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Dear readers,

Welcome to your latest issue of SPA News. I hope this finds you well and starting to enjoy the lovely autumn colours and cozy evenings in front of the fire.

You’ll see that our magazine cover features the famous Bluebird, and on p14-15 Ardella Jones gets her motor helmet and driving goggles on for a spin around all things automotive!

On page 10 we investigate how any of you with a financial background might like to combine your skills with a taste for adventure, and put them to use for the good of others, either here or abroad.

On p11-13 financial guru Tina Gilchrist has a plethora of useful updates for you, and on p17 we have some handy tips from the Institute of Advanced Motoring on how older drivers can keep safe on the roads, and some pointers on how to go about choosing or changing private healthcare insurance.

On p16 we hear from one of the authors of the famous Shell Guides, and on p18 Helen takes a trip down memory lane as she fondly recalls the bastion of office life until the late 70s – the Tea Lady.

Our Time Out pages (22-23) feature an offer for tickets to see a new Goya exhibition, as well as a cruise offer, and the chance to win a fantastic framed print.

Thank you again for your letters. We rarely have the space to publish them all but please be assured that we read and enjoy every single one of them.

Remember, those of you with access to a computer could join our Facebook page. There you can post messages and see news that doesn’t always make it into the magazine due to time or space restrictions: www.facebook.com/shell.spa.news.

As always, suggestions for future articles are very welcome, too – the next copy deadline is 1 December.

Warm wishes,
Linda.
THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE
- COLIN LAMBERT,
SEC OF SOUTH HANTS & DORSET SPA

I’d been working for Mobil in Victoria St for a couple of years but saw an ad in the Telegraph for Trainee Reps and I applied. I was turned down flat without an interview, probably because in those days changing oil companies was looked on with the same disdain as changing working for banks. However, a week later the same ad appeared again; I thought ‘what the heck’, reapplied and this time got an interview. Interviewer, John Veitch, said “Frankly, Mr Lambert, I wanted to meet the chap who could be so damn cheeky as to apply for the same job twice in a fortnight.”

I joined SMBP on the 1 June 1972 via the Knightsbridge office, completed my training and was posted to BP and sent to Bristol as a ‘weekly boarder’. After a year I was ‘rebranded’ and changed from green & yellow to red & yellow. I eventually became Retail Lubricants Development Manager covering the south western peninsula from Dorchester round the tip to the southern half of Bristol. Some patch and some very fond memories!

The photo is of me us on our 12-week Trainee Representatives course, where we stayed in the (then) White House Hotel Regents Park.

FIT FOR PURPOSE
- DAVID JAMES-BAILEY

Shell Fitness Unit sweatshirt circa 1977, still seeing active service after all those years, although now consigned to keeping me warm when gardening on cooler evenings and other menial jobs around the house. Anyone remember them? Don’t know who made them – the label is missing, but they were a very good buy.

ACOL BRIDGE ANYONE?
- ERIC MENTZER

After a 40-year gap, I’ve just done the beginner’s course (again) in Acol bridge at the West Hampstead Acol Club, and recently had many hours of supervised bridge sessions. I enjoy it very much, but pay at least £10 per session.

I wondered if there are any other pensioners who are looking for partners at my level?

Anyone interested should contact the SPA office for Eric’s phone number.

CHEERS!
- GRAHAM MUSTO

When I retired from TRC one of my gifts was a decanter and four whisky glasses. During a house move one of the glasses got damaged. I’ve searched the internet (well Google has!) but to no avail. Do you have any suggestions as to the supplier? Or did they come from the Shell executives’ drinks cabinet?!

The only info on the glasses is “IRENA lead crystal Made in Poland”. I was upset to find the damage; you must get more sentimental as you get older. Any help would be much appreciated.

Does any reader have one of these glasses they’d be willing to part with? Ed
SPADES NEWS

SPA LETTERS

MAGNA CARTA
- BRYAN COOKSON

I was very proud to be asked to write and perform this poem at St Mary’s Church in Stanwell, the church where the barons gathered before going to Runnymede, where King John sealed the famous Magna Carta 800 years ago.

101 USES OF A WALKING STICK
- MARTIN KNOWLES

Sorry to read about Helen’s mishap in the last issue, and I’m saddened the way walking sticks are all too often associated with age. Brought up on a farm, I’ve carried walking sticks since the age of seven. Nettles, brambles, dog poo, dead rabbits, intruders to name only a few of their uses, plus one that saved me from injury when I began to slide down a steep slope in snow on a walking tour high in the Alps in 1951. Today, a walking stick is an essential companion on SPA expeditions to country houses, gardens, or museums around East Anglia. My prize possession is a rustic walking stick purchased from Bacon Brothers in Cambridge in 1953; it has a 21” beautifully engraved steel sword concealed in the shaft. Sadly no longer permissible to carry it away from our farm!

PLEA FOR HELP!
- BILL SHERLOCK

When sorting through my garage I often come across a rusty tin with a small, shiny silver coloured badge bearing the insignia ATAS SARAWAK in red (see hand-drawn image below). It has a hinged safety-pin on the back. I don’t recall how I acquired this badge and wonder if any reader can shed some light, such as who made them, and for whom? What does ‘ATAS’ stand for, and why the Cross of Lorraine?

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Bobby Watson started in Shell Mex & BP in 1964 and worked in the Motor Repair Centre. After brand separation he was designated to Shell UK Oil, which eventually became Shell Northern Ireland, and retired in 1991. He was awarded The British Empire Medal in the Queen’s New Year’s Honours and the Citation reads: ‘A member of Lisburn Rugby Football Club for Service to Sport in Northern Ireland.’ He joined Lisburn R.F.C. in 1954 and played for their regular teams until he was 50. He then joined the Ulster Branch of the Referee’s Society and refereed until he was 64, and now assesses referees on Saturdays. He helped start Mini Rugby in 1975 and is proud that there are now over 200 boys and girls playing every Saturday morning. He’s also a member of Lisburn Golf Club and assists the Juvenile Convener to organise various summer competitions.

To this day Bobby doesn’t know who nominated him! The Investiture took place in April in Hillsborough Castle, presented by the Queen’s Representative The Lord Lieutenant of County Antrim Mrs Joan Christie O.B.E. He was accompanied by his wife, son, daughter-in-law, and brother. He also received an invitation to a Garden Party in Buckingham Palace, which he and his wife attended in May.
MORE MEMORABILIA - IAN BATTAMS

I retired from Stanlow Refinery in September 2015 after 47 years, 44 of them within the ‘Shell family’ and the final three with the ‘in-laws’ of Essar. When I left I had to clear my desk and a glass-fronted cabinet where I’d kept various items relating to Shell processes I worked on. There was also a collection of Shell memorabilia; I’ve attached some photos for readers to see. They now take pride of place in the office on a newly erected shelf.

NO ROOM AT THE INN
- ROBIN HARRIS

A recent issue that mentioned the Melik bought back some vivid memories. Khartoum was my first overseas assignment (1959) and, as often happened, I arrived in the very small hours of the morning. A driver took me to the Grand Hotel. There was no booking for me and no room so I was taken in pitch darkness (and not understanding a word of what had been said) down to the Melik and installed in a cabin, which I had to explore by touch. I was the only person on the boat. There were insects, strange noises and a very hard bunk … and a complete absence of information. There being no water or electricity on board, the next morning I made my way to the hotel to wash and shave. The only available power point was at floor level next to the phone booth in the entrance hall; there I had to sit and shave, to the amusement of all, and my great embarrassment! Things got better from then and the rest of my time in the Sudan was a wonderful experience.

SHELL-MEX & BP 44 CLUB
- GLASGOW BRANCH

The Glasgow Branch extends its membership to anyone who is a pensioner of Shell or BP in addition to the SMBP people – you don’t have to be a member of the 44 Club. We meet in Glasgow once a month between October and March and have guest speakers and a fun quiz to finish off the season. The Branch Committee are trying to organise ‘satellite’ meetings for members who can’t get into Glasgow but who’d like to keep in touch, exchange memories and re-connect with ex-colleagues over a coffee somewhere closer to home. The first of these took place in Newton Mearns; other locations could be Helensburgh, Bearsden, Erskine or anywhere within reasonable reach of Glasgow that would attract at least four members. We’re a very friendly bunch and would love to extend our membership and our activities. For more details, please contact Elaine Ellen on 01389 830409/elaine.ellen@btinternet.com.
Now that we are all rested and tanned after the glorious summer – well, rested at least – we can look forward to the colours of Autumn and, dare I say, the run-up to Christmas. I have been criticized in the past for not making the carol service prominent enough so:

**SHELL CAROL SERVICE**

*St Cement Danes*

16 December at midday

My article about walking sticks generated quite a bit of feedback and thank you for those who sent good wishes. One member recalled his favourite stick, back in the 50s, which had a handy sword concealed inside. Although he lived on a farm, the authorities might still have something to say about that today. I am pleased to say I am stick-free, though still mending. One frustration was that every time I put the stick on the back of my chair, it seemed to crash to the floor. I came across an RNIB product, priced at £6.30 which is a useful plastic gadget to hook your walking stick on to flat surfaces, such as a work top, or rest it on the back of a chair, leaving your hands free. Fingers crossed I won’t need to buy one, but am reassured that it exists. That’s your first Christmas present idea!

My second Christmas gift suggestion costs nothing at all! Did you know you can enjoy a guided tour of Elizabeth Tower, better known to you and me as Big Ben. Write to your local MP, who has an allocation, although you may have to wait a few months. You can apply for up to six tickets. Over 18s only I’m afraid. The tour starts in Portcullis House, then under the road tunnel to the tower. There are breathtaking views across London and earplugs are provided for the hourly chime. They are definitely needed. This may not be one for the walking stick users amongst us – there are 300 steps, though they are climbed in several stages, as you work your way up through the different rooms and mechanisms.

