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Testicles and Pensions

What have testicles and pensions got in common I hear you ask??

Testicular cancer is one of the more treatable cancers that effect the male population; in fact the success rate is very high as long as diagnosis is made early.

However, it is imperative that you check them regularly or better still get your partner to check them, they are more likely to pick up on any changes quicker. The government advice is too check them once a month but as most members of the male population scratch their balls at least once a day, nuff said.

You may have read about John Hartson (ex Celtic) a professional footballer of some standing, fit healthy who looks after his body, he left it two years before he sought medical advice, the prognosis is now much grimmer as the cancer has spread to his lungs and brain. If he had gone to the doctors sooner the prognosis may have been very very different. He has a young family need I say any more!

For heavens sake don't be embarrassed about asking the nurse or doctor at the health center to check them if you have any concerns, they have seen it all before!!!! You can always ask for a male doctor or nