haven
Frank Andrew Fiddy (G) on 15/09/17 aged 83, Gloucestershire
Allan Gibb (G) on 08/12/17 aged 83, Manchester
David Greening (G) on 17/11/17 aged 77, Bridgend
Lesley Louise Hays (C) on 22/08/17 aged 70, Epsom
Michael Clement Hill (G) on 19/10/17 aged 82, Devon
John Holt (T) on 17/12/17 aged 74, Nottingham
Denis Hughes (T) on 29/07/17 aged 84, Pembroke
Henry Bain Jack (G) on 18/08/17 aged 79, Edinburgh
Eric Samuel Jennings (C) on 15/11/17 aged 89, Birmingham
Walter Jones (G) on 20/09/17 aged 88, Manchester
Norman Wallace Lamb (C) on 01/09/17 aged 77, Arbroath
Allan Cecil Lambourne (C) on 19/09/17 aged 80, Kent
Colin Arthur Lines (T) on 04/08/17 aged 78, South Africa
Michael Maltman (C) on 11/09/17 aged 70, Angus
David Herbert Matthews (G) on 18/10/17 aged 68, Essex
Stanley Albert Moorhouse (G) on 24/12/17 aged 97, West Sussex
Andre Mervyn Morgan (T) on 19/09/17 aged 62, Pembrokeshire
Brian Mountain (C) on 15/10/17 aged 80, Aberdeenshire
Sidney Anthony Phillips (T) on 28/08/17 aged 81, Aberdeenshire
Michael Pighills (G) on 16/07/17 aged 81, Cheshire
Clive William Potter (G) on 07/07/17 aged 81, Haverfordwest
Bryan Richard Reynolds (T) on 08/10/17 aged 78, Dyfed
Gerald Robinson (G) on 26/09/17 aged 86, Pembroke
Cecil Aubrey B Rogers (T) on 20/08/17 aged 87, Norfolk
Jonathan Hugh Rogers (T) on 01/12/17 aged 70, Dyfed
Ursula Pansy Salkeld (T) on 25/05/17 aged 92, London
Brian Thomas Scott (T) on 04/09/17 aged 75, Thailand
George Ledingham Smart (C) on 17/10/17 aged 73, Kincardineshire
Vernon Sidney Smith (T) on 13/08/17 aged 95, Weston Super Mare
Elizabeth Stewart (Cx) on 09/12/17 aged 93, London
H E Stewart (Cx) on 07/12/17 aged 93, London
Irena Leokadia Szczerebowicz (T) on 31/10/17 aged 94, Buckinghamshire
Colin W Thorpe (C) on 28/11/17 aged 85, Carlisle
Anthony Raymond J Tighe (T) on 06/08/17 aged 51, Cheshire
James Fred Titterton (T) on 13/12/17 aged 84, Pembrokeshire
James W Webb (T) on 06/11/17 aged 78, Canvey Island
V Whalley (T) on 24/06/17 aged 73, Lancashire
D J Wilson (Cx) on 25/09/17 aged 94, Weston Super Mare
Colin Wrigglesworth (T) on 08/03/18 aged 82, Brixham

So That's Where It Comes From!

There was an old tavern at Marble Arch, London, which was adjacent to the gallows at Tyburn.
Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial of course) to be hanged.
The horse-drawn dray, carting the prisoner, was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the tavern and ask the prisoner if he would like 'one last drink'.
If he said yes, it was referred to as 'one for the road'.
If he declined, that prisoner was 'on the wagon'.



After words By Bob Perks

Maybe it's just me. Maybe I have been trying so hard to focus on life's details that I've begun missing the obvious. I was speaking about a friend of mine who had passed away a while ago. Sitting with some friends who knew him we began to share our own personal stories. One by one, we each praised this guy for his friendly good-nature and loving ways. "He was such a good friend." "I don't think I ever met anyone as nice as him." "What a good father he was, too." "And a loving husband."

It went on like this for a few minutes and suddenly it got quiet. I noted that one of the people there hadn't said a word. I was surprised because I always thought they were best friends. "Frank, you must have something to say. I know you guys were like brothers." He looked up and scanned the table not saying a thing. Then looking down he mumbled something. We looked at each other and realizing that none of us understood what he said, I asked, "I'm sorry, what did you say?" He looked up, scanned the faces of each of us again and asked, "Did you tell him?" It took a second to understand. It took a minute to realize what he was asking of us. It took a lifetime to see what we lost.

How often do we take the time to tell someone how wonderful they are? How many times have you thought about someone you really love, but didn't take the time to tell them? Death should not be the only time to praise someone. The words we need to say should be said today. "I love you" are before words...not "after words."



TIME FOR A CHUCKLE



A lady rushes into the vets with a cardboard box demanding to see a vet. She is rushed into the consulting room and takes the lid off the box and tells the vet "it's my pet chicken, she hasn't eaten for two days or laid an egg." The vet looks at the chicken and tells her sadly, that's because its dead, the woman won't accept it and demands another opinion, so the vet goes into the waiting room and comes back in with a large cat, the cat looks up and down the chicken slowly a couple of times, looks at the vet, and shakes its head. The woman still won't accept her chicken is dead and demands yet another opinion, so once again the vet goes into the waiting room and reappears with a Chocolate Labrador who nudges the chicken, looks at the vet, and also shakes his head. Finally the woman accepts that her pet chicken is dead and she goes to reception to pay her bill, the receptionist advises her that the bill is £280. "What says the woman, I was expecting a bill of £20" Well says the receptionist, you have the vets fee and you also had a cat scan and a lab report.
Sent in from **William Moore**.

Punny Thoughts Milton Freund

I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.
I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing – but it let out a little whine.

The primary responsibility for a child's education is apparent.
For plumbers, a flush beats a full house.
The way to communicate with a fish is to drop it a line.
Her company distributes gift-boxed cashews, and she has a delivery guy that drives her nuts

PHENOMENAL- Two Letter Word

Hopefully you will enjoy this. There is one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb or preposition. This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP.

UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP) and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car. At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special. This UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP..

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP. look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost a quarter of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with (UP to) a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it soaks UP the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry UP. Don't forget washing UP. Don't screw UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP for now as my time is UP! Did this crack you UP? Now I'll shut UP

Editors Last Word A Friendship Prayer.

May peace break into your home and may thieves come to steal your debts. May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet for £20 notes. May love stick to your face like Vaseline and may laughter assault your lips. May happiness slap you across the face and may your tears be that of joy. May the problems you had forget your home address.

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