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Welcome to the newsletter for **August 2020**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Both the **Committee Meeting** and **Monthly Meeting** are in abeyance until further notice due to Covid 19 restrictions.



**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU AGAIN.**

Above, taken in more relaxed times are the executive members of the club's committee, Len Preece - President, Peter Angwin - Treasurer, Brian Crowe - Vice President and Richard Gething - Secretary. Although no longer able to meet in person they and the remaining committee members are keeping in touch by phone to ensure they can keep the club ticking over until we are able to get back together.

**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>SPEAKERS ETC</b>	<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b>
--	To be advised.	--	14th September (possibly)

**Committee of Management:**

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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**Committee**

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Ken D. Barnes	0419 114 738
Paul Ryan	0400 538 577

Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*  
 Functions Coordinator - *Vacant*  
 Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*  
 Public relations – *Len Preece*  
 OCF Contact group – *Len Preece*  
 Toy Coordinator – *Ken D. Barnes.*  
 Machinery maintenance supervisor. - *Brian Crowe*  
 Health and Safety Coordinator – *All committee members.*  
 Member’s welfare coordinator – *Ken Whitefield*  
 Kits for kids coordinator – *Ken Whitefield*  
 Farmers Market Coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen & Paul Ryan*  
 Special interest group coordinators – *To suit group*  
 Librarian – *Keith Towe*  
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahon*  
 Gala Day coordinator - *Len Preece*  
 Our Lease - *Chris Drysdale*  
 Screws – *Martin Van Diemen*  
 Paint – *George Young*  
 Timber coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*  
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Len Preece, Brian Crowe, John Damon, John Membrey and Bill Bradshaw.*  
 Mens' Shed coordinator - *Wayne Lucas.*

**All material for the Club’s monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail [ricels@bigpond.com](mailto:ricels@bigpond.com) by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month: Letters to the editor must be sent to the committee.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Those members wishing to use the workshop on Saturdays other than Farmers’ Market Saturdays must make private arrangements with a key-holder. For safety reasons, there must always be two members present in the workshop whenever it is being used.

**Membership Fees:**  
 Individual Joining Fee - \$40.00  
 Single Membership - \$65.00  
 Family Membership - \$100.00  
 No Attendance Fee.  
 Tea & Coffee complimentary.  
 Members can pay either direct at club or by EFT bank transfer to WBC Berwick BSB 033 609, Acct # 41 6074. Please remember to put your surname as a reference.

**Workshops & Meetings:**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Eric Guthrie
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Ross Blackwood
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Wednesday Evening	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Brian Crowe
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Len Preece
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Farmers' Market supervisors -	Martin Van Diemen and Ken Whitefield or by prior arrangement on other Saturdays.

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Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Gary Maas MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and his staff for their support in printing this newsletter for us.  
**8783 6959.**

Berwick Woodworkers also acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of **Ephraim Finch** who has supported the club for many years with donations of top quality timber. Without Ephraim's gifts, the work we do for local underprivileged children would be considerably curtailed.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

I hope this finds all members in good health. With the Virus continuing to spread, we now have another 5 weeks with everything shut down and everyone now confined to their homes. I hope we can all manage to come out the other end in a safe and healthy condition, it is now more important than ever that we keep in contact with other members.

We were given the O K to operate the 8<sup>th</sup> August Farmers' Markets but unfortunately because of the way the virus was spreading we decided that it was not advisable for us to attend and many of our members would not be able to do so due to the 5km ruling

We informed Geoff Rankin and the Old Cheese Factory of our decision. Geoff decided that he would still have the market as it legal to run the market. We felt that with the 5 Km radius rule in place many patrons would not be able to attend legally and therefore parking would not be a problem. (In hind sight that was a good decision given the weather on the day and on checking with Geoff Rankin after the market he estimated only about 200 people attended). We hope that next month we may be able have the market, but we will just have to wait and see what transpires.

On returning to the club, whenever that might be, things will be a little different. When we do return and we ask members that if you have any **flu type symptoms** that you **do not attend** the club. There are hand sanitiser at the entrance of the clubroom and members are required to sanitise their hands when entering the clubrooms on arrival and please enter through the lunchroom doors. Then when returning to the club room from the workshop please use the sanitiser.

