

Retiree News



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Editor's Chat

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Hello and I hope 2017 is being kind to you. For me it is being busy gardening and loving every minute of it. Maurice asks me 'which chums I will be with' when I go to start work and I must say those I do work for are extremely friendly and welcoming.

It may be apparent to some of you that the Company's Retiree Welfare Programme has ceased. Local Contact Persons (LCPs) were informed by Ashley Sanders, Pensions Department as below.

'It is with regret that we advise the Company has made the decision to close the Retiree Welfare Plan (RWP) effective 1 January 2017. Whilst we are sure that this will not come as a complete surprise, we do appreciate that it will be met with some disappointment. We are sure you all recognise that the Company is facing some challenging economic conditions at this time and this is a contributing factor in this decision, but there are many other relevant matters that have been taken into consideration including competitive practice, resourcing challenges and numerous compliance risks which made the current operating model unsustainable. For clarity, this decision includes removal of the organisation and funding of lunches and the Christmas payments for over eighties.

On behalf of the Company, I would like to thank you all very much for your years of service in supporting the RWP and in fulfilling your roles as LCP - especially as some cope with advancing age and health matters. Your dedication has not gone unnoticed. We would also like to thank all those that organised the lunches last year and took on all the extra responsibility that resulted from this change in processes'.

I have had several people ask whether Retiree News would continue and I am pleased to say that it will, in the current format twice a year, May and November. Now it really is YOUR publication. I don't want to have to 'draw teeth' but ask that you willingly send in articles to be included in future issues. ALSO, as there will be no LCP's to advise me of 80, 90 and 100 birthdays, plus Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries, it will be up to YOU to send the information to me either by email or letter. I prefer not to have information over the telephone, because more often than not I am unable to take calls and those that have been left on the answerphone have been difficult to completely understand.

Do you have any special trips planned? Is there a story there that others would like to read? It is lovely to hear of others trips, hobbies or past work experience so that we can all enjoy these and use our imaginations. Maurice and I will utilise our holiday home in Sandwich again on a regular basis but hope to also have a couple of holidays abroad. Until next time

News From Chevron

October 28, 2016

Chevron Reports Third Quarter Net Income of \$1.3 Billion

"Capital spending and operating and administrative expenses have been reduced by over \$10 billion from the first nine months of 2015 as a result of a series of deliberate actions we have taken," notes Chairman and CEO John Watson in our company's press release on third-quarter earnings. We continue progress toward our goals of lowering the cash breakeven in our upstream business and getting cash balanced across the corporation.

March 7, 2017

Chevron Affirms Production, Margins, and Cash Flow Growth Plans

Chevron Corporation hosted its annual security analyst meeting in New York where executives highlighted the company's growing free cash flow from its advantaged

portfolio. "We intend to be cash balanced in 2017, and to grow free cash flow in the years thereafter," said John Watson, chairman and chief executive officer. "We're finishing projects under construction, which adds revenue and reduces spend. We're concentrating our new investments on short cycle-time, high-return opportunities from our advantaged positions such as the Permian Basin."

Patent portfolio wins global innovator award

Building and maintaining our company's patent portfolio are important components of our intellectual property strategy. These efforts provide us with a competitive advantage by protecting our valuable technologies and controlling their use by others. The quality of Chevron's innovative technology development and our patent portfolio has earned us a 2016 Top 100 Global Innovator award from Clarivate Analytics. This marks our fifth appearance on the list in the six years in which it has been awarded by Clarivate Analytics.



News From Chevron

ITC forecast calls for the cloud

We hear quite a bit about “the cloud” on TV and in the news, conjuring up all kinds of images and meanings. Whether you’re at home or at work, you would use the cloud to store and access files from any computer or mobile device connected to the internet. At Chevron, we are already using many cloud-based solutions such as the ePMP system and our expense reporting system, CTREX. But soon you will have access to the cloud every day as we move email, P: drives and SharePoint sites to the cloud later this year.

Planning and logistics solution is industry first

Oil and gas production facilities require significant investment in maintenance programs – and complex planning procedures to implement them. When those facilities are located some 100 miles offshore, further cost and complexity is added to the challenge. Employees at Chevron Upstream Europe supporting remote facilities in the North Sea found that logistics, such as helicopter flights and beds for maintenance personnel travelling offshore, were not fully integrated into the planning system.