If you are planning meeting for lunch with ex-colleagues, then you might want to do so before the end of the year. SPA has been given the following notification to pass on:

“Currently, along with some employees in a number of Shell locations, pensioners are able to benefit from the
occasional free meal when visiting Shell office locations. Very few companies now provide a fully subsidised employee lunch. With effect from 1 February 2016 fully-subsidised employee lunches will no longer be provided to employees and the cost of staff meals will align with external market practice. In the light of that, the company feels it would be inappropriate to continue to offer free lunches to pensioners with effect from the same date, albeit on an occasional basis. Pensioners will still be able to benefit from using the staff restaurant facilities when visiting Shell office locations and easy payment options are now in place using contactless and credit/debit cards. We hope you will agree that this makes sense and that SPA members are contributing to the cost-efficiency measures that Shell companies in the UK are implementing.

Shell Centre is now shrouded in scaffolding and barriers, as work begins on the redevelopment. If you are interested in buying one of the 800 or so riverside apartments, and have deep pockets, you may need to get your skates on. Apparently there was a rush of interest in July, before the sales office even opened in September.

Thanks for the memories
2015 marks 50 years since Shell and ExxonMobil established their joint venture for North Sea operation and production. The rich history of the joint venture is a record of innovation delivered through pioneering technologies and processes. It is a chronicle of people putting teamwork at the heart of all that happens onshore and offshore. It is also a story of transformation, of how the oil and gas industry grew to make a vital contribution to UK energy security. To help bring the story of the Joint Venture to life, the company is compiling an online memory book. They would like to hear your stories, anecdotes and recollections; what was it really like to work Offshore as a pioneer of this British industrial success story?

Pádraig McCloskey is coordinating the Memory project. If you are a current or former employee he would love to hear from you.

You can email Pádraig: Pádraig.McCloskey@shell.com or write to him at Shell UK Limited, 1 Alten Farm Road, Nigg, Aberdeen AB12 3FY. You can also contact SPA and we will forward to him.

Don’t forget to vote!
SCPF members should by now have received ballot papers from Electoral Reform Services for a Member-Nominated Director (MND), to join the Pension Trustee Board. The ballot paper includes election candidates’ biographies and photographs, and full details on how to vote. You may either cast your vote by post or by using Electoral Reform Services’ internet voting service.

The winner will be decided by you – so they need your vote! Voting closes 9 November, 5pm.

Diary dates
Once again I am indebted to a small army of volunteers who efficiently packaged and despatched over 2,000 SPA diaries this summer.

The surplus has allowed us to make a donation of £5,000 to SPBA (benevolence), a worthy charity, I’m sure you will agree. Every year, Pensioner Liaison Representatives nominate up to 400 SPA members for a Christmas award. This gesture makes a huge difference to some, making the festive season a little more affordable.
FORREST GUMP GOES TO HEAVEN

At the closed Pearly Gates Forrest Gump is met by St. Peter himself, who said, 'Well, Forrest, it’s certainly good to see you. We’ve heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we’ve been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven.'

'It's good to be here, St. Peter,' replies Forrest, 'but nobody told me about any entrance exam. I hope it ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was.'

St. Peter continued, 'Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions. First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T? Second: How many seconds are there in a year? Third: What is God's first name?'

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. Returning the next day, St. Peter waves him up, and says, 'Now you've had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers.'

Forrest replied, 'Well, the first – which two days in the week begins with the letter 'T'? Shucks, that one's easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow.'

The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, 'That's not what I was thinking, but you have a point, and I didn't specify, so I'll give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?'

'How many seconds in a year? That's harder,' replied Forrest, 'but I thunk and thunk about it and I guess the only answer can be twelve.'

Astounded, St. Peter said, 'Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?'

Forrest replied, 'Shucks, there's got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd...'

'Hold it,' interrupts St. Peter. 'I see where you're going with this, and I see your point, though that wasn't quite what I had in mind ... but I'll have to give you credit for that one, too. Let's go on with the final question. Can you tell me God's first name?'

'Sure,' Forrest replied, 'it's Andy.'

'Andy?' exclaimed an exasperated St. Peter. 'Ok, I understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as God’s first name?'

'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all,' Forrest replied. 'I learnt it from the song,

Andy walks with me,
Andy talks with me,
Andy tells me I am his own.'

St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said, 'Run, Forrest, run.'

I'M A SEENAGER
(SENIOR TEENAGER)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's licence and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and they don't use drugs. And I don't have acne. Life is great!

PICK-UP LINE?

A gentleman in his mid-nineties walks into an up-market cocktail lounge. He’s immaculately dressed, hair well groomed, has a flower in his lapel and smells slightly of an expensive aftershave.

Seated at the bar is a very classy-looking lady in her mid eighties. The sharp old gentleman walks over and sits beside her. He orders a drink, and takes a sip. Turning slowly to her he says, 'So tell me, do I come here often?'

AUTUMN SHADES

by reader Lionel Warner from Cumbria

Soft autumn lays its mellow hand on summer's fading green transforming all the countryside a wonder to be seen.

Half bronze, half tan some leaves appear, uncertain of their role when taking part in this display of a kaleidoscopic whole.

Tall, slender wands of flaming red stand out in contrast bold, against the mass of forest deep, now mainly cloth of gold.

On mountainsides the heather turns its flower to purple hue, as if a paint pot, overturned, runs down each year on cue.

Nights chill as short days ensue, with mornings crisp and bright, to give the human spirit boost before the winter's bite.

First frosts foretell of things to come, and stronger winds do blow, as leaves, once vivid, fall to ground to end the summer show.
SHELL CELEBRATES ITS HERITAGE AT GOODWOOD REVIVAL

The 2015 Goodwood Revival Festival saw Shell become the Official Fuel and Lubricants sponsor of this iconic event, marking an opportunity to look back and celebrate the innovations that Shell has brought to the development of aviation and motoring technology.

Shell’s presence was brought to life with a Shell Vintage Garage and Shell Aviation Fuelling Station, providing a glimpse into the golden years of engineering. It was also embodied through a collection of legendary vehicles on display, and through partners such as racing legend John Surtees, the only man to have won World Championships on two and four wheels.

The Revival commemorated the more-than one hundred years of heritage that Shell has in aviation, with the installation of a vintage Shell Fuelling Station at the Goodwood Aerodrome. The new heritage-themed station is part of the engineering works that Shell Aviation is undertaking at the Goodwood Estate as the sole supplier of aviation fuels for the aerodrome. The garage was popular, selling 50s and 60s themed merchandising and apparel. Also on sale were special cans of Shell Classic X-100 Motor Oil, launched at Goodwood by John Surtees, who also signed a limited number of cans, with some proceeds going towards the Henry Surtees Foundation.

Douglas Bader was an RAF flying ace during World War 2 and, later, GM of Shell Aviation. He made a significant contribution to fuel development at that time. There is a statue to him at Goodwood.

SHELL UPDATE ON ALASKA EXPLORATION

On 28 September 2015, Shell announced that it will now cease further exploration activity in offshore Alaska for the foreseeable future. The announcement provided an update on the Burger J exploration well, located in Alaska’s Chukchi Sea. The Burger J well is approximately 150 miles from Barrow, Alaska, in about 150 feet of water. Shell safely drilled the well to a total depth of 6,800 feet this summer in a basin that demonstrates many of the key attributes of a major petroleum basin. For an area equivalent to half the size of the Gulf of Mexico, this basin remains substantially under-explored.

Shell has found indications of oil and gas in the Burger J well, but these are not sufficient to warrant further exploration in the Burger prospect. The well will be sealed and abandoned in accordance with US regulations.

“The Shell Alaska team has operated safely and exceptionally well in every aspect of this year’s exploration program,” said Marvin Odum, Director, Shell Upstream Americas. “Shell continues to see important exploration potential in the basin, and the area is likely to ultimately be of strategic importance to Alaska and the US. However, this is a clearly disappointing exploration outcome for this part of the basin.”

Shell will now cease further exploration activity in offshore Alaska for the foreseeable future. This decision reflects both the Burger J well result, the high costs associated with the project, and the challenging and unpredictable federal regulatory environment in offshore Alaska.
HELP IMPROVE LIVES
WITH YOUR FINANCE EXPERIENCE

Shell is running a pilot program to develop a relationship with an organisation called Accounting for International Development (AfID), which connects Finance professionals with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) etc. who need support in managing their finance activities. This might also be attractive for pensioners looking for ways to continue using their Finance skills during retirement. AfID offers different ways to volunteer, either through overseas assignments with international NGOs (usually two-six weeks), or by connecting volunteers with UK charities looking for part-time finance support. AfID provides a facilitation and support service and matches volunteers with a suitable partner.

ADRIAN STOREY’S STORY

I’d been thinking of volunteering my finance skills outside of Shell and am always looking for interesting ways to spend my holiday time. An international assignment through AfID ticks both boxes. It was simple to join and AfID have a structured induction programme to explain international volunteering and address possible concerns.

Most of the support needed by NGOs is practical advice on how to run an office. For example, the biggest impact I had on one assignment was to introduce a cash book that details all receipts and payments! I’ve completed four assignments so far in Kampala, Phnom Penh, Nairobi, and Addis Ababa. My next will hopefully be to Saigon in early 2016.

I was nervous when flying out to Kampala. I knew next to nothing about Uganda other than it had suffered periods of extreme violence, as shown graphically in the film “Last King of Scotland”!

I’ve never felt unsafe – AfID provide a great support package and ensure local help will be available if needed, and I’m gratified by the warmth, friendship and openness of the people I have met in each country. I particularly remember two colleagues in Addis Ababa who gave up their weekend to show me the best parts of their city; being the only white person in a bar in a Nairobi slum and having a passionate but friendly discussion on the best English football team; and joining a community group discussion in Sihanoukville (Cambodia) to decide whether or not to buy an extra piglet for the village – incidentally, the decision was yes.

I had some amazing experiences: taking part in a health education class at a primary school; watching a mother white rhino feed her baby in the jungle; negotiating with village residents to help get our 4x4 extracted from a mud hole; braving Kampala traffic on a ‘boda boda’ (motorcycle taxi).

I feel fortunate to have contributed in a small way to improving lives in developing countries; this is a wonderful way to mix business with pleasure.