Members having a cup of tea/coffee will be able to use disposable cups if preferred (these will be provided). There will be a maximum of 4 persons in the paint room at a time - please remember the 1.5 metre spacing.

Sanitising wipes will also be available in the toilets, please use these and dispose in the bins provided do not flush them down the toilet.

**Finally a reminder that our Club fees are now due and can be paid directly into our bank account at Westpac BSB 033609 a/c No 416074 and be sure to add your name in the comments area. Alternatively you can send a cheque by mail to the club addressed to the Treasurer at Post Office Box 921 Berwick 3806.**

The Clubs Annual General Meeting has now been put off until the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, more details later.

At present we are unable to have committee or any general meeting, the committee members are keeping in touch by phone and will deal with any matter that may arise.

Until next time please stay healthy and we look forward to seeing all again soon.

**Len Preece - President.**

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**CLUB NEWS:** Items of club news are pretty thin on the grass at present. In the **Van Diemen** camp, **Martin** is recovering very nicely from his hip replacement. Sent home from hospital as the safest place to recuperate, Martin has been carefully pottering about his home and managing well. Fortunately Martin was able to have his surgery at the end of July, the surgeon's last case before elective surgery was put on hold due to the present Covid 19 restrictions.

**Len Preece** tells me that **Beverleigh** is coping reasonably well with her weekly chemo treatments, although tiring easily as she deals with the usual side effects. Best Wishes, Bev. Here's hoping better days are ahead.

*Best Wishes* to all of our members and those of their family who are unwell at present.



**Bill Bradshaw** has been trying his hand at cooking, digging out some of late wife, Jean's old recipe books. That's Bill at right in case you've forgotten what he looks like. By the time we see him again Bill will be quite a consummate cook as his daughter has presented him with a gift of a well advertised home-delivered packaged meal program. Bill says he is enjoying developing his culinary skills and the delicious meals he is preparing.



**WHO IS THIS MASKED MAN?** He claims he is Bond, James Bond, suitably attired for his daily one hour of exercise. " *I feel quite COVID safe and people coming the opposite way seem to be crossing the street when they see me coming. I don't know why but I'll take it.*" See his unmasked identity on page 7.

**OUT IN THE SHED.** Although lockdown restrictions have kept club members apart, many of us are still able to spend time at woodworking (a legitimate excuse to spend time in the shed, man-cave or den). Some members contribute to the club's Facebook page. For those of you who don't use Facebook I have taken copies to show you, so here is our

**SHOW & TELL** for August.

**Paul Ryan**, at right, says he has spent his days making sawdust, with a disastrous result as we can see by the photo at left.

Paul says, "*Special new turning tool, still looking for the other bit in the shed. Heard it bounce off the wall. Certainly gets your attention. Good news is that it is a Pops shed tool and they are replacing it without question. Got to be pleased about that.*"



**Chris Drysdale** has sent me this photo of his carved party platter. Chris says, "*This is made from Camphor Laurel and measurements are 400x300x30mm and finished with Countertop Livos oil.*"



**Rick Hoare** turned this small bowl from an unknown wood. Rick has used a little pyrography to adorn the bowl's rim.



**Elsie Hoare.** " *I have been concentrating on making the bedding for this year's beds, prams and bunks. Not quite as many to make as last year as I've run out of wood for my bunks and can't get to the club for more. Still there's enough sewing to keep me out of mischief. These are some of the little pillows to go with the mattresses. Poor dollies. I've had to be a bit miserly with the filling as I can't get out to buy more and I'm not sure I have enough to finish the job.*"





**Bernard Zhang** has acquired a set of high quality hand planes and is enjoying perfecting the art of using them, as is evident in this photo of his workshop floor.

Here's what Bernard has to say:  
*"Stage 4 which means more time at home. Been dimensioning and ripping some timber. I've gotten in contact with a retired fellow in Perth. He purchased a lot of hand tools however he has developed hand*



*arthritis and cannot use them anymore. I feel really bad for him. I've picked up a lot of his tools and have probably 8 more planes in the air to my house. The first three just arrived. They're the skew rabbet left and right hand and small plow plane with all the blades. The blade is skewed 22 degrees. The planes are a decade old and I've flattened the back, The wand looking shaving is the inaugural shaving of the plane.*

*I've been practising to feel square with the plane, saves me grabbing the square 10 times when I'm working on one face."*



Left is the gauge used when skewing the plane blades.

**John McMahon** has far exceeded his Covid 19 Collection. Here, and on the next page, is some more of John's work.



*Covid No 12: Lidded box, Willow with dyed Messmate lid & finial. Approx 140mm diam 180mm tall. (left)*

*Covid No 27: Willow hollow form approx 190mm diam 70mm tall.(right)*



*Covid No.33 Sassafras dish approx 175mm diam 40mm deep. Lots of pinhole borer holes. (right)*





**No.34:** My Tree Bowl. Claret Ash approx 145mm diam 145mm tall. Pierced, cut out, dyed & pyro'd.

**No. 35:** Blackwood vase approx 80mm diam 200mm tall. (right)

**No. 36:** Blackwood natural edge bowl approx 190mm x 130mm, 60mm deep. (below left)

**Covid 37:** Jarrah footed platter approx 255mm square 40mm deep. (below right)

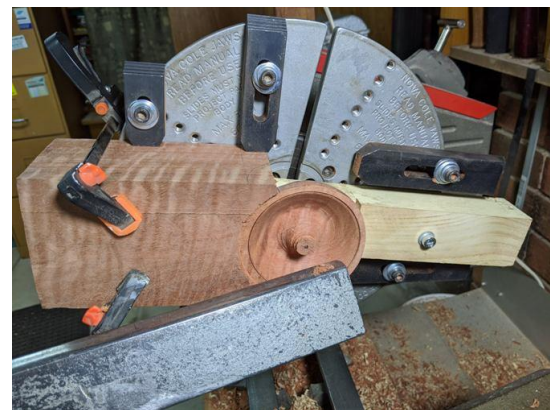
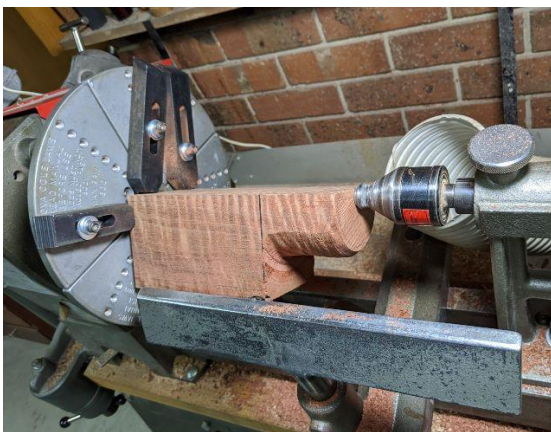


**Covid No 39:** My attempt at an emerging bowl. Redgum approx 140mm X 85mm X 70mm overall, bowl 85mm diam. An interesting exercise rigging up clamps & counterweights, an alternative use for the Cole jaws, & some multi axis turning. (below)



**Covid 40:** Blackwood vase approx 110mm diam 175mm tall. (right)

Below, a peek at the way John managed to achieve his emerging bowl.





**Covid No 41.** Redgum bowl with gold bead and textured rim. Approx. 214mm diam, 65mm tall.  
(I'm guessing John used his Dremel tool to engrave the rim of his bowl).

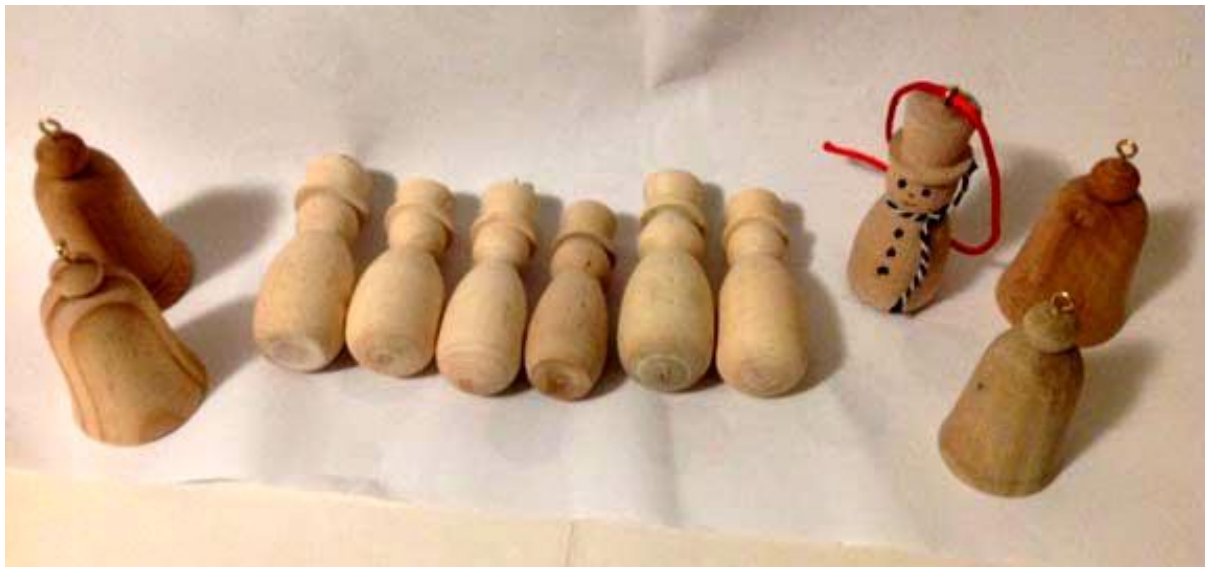
From **Keith Towe:**

I have been making some Christmas Tree Hanging pieces for 6 of the local children in our street. The Snow men are about 85mm high, and made from Pittosporum.

It is hard to find nice white wood, Holly is very nice but quite expensive and not easy to get hold of. The Bells are from various timbers.

I have left them all unadorned so they can paint faces and buttons etc and have some fun themselves. The one finished Snowman gives some idea of how they can look.

Keith.



**JAMES BOND?** Sorry, no. The masked man on page 4 is none other than club member Mark Bellis.

**A SUGGESTION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:** One of the benefits of belonging to a club such as Berwick Woodworkers, is the knowledge we have each gained over the years, which we are able to share with each other. Since we are unable, at present, to meet and chew over our woodworking methods, it has been suggested that we might make use of this newsletter for that purpose. The suggested title for the column is: **"I DID IT THIS WAY"**, with club members submitting an item and their methods, anonymously if preferred, inviting comments from other members who might suggest a way or a sequence of doing things that worked well for them and that others might follow. I'm interested to hear your thoughts on the matter.



### **AN ANCIENT WOODWORKING TOOL:**

Can you guess what it is? Just a hint, it's been around for many thousands of years and although its only two hand spans across it would be impossible to carry it.

We came across it during a visit to a National Park in New South Wales in one of the park's several ancient sites that show evidence of the occupation of our indigenous people.

**ANSWER:** A spear sharpening tool. Yes this simple hole in the sandstone rock, served as a file to sharpen the point of a spear.

The following letter has been received by club Secretary, **Richard Gething**. Perhaps it could be of interest to some of our members.

Good Morning! I hope this email finds you safe and well during this time.

My name is Vanessa Joyce and I am an exercise physiologist with PACE Health Management, based at the Endeavour Hills Medical Centre. We work closely with Exercise and Sport Science Australia and the team at Healthy Male (Men's health promotion team) who have connected with ASMA regarding exercise programs for the sheds.

I was hoping to give you some information regarding the 'Exercise Right for Active Ageing' program which is currently run via Telehealth in the current climate (but has potential to be face to face in the future). This program may be of interest to some of your members who are looking to increase their activity and engagement.

The Exercise Right for Active Ageing program subsidises group exercise classes for inactive older Australians run by accredited exercise physiologists and accredited exercise scientists to improve their overall health and well-being. Each participant is subsidised for one group session per week for 12 sessions, and an individual pre- and post-assessment. Participants are also entitled to a free trial!

Below are some links to follow for the program details including fees etc, and our PACE company website.

<https://exerciseright.com.au/betterageing/>

<https://www.pacehm.com.au/>

It would be great to organise a phone or video chat if you wanted to learn some more information about the program or if you would like me to share any further info with the shed members.

Kind Regards,

Vanessa Joyce

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As mentioned on the first page, the committee will not meet for the present until the current COVID 19 emergency is over. The safety of our members is critical.

Any essential items can be addressed by individual committee members if needed.

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7th August 2020

Good Morning fellow shedders,



Once again we are all in LOCKDOWN imposed by the Department of Health as a result of the CORONAVIRUS. Both Barbara and I think about each shed and what you are able to do as we are not attending our individual sheds. Like me I am sure that you will be missing the opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with your mates, miss the time you spend chatting over a cuppa or at the benches. Remember to keep in touch with those whom you would normally associate with, they may just be feeling down and your contact could be the uplift that that they need at this time.

Thank you to those sheds that are keeping us up to date with your NEWSLETTERS. For those who do not have us on your mailing list please add the Cluster Muster so that we have the opportunity to read what you are doing.

Be strong, remain enthusiastic and aware of all our mates.

Barbara & David



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Keep your chin up shedders for this too will pass.

South Gippsland: Barbara Look 0488 046 617 West Gippsland: David Mudge 0469 748 657

**FROM THE INTERNET:** Possibly a useful idea to save fingers and avoid pliers marks on the item being sanded.

**A MEMORY FROM THE PAST:**

Wandering through some back copies of the club's newsletter I came across this item, written by a very active past member, **Hans van der Velde**. As it is still useful today I thought it you might like to have a look at it.

**Maintenance for Chainsaws - Hans van der Velde.**

I know that chainsaws are the crudest form of power tool, but try cutting down a 24" diameter tree with a scroll saw. Because it's a primary tool people tend to put them down and since this is the Coonara season, the cobwebs are coming off the old faithful chainsaw. So here's a few tips to help you get the most out of your machine and to help prolong it's life.

1. Clean the saw occasionally (like every time you use it) so that you can visually see to inspect it for loose screws and other faulty parts. Vibrations encountered in chainsaws can make them work loose and if not checked in time can cause problems later, especially in the older saws with a lot of die-cast in the bodies.

2. Clean out the air filter every time you sharpen the chain. This would be the most abused part of most saws. People expect miracles from air filters. Except for the paper types, wash them out in petrol and dry them. Check for holes in them by holding it up to the light.

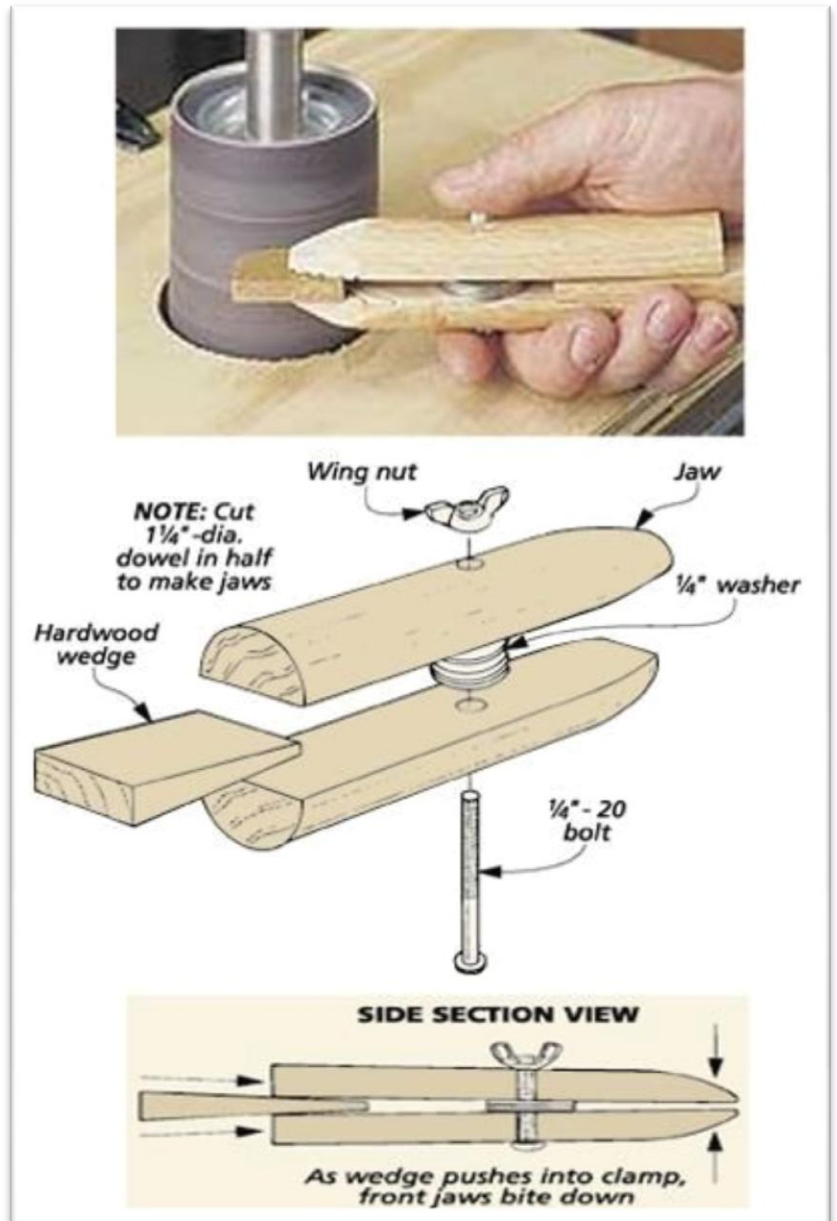
Small holes can be fixed with some hot-melt glue on the outside of the hole, and if the holes are many or big, replace it. The air filter protects the motor from premature wear, so check it out. (A new piston and barrel for the popular makes of saw costs around \$450). Keep the chain sharp and the rakers set at the right depth (0.030") and its easier to filter out larger wood chips than fine sawdust.