Canadian Court Rejects Attempt to Enforce Fraudulent Ecuadorian Judgment against Chevron Subsidiary

A Canadian court has ruled that the fraudulent Ecuadorian judgment against Chevron Corporation cannot be enforced against Chevron Canada Limited, an indirect subsidiary. The court found that Chevron Canada Limited is a separate entity from Chevron Corporation, not a party to the Ecuadorian lawsuit and not a debtor to the judgment. In its decision, the court stated, “Chevron [Corporation] and Chevron Canada are separate legal entities with separate rights and obligations.”

Deploying drones for emergency response

Drones descended on California’s San Francisco Bay around our Richmond Refinery late last year as part of an oil spill response exercise led by Chevron. These unmanned aerial systems proved they have great potential to reduce health and safety risks and improve the efficiency of collecting crucial data during an emergency response situation.

Wild files – tortoises of the mojave desert

Wild Files is a series on chevron.com. The infographic-style stories span the world to focus on the efforts our business units are making to avoid or reduce the potential for significant impacts on sensitive species, habitats and ecosystems. In this volume you’ll find out about some of the stakeholder partnerships and conservation efforts our Environmental Management Company made to protect the endangered desert tortoise in the Mojave National Preserve

Atlantic Canada reaches two significant milestones

In 1979, Chevron Canada’s Hibernia P-15 exploration well struck oil in the Jeanne d’Arc Basin offshore the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. It was an historic discovery that would launch the province’s offshore energy industry and create newfound opportunity for economic growth in the Atlantic Canada region. Nearly 40 years later, the Hibernia Field recovered its one billionth barrel of oil production, making it one of the most prolific offshore oil fields in the world.

PiWars: a robot battle to build OC

Robots are no longer science fiction. They are fast becoming part of our everyday lives. Surgeons use them while performing intricate operations and the military uses them to sweep battlefields for hidden landmines. At Chevron, one Information Technology team is developing the capability to build and program robots to work on our networks, the miles of digital highway that connect computers to data centres and the backbone of how we share information around the globe.

Powering operations from the desert to the sea

Every day you walk in and out of dark rooms and simply flip a switch to turn on lights, computers, heating and air conditioning. Imagine standing in the middle of 1000 acres of flat, dry, dusty land, far from the nearest population centre and thinking about how to bring a project to life. With significant resource deposits in remote places across the globe, our company is faced with the challenge to find ways to provide reliable power infrastructure to produce energy to meet the world’s needs. And we are meeting that challenge for self-generated power in myriad ways.

A Story from a Retiree in Belgium Peter Fletcher

I retired in 1989 from International Marine Sales department and am thankful to be enjoying life to the full at the age of 87. I always enjoy reading the Retiree News and thank you most sincerely for this treat. I live in Antwerp but am in regular phone contact with Norman Swindells and Chris Morris.

Prior to joining Texaco in 1956, I was a cadet and officer in The New Zealand Shipping Company. Although crossing the world via the Panama and Suez Canals, I was privileged to visit Cape Town when Suez was closed due to the Israeli and Egypt war and also round The Horn with 120 livestock sheep on deck destined for the Falkland Islands. We were mainly carrying frozen cargoes to UK from NZ and Australia and general cargoes from the UK on the outward voyages. Upon receiving the last issue of Retiree News I was struck by the headline “Ships Passing In The Night”. This section was most interesting and brought to mind a personal experience.



When I was Third Officer of the S.S. Kent on passage from Panama/Curacao to Liverpool we had been without Sights (sextant) and were on our sixth day of navigating by “dead reckoning” due to overcast weather and rain. S.S.Kent was the oldest and slowest ship in the fleet and the only vessel in the fleet without radar.

The Fourth Engineer asked me to explain the International Regulations of Prevention of Collusion at Sea. The relevant section of this regulation states “when two vessels are on a collision course the vessel which has the other on her starboard side alters course to starboard. The other vessel must maintain course and speed until a collision cannot be avoided by the action of the giving way vessel alone.” There have been many collisions at sea.