GORDON DOW’S STORY

My experience of volunteering with an international NGO has been slightly different to Adrian’s – I’m a pensioner and I do get modest remuneration. Initially, I responded to an advert in Accountancy Age. This was in 2005, in the wake of the 2004 tsunami and the organisation needed someone for a year to audit a multitude of projects. I thought it would be an interesting way to spend a year but 10 years later I’m still working with them, although now I only do two or three projects a year. I’ve travelled some 300,000 miles to countries such as India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Somalia, Afghanistan, Chad, Yemen, Cambodia and soon to the West Bank & Gaza. Many of the flights are actually taken using donated airmiles!

Security is taken extremely seriously and nowadays you have to go on a three-day course, where you’re put through some rather scary and rather too lifelike scenarios, such as how to react in a kidnap situation. It’s probably been the most interesting work I’ve ever done and certainly a great way to spend retirement.

For more information, go to: www.afid.org.uk
The Chancellor delivered his Budget Report on 08 July 2015. The main points are:

- **Tax-free Personal Allowance** – the amount people earn before they have to start paying Income Tax – will increase to £11,000 in 2016-17, instead of £10,800 as announced in the March budget. It will then increase to £11,200 from 2017-18, instead of £11,000 as previously announced.

- The government has a target to increase Tax Free Personal Allowance to £12,500 by 2020, and a law will be introduced so that once it reaches this level, people working 30 hours a week on the National Minimum Wage won’t pay any income tax at all.

- The amount people will have to earn before they pay tax at 40% will increase from £42,385 in 2015-16 to £43,000 in 2016-17, then to £43,600 in 2017-18. The NIC upper earnings limit will also increase so that it remains aligned with the higher rate threshold.

- Legislation will be introduced to modernise and strengthen HMRC’s powers to recover tax and tax credit debts directly from debtors’ bank and building society accounts, including funds held in cash ISAs. This measure will be subject to robust safeguards, including a county court appeal process and a face-to-face visit to every debtor before they are considered for debt recovery through this measure.

- The welfare system will be reformed to make it fairer for taxpayers who pay for it, while continuing to support the most vulnerable. Changes include:
  - most working-age benefits, including tax credits and Local Housing Allowance, will be frozen for four years from 2016-17 (not including maternity allowance, maternity pay, paternity pay and sick pay). The uprating freeze will extend to Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit
  - Disability benefits will also continue to be indexed by CPI, including Personal Independence Payment, Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance and Support Allowance (Support Group)
  - the household benefit cap will be reduced to £20,000 (£23,000 in London)
  - from April 2016, the rate at which a household’s tax credit is reduced as it earns more is to be increased to 48%, and the income rise disregard reduced from £5,000 to £2,500
  - from April 2016, the income threshold for tax credits is to be reduced from £6,420 to £3,850, with similar reductions for Universal Credit work allowances, which will no longer be awarded to non-disabled claimants without children
  - currently, people who receive benefits to help to pay their mortgage interest are able to do so indefinitely with no need to pay anything back. From 1 April 2018 the Support for Mortgage Interest scheme will be converted into a loan, repayable upon sale of the house, or when claimants return to work.
  - The dividend tax credit (which reduces the amount of tax paid on income from shares) will be replaced by a new £5,000 tax-free dividend allowance for all taxpayers from April 2016. Tax rates on dividend income will be increased. The new rates of tax on dividend income above the allowance will be 7.5% for basic rate taxpayers, 32.5% for higher rate taxpayers, and 38.1% for additional rate taxpayers.
  - From April 2017, each individual will be offered a family home allowance so they can pass their home on to their direct descendants (children or grandchildren) tax-free after their death. This will be phased in and will be £100,000 in 2017-2018, £125,000 in 2018-2019, £150,000 in 2019-2020, and £175,000 in 2020-2021. It will then increase in line with CPI from 2021 to 2022 onwards. Any unused nil-rate band will be transferred to a surviving spouse or civil partner. It will also be available when a person downsizes or ceases to own a home on or after 8 July 2015 and assets of an equivalent value, up to the value of the additional nil-rate band, are passed on death to direct descendants.
  - The family home allowance will be added to the existing £325,000 Inheritance Tax threshold, meaning the total tax-free allowance for a surviving spouse or civil partner will be up to £1 million in 2020-21. The allowance will be gradually withdrawn for estates worth more than £2 million. Inheritance Tax is currently charged at 40% on estates over the tax-free allowance of £325,000 per person. Married couples and civil partners can pass any unused allowance on to one another. The government will continue to freeze the nil-rate band at £325,000 until April 2021.
  - Most people can contribute up to £40,000 a year to their pension tax-free. From April 2016, this amount will be reduced to £10,000 in any one tax year, for individuals with incomes of over £150,000, including pension contributions. It will be index linked to inflation from the 2018-19 tax year.
  - From November 2015 the standard rate of Insurance Premium Tax will be increased from 6% to 9.5%.
  - The government has decided to delay implementation of legislation that will allow pensioners who are already receiving income from an annuity to agree with their annuity provider to assign their annuity income to a third party in exchange for a lump sum or an alternative retirement product. This measure will now be delayed until 2017.
  - UK rules allow non-domiciled individuals (non-doms) to pay UK tax on their offshore income only when they bring it into the UK. Non-doms are people who live in the UK, but consider their permanent home to be elsewhere. Permanent non-dom status will be abolished from April 2017. From that date, anyone who’s been resident in the UK for 15 of the past 20 years will be considered UK-domiciled for tax purposes.
  - From April 2017, individuals who
are born in the UK to parents who are domiciled here, will no longer be able to claim non-domicile status whilst they are resident in the UK.

- From 2017, there will be a flat rate of £140 Vehicle Excise Duty for most cars, except in the first year when tax will remain linked to the CO2 emissions that cars produce. Electric cars won’t pay any road tax at all and the most expensive cars will pay more. Existing cars will not be affected – no one will pay more for a car that they already own.

- The government will extend the deadline for the first MOT of new cars and motorcycles from three to four years.

- The freeze on fuel duty will continue until at least the end of 2015.

**STATE BENEFITS**

**Pension increases:** the Chancellor has confirmed that the 'triple lock', which guarantees the annual increase on the State Pension by 2.5%, CPI or growth in earnings, will be maintained and other benefits for pensioners, including the Winter Fuel Allowance and free TV licences for over 75s, will be protected for the duration of this Parliament.

**Cap on care costs:** the Department of Health has announced that the proposed cap on care costs, which was due to be implemented in April 2016, will now be postponed until April 2020. Costs were to be limited to £72,000 for the over-65s and younger adults with disabilities.

**Carer’s Credit:** a National Insurance credit that helps with gaps in your National Insurance record. Many carers are not aware that they could get Carer’s Credit if they’re caring for someone for at least 20 hours a week. This means you can take on they’re caring for at least the end of 2015.

**TAXATION**

**P800 Tax Calculation:** Between now and the end of October 2015, you may receive a P800 tax calculation form from HMRC to notify you if you have overpaid or underpaid your tax during the tax year. HMRC will tell you how they will be collecting any underpayment, or they will send you a cheque if they owe you money. There’s no need to contact them unless you think the details they’ve used are wrong. If you do receive a P800 tax calculation, it is important you check all the details are correct. You don’t need to do anything if the calculation is correct. If you think the calculation is incorrect, contact HMRC on: 0345 608 4321; Textphone: 0345 604 5312. Lines are open: Mon to Thurs, 8:30am-5pm, Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. If you are receiving Carer’s Allowance or Child Benefit, you do not need to do anything as the credits are automatic.

**FINANCE**

**Personal savings protection:** The Bank of England has cut by £10,000 the amount of a saver’s money that would be protected if a bank went bust, because of the slump in the euro over the past five years. The guarantee now covers £75,000 per account rather than £85,000. The reduced cover brings the UK into line with the rest of the EU, which has a threshold of protection of €100,000. Changes are also being made so that savings of up to £1m will be covered for six months where money has been temporarily deposited, e.g. from a house sale or an insurance claim. Equitable Life Payment Scheme: an extra payment is being made in early 2016 to non with profit annuity (WPA) policyholders who have already received 22.4% of their relative losses from the scheme and are in receipt of Pension Credit. This payment will be an additional 22.4% of an individual’s relative loss, meaning that eligible policyholders on Pension Credit will receive a total of 44.8% of their relative losses from the Scheme. Policyholders do not need to do anything. The Scheme will verify all non-WPA policyholder information with the DWP in early 2016. The Scheme will use the contact details it holds for these policyholders to issue the warrants for the payments. If you’ve changed your address since your last payment from the Scheme, please inform Equitable Life in writing as soon as possible so that they can ensure you’re paid swiftly. The postal address is: Equitable Life Payment Scheme, PO Box 4110, Glasgow, G58 1EL. Policyholders due the payment who have not been contacted but apply to the Scheme before 31 December 2015 will, provided they are receiving Pension Credit, also receive an additional payment. The existing Equitable Life Payment Scheme will close to new claims on 31 December 2015. To check eligibility and
SHELL PENSIONERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION – AGM

The 45th SPBA AGM was held at the Bridge Hotel, Wetherby on 14 May, following the SPA AGM. The report to SPBA members showed a good year for the Association, where donations and investment income only just exceeded grants for the year by £2,000. SPBA’s assets now total around £2 million. The increase in investments during the year was due to gains on investments held and the transfer of assets into the Association from the Shell-Mex and BP Pensioners Benevolence Association (SMBPA) on 1 December 2014, rather than purchases of investments. Interest free loans to pensioners also increased during the year due to gains on investments held and the transfer of assets into the Association from the SMBPA.

The following items were considered at the meeting:

1. The minutes of the 44th AGM held on 14 May, 2014 were agreed.
2. The minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 4 December 2014, to agree to amalgamate the SMBPA, having been made available to members present were agreed.
3. The Annual Report was considered and agreed by members.
4. The election of proposed Board members was agreed, nominated as Trustees of the SPBA at the Trustee meeting held on 3 June 2015.
5. Paul Myers was appointed Independent Examiner for the forthcoming year.

The 46th AGM is likely to be held on Thursday May 12 2016 in Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA.

Annuity Protection Scheme: the government has announced that from 3 July 2015, protection for annuities if the provider goes bust, increased to 100% of the value, from the present 90%.

