



Woodies Newsletter September 2020

Hello everyone,

Well Spring officially starts this week but, judging from the last couple of weekends, the local weather is certainly hedging its bets ...

'We' continue to be busy, either working at CTW or in our own sheds/garages (see, for example, John McMahon's latest project), putting on a show at the Bathurst Shopping Centre ahead of Father's Day next weekend, keeping ourselves and others amused by sharing jokes, or by plotting lots of activities for the next couple of months. Here are the details:

From John McMahon:

A photo of 4 legs turned on the copy lathe, for a yoga bench 600mm high.
Job completed in 4 days from order.



Our 2 days at the Bathurst City Centre shopping centre this last weekend worked well, with great positioning at the top of the elevator giving us maximum exposure and pleasing sales as a result. There is a lot of work involved so huge thanks to all who helped (including John Troller, Bob Baillie, Ian Jackson, Ron LeBrocque, Allan Rintoll, Garth Innes, Doug Kinlyside, Jim Hallahan, Paul Rodenhuis, Ian Schiemer, Mike Hardie, Dave Tonkin, Peter Brennan), whether packing up items at CTW to bring, setting up the display, manning the stall, dismantling and returning unsold items back to CTW – and to any Woodies or friends who stopped to chat. Special thanks to Bob Cassidy for taking photos and putting us on Facebook, and a big shout out to Jim Hallahan who did such a good job organising the whole event that we hope he'll organise another 2 day event in November.



SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 24TH & SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

This is going to be another busy weekend, starting with us having a stall at the Bathurst Gardeners' Club "Plant and Garden Expo" at Berry Park on the Saturday, when we will have a selection of garden related items for sale (that could also be made by would-be "Woodies"); We will also be handing out fliers for our **Open Day on the Sunday**, encouraging people to bring along their damaged garden tools for repair and to see all the wonderful things we do and can make. We hope it will also be an opportunity for Woodies past and present to visit with their families and friends. We'd love to see you there!

And finally some jokes from our regular contributors, Garth and Phil Hill...

From Garth:

ARTISTRY OF INSULTS. When Insults Had Class (no 4-letter words!!)

These glorious insults are from an era when cleverness with words was still valued - before a great portion of the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words, not to mention waving middle fingers.

The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor: She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison," and he said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

A Member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease." "That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about." - Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure. - "
Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" - Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." - Abraham Lincoln

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend the first night; will attend the second... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb

"There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure." - Jack E. Leonard

"He has the attention span of a lightning bolt." - Robert Redford

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it"

A bloke and his missus are driving to Orange.
She says:"" be an angel and let me drive."
He did and he is.

Two blokes out hunting when one collapses. He is not breathing and his eyes are glazed.

The second bloke whips out his phone and dials 000.

" I think me mate's dead," he yells, "what can I do?"

The operator says "calm down. First let's make sure he's dead."

There's a silence, then a shot. The bloke comes back on and says "okay, now what?"

A tortoise is crossing the road when it is mugged by two snails.

When the police show up they ask him what happened.

The shaken tortoise replies, “don’t know, it all happened so fast.”

For his birthday, an old man’s nephew secretly hires a call girl for him. When he answers the door she’s standing there in a slinky black dress. She says “I’m here to give you super sex.” After thinking about it for a minute, the old man replies “I guess I’ll have the soup.”

Two blokes were driving home one night when the driver asks his mate to check if the indicators are working. He promptly sticks his head out the window and says “yes, no, yes, no, yes, no, yes, no.

And from Phil:

An Obituary Printed in the London Times

(It’s been around for quite some time, but a good one to keep circulating)

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain; - Why the early bird gets the worm; - Life isn’t always fair; - And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don’t spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot . She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, -by his parents, Truth and Trust, -by his wife, Discretion, -by his daughter, Responsibility, -and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren; - I Know My Rights - I Want It Now - Someone Else Is To Blame - I'm A Victim - Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing

Also from Phil:

The following questions were set in last year's GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) in the UK. These are genuine answers from 16 year olds in Swindon, Wiltshire.

Q Name the four seasons A Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

A Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

Q How is dew formed? A The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q What causes the tides in the oceans? A The tides are a fight between the earth and the moo. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins the fight.

Q What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on? A If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q In a democratic society, how important are elections? A Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q What are steroids? A Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q What happens to your body as you age? A When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty? **A** He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q Name a major disease associated with cigarettes **A** Premature death.

Q What is artificial insemination? **A** When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q How can you delay milk turning sour? **A** Keep it in the cow.

Q How are the main parts of the body categorised (eg the abdomen)?
A The body is consisted into 3 parts – the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I, O and U.

Q What is the fibula? **A** A small lie.

Q What does ‘varicose’ mean? **A** nearby.

Q What is the most common form of birth control? **A** Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium.

Q Give the meaning of the term ‘Caesarean section’ **A** The Caesaerian section is a district in Rome.

Q What is a seizure? **A** A Roman Emperor Julius Seizure.

Q What is a terminal illness? **A** When you are sick at the airport.

Q Give an example of a fungus. What is a characteristic feature?

A Mushrooms. They always grow in dark places and they look like umbrellas.

Q Use the word ‘judicious’ in a sentence to show you understand its meaning **A** Hands that judicious can be soft as your face (“judicious” pronounced as “do dishes”)

Q What does the word ‘benign’ mean? **A** Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q What is a turbine? **A** Something an Arab or Shreik wears on his head.

Thanks guys!
Have a good Father’s Day.

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