This conversation stuck in my mind when going on the 8 - 12 watch that evening. I made a mental note to keep a special good lookout as visibility was poor and according to the dead reckoning position we were crossing the North Atlantic shipping lanes from Southampton and the Continent. At approximately 22:00 hours I saw a bright white light thru the mist and murk on our starboard. Therefore ours was the giving way ship! Immediately the Captain was called by phone and as there was no time to take bearings I waited until the second mast head light was visible and gave the order “hard a starboard”. At this point a red port light came into sight and she proceeded past us at a fast speed with lights everywhere. The Radio Officer stated that he had received a Morse code message that the other vessel was “RMS Queen Mary” bound from Southampton to New York.

At that moment my heart stood still because there was a possibility that our ship could have been cut in half. There is a moment when although taking evasive action it appears that you are moving towards the stand on ship and possible collision. Thank goodness I live to report this event.

Bucket List **David Mc Auliffe**

On the subject of holidays a lot of people have a bucket list, somewhere to have an unusual holiday or an activity not previously undertaken, which they would like as a challenge to achieve a personal goal. I was lucky enough to go to the Olympics in 2012 in London, watching athletics and swimming and also I went to Weymouth to watch the sailing. The legacy of the games/ motto is ‘be inspired’.

On a recent holiday to North Yorkshire, Jane bought me a book about the coast to coast walk from St. Bees to Robin Hood Bay by Henry Stedman. On reading the book I have decided to undertake this walk next year following in the footsteps of Wainright, Fogle and Bradbury amongst others.

In August 2016 I walked one of the legs from Kirby Stephen to Keld, a distance of roughly thirteen miles. The terrain/vista was challenging, but I managed to complete the challenge in around seven plus hours. The coast to coast walk is about 102 miles in length and I would like to complete it before my 70th birthday in 2018.

I would like to think that other Texaco/Chevron pensioners would undertake a challenge outside their comfort zone in the next couple of years.

Memories **from Donald Wicks**

I worked at Pembroke Refinery between 1968 and 1996. There were of course many stories that I can recall from 28 years of service and one that has really stayed in my mind occurred when the refinery was officially opened. It was a grand occasion with an impressive guest list. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth performed the ceremony and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh was also in attendance together with Princess Ann (very lovely) and Prince Charles (very young). Guests who arrived at Milford Haven railway station were escorted by selected members of staff. To my surprise I was one of them. As a reward for performing this task we were ushered into a room where we had a private audience with the Royal Family. Quite a privilege!

Our refinery start up efforts had involved a couple of fires, which is not unusual with new pipework. When the Duke of Edinburgh came to me in the line-up, he asked me when we expected to be on full stream. I told him when it was likely to be and he replied ‘that’s if you don’t burn the place down first’. He had obviously been well briefed and his characteristic sharp wit is still well known today as it was then.

The opening was very successful and a good start to what proved to be thirty years of continuous operation.

A Celebration of Life **from Mary Gardner**

Maybe it’s never a good idea to write an article about going to a funeral. As the years go by, we find ourselves to our regret too often attending the funerals of well-loved friends and family members. My usual experience is of leaving the occasion feeling sombre and saddened but it was a very different kind of experience altogether when I went to the funeral of my friend Kay in November, and one I felt may be worth sharing.

It was held at the Crematorium in the middle of the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire, which at the time was resplendent in its Autumn colours and provided a beautiful backdrop to the occasion. Kay didn’t follow any religious faith and she’d requested and planned a Humanist funeral which was the first of its kind I’d been to. She had asked that people didn’t wear black and had carefully planned every aspect of the service to ensure the mourners felt it was a celebratory rather than a sad occasion. She was by nature an upbeat, positive person and wanted her funeral to reflect this, so instead of solemn hymns and prayers, the service started by playing the song “What a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong, then one of her oldest friends read the poem by Jenny Joseph called Warning, the one about wearing purple when she got older and generally growing old disgracefully to “make up for the sobriety of her youth”. (If you don’t know this poem, it’s worth looking up).