This increase does not include income drawdown policies, which only have £50,000 protected.

GENERAL

Lasting Power of Attorney Forms, changes: the Office of the Public Guardian (OPA) have announced that new, simpler and clearer lasting power of attorney (LPA) forms were introduced on 1 July 2015. Both property and financial affairs LPAs and health and welfare LPAs will be simplified. To make this change easier for everyone, the OPA will be accepting both the old and new versions of LPA forms for six months, from the date of the change.

• From 1 July 2015 until 1 January 2016, you can use either the old or new versions of the forms to create and register an LPA.
• If the old LPA forms have been completed, signed and dated correctly by 1 January 2016, they can still be registered at any time providing they have been made correctly.
• If an LPA made using the old forms has not been completed, signed and dated by 1 January 2016, they won’t be able to be registered, and the new, simpler forms will need to be completed.

No changes are being made to enduring power of attorney (EPA) forms at this time. These can still be registered after the introduction of the new LPA forms.

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THE MAGIC OF MOTORSPORTS
WITH THE HELP OF SOME SPA MEMBERS, ARDELLA JONES DOES A QUICK CIRCUIT ROUND SEVEN DECADES OF SHELL SPONSORED SPEED EVENTS

Shell’s innovations in high performance motor oils and fuels made for a natural partnership with motorsports, starting in 1939 when former Alfa Romeo racing driver Enzo Ferrari founded his own company. 1951 saw the Scuderia Ferrari team win their first Formula One victory at Silverstone with a normally aspirated 4.5 litre engine car, much smaller than its super-powered rivals, using a specially mixed Shell fuel. Michael Schumacher dominated the new millennium for Shell and Scuderia Ferrari, becoming World Drivers’ Champion in 2000 and having a seemingly permanent place on the winning podium for the Drivers’ and Constructors’ Championships until Finn, Kimi Räikkönen, dislodged him in 2007. Today Shell continues to play an invaluable part in Ferrari’s pursuit of technical perfection, not only developing efficient fuels and lubes for the new 1.6 turbocharge V6 engines but also testing samples in the trackside lab throughout each race so that engineers know how to improve the cars.

Shell scientists and competing teams collaborate to create sporting spectacles like the legendary Le Mans 24 Hours and the World Endurance Championships, with real world benefits in both gasoline and diesel technologies. The Hyundai Shell World Rally Team, a brand new force in this prestigious global rally series, has even developed a new car in the shape of the Hyundai i20 WRC, with a dazzling array of driving talent to match. Shell is also at the heart of motorbike racing, supplying Advance motorcycle engine oil and V-Power fuels to the Ducati and Pramac teams in MotoGP™ and the Superbike Championships, which provide extreme testing environments for products. Shell is supporting 22 rising young stars of international motorbike racing with the Advance Asia Talent Cup, a series of eight races located in Qatar, Indonesia, China, Japan, and Malaysia, which act as a springboard to the MotoGP™ World Championships.

Shell’s pre-eminent role in the sport, at home and abroad, was enhanced by Keith Collow, Motorsports Manager for Shell UK in the 1980s, who died in May 2014. Former Honda Britain and Norton team manager Barry Symmons paid tribute to Keith’s support of racers, from top teams to privateers, especially at the Isle of Man TT. “He backed Joey Dunlop’s Gemini Honda machines plus many other Northern Ireland riders,” says Barry. “Shell provided a fuel service at the Ulster Grand Prix and were great supporters of my own teams, including Honda Britain, Rothmans Honda, JPS Norton and the Boret’s Sidecar team. Keith will be sadly missed.”

MALAYSIAN MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX MEMORIES

The Malaysian Grand Prix started in 1962 as a Formula Two event plus motorcycle races along the hair-raising Thomson Road circuit near Bukit Timah in Singapore. In 1965 two young Brits, aircraft engineer Neale Smith and avionics engineer Alec Douglas Surtees Lugg, stationed at RAF Changi, got a chance to participate. Alec, who had raced motorcycles before in Malaysia and Singapore, entered his British-made Velocette 500cc and, despite torrential rain, weaved his way round the infamous Circus Hairpin, the Snakes and Devil’s Bend to finish first ahead of strong local rivals. He also competed in the 350cc race, finishing second on an Aeromachi.

Singapore ceded from the Malaysian Federation and hosted the Singapore Grand Prix on the Thomson Road circuit until it closed in 1973 following fatalities, reopening in 2008 with Formula One on the Marina Bay circuit. Meanwhile, the Malaysian Motorcycle Grand Prix continued in various forms until it found a new home at the new purpose-built Sepang Circuit near Kuala Lumpur in 1999. On leaving the RAF, Alec and Neale went on to join Bristow Helicopters then teamed up again in the Aviation Department of Shell Brunei, where they worked as senior engineers until 1997. They both live in Surrey where Neale is treasurer of the Velocette Owners’ Club, Dorking centre. Alec keeps his Malaysian Grand Prix trophy polished while Neale
SPA members Brian Hardy-Bishop, Peter Wharton (Chair of Selkent branch) and Jim Palmer (below, left to right) fly the flag as they enjoy a sneak preview of the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix venue. The 55-lap race takes place on the 5.5 km Yas Marina circuit on an island off the Abu Dhabi coast and was the first ever day/night race.

Bluebird at Pendine Sands 2015, in a rerun of its appearance in 1925 (see image on front cover)

SPEED KINGS

In July this year an historic recreation of Sir Malcolm Campbell’s record-breaking 1925 land-speed run took place at Pendine Sands, with his grandson Don Wales at the wheel of the restored Sunbeam 350 HP better known as the Bluebird. Supported by the Shell Heritage Art Collection, the National Motoring Museum had spent the last eight years rebuilding the Bluebird’s modified 18.3-litre V12 Manitou Arab aero engine after it sustained damage in a previous test start-up. The 90th anniversary outing was the car’s first real run since a 1962 lap of honour at Goodwood by Donald Campbell, son of Malcolm. Though Bluebird didn’t replicate its record-breaking speed of 150.766 mph (242.628 km/h), the Beaulieu team recreated scenes from the original day with Shell banners at the start line and Shell petrol for refueling plus a few 1920s caps for the crew (pictured). The iconic car also put in an appearance at the Goodwood Festival of Speed.

Offer: The Sunbeam Bluebird can be seen on display at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu at the Land-speed Records Story, with a 20% discount on entry for SPA members and families. Buy and print your advance admission ticket online at least one day before your visit at www.beaulieu.co.uk, and present it with proof of SPA membership on arrival.

Speed Kings

regularly rides his 1935 Velocette KSS and his classic Honda XBR500. Neale’s bikes may differ vastly from the titanium and carbon fibre “prototype” racers now competing in MotoGP™ but the enthusiasm and dedication of the riders remain unchanged.
A GUIDING LIGHT

R.M. Healey, author of one of the last Shell County Guides, shares his memories of the iconic series …

![Sir John Betjeman](image)

As a small boy in 1960s Swansea, Robin Healey was fascinated by his parents’ collection of Shell Shilling Guides, then by the County Guides and their unique vision of England. “I liked their look, the balance of text and images, the quirky comments,” says Robin, “they weren’t written by dull local historians.” Indeed the series’ founding father in 1934 was poet Sir John Betjeman, who promised the new generation of motorists and ‘the armchair traveller’ insights into unusual architecture and disappearing landscapes.

Robin may not have been Betjeman’s typical reader – ‘a plus-foured weekender who cannot tell a sham Tudor roadhouse from a Cotswold manor’ – but he was inspired to write a guidebook himself. In 1976, whilst still at Birmingham University, he met Douglas Hickman, author of Warwickshire, who suggested he contact editor John Piper. Robin ‘summoned up all (his) courage’ and wrote to Piper, who’d been working on the series since 1937. John Piper, an artist and, to use a Betjeman term, keen ‘church-crawler’, invited Robin to visit his home, generously giving him one of his Green Man lithographs as well as the chance of a commission. A pragmatic young man, Robin chose as his subject Hertfordshire, a county he had never visited, on the grounds that it was near London and therefore might sell more copies. Publishers Faber soon signed him up making him one of the youngest writers commissioned for the series.

At first Robin made slow progress as he was living in Birmingham and travelling every weekend to Herts where bad weather often halted his fieldwork. “I stayed in youth hostels,” he says, “starting in Tring. I remember spending the Queen’s Jubilee in the summer of ’77 in Ivinghoe.” In 1979, Robin moved to Hertfordshire to work full time on the book. “From then on I did much more, riding around on a little motorbike all day, taking photos and making notes, then typing them up at night on my old typewriter.”

Early in 1981, Robin delivered his finished manuscript, which met with approval bar a few editorial changes. “Faber did cut out some strong remarks I made about a certain café, which were almost libellous, but kept in a comment that Hitchin Museum was boring!” This was very much in keeping with the individual, sometimes irreverent, tone established by Betjeman. The photos, however, were less well received. “Though I took a lot of photographs myself, not a single one was used – they weren’t good enough,” says Robin, “Professional photographers were sent out later. The visual aspect of the guides was very important.” A full colour photo of Ashwell graces the dust jacket.

Although John Piper said that Hertfordshire was ‘one of his favourite Shell guides’, Robin was not commissioned to write another. Times were changing and sales were down, with the British holidaymaker opting for foreign package tours rather than days out in the countryside. Ironically, the last guide, Henry Thorold’s Nottinghamshire, won the Thomas Cook prize for best guidebook in 1984 just before Shell announced the end of the series. John Betjeman died aged 77 in the same year.

Robin Healey stayed in touch with John Piper until his death in 1992 and continues to collect Shell County Guides, though he hasn’t topped the find he made in a Brighton second-hand bookshop back in 1982: “I came across four spiral-bound guides from the early 1930s in good condition for fifty pence each.” Shell County Guides are now back in vogue, with some editions fetching hundreds of pounds, though Robin wouldn’t part with his – he’s too proud of his connection with this unique British institution.

From an interview recorded by the Shell Heritage Art Collection at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu on 23 July 2015
GETTING THE BEST OUT OF PRIVATE MEDICAL HEALTH

by Julie Thompson, HMCA

Most members will be aware of private health plans, and will often question if they really need it when they receive their annual renewal. In most cases, the answer will be no, but the knowledge that it provides you with peace of mind when faced with a medical problem will encourage you to keep it. The next question is, can you get it cheaper, and then you start to explore other providers.

Trying to compare medical plans is difficult because of the various clauses, jargon and rules that apply to different providers. Do you want in-hospital and overnight stays, or in-hospital outpatient cover and choice of hospital? There are moratoriums, excesses, and the list goes on. To simplify the process, first make a list of what YOU want from your plan – what best suits you, your state of health, lifestyle, and purse?

If you travel often or have sporting hobbies, you may want a plan that covers those. If you want to change from your current plan, does your potential provider offer a free transfer facility with no breaks in cover? Once you’ve made your list, you can start to compare providers and plans. A good tip is to balance what you need with what you want to pay.

A key factor of a private medical health plan is peace of mind when faced with the prospect of surgery or a medical condition. You need to be able to talk to your provider about any concerns you have and be treated in a personal, sympathetic and professional manner. The last thing you want is an automated service to get through to someone.

Having done your research, it’s time to choose. Call each provider and speak to your provider about any concerns you have and be treated in a personal, sympathetic and professional manner. The last thing you want is an automated service to get through to someone.

New developments can be useful. Power-steering makes parking easier and driving less tiring, even if aches and pains are taking their toll, while GPS devices save us from short-sightedly poring over maps in lay-bys. But roads are busier, layouts more complicated, and motoring manners less genteel. A road rage incident or a minor prang can result in an older driver losing confidence in their abilities and judgement. Nervousness doesn’t enhance a motorist’s competence. Some drivers might even decide to give up their licence and lock their cherished runabout in the garage. However, help is at hand.

Road safety charity, the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM), has introduced the Mature Driver’s Assessment to provide an impartial second opinion on your ability to drive.

It’s a good way of ensuring that you meet the minimum eyesight standards and are still fit enough to get behind the wheel. After the 60-minute assessment, you’ll receive a confidential written report and an ‘Excellent’/’Competent’ driver’s certificate, or advice that your driving isn’t up to scratch and how you can improve it. Deciding if and when to stop driving is difficult but the assessment can help you make an informed choice. No one wants to put themselves, their passengers or other road users in danger, so why not spend an hour making sure you’re safe?

Check your road skills with the IAM Mature Driver’s Assessment. SPA has negotiated a special price for members of £44 (a saving of £5). To take advantage, phone 0300 303 1134 and quote “SHELL” or contact www.iam.org.uk/mda.

DRIVE ON ... WITH THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

Andy Hull (SPA Committee member)

There are 4.5 million drivers over 70 on UK roads, 1.17 million of whom are over 80, while 232 licence holders have received a telegram from the Queen. Britain’s oldest licence holder is 107. Many SPA members fall into the mature motorists category and enjoy their cars for shopping, family outings, weekends away and touring holidays.

Older drivers are proven to be the safest on the roads but we all know that our reactions slow down and our eyes are not quite as sharp as they once were. New technologies, road code updates and other changes also challenge our skills. Even that Queen of the Road SPA Secretary Helen Page admits she had no idea new style gear transmissions mean you no longer need to change down through the gears as she had been taught!
EVERYTHING STOPPED FOR TEA

by Helen Page

Do you remember the army of women who kept the workforce refreshed? I don’t recall any tea men. The exception was the stewards, who looked after senior management, where tea and coffee were served on a tray, with quality crockery, comprising not just a cuppa, but an entire pot.

Hot drinks were served at your desk by a lady who knew how you took your tea, how milky the coffee, how many sugars, and your preferred biscuit. I had a particularly helpful lady, who, if I was not around, would leave the saucer on top of the cup, to keep the tea warm. The biscuits alternated on different days: Bourbon, Rich Tea, Nice, Custard Creams and Shortcake. They were the economy variety and these were eventually phased out. Members have memories of rather stewed tea, but it was still preferable to their eventual replacement – the vending machine.

Empties were collected and the whole process was repeated in the afternoon. Just two drinks a day: if you were thirsty in between it was too bad. There was nowhere else to get a hot drink when the restaurant was closed. The women provided an even more important social service – they were the font of all rumour and gossip!

Member Pauline Langley came across an old Pathe film on YouTube, entitled ‘Speedy tea break at Shell Centre (1962)’. It’s only short (four and a half minutes), showing how the huge urns were prepared and delivered to each floor by a dumb waiter. At the end of the film, the cups of tea are delivered to a very happy workforce. Pauline seems to remember the cups, at one time, were Melamine. My memory is of a white cup with a red rim.

The refineries had a “bun run” van, which came round the site three times a day, though the goods were not free. When vending machines were introduced, one old penny was required to buy the drink. Decimalisation was not universal until 1971.

Do you have any fond memories of tea ladies? Maybe you were one, or a steward? Contact SPA office (contact details on page 2) to share your stories. Maybe there will be enough material for a follow-up. Cheers my dears.
TAPPING IN TO THE POWER OF CREATIVITY:
ARTS 4 DEMENTIA

Tim O’Brien retired from Shell in 2013. After fulfilling a number of objectives on his ‘bucket list’, and wanting to use his professional experience in the voluntary sector, Tim was drawn to Arts 4 Dementia (A4D), which was advertising for a Finance Trustee. “According to the Alzheimer’s Society,” says Tim, “over 800,000 people are today affected by dementia and most of us will be impacted either ourselves or indirectly through our partners and family. So not only does the work of A4D have the potential to benefit millions of people, but it had an immediate and personal attraction.”

A4D is a small charity that campaigns for families affected by dementia to be advised, from diagnosis, that engaging in dynamic arts activity can bypass stressful symptoms, maintain cognitive ability, and enable them to live as fulfilling lives as possible in the community. A4D in London, in partnership with the learning departments of arts organisations, runs eight-week programmes for small groups of people with early stage dementia, and carers, usually working towards a display or final performance. A4D liaises with local memory services, care services, the Alzheimer’s Society, and Age UK, who recommend the workshops to families. A4D also runs training for arts and health professionals to develop workshops as part of their own outreach programmes. Clearly a top priority is also to fundraise for the projects. A4D aims to work with talented artists, musicians, actors, dancers, poets and other arts practitioners, in local venues throughout the UK. “We cannot reach the whole of the UK on our own,” said Tim “so we’re looking for partners in each region to work with local arts organisations. We’re also working to influence the NHS to incorporate artistic stimulation into its dementia pathways.”

The A4D website – Arts4dementia.org.uk (tel: 020 8780 5217) – provides more information about the charity and how to donate. “Dementia is something that will touch most of us in our lives, either directly or via family and friends,” said Tim. “Reawakening the mind and helping people forget they have dementia while they continue to live within their community is something I’m proud to be associated with.”

Shell’s former research scientist, David Hawkey, and his wife Pauline were the life and soul of A4D workshops – in art, dance, drama, media, music, photography and poetry – until his recent death.

NEW GATEWAY IN OLD STOMPING GROUND – SHELL HAVEN REFINERY

Shell Haven refinery first processed oil in 1916 and closed in 1999. The site was sold to P&O who in turn were bought by DP World, who are converting the 1,500 acre site into a world-class container port and logistics park. Whereas the refinery had to await the tides to be able to bring ships onto its jetties, DP World has carried out massive dredging and used the spoil to extend the river bank 300 metres south, giving 1.7 miles of tide-independent water front, capable of receiving the world’s largest container ships. They’ve also invested significantly into improving local road and rail access to the site.

Intrigued by all this, a group of 12 former members of various Shell Haven management (pictured) visited the site in June. Virtually all the familiar sites had disappeared; instead we were treated to an excellent lecture about the DP World London Gateway project, followed by a site tour. Two of the six docks are already operational and the quay cranes (visible in the photo) are truly impressive; the London Eye could be rolled along underneath them, and the control cabs sit 55m above the ground. Inland are stacking and loading cranes, also very large, which handle 20 and 40ft containers like matchboxes, all under computer control.

DP World take their community and environmental responsibilities very seriously; thousands of creatures were preserved by removal from the site before clearance works destroyed their habitats, and new habitats have been created locally. Tunnels have even been constructed under the A1014 so that newts may have access!

Afterwards we adjourned to the Red Lion at Fobbing which, unlike the port, seemed not have changed at all since we knew it.

Thanks to Jeremy Alhadeff (retired 1998) for this report.
MAINTAINING YOUR HOME ... FROM THE TOP DOWN

Sutton Winson Claims Manager, Louisa Mead, explains how important it is to keep your roof properly maintained, as this is where problems often start.

It seems summer gave up all too quickly this year but as we approach the winter months we shouldn’t forget to make sure our homes are prepared for the further onslaught of wind, rain and snow.

The roof of your property protects you from a great deal of the weather and so is an obvious place to start. The reason to be prepared is that, whilst insurance policies often cover water damage when it has happened suddenly, if the water came in where the roof needed maintenance, those repairs would not be covered. Insurers will decline claims for losses that result from wear and tear because this is a standard exclusion on a home insurance policy. If your roof is properly maintained your insurance is far more likely to be in a position to react at a time of loss.

The most common issues leading to these claims being declined were:
• roof tiles coming off
• loose lead work
• damage to gutters and fascias
• flat felt roofs failing.

We would advise individuals to get their roof checked by a trusted professional every five years in order to prevent the most common problems, such as:

• A pitched roof may have cracked tiles, missing mortar or slipped slates. The nails that hold slates in place corrode over time and cause slippage.
• Lead is often found on roofs as strips of metal adjoining chimneys, parapets and valley gutters. Wear and tear to these strips can lead to leaks in the roof.
• Gutters need to be clear of any debris so that water can drain away from the property. If they are blocked and water collects within the gutters it may freeze and pull down the gutters.
• Fascias and barge boards are used to protect the sides of the house and support the gutters.
• The felt covering on flat roofs generally only last 10-15 years and so will need replacing – being proactive rather than reactive is always best.

Whilst Sutton Winson offer quality products at competitive prices, our aim is also to offer best advice to ensure you don’t suffer a loss in the first place; 98% of claims questionnaire respondents say they would recommend us to colleagues and family.

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CAN YOU READ THIS??

Did you know that if you’re 60 or over you can have a free NHS eye test every two years? And you can have a free test every year if you’re 70 or over.

If you can’t leave your home because of illness or disability, you can have an NHS eye test at home. Contact your usual optician to find out if they can visit you at home. Otherwise, NHS England will have a list of opticians in your area that do home visits.

Contact NHS England on 0300 311 223 or email england.contactus@nhs.net

PROSTATE CANCER: RECOGNITION, PEER SUPPORT AND DATA MINING

About half of us will suffer from cancer at some point in our lives. One woman in eight will suffer from breast cancer. The same proportion of men will suffer from prostate cancer. An enlarged prostate gland, making it more difficult to pee, is the usual warning – for more details, Google ‘prostate cancer symptoms’.

If you’re a man over 50 with such symptoms, ask your GP to arrange a PSA test. Putting it off will make treatment more difficult if you have the tumour. Having the test will put your mind at rest if you don’t.

I was over 70 before recognising the symptoms, visiting my GP and getting tests confirming cancer. Fortunately, my treatment seems to be working, but it’s more complex than it would have been if I’d gone earlier. We Britons are brought up not to discuss anything “down there”, but for me, being open about the condition and discussing it with friends has been immensely helpful – it showed me what to look for, what to expect, and also offered a way of finding out how usual or otherwise my progress has been. I’ve been surprised how quickly fellow sufferers emerged from my network of friends.

In one of those strange life coincidences, shortly after my diagnosis I met one fellow sufferer, also a Shell pensioner, at a lecture at the Royal Society last November. The speaker on ‘Mining Biological Networks’ presented a revolutionary approach to basic cancer research. As you may know, single medical databases have been analysed for years, but her method of concurrently analysing multiple related databases is dramatically more effective. Results expose inherent patterns in the data, leading to better understanding of disease, improved use of drugs and the prospect of finding ‘best treatment’ plans for individual patients. For example, for prostate cancer, it’s very difficult to decide what treatment to use and to weigh up relative risks and benefits. Data mining is expected to make those decisions easier. Initial results for breast cancer and melanoma are really exciting and the science is only at its beginning.

I am helping a charity to raise funds to accelerate this research specifically for prostate cancer. To learn more about this fascinating work and to support it, please visit our website: www.theprostatecancerproject.net

Mike Hall
FREE TICKETS TO 'GOYA: THE PORTRAITS'

Portraits make up one-third of Goya’s output – and more than 150 still survive today – but there has never been an exhibition focusing solely on his work as a portraitist, until this autumn when almost half this number will come together at the National Gallery, London.

Francisco de Goya y Lucientes (1746-1828) is one of Spain’s most celebrated artists. He was an incisive social commentator, considered (even during his own lifetime) as a supremely gifted painter who took the genre of portraiture to new heights. Goya saw beyond the appearances of those who sat before him, subtly revealing their character and psychology within his portraits.

Born before Mozart and Casanova, and surviving Napoleon, Goya’s life spanned more than 80 years during which he witnessed a series of dramatic events that changed the course of European history. Goya: The Portraits traces the artist’s career from early beginnings at the court in Madrid to his appointment as First Court Painter to Charles IV, and as favourite portraitist of the Spanish aristocracy. It explores the difficult period under Joseph Bonaparte’s rule and the accession to the throne of Ferdinand VII, before concluding with his final years of self-imposed exile in France.

This landmark exhibition brings together around 70 of Goya’s most outstanding portraits, including the last work he ever painted, of his only beloved grandson, Mariano Goya. Painted just before Goya’s death in 1828, it’s testament to the genius, skill, and unflagging creativity of an artist who persevered with his craft to his very last days.

SPA has been allocated 25 pairs of tickets, valid until 3 January 2016.

WIN A FRAMED PRINT

Science & Society Picture Library Prints is the official print sales website of the Science Museum, National Railway Museum, National Media Museum, and Museum of Science & Industry, including the Royal Photographic Society Collection. One lucky winner will be able to choose a framed print, worth up to £100, from over 40,000 images. Topics include old railway posters, the natural world, space, engineering and industry. The library can be viewed at http://www.ssplprints.com/. Unfortunately, it is not available in hard copy.


As usual, we will run a ballot for both these competitions. Apply before 5 November, by email, letter or phone. See contact details on page 2. Winners will be notified by 12 November.
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BOOK REVIEW: BLACK GOLD – BLACK SCORPION

BY GEORGE S BOUGHTON

Black Gold – Black Scorpion recounts the lives of a young oil engineer, his wife and newborn child, during the Biafran War, when they inadvertently lived through one of the worst episodes of African history, experiencing first-hand a life to which the international media had no access. There is a different story of Africa, oil, and aid during a conflict that cost over one million lives. The author worked in the Shell and BP oilfields in Nigeria, UK and Kuwait, and his novel is a semi-autobiography. He describes the political elites and those who fought them – having himself been captured and detained by the mythically ruthless Black Scorpion, enabling him to observe at close range the disintegration of a powerful personality.

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There are a number of reunions and meetings organised throughout the year from different business departments. We will advertise the reunions that we know about.

**Shell Agrochemicals** 33rd Reunion Lunch, Monday 9 Nov 2015, Farmers Club, London. Contact peter.langcake@btinternet.com 01903 744679.

**52nd Shell Venezuela reunion** RAF Club, Piccadilly, 19 May 2016, at midday. Contact Andy Cole cole@andrewcole78.orangehome.co.uk

**Lensbury Mountaineering Club 40th reunion** Sat 21st Nov 2015 at Lensbury. Join us for chat and entertainment as we revisit the places, travels, stories and adventures from the past four decades. Deadline for tickets mid-October. Contact: Andy & Kirsty Johns: 01873 810563, Email LMC@hillsandvalleys.co.uk, website: www.hillsandvalleys.co.uk/LMC.

**Oman Golfers Association** 65 members and guests attended the 2015 meeting at Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa, Merseyside in July. Winners: Maqbool Hameed Trophy, Gary Battersey & Stewart Purdie; Mildred Cooper Trophy, Stewart Purdie; Famous Grouse Trophy, Alastair Paterson. 37th Annual Meeting will be held 5-7 July 2016 at Cave Castle Hotel & Country Club, East Yorkshire. Contact Fred Gray, facgray@manx.net

**SCUK/SICC** 34th Reunion Lunch, Friday 22 April 2016 at Lensbury, Teddington. Open to all who’ve been involved in Chemicals in SCUK SICC, including Netherlands. Guests welcome. Contact Jon Warnke 01483 417387 jgwarnke@btinternet.com

**Far East** Thurs 21 April 2016, The Lensbury Club in Teddington, noon. Anyone who worked for Shell in the Far East is welcome. Please let Mike Schaafsma or Emilie Hunt know by email. We don’t intend to send invitations and hope to get enough support by email. Please advise anyone you think might be interested. Menu & final details will be sent by email. Mike Schaafsma: mike.schaafsma@googlemail, Emilie Hunt: emiliehunt@hotmail.com

**6th Shell Lubricants UK/Shell Oils UK, Industrial Markets** Mon 18 April 2016, with golf competition during day and dinner in the evening. Location Worcester area, preferential room rates available. This year’s event was preceded by a tournament for the coveted Dennis Keeping Trophy, won, yet again (most deservedly) by Rick Westley. It was debated whether the cup should be inscribed: “If found, please return to Rick Westley”. Contact Neil Bown: 01630 647129 nimbo@btinternet.com

**Marines** for old friends & colleagues from SIM/STUK, our next annual lunch will be at Lensbury, Wed 18 May 2016. Contact Eamonn McGettrick 01227 740586, marinereunion@btinternet.com

**Tankers UK** was held in Sept in Glasgow, for the last Shell Tanker UK Ltd Engineer Apprentice intake in 1967. They met over two days and visited colleges they’d attended, including Stow, Springburn and the Nautical College. Contact Michael Marsh 01622 745702, mlmarsh@talktalk.net

**Pecten Golf Society** has had two successful outings this year: Betchworth Park in April & Bramley in Sept. Congratulations to Cup Winners Barrie Hatch and Dave Arthur.

**22nd annual Fleming Trophy** golf tournament was played at Kemnay Golf Club near Aberdeen, organised by Ken Anderson and Phil Bonnamy. Although most players live in the Aberdeen area, a few enthusiastic golfers travel from further afield. The course was in excellent condition and the warm sunny day and an excellent meal, enhanced the enjoyment. The winners were Dave Gourlay and Alison Graham.

**Expro “Long Service”** Aberdeen, Sat 7 May, 2016. We hope this event will recreate the ‘reunion’ flavour of the (long gone!) company Long Service Dinner, which was held for those having completed 25 years or more service. The cost will be approx £75 pp, to include, as a minimum, dinner, dancing and live entertainment. We already have significant interest and places will be limited. Contact either May Stratton, maystratton@yahoo.co.uk or Jane Stuart, jane.stuart6@btinternet.com.

**Expro ‘Old Girls’** Christmas (long!) Lunch. This event has grown to over 100 girls getting together in 2014. Attendees, some still working hard and others enjoying retirement, range from 50 to over 80! This year’s party will take place at Shell Woodbank in Aberdeen, 11 Dec 2015. Contact Jane Stuart, jane.stuart6@btinternet.com.

**Shell Travel Club**

- Austria, May 2016. BA flights from Heathrow to Munich, 7 nights accommodation at Kirchberger Hof Hotel. Bed, buffet breakfast & 4-course dinner inc wine. Full day excursions on days 3, 4 & 7, with days 2 & 5 free, including train trip to Seespitz, cruise on Lake Achen, Tratzberg Castle, Zell (includes cruise), Salzburg, Krimmi waterfalls. Price £859pp.
- Further details from Anthony Jonas: and@ukjonas.net

1) Lensbury Mountaineering 1984
2) Pecten Golf Bramley Winners
3) Shell Travel Club on the One Show
SCOTTISH BRANCH
by Brian Hope, Chair

Established in 1969 with over 830 members, SSPA is one of the oldest and largest branches. During our long history we’ve maintained a simple principle: to provide the opportunity for members to maintain contact with old colleagues and extend friendships through a mixed calendar of events. The branch is run by a committee of three Officers and five Committee members. I joined Shell Expro in 1973 and spent 14 years in Human Resources, mostly in Aberdeen and finishing with a spell in London. I retired in 2006. Treasurer, Bill Laver, joined in Lowestoft as a structural engineer and had an extensive international career for 30 years. Our branch secretary, Penny Morrison, joined in Aberdeen, as PA to the Personnel Manager and Operations Director.

The remainder of our committee includes June Wilson, Membership Secretary; Jane Roberts; Brian Purves, who worked in Process Engineering; Neil Dobson who worked in Well Services and Well Engineering; and finally, Allan ‘Monty’ Montgomery, who was a security officer covering Shell’s offshore installations. So a wealth of experience and different skill sets, all helping to bring different ideas to the table. We’re also supported by two PLRs, Derek Willox and Lynda Smith.

Our committee meets every couple of months and organise up to 10 events each year, including lunches, dinners, quiz night, BBQ, museum visits, and the Fleming Golf outing. A favourite event is the management briefing presented by Senior Management in Aberdeen to provide an update on company activities, followed by a buffet supper. Most members live within 50 miles of Aberdeen and so most events are local. However, this year Monty arranged a successful event in Glasgow and we hope to add more events in the south of Scotland. We’re constantly looking for new activities, like how to incorporate Geocaching into an event. We believe we are a progressive branch and are already looking ahead to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

SHELL PENSIONERS OLD CROCKS FLYING ASSOCIATION – AKA SPOCFA

Around 1998, as Shell Haven was earmarked for closure, a group of friends from the maintenance and projects departments (Martin Lawson, John Kelk, Doug Johnson, Bob Powell and Graham Winch) used to meet weekly at The Bell, Horndon on the Hill, on the way home from work to talk about flying. As the site closed and people were made redundant, they all stayed in touch and formed a society: Shell Pensioners Old Crocks Flying Association.

With members spread to the winds it wasn’t so easy to meet at the pub on the way home, so they decided to have an AGM (and intermediate EGMs) at various hostelries. In recent years, the ladies have been allowed to join too! An associate member (now duly elected a full member) from Mobil, Jim Davis, helped to increase the membership. Can’t have too much inbreeding, after all!

Martin, John, Graham, Jim and Doug are all glider pilots who fly weekly at Essex and Suffolk Gliding Club, Colchester. Bob is from the dark side and flies power, a Piper Cub, out of White Waltham. Graham specialises in beautiful vintage gliders, currently a Slingsby Swallow and a Dart 17. The others fly a variety of modern glass-fibre gliders.

At least once a year we make a point of visiting other sites, particularly hill sites, where ridge and wave soaring are possible, e.g. Sutton Bank, Yorkshire and Long Mynd, Aboyne, Deeside.

Gliding provides a superb challenge to the grey matter (synapses): there’s the flying (the easy part), the lookout for other aircraft (probably the most important part), the navigation, the communication (radio), and of course finding the lift (thermals, but not the woolly type) to keep the machine in the air. Finally, a useful thing to remember is: always lower the undercarriage before landing!

The oldest flying members of E&SGC are in their mid-80s; we’re all hoping to emulate them.

Doug Johnson

1) SPOCFA 2) Graham about to take off in his Swallow 3) Martin flying KO
SPA NEWS

SPA BRANCH EVENTS, CALENDAR, 2015 AND CONTACTS

Cheshire
Kenneth Skeldon
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08 Dec  Christmas Lunch, Oak Room, Whitby Club
12 Jan  New Year Buffet, Whitby Club.

Chilterns & Thames Valley
Judith Turner  Tel: 01895 637188
Email: judith.turnerspa@btinternet.com
14 Oct  Dinner & theatre outing, the Mill, Sonning, Round and Round the Garden, Alan Ayckbourn
03 Dec  Christmas Lunch, Sonning Golf Club

Cumbria & Lancashire
Ken Lovell Tel: 01900 823414
Email: kennethlovell@btinternet.com
28 Oct  Theatre by the Lake, Keswick, matinee performance of Abigail's Party

Devon & Cornwall
David Watters  Tel: 01803 856648
Email: dgwatters@gmx.com
20 Oct  Pub Lunch, The Hunting Lodge, Cadleigh Park, nr Ivybridge, Devon
08 Dec  Christmas Lunch Moorlands Garden Hotel, Yelverton, Devon.

East Anglia
Sally Brown  Tel: 01502 585023
Email: sbrrown.gilpin@virgin.net
14 Oct  Tour of the Jarrold Print Museum and lunch, Norwich
03 Dec  Christmas Lunch at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett nr Norwich

Essex
Iris Shaw  Tel: 01375 679908
Email: irisshaw@tiscali.co.uk
Every 3rd Wednesday: monthly meeting with guest speaker

Greater Manchester (details on branch website)
Bryan Clarke  Tel: 0161 456 5083
Email: groveblue@sky.com
Branch website www.spa-manchester.org.uk
Regular events: flat walking every 3rd Thur, hill walking every 2nd Wed

Isle of Man
Fenella Gray
Email: fenellagray@manx.net
An enjoyable and interesting visit was made to the Ronaldsway Airport Met Office in August, followed by dinner at a local hos-
telry. A small group went to see The Phantom of the Opera at the Gaiety Theatre in Douglas. Future visits are being planned to a local brewery, the Isle of Man Creamery, Miltown House & Gardens, the Fudge Factory, the Transport Museum, and the Foxdale Observatory

Isle of Wight
Jocelyn Hardy-Bishop  Tel: 01983 866303
Email: johardybishop@hotmail.co.uk
24 Nov  AGM and Coffee Morning at Lower Hunnyhill Farm, Brightstone.

Kent
Linda Leborgne  Tel: 01634 262081
Email: linda@leborgne.freeserve.co.uk
21 Oct  Lunch, Boughton Golf Club, Faversham
10 Nov  Informal Pub Lunch, The Red Lion, Badlesmere, Kent

The Marches
Gill Stovold  Tel: 01568 760241
Email: gill.stovold@virgin.net
14 Oct  AGM & lunch, Leominster Golf Club

Midshires
Alan Chandler  Tel: 0121 705 1648
Email: alan.16@blueyonder.co.uk
29 Oct  Visit to The Barber Institute of Fine Arts Birmingham
08 Dec  AGM/Christmas Lunch, Kings Court Hotel, Alcester

North London & Herts
Robert Hillyard  Tel: 01707 654165
Email: robert_hillyard@hotmail.com
25 Nov  Lunch, The Cricketers, Clavering

North & Mid Hants
Malcolm Wells  Tel: 01256 346743
Email: malcolm.j.wells@btinternet.com
23 Oct  Pub lunch at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield
19 Nov  Lunch at El Castello in Odiham
14 Dec  Christmas Lunch at the North Hants Golf Club, Fleet

Northern Ireland
Alma Atkins  Tel: 02890 839003
Email: almaatkins@icloud.com
26 Nov  Annual Lunch/Dinner, Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, Cultra

1) Kent, Finchcocks Musical Museum
2) Devon&Cornwall, Pier House Hotel
3) Selkent, Houses of Parliament
Northumberland & Durham
Doug Renton  Tel: 0191 252 5331
Email: douglas.renton1@virginmedia.com
08 Dec  Christmas Lunch, Holiday Inn, Jesmond

Scotland
June Wilson  Email: spamembershipsec@gmail.com
23 Oct  Quiz Night
16 Nov  Management Briefing

Selkent
Pauline Langley  Tel: 020 8856 1816
Email: pelangle0@gmail.com
05 Nov  Autumn Lunch, Bromley Court Hotel
Mar  AGM, tbc

Severn & Avon
Gerry Mapson  Tel: 01452 712084
Email: camap.gb@blueyonder.co.uk
22 Oct  Lunch, Egypt Mill with speaker
19 Nov  Lunch, Clifton Golf Club with speaker
16 Dec  Bodkin Pub with Quiz

South Hants & Dorset
Colin Lambert  Tel: 01202 749676
Email: colin@lambert14.orangehome.co.uk
03 Dec  Christmas lunch, Cumberland Hotel, East Cliff, Bournemouth

South Wales
Gill Beach  Tel: 01792 369320
Email: gillianbeach@mac.com
09 Dec  Christmas lunch, Atlantic Hotel, Porthcawll

East Surrey
Martyn Hankin  Tel: 020 8946 2519
E-mail: jandmhankin@hotmail.com.
13 Nov  Lunch, Reigate Manor. Speaker Richard Skelton, on the duties of Black Rod

West Surrey
Margaret Parsons  Tel: 01483 811103
Email: mike_margaretparsons@btinternet.com
27 Nov  AGM & Christmas Lunch, Effingham Golf Club

Sussex
Clive Woollaston  Tel: 01424 437572
Email: clivewoollaston@btinternet.com
22 Oct  AGM, lunch Windsor Hotel Worthing
Apr  tba Spring Luncheon, Windsor Hotel Worthing

Yorkshire
Hanneke Wood  Tel: Contact SPA
Email: pandhwood@mac.com
In August, 17 members met in the North York Moors, at the home of Paul and Hanneke Wood for a pre-theatre supper before seeing ‘All Things Considered’ by Ben Brown. The play, staged by a professional company, Esk Valley Theatre had a three week run at The Robinson Institute, Glaisdale and was much appreciated.
Here’s a selection of the many wonderful photos we receive. To share details of your celebration, please contact Lynn Forsdyke.

**GOLDEN (50 YEARS)**

Banister, Margaret and Patrick (Pat) of Sleaford, Lincolnshire – 19 June. Prior to retirement Pat worked for Colas Products. They celebrated on a cruise to the Canary Islands.


Kettle, Sally and Norman of Frimley, Surrey – 24 April. Prior to retirement Norman worked in Marketing and Sally worked in the Foreign Languages Services in Shell Centre.


