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Date of last supplementation

For Chevron UK pensioners
It was

1st February 2011

For Caltex UK Expatriate pensioners it was 1st May 2007

MEMBER SURVEY 2011

With this issue you will find our 2011 member survey and a stamped addressed envelope for returning your form to us. Please don't waste the stamp and this opportunity to have your say. Your views are important too us so fill it in now and send it to Dave Poulter without delay.

PEMBROKE REFINERY INCIDENT 2ND JUNE 2011

It was with great sadness that we heard of the fatal incident at Pembroke on 2nd June in which four people, three men and one woman died. A fifth man was seriously injured and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at a hospital in Swansea, he has now recovered sufficiently to be moved to a general ward.

The incident happened whilst an Amine storage tank was being prepared internally for maintenance work. Details of the incident are unclear and there has been an on going investigation led by the police, HSE and Chevron who brought specialist from America to support the refinery investigating staff.

It is the first process related fatal accident since the refinery started operations back in 1964 and only months before the transfer to the new owners Valero.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those involved and their families and we wish the injured man a speedy and complete recovery.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN - AUTUMN 2011

After a simply glorious Spring in Aberdeen, summer has retreated some 50 miles south and while Dundee and the rest of Britain is apparently sizzling in a minor heat wave, Aberdeen is covered in gloom! Thick clouds, drizzle, torrential rain, fog and mist are but a few of the variations of summer weather this year - with the odd semi-dry day thrown in for good measure! I hope you are faring a little better, wherever you may be!

Once again, the Association would like to thank the Company for hosting a meeting at the end of April at Westferry Circus. We were very pleased to meet with Jos Van Der Velden and Ashley Sanders that afternoon, during which time a wide range of topics were discussed. These included the recent supplementation award, the comparisons between RPI and CPI - and the Company's future use of CPI as a comparison measure for supplementation awards. We also revisited the question of Monthly Pensions Advice Slips and further information has since been made available to everyone in this year's 'UK Pension Plan Newsletter'. We also discussed the new Pensioners website, further feedback on the Trustee Survey of 2010, the difficult issue of Pensioners Medical Records, the Company's Welfare Plan Budget and an update on the latest Company developments on the sale of downstream assets to Valero. It was a good working meeting, with an open and frank approach that was much appreciated by the Association.

On the subject of Monthly Pension Advice Slips, you will see from the recent 'UK Pension Plan Newsletter' that the Company has reached a conclusion on this issue. Once the Pension Plan website is completed, electronic pension slips will be available to view on-line on a monthly basis. For those retirees who wish to continue to receive paper pension advice slips, these will be made available to those who opt out of the electronic arrangements, every time pension payments change by more than one pound (£1.00). This is a similar arrangement to many other companies nowadays.

Elsewhere within this issue, you will find a request for your opinion on a number of issues that will help the Association in future discussions with the Company. One of these relates to whether or not you can manage without paper pension slips, after the system becomes electronic. The Company have asked for our assistance in seeking this opinion and we would therefore greatly appreciate your response in this regard. Also if you require large print correspondence can you please tell us and also forward your name to Dave Poulter. A stamped addressed envelope is provided for this purpose. You should also be aware that the Annual P-60 form will continue to be provided in paper form for ALL retirees as at 1 April each year for income tax purposes.

The Committee held their second meeting of the year in London on 14 July. Discussions included a review of our meeting with Chevron, as well as a number of other issues, including plans for our AGM to be held in Croydon this year on 22 September, committee members standing down and willing to restand for a further 3-year term and plans for the next issue of 'Insight', our popular newsletter! We also talked about the possibility of holding future winter

committee meetings on Skype, to reduce long distance travel requirements for the majority of committee members. The Committee were also pleased to welcome Jos Van Der Velden from Chevron as a 'guest speaker' at this meeting, during which time we explored the Company's process for reaching a supplementation award and also the latest news on the transfer of assets to Valero.

The Association would like to congratulate Committee members Trevor Jones and Dave Poulter on their recent election as Member Nominated Directors of the UK Pension Plan. Busy gentlemen both, as Trevor and Dave not only fulfil these two roles very effectively, but are also LCP's within the Company's Welfare Programme. Well done to both – I am sure I speak for many in thanking them for their considerable efforts for retirees in so many different ways!