The service was taken by a Celebrant from the Humanist Society who spent around 20 minutes talking about Kay's life in a warmly personal and humorous way, drawn from conversations and letters from her family and friends. This was followed by a poem called Woodland Burial by Pam Ayres about wishing to be laid to rest in a leafy wood which seemed very apt for a Forest funeral. After a few minutes' silent reflection, her friends and family left the service to the playing of the song "Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye" by Gracie Fields, which summed up Kay's upbeat and slightly irreverent approach to life and made it impossible not to smile.

It wouldn't be everybody's cup of tea as it was far from traditional, but it left me feeling heartened and glad rather than crushed and saddened, an occasion of celebrating her life as well as mourning her loss. During her life, Kay had no time for doom sayers or party poopers, so she arranged everything to ensure her exit from this world was an uplifting and heart-warming occasion. As the Celebrant said during the service, Kay knew that the best way to deal with mortality was to ensure she lived her life to the full, and I say Amen to that.

Another memory about Dwile Flonking From Richard Squires

The article from Peter Brockett in the November 2016 issue of Retiree News took me back forty nine years. In 1964 I joined Regent Oil in London and after training, transferred to Eastern Branch,. The Manager was Bill Bass, with an area around Wisbech. Two years later I moved to Long Melford in Suffolk and joined Sudbury Rugby Club.

On Saturday 27 May 1967, I was a member of the Rugby Club team contesting the Suffolk Duile Flunking Championships at Belle Vue Meadows, Sudbury. The other teams were Stour Boat Club, Clare Casuals and Stour Valley Duile Flunkers, and each played the other over three rounds. The rules and scoring were much as described by Peter, I do not remember who won, however we came second and I have an inscribed tankard to prove it! At the time we all thought the game had been dreamt up by a local brewer with the sole object of increasing beer sales, our sponsors were Green King and Sons.

How reassuring to know that we were only re connecting back to old Harvest Rituals even if North and South Suffolk have variations on the game and spelling. It is good to see how it flourishes - no longer Suffolk but World Championships now being held in 2016.

MOLE

It is with a sad heart for me to say that we will not receive any more articles from Mole as he has passed away following a period of illness. He was my boss for some time and encouraged me to move on in my career. We lost touch for a few years but fortunately, we met up again and had a great friendship, long phone calls and chatty lunches together. He was a great boss and a dear friend and I pass on my condolences to his wife. God Bless you Mole! Ed!

Retiree Company Lunch Programme Ted Williams

As mentioned/announced elsewhere in this edition of Retiree News the company has decided that the Retiree Welfare Programme which has been operating since the merger of the Texaco, Gulf and Chevron pension plans will be discontinued with immediate effect. Sadly therefore the programme of contact and support from local representatives, anniversary benefits and sponsored annual lunches will be discontinued.

There is however some good news. For the foreseeable future, Retiree News will continue to be published in May and November. The other good news is that the Chevron UK Pensioners Association (CUKPA) have stepped in to co-ordinate and promote a continued lunch programme. Details of the planned lunches can be found on the CUKPA web site at www.cukpa.org.uk. The information can be accessed and viewed by members and non-members alike. Unfortunately CUKPA do not have the financial resources to communicate directly to all pensioners by the traditional means, but hope that through email contact with local organisers these popular and invaluable occasions for former colleagues may continue to flourish, even though they will no longer be free.

For the avoidance of doubt CUKPA are unaffected by the Company's decision to close the Retiree Welfare Programme. The Association is completely independent from the company but its role in seeking timely enhanced benefit for pensioners is acknowledged by the Company through regular meetings with senior management based in the UK and the US.

Children Are Quick.

Teacher: Why are you late?
Student: Class started before I got here.

Teacher: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?
John: You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?
Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'
Teacher: No, that's wrong.
Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
Donald: H I J K L M N O.
Teacher: What are you talking about?
Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

Teacher: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.
Winnie: Me!

Teacher: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?
Glen: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
Clyde: No, sir. It's the same dog.



Teacher: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

Louis: Because George still had the axe in his hand?

Teacher: Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

Simon : No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher.

Management!

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She reduced altitude and spotted a man below. She descended a bit more and shouted: "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago but I don't know where I am". The man below replied "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude".