3. Keep a spare spark plug handy. Two-stroke motors are finicky with plugs. Murphy's law states that if you're out in the bush 20km from home, then that's when it will break down.

4. Grease the clutch bearing occasionally. It is usually a needle roller bearing and tends to dry out. Some saws have a hollow crank to enable this bearing to be greased. Most of the Stihls have to have the clutch removed to grease the clutch bearing. See the dealer.

5. Use the manufacturer's recommended two-stroke mixture 25/1 or 50/1 etc. and use super petrol not unleaded, or see the manual. Beware of some of the ready-mixed fuels. Always check the manual.

6. Keep the chain sharp so that you use all the horsepower wisely. Dress the bar occasionally with a file to remove burrs, and turn the bar over to wear evenly on both sides.



**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: From Brian Crowe.**

A farmer died leaving his 17 horses to his three sons. When his sons opened up the Will it read:  
My eldest son should get 1/2 (half) of total horses; My middle son should be given 1/3rd (one-third) of the total horses; My youngest son should be given 1/9th (one-ninth) of the total horses  
As it's impossible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, the three sons started to fight with each other over the distribution of the horses. So, they decided to ask the advice of a farmer friend, who they considered quite smart, to see if he could work it out for them. The farmer friend read the Will patiently. After giving due thought, he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17. That increased the total to 18 horses. Now, he divided the horses according to their fathers Will. Half of 18 = 9. So he gave the eldest son 9 horses. 1/3rd of 18 = 6. So he gave the middle son 6 horses. 1/9th of 18 = 2. So he gave the youngest son 2 horses.  
Now add up how many horses they have:  
Eldest son: 9. Middle son: 6. Youngest son: 2. TOTAL IS: 17  
Now this leaves one horse over, so the farmer friend takes his horse back to his farm. Problem Solved!

**JUST JOKING:** (with thanks to **Len Preece**.)

After 10 years a wife started to think their child looks kinda strange so she did a DNA test and found out the child is not theirs. She told her husband what she found out, the husband replied, "You don't remember do you? When we were leaving the hospital the baby pooped and you told me to go and change him so I went inside and got a clean one and left the dirty one there." The wife fainted.

From **Chris Drysdale**.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICE!**

To help save the economy, the Government will announce next month that the Immigration Department will start deporting seniors (instead of illegals) in order to lower Social Security and Medicare costs.

Older people are easier to catch and will not remember how to get back home. Be sure to send this notice to your relatives and friends, so they'll know what happened to you.

I started to cry when I thought of you.

Then it dawned on me; I'll see you on the bus.



A little advice from Charles Schultz.

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That's about all from me for now. Until next time I hope you can keep smiling.