I would also like to commend the Trustees on their further efforts on increased communication with retirees. There have been two 'UK Pension Plan Newsletters' thus far in 2011, both very informative and extremely topical. The 'newspaper' approach to the subject matter makes for ease of reading serious material and if this trend of regular updates can be continued, then the Trustees will have gone a long way towards improving long term communication with retirees on important issues. The Newsletter now also clearly differentiates between Company and Trustee issues.

With the sale of many downstream assets to Valero, there will inevitably be some heavy changes within the organisation and structure of the Company in Westferry Circus. The Association will attempt to keep pace with these changes as best we can, to ensure that we continue to build on our relationship with the 'pension people' in the Company. We have also continued to offer our assistance to the Company in any way we can, to help improve communications with retirees in any form. We have been very pleased to have been able to assist the Company with the planning of the new Pension Plan website in the past – and will look forward to furthering this type of communication in the future.

I mentioned earlier that our AGM for 2011 will be in Croydon on 22 September, following the regular Croydon Autumn Welfare Plan Retirees Lunch and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking both John Donaldson and Arthur Lyddall for assisting with these arrangements. We are also hoping that Ashley Sanders from Chevron will be able to come along and answer retirees' pensions questions in advance of the AGM, in the same way that both he and Dave Medler have done previously. In the meantime, I will look forward to meeting as many people as possible on that occasion. But for now, do enjoy what is left of the summer, wherever you may be!

Alan Higgins

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer..'

Saga of Stronsay

Stronsay, looking like a missing piece of some Norse god's giant jigsaw puzzle, is one of 67 islands that form Orkney. Its several beaches include that in Mill Bay with its central rock 'seat'. The Mermaid's Chair is where (so folklore says) storm witch Scotabess sits and casts her spells – perhaps this was one of them.

The tale began 4 days earlier when a 16m Bermudan sloop Inanna and her three crew left Stavanger in Norway to sail to Denmark. After about 100 miles, a south easterly gale in the North Sea had simply ripped their sails to shreds, leaving them with no other option than to head for shelter under motorpower, eventually arriving at Stronsay at 2am on the Thursday.

The fuel gauge showed they were running low and their GPS battery hadn't long either so they dropped anchor in Mill Bay. But at dawn, huge waves were still entering the bay with a wall of broken water across the entrance. Waking up to see the yacht with its torn sails and no sign of any crew, a local resident was so concerned that they called Shetland Coastguard.

Unable to contact Inanna by radio, the Coastguard tasked both their own helicopter Rescue 102 and the RNLI's Severn class lifeboat at Kirkwall to investigate. Arriving first, the helicopter crew saw the treacherous conditions and warned the lifeboat, which duly abandoned its approach. The helicopter finally made radio contact with the yacht's skipper and advised him to evacuate – but he and his crew were unwilling, wanting to sit out the weather.



Falling off a cliff

And so they waited. But by the early hours of Sunday it was certainly not the place to be – the wind direction had changed. An easterly force 10 storm was now pounding straight into the bay and Inanna's crew were woken by a loud crashing sound. The force of the sea had ripped the windlass (an anchor winch) from the bow of the yacht. The crew immediately dropped their second anchor but were forced to let that go too. For fear of running aground, they sent out a mayday.

The Coastguard helicopter scrambled and Kirkwall Lifeboat Operations Manager

Christopher Irvine paged the crew at 12.56am. Just 13 minutes later the Margaret Foster launched with Second Coxswain Stewart Ryrrie and four crew members onboard. 'To avoid the worst of the weather and the tidal overfalls [steep, breaking seas caused by opposing currents and wind], I took the lifeboat through the buoyed channel in Wide Firth before passing north of Green Holm,' explains Stewart. He kept the lifeboat in deeper water but a heavy swell made going slow. An hour later, the lifeboat was still encountering 4–6m breaking seas with a 5m swell.

Shortly after 2am, the lifeboat hit a very steep wave and launched off the crest. Stewart says: 'It was like the sea had disappeared and we fell into a hole.' For up to 5 seconds she was in freefall before crashing into a deep trough. Shockwaves went through the lifeboat. Stewart heard an agonising scream from one of his crew: 'They were all strapped into their seats of course but one, Iain Seatter, was in a great deal of pain – he had some kind of back injury.' There was no choice but to divert to Stronsay Harbour, where they were met by a doctor. He diagnosed soft tissue injuries only but Iain's shout was over. Shetland Coastguard retasked the helicopter to airlift the injured lifeboatman to hospital.