"You must be a technician." said the balloonist. "I am" replied the man "how did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you have told me is probably technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information and the fact is, I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip with your talk."

The man below responded, "You must be in management". "I am" replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?" "Well," said the man "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault!"

Handyman Husband

A wife texts her husband at work on a cold winter morning. "Windows frozen – won't open". Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over the edges and then tap edges sharply with hammer". Wife texts back five minutes later "laptop really messed up now".

Q and A's to get you thinking.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?

A. One thousand.

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey.

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day.

QUIZ



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

1 Quality Street, 2 Mint Imperial, 3 Black Magic, 4 Mars Bar, 5 Smarties, 6 Liquorice Allsorts, 7 Moonlight, 8 Treats, 9 Kit Kat, 10 Roses, 11 Milk Tray, 12 Matchmakers, 13 Chocolate Buttons, 14 Wispa, 15 Double Decker, 16 Twirl, 17 Yorkie, 18 All Gold, 19 Turkish Delight, 20 Milky Way, 21 Galaxy, 22 Lion Bar, 23 Minstrels, 24 Celebrations, 25 Picnic, 26 Maltesers.

The winners were:

Gerald Grindrod, Lancashire. Ann Hay, Pembroke.

Dave and Sheila Ralph, Pembroke. A Riddell, Aberdeenshire.

David Stokes, Bristol.

Congratulations to you all. Ed!

TRIVIA QUIZ is for this issue.

1. How long does it take for light from the moon to reach the Earth?
2. It occurs once in a minute twice in a week and once in a year what is it?
3. The longest highway in the world has a length of how many kilometers?
4. What do the Japanese call their country?
5. Why do fireflies flash?
6. What date comes 22 days after June 19th?
7. Which river carries the maximum amount of water to the sea?
8. Which is the biggest stadium in the world?
9. What does the ozone layer restrict?
10. Name the seven dwarfs who, in Walt Disney's cartoon feature film, looked after Snow-White?
11. In which year was the Nobel Prize instituted and which country awards it?
13. Why does one lean forward when climbing a hill?
14. What is the rhino's horn made of?
15. Which of the children's tales by Hans Andersen is an account of its own life?
16. Which element has the highest boiling point?
17. Which planet has the biggest satellite?
18. According to legend, for how many nights did Scheherazade tell her stories of the "Arabian Nights"?
19. The title of Thomas Hardy's book, Under the Greenwood Tree was taken from a song in which Shakespearean play?
20. After which famous person was the teddy bear named?



Answers to the Editor (whose decision is final) by 15 September 2017 in the usual manner, via email or post. Whichever way you choose please include your address. Have fun and get the little grey cells active

You know you are living in 2017 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile.:)
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a number 9 on this list.

BIRTHDAYS

80

Janet Atkinson, Telford.
Michael Edward Atkinson, Pembrokeshire
Dr Frank Brangwin, Edinburgh
Doreen Brookes, Worcestershire
Windsor Davies, Haverfordwest
Leonard Dennis, Stanford Le Hope
Dennis Emery, New Zealand
Mary Hoare, Stourport on Severn
Keith Hulbert, Pembroke Dock
Audrey Pike, Pembrokeshire
Dennis Reason, Stanford Le Hope

David Lloyd Setchell, Cheltenham
Pauline Smith, Dagenham
Brian Taylor, Romford
David Trevor Taylor, Herefordshire
Eileen Wender, Welshpool
Christine Whiting, Cheltenham
Peter Williams, Barton on Sea

90

Gladys Chapman, Wisbech
Gordon Davies, Pembroke
Kathleen Dingwall, Edinburgh
Dorothy Palmer, Haverfordwest
Jean Seago, Milford Haven

100

Edwina Evans, Pembroke

Golden Wedding Anniversaries

John and Jean Charnock celebrated their anniversary on 01 October 2016.

George and Eilish Buckle on 07.10.17, Whittington, Oswestry

Barry Hicks MBE and Haf Hicks on 26.03.16, Llandrindod Wells, Powys.

Sandy and Moyra MacKay on 24.06.17, Dunblane

Terry and Denise Waterhouse on 26.03.16, Barmouth, Gwynedd.

Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Donald and Ann Wicks on 15 December 2016.
They live in Haverfordwest

So that's where it comes from!

Off the Cuff

Many years ago shirts for men had removable cuffs which made it easy for men to make notes on to remind them of something later. Maybe they used their notes during a presentation! That is why when anyone who speaks without notes they are deemed to be 'speaking off the cuff', in other words a speech/presentation that had not been prepared or is completely impromptu.

Playing Cards

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great King from history:

Spades - King David
Hearts - Charlemagne
Clubs - Alexander, the Great
Diamonds - Julius Caesar

Salary

Roman soldiers were paid in salt or had provision in their wages to buy salt called solarium, hence our word for pay 'salary'.



Books

A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman: "Which book helped you most in your life?" Her reply - "My husband's cheque book."

A prospective husband is in a book store "Do you have a book called, 'Husband – the Master of the House'?"

Sales Girl: "Sir, Fiction and Comics are on the First floor."

Is Life Like This?

Someone asked an old man: "Even after seventy years, you still call your wife Darling, Honey, Luv. What's the secret?"

Old man: "I forget her name and I'm scared to ask her."

Wife: "I wish I was a newspaper, so I'd be in your hands all day."

Husband: "I too wish that you were a newspaper so I could have a new one every day."

Husband to wife: "Today is a fine day."

Next day he says: "Today is a fine day."

Again, the next day, he says the same thing - Today is a fine day.

Finally, after a week, the wife can't take it and asks her husband:

"Since last week, you are saying 'Today is a fine day'. What's the matter?"

Husband: Last week when we had an argument, you said, "I will leave you one fine day."

I was just trying to remind you..."

POETRY CORNER

Slow Dance

Anna Fox

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?

Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?

Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down. Don't dance so fast.

Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?

When you ask, "How are you?" Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed,

with the next hundred chores running through your head?

You'd better slow down Don't dance so fast.

Time is short The music won't last.

Ever told your child, We'll do it tomorrow?

And in your haste, not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die

Cause you never had time to call and say Hi'

You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast.

Time is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere,

You miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day,

It is like an unopened gift, thrown away.

Life is not a race. Do take it slower

Hear the music before the song is over.

Hooked

by Brian Cox

Definitely not for me, a lifetime's misery

Of addiction and ghastly suffering

That the drugs, smokes and drinks will bring.

No definitely not for me

No, most definitely not for me.

For not only will they ruin your health and your mind

They will seriously damage your wealth and you'll find

That once you get hooked, your goose sure is cooked

No, No, most definitely not for me.

A remedy for colds

Bob Bennett

Bedtime drink, in a half pint glass put a generous helping of honey, the juice of half a lemon and a good tot of whisky (or brandy if you prefer), topped up with near boiling water and stir well. It may not cure your cold, but you will get a good night's sleep which is half the battle

Quotes



If you love all that you have, you have all that you need. *Anon*

If you lack the courage to start, you have already finished. *Anon*

One thing you can't recycle is wasted time. *Anon*

OBITUARIES

Sadly we record the passing of our colleagues. RIP.

Thomas Aldridge (C) on 05/10/16 aged 72, Ayrshire.

Vera Bacon on 16/12/16 aged 100, High Wycombe

Hazel Bennett (T) on 03/11/16 aged 87, Dorset.

Barry Anthony Best (C) on 24/03/17 aged 70, Manchester.

Ronald Walter Bordoli (C) on 20/12/16 aged 96, Cheshire.

Ian James Bowden (G) on 11/02/17 aged 85, Essex.

David Caine Boyde (T) on 17/11/16 aged 76, Bedfordshire.

Christopher Bryan (C) on 18/01/17 aged 68, London.

Domenico (Tony) Caruso (T) on 09/12/16 aged 86, Pembroke

David Alan Cheyne (T) on 16/01/17 aged 81, West Molesey

Robert Henry Coxon (T) on 14/11/16 aged 89, Canvey Island.

Malcolm William Davison (C) on 25/02/17 aged 79, Carlisle

John Richard Dempster (T) on 28/01/17 aged 64, Milford Haven.

Stuart Edwards (C) on 18/10/16 aged 75, Lancashire.