**DIAMOND (60 YEARS)**


Miller, Yvonne and Jim of Morecambe, Lancashire – 20 August. Yvonne worked for Shell at Heysham Refinery and Jim in Shell Chemicals.

Noakes, Cynthia and Peter of Leverington, Cambs – 1 October. Prior to retirement Peter was Head of Finance for Operational Planning based at Shell Mex House.

Wood, Margaret and David of Poringland, Norfolk – 31 July. Prior to retirement David worked in various locations, including Shell Haven, Aberdeen and Lowestoft.

**EMERALD (55 YEARS)**

Walsh, Tina and Peter of Guildford, Surrey – 3 September. Tina worked as a Dutch school teacher for Shell Venezuela where she met Peter. Prior to retirement Peter was Chief Cashier at Shell International Petroleum Company.

**100TH BIRTHDAY**

Ken Poyton of Marlow, Buckinghamshire celebrated his 100th birthday on 6 July, when he had 16 visitors, including his daughter Alison. Ken was delighted with the card that he received from HM the Queen.
Pensioners who are SPA members will automatically be included in this column. We will include the death of a spouse of a SPA member but are totally reliant on you advising us of the details.
We regret to report the death of the following members:

Adams, Mrs G I (101) widow of Leslie – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 22 May

Allwood, Keith Douglas (87) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 6 August

Andrews, Ronald Albert (86) – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 9 July

Ball, Michael (74) – Basell Polyolefins UK Ltd died 9 July

Banks, Edward (91) – Shell Research Ltd died 4 June

Barton, James Douglas (92) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 24 June

Bate, Capt David William (80) – Shell and BP South African Refineries Ltd died 21 May

Baxter, Alan Paul (63) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 12 June

Bell, Mrs Georgina Isobel (92) widow of Robert William – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 12 July

Benn, William Ernest (88) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 12 June

Bennett, Frederick Smith (83) – SMBP/Power/Nat.Benzole died 2 August

Bourke, Mrs Ann Julia (80) widow of Bernard Henry – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 27 May

Bradley, Mrs Gwennifred (86) widow of Eric Metcalfe – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 18 July

Bradley, Raymond Greig (85) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 12 August

Brampton, R R (90) – Shell Company of West Africa Ltd died 9 June

Brice, Douglas James (85) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 2 August

Briscoe, Mrs Elsie Louise (90) widow of Harold Gleave – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 29 June

Broadbent, Keith (77) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 9 June

Brown, Mrs Jane (91) widow of Evan John Benjamin – Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd died 7 July

Brown, Malcolm Crofton (84) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 20 June

Burridge, John Leslie Anthony (76) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 21 June

Burt, Mrs Vera Joyce (91) widow of Leslie Reginald – Shell Venezuela SA died 27 July

Butlin, Peter Reginald (82) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 28 June

Byron, Kenneth George (83) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 9 June

Chapman, Peter Leslie (86) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 11 July

Chawner, John Lovatt (81) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 30 July

Cleary, Mrs Patricia May (86) widow of Denis Owen – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 9 July

Colquhoun, Alec (92) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 26 May

Conibear, Phillip Eric (97) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 18 July

Cooke, Mrs Irene Edith (98) widow of James William – SMBP/Power/Nat.Benzole died 19 June

Cooper, R G C (87) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 5 June

Cowan, Mrs Isabella Tait (89) widow of William Alexander – SMBP/Power/Nat. Benzole died 23 June

Cree, David (94) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 26 June

Curry, Donald Joseph Charles (83) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd-Heathrow Airport died 13 May

Davies, Miss Margaret Kerfoot (95) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 29 May

Davies, Thomas Arthur (90) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 14 June

Desmond, Lester John (61) – Shell International Ltd died 30 July

Dewhurst, Alan (86) – Shell International Ltd died 21 June

Edmonds, Mrs Margaret Anne (80) – widow of Derek – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 12 June

Es Van, Jan (91) – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 25 May

Evans, Derek (85) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 8 August

Everett, John Norman (84) – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 21 August

Foster, Mrs Jean Marie (85) widow of A Foster – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 12 August

Foxton, Mrs Rowena Lesley (60) – Shell UK Exploration and Production Ltd died 9 June

Frederick, FDI Frederick (87) – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 30 June

Fry, Mrs June (86) widow of Charles Norman – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 19 June

Gardiner, George David (86) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 27 June

Garwood, H G (92) – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 18 August
Hopley, Mrs Gladys Mabel (88) widow of Harry – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 21 June

Hudson, Mrs Janice Caroline (75) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 2 June

Humphrey, Martin (65) – Shell Aviation Ltd died 8 July

Hutton, John Kenneth (85) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 6 July

Hynds, John William (80) – Colas Products died 21 June

Jagger, Mrs Norah Kathleen (93) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 16 July

Johnson, Peter (90) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 18 June

Jones, Anthony (82) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 27 June

Keen, Mrs Beryl Joan (87) widow of John – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 15 August

Knox, Mrs Catherine Gray (88) widow of George – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 28 June

Lancaster, Charles (92) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 23 June

Lavender, Mrs Hetty Jean (96) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 8 March

Lee, Miss Dorothy Mary (84) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 10 August

Lewis, Griffith (77) – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 22 June

Lloyd, Martin (91) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 18 May

Madeley, Ms Angela (58) qualifying spouse of Kevin Hyett – Shell Information & Technology Intl Ltd died 19 June

Malzard, Mrs Ellen Augusta (103) widow of Charles Gwyn Lee – Colas Products died 28 June

Mann, Mrs Audrey Norah Halliday (93) widow of Denys Bernard Frederick – Shell Intl Petroleum Company Ltd died 6 June

Marsh, Mrs Sheila Iris (82) widow of Peter – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 14 June

Matthews, Richard (90) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 26 June

McBurney, Mrs Jean Marie (92) widow of Roy – Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd died 14 June

McCabe, William (72) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 8 June

McCutcheon, Ian Crawford (86) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 11 August

McDonald, Oliver Brendon (78) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 10 July

McTigue, Mrs Barbara (87) widow of Mr McTigue – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 13 June

Mensink, Paul Joseph (63) – Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd died 28 June

Moore, Miss Pamela Ivy (78) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 9 July

Moore, Royal Frederick (92) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 11 June

Moreton, Mrs Grace Doreen (87) widow of H Moreton – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 24 June

Murphy, Mrs Rose Elizabeth (78) widow of Kenneth George – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 20 August

Newton, John Walkden (88) – Shell UK Exploration & Production Ltd died 29 June

Nutting, Mrs Irene Edith Poppy (90) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 12 July

Page, Harold Arthur (91) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 16 July

Palmer, Miss Irene Hazel (90) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 6 August

Pendlebury, Mrs Gladys (91) widow of George – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 21 July

Pesate, Jacob (95) – Shell International Ltd died 31 July

Giles, Mrs Tricia (77) – Shell International Ltd died 13 April

Gipp, Eric John (87) – Colas Products died 21 May

Gray, Mrs Marjorie Lucy (80) widow of Ronald Edward – GGPC (Onshore) died 10 July

Gregory, Mrs Joan Muriel (93) widow of A L Gregory – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 27 August

Hammond, Mrs Maureen (87) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 16 July

Hatfield, Mrs Barbara (82) widow of Anthony Thomas – SIPM died 29 July

Hayward, Ronald (80) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 30 January

Heath, Christopher Barrie (89) – widower of Muriel – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 26 August

Hewitt, Mrs Margaret (83) widow of F G K Hewitt – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 6 May

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Planterose, Anthony Ernest C (91) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 7 June
Pocock, Mrs Elsie (90) widow of Clifford John – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 30 June
Pryce, Joanna Margaret (69) wife of Chris – Shell International, The Hague, died 7 August
Purvis, Mrs June (82) widow of Gordon – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 11 August
Randall, Mrs S G (93) widow of Spencer Charles – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 26 June
Rawlings, C A (85) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 12 June
Reid, Mrs Janet B (85) – Shell Mex & BP died 7 August
Rignall, Mrs Betty (91) widow of P P E Rignall – Shell Petroleum Company of Nigeria died 13 May
Roberts, Mrs Joyce Mary (80) widow of R T Roberts – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 14 June
Roberts, Mrs Julia (91) widow of Leonard William – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 7 July
Rofe, J C B (93) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 14 August
Rowe, A H (94) – Shell International Ltd died 16 June
Rowe, Phillip Henry (91) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 12 August
Scanlon, Kevin (76) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 11 June
Shepherd, Albert (90) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 20 May
Sherry, Mrs Shirley (79) wife of Norman – Shell Tankers died 15 June
Simpson, Mrs Grace Eileen (94) widow of John Kenneth – Shell Company of Thailand died 21 May
Smith, Alan Edward (88) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 26 June
Smith, Captain Robert (88) – Shell Tankers [UK] Ltd died 29 June
Snell, Mrs Nellie Muriel (95) widow of S B L Snell – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 13 April
Somerville, Mrs Doreen (86) widow of William – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 16 June
Springett, Mrs Joyce Irene (97) widow of Gordon Victor – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 9 June
Stanley, Geoffrey Herbert (81) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 2 July
Stewart, Robert (81) – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 22 July
Strand, Mrs Phyllis Constance (94) widow of Alfred – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 25 August
Tasker, Derek Terence (83) – Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd died 30 September 2014
Taylor, Mrs Joyce (77) widow of Robert Carmichael – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 8 June
Theobald, Tony (78) husband of Vera – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 17 February
Walker, Anthony Cotter (82) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 5 August
Warburton, Mrs Margaret (81) wife of Frank – SUKO, Uttoxeter died 24 July
Ward, Jack (89) – Private Oil Holdings Oman Ltd died 26 March
Westhead, Geoffrey (76) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 20 November 2014
Whitley, Arthur George (88) – Shell International Ltd died 7 April
Williams, Kenneth John (86) – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 30 June
Worrall, Mrs Anne Whyte (98) widow of John – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 30 June
Worsnip, Melvyn William (75) – Shell Chemicals UK Ltd died 20 August
Wright, Anne (72) wife of Ashley – Shell Haven died 7 March
Yates, Mrs Jennie (87) widow of Alan – Shell UK Oil Products Ltd died 15 June