Volunteer recruit

The noise of the rotor blades had woken Bill Miller, a retired Scotland Yard Detective, turned local fisherman and RNLI fundraising Branch Secretary. He went down to the pier and helped the Harbour Master with the winchman's transfer. The strong winds made the manoeuvre dangerous, Bill explains: 'We were concerned that the line would get caught in the helicopter's rear prop with dire consequences for the helicopter or the winchman.' After some difficulty, at 3.50am, Iain was successfully winched up in a stretcher.

But this left the lifeboat with just four men onboard – not enough for safe operation in such severe weather. So Stewart asked Bill if he would be willing to go with them. He agreed immediately even though he knew he'd be risking his own life. Stewart comments: 'His invaluable local knowledge made Bill an ideal choice.' Divisional Inspector of Lifeboats for Scotland, Wave Crookes, applauds Stewart's 'commendable leadership and determination', adding: 'He motivated his remaining crew to continue despite the conditions. And Bill is a fine example of the spirit that the institution is built on.'

Although there was still a heavy swell and the occasional large wave, the lifeboat made 6–7 knots, making the trip leading up to Mill Bay as comfortable and safe as possible. The Coxswain and his crew were, however, all aware of the severity of what they would face. With the wind blowing towards the shore there would be little room for error and they needed all their courage and commitment to cross the entrance to the bay with a reef each side. Stewart's concentration was crucial in steering the boat through the breaking seas. Bill recalls: 'Visibility ahead was zero and it was impossible to see what was following on behind too. Suddenly we got hit by a massive following wave, which spun the lifeboat around 180° so we were facing out to sea again!' The lifeboat broached twice but Stewart kept his nerve and persevered until they were in the relative shelter of the bay.

A waiting game

Meanwhile Inanna's crew had fortunately found their fuel gauge to be faulty and had been motoring back and forth in the calmer west of the bay to keep clear of the shore. Now the skipper shone a light towards the lifeboat whose crew threw a line to secure the yacht to their stern. Stewart knew it would be unwise to leave the bay in the continuing severe gale and darkness and so dropped anchor for 2 hours, allowing both crews to take stock and get some rest.

When first light came at 7.18am, the lifeboat released the line before hauling up its anchor. Inanna followed under its own power. The entrance to the bay was still a maelstrom but miraculously there was now a 100m gap of clear water to navigate through.

The lifeboat led the yacht clear of Papa Stronsay towards Whitehall Pier where they arrived safely at 8.20am, to be greeted by Bill's wife Breda with hot food and drinks.

Kirkwall's lifeboat eventually returned to station at 10.10am. Wave says: 'The only damage to the *Margaret Foster* was sheared pipe mounting brackets. Unfortunately, Iain damaged a bone in his back, although he is now back at work on light duties.' Bill is full of praise for: 'the cool, calm and professional manner in which Stewart handled the lifeboat and the professionalism and dedication of the crew members. When you witness something like this at first hand as I did, it makes you proud.' Official recognition came in February with Second Coxswain Stewart Ryrie being awarded the Thanks of the Institution Inscribed on Vellum.



Thank you to Mrs. Brenda Tredger for sending in this article . As Brenda says 'it's an excellent antidote to the take no risks culture so prevalent today'. Article reproduced with kind permission of the RNLi featured in the Lifeboat issue 591 spring 2010

Our Website continues to be updated

The Chevron UK Pensioners' Association website: - <http://www.cukpa.org.uk>

The site contains many articles of interest to pensioners and links to a number of other informative sites. Plus it also contains contact information about the management of your pension, shares, Isas, etc .

Please put the web address into your "Favourites" and delete any old ones.

We are interested in your comments, good or bad, so please pass them to us at cuk-pa@cukpa.org.uk . many thanks.

Early Information Groups

Our facebook Group is still active "CUKPA" and is restricted to members. There is also an introduction Facebook Group "ChevronUKPensionersAssociation".

More importantly we have now added in LinkedIn : www.linkedin.com.

Please connect with Dave Poulter on this site and join our Group "Chevron UK Pensioners' Association, CUKPA" for our latest information, to connect with other members, and to assist us in communicating with you. You can also raise issues of interest to you and hold discussions.