Donald Mackie Fish (G) on 11/03/17 aged 79, Falkirk

Noel Hilson Foot (T) on 09/10/16 aged 91, Fyfe.

Jeremy John Forty (T) on 04/10/16 aged 84, East Sussex.

Paul Freeman (T) on 07/01/17 aged 63, Ellon.

Stuart Victor Gardner (G) on 17/12/16 aged 77, Milford Haven.

Brian Gorbitt (T) on 05/11/16 aged 79, Norfolk.

F Gray (T) on 07/01/17 aged 83, Wirral.

E W Hayday (Cx) on 29/01/17 aged 87, West Worthing.

William Thomas Hills (G) on 11/01/17 aged 75, Saffron Walden.

Frederick Thomas Howell (G) on 02/12/16 aged 87, Cardiff.

Martyn John Hughes (T) on 21/01/17 aged 73, Clacton on Sea.

John Edward James (T) on 20/11/16 aged 90, Tottenham.



P Jory (Cx) on 30/12/16 aged 91, Dorset.
 Malcolm John Laker (Cx) on 01/02/17 aged 85, West Sussex.
 Roderick Macsween (C) on 19/12/16 aged 71, Aberdeen.
 Brian Douglas Massey (T) on 02/11/16 aged 88, East Sussex.
 James Jarvie Mccorkindale (C) on 27/02/17 aged 58, Bo'Ness.
 David Mitchell (T) on 09/12/16 aged 86, Edinburgh.
 Alan Albert Osborne (G) on 25/10/16 aged 79, Essex.
 Thor Overland (T) on 19/01/17 aged 95, Norway.
 Peter Ollerenshaw Owen (G) on 04/11/16 aged 84, Cheshire.
 K C Plaster (T) on 10/11/16 aged 81, Aylesbury.
 David Eric Price (G) on 12/03/17 aged 78, Chester.
 Robert Stuart Pyves (T) on 26/12/16 aged 72, Bridgend.
 T E Sanderson (T) on 15/01/17 aged 86, Essex.
 Jack Shakeshaft (Cx) on 02/11/16 aged 101, Weybridge.
 John Harold Taylor (G) on 11/02/17 aged 92, Hertfordshire.
 Brian John Terry (G) on 11/12/16 aged 82, Crawley.
 Thomas Leonard Vickery (T) on 20/02/17 aged 87, Powys.
 D A Watt (T) on 13/02/17 aged 85, Bristol.
 Derek Samuel Wenzelul (T) on 18/12/16 aged 71, St. Albans.
 Richard Owen Williams (T) on 19/12/16 aged 92, Gwynedd.
 Kenneth Edward Williams (T) on 02/03/17 aged 75, Tenby.
 Peter Humphrey Wilson (G) on 23/12/16 aged 97, Eastbourne.

Strange what we can understand.

It looks weird, but believe it or not, you can read it.

I cdnuolt blveiee taht I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid Aoccdnig to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mttar in waht oreDr the ltteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihng is taht the first and last ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can still raed it wouthit a porbelm. This is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig huh?



Time for a Chuckle

My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

A young boy asks his Dad, 'What is the difference between confident and confidential?' Dad says: 'You are my son, I'm confident about that. Your friend over there is also my son, that's confidential'.

The Will

Doug Smith is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and, when all is ready, he begins to speak:

"My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses.

"My daughter, Sybil, you take the apartments over in the east end."

"My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City Centre."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away, as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and, as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property"

The wife replied, "Don't fret. It is only his paper round'.

Signs to attract your attention

Glasgow barber's shop – Haircuts repaired.

Plumber's van – Singh Plumbers. You've tried the cowboys, now try the Indians.

Car exhaust dealers – no appointment necessary. We'll hear you coming.

Optician's – if you don't see what you are looking for you've come to the right place.

Second hand shop – We buy junk and sell antiques.

Car wash – If you can't read this, it's time to wash your car.

Chip shop – Battersea Cod's Home.

Shoe repair shop – I will heel you, save your sole and even dye for you.

On a field – The farmer walks across the field for free – the bull charges.

Editors Last Word

May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more, and may nothing but happiness come through your door. *Anon*



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