Please join us

To keep costs down the Association AGM is being held after the Croydon lunch on September 22nd. The venue is The Croydon Park Hotel, 7 Altyre Rd Croydon CR9 5AA and the meeting will begin at 15.15pm. Please come and give us your support - and of course take the opportunity to have your say!

Can you please help?

Can you please help us to trace these people, we get a Standing Order payment from them but have no current address for them:

A) Is your Account from Lloyds TSB Bank, The Cross Worcester:
Sort Code 30-**-90 Account No. 5****968,
did you pay us £7 on the 30th September 2010?

B) Is your Account from Lloyds TSB Bank, Mannofield Aberdeen:
Sort Code 87-**-12 Account No. 8****168,
did you pay us £2 on the 14th June 2011?

C) Can you identify :
TR Watts
JL Williamson
If so please send us their contact details or information on who they are paying for.

We also need contact details for :

Margaret ECS,
Stiles GAE and or WW,
Thomas TM or S.

If you have any information please tell Dave Poulter, 98 Goshawk Drive, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 8XP, Phone 01245601451, email dav-pou@blueyonder.co.uk.

Calling all ex Gulf Oil people

For those of you not attending the London lunch Alan Barton is organising a get together for ex Gulf Oil employees on the same day (Thursday September 29th.)

Venue is The Devonshire Arms, 7 Duke Street, starting at 11.45am. The Devonshire Arms offers good hot and cold food and has a small dining area.

Need any more info? Contact Alan on 01689 897697.

One for our golfers

Arthur Lyddall will be running the annual Stableford Competition (for the twentieth time) at Chelsfield Lakes Golf Centre on Thursday, 13th October commencing at 0900 hours with bacon baps and coffee followed by eighteen holes and a two course meal.

Interested parties are cordially invited
to contact Arthur on 020 8657 8240 or Email

ajl@arthuryddall.co.uk

Testing zee little grey cells

Sacrebleu mes amis it is time to test zee little grey cells once again wiz zis Ditloid. Never heard of zem? Don't worry you will soon pick it up. Here's an example - 12 MITY - (Answer = 12 months in the year)

Now try your luck wiz zese

7 BF7B

101 D

3BM

T10C

366 DIALY

T39S

6 WOHTE

ABAT40T

T7WOTW

50WTLYL

N10DS

12SOTZ

16 OIAP

T3WM

(strictly as a last resort !) zee answers are on page 11

A jolly good read

'The Longest Climb' - if you like true adventure books then I can recommend this as a jolly good read.

Imagine starting at the lowest point on earth and ending up at the highest point on earth - that's what the author and his team set out to do - cycling from the shores of the Dead Sea in Jordan through Syria, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and India to reach Tibet and the bottom of Everest.

They endure extreme hardship all the way and it makes for a book that's hard to put down once you've started.

Did they manage to climb to the highest point on earth to complete their journey?

Read the book and find out!

'The Longest Climb' written by Dominic Faulkner and published by Virgin Books

Read any good books lately? Please send us your review so that we can give the book a mention.

Dick Marland

The Chevron UK Pension Website.

We urge you to become acquainted with the UK pension website www.chevronukpension.co.uk it can provide you with your pension information, access to the company shares and Fidelity websites and to our web site, plus all the documentation on your pension scheme. After the new year it should also provide you with payslip information. Initially it will not give the qualifying parts of your pay but it is hoped that this can be provided in the future. All you need to access the site is your National Insurance Number and your Chevron Pension Plan Membership Number.

**Notice of the
Annual General Meeting
of the
Chevron UK Pensioners' Association**

TO BE HELD AT THE CROYDON PARK HOTEL
7 ALTYRE ROAD, CROYDON, SURREY CR9 5AA
ON THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 1515 HOURS.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 1st October 2010 (see page 10).
3. Chairman's Review of 2010/2011 activities.
4. Review of Accounts and Treasurer's Report.
5. Election of new committee.

In accordance with the rules of the Constitution Alan Higgins and Chris Morris are offering themselves for re-election.

Ted Williams who has been co-opted onto the committee is offering himself for election.

(Members are invited to propose candidates for election to the Committee by completing the Nomination Form below and returning it to the Secretary no later than 1st September 2011).

6. Any other business.



.....
Committee Nomination Form

Name (block capitals)

Address.....

Is nominated to serve as a Committee member of the Association

Proposer (block capitals)..... Signed.....

Seconder (block capitals)..... Signed.....

I agree to serve on the Committee if elected

Signed (Nominee).....

After completion please send this form to the Secretary ,

David Low, Hill Farm, Houghton, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire SA73 1NE

CHEVRON UK PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER 2010
AT THE THISTLE HOTEL CHELTENHAM
AT 1500 HOURS

There were 23 members present at the meeting.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from 7 members.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8th October 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF 2009/2010 ACTIVITIES

The Chairman commented on current levels of inflation and the last pension supplementation which was effective 1 December 2008. He assured members that the Association continued to urgently pursue the issue of supplementation.

The Chairman gave a comprehensive review of the activities of the Association during the year which included two meetings with senior company management.

The association has also participated in company website development discussions with the payroll service provider AON.

REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported income, for the year ending 30 September 2010, of £5,616.71 and expenditure of £5,421.74 resulting in a surplus for the year of £264.97. Bank balances at 30 September 2010 were £8,517.33, interest received was £43.21 and prepaid subscriptions were £654.00.

Expenses are up by some £600 due to room hire costs and the purchase of a dedicated laptop computer plus software.

Membership is currently 1016 up 9 since last year. The current membership subscription rate structure will be retained until the reserves drop to around £3,000, unless a major expense is envisaged. It has been decided to roll forward the £2.00 subscription to 1985.

The member's website has been expanded to provide increased information with cross links to the Company website.

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

In accordance with the rules of the Constitution John Charnock, Trevor Jones, David Low, John O'Donnell and David Poulter retired. All offered themselves for re-election and there being no other nominations for the Committee were duly elected.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The Chairman thanked all those attending the AGM. The meeting closed at 1615 hours.

Cure for Bad Tempers

*No more shall women work and toil
From early morn till night
For 'Twelvetrees' washing powder now
Makes heavy washes light.*

*You've just to boil the dirtiest clothes
For half an hour or so
Then rinse and dry, and they will be
As white as driven snow.*

*So trifling is the toil and time
And soap that's now required
That Twelvetrees powder proves to be
The very thing desired*

*Then, woman, try this powder once
Why rub your fingers sore?
With three hours work by breakfast time
Your washing may be o'er*

***from the Brierley Hill Advertiser of January 1860 - possibly one
of the earliest adverts for washing powder!***

Answers to the Ditloid quiz on page 5

7BF7B (seven brides for seven brothers)
101D (101 Dalmatians)
3BM (3 blind mice)
T10C (the 10 commandments)
366 DIALY (366 days is a leap year)
T39S (the 39 steps)
6WOHTE (6 wives of Henry the Eighth)
ABAT40T (Ali Baba and the 40 thieves)
T7WOTW (the 7 wonders of the world)
50WTLYL (50 ways to leave your lover)
N10DS (number 10 Downing St.)
12SOTZ (12 signs of the zodiac)
16OIAP (16 ounces in a pound)
T3WM (the 3 wise men)

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COMPANY NEWS

SAN RAMON, Calif., July 29, 2011 – Chevron Corporation (NYSE: CVX) today reported earnings of \$7.7 billion (\$3.85 per share – diluted) for the second quarter 2011, compared with \$5.4 billion (\$2.70 per share – diluted) in the 2010 second quarter.

SAN RAMON, Calif., July 25, 2011 – Chevron Corporation (NYSE: CVX) and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) announced today the formation of an alliance to develop a range of technologies to improve the production and recovery of oil and natural gas resources. The alliance's initial focus is to develop a wide range of technologies—including power transmission, signal processing and electrical actuation—for application in deepwater.

Forbes Magazine dated August 3rd, 2011

One of the Earth's most ecologically delicate habitats is also home to a \$50 billion natural gas project. It is Barrow Island, 75 miles off the coast of Western Australia. The Gorgon Project will eventually produce 25 million tons of LNG a year (and ultimate cost north of \$50 billion). Chevron is the major stake holder.

Chevron Share price at 8th August = \$ 92.08

Your Pension

Don't forget any pension queries, address changes or bank changes, should be advised to Chevron Pensions, AON Consulting Ltd. 25 Marsh St. Bristol BS1 4AQ - Freephone 0800 585824 or from outside the UK +44 (0) 117 929 4001 or
Email: chevron.pensions@aonconsulting.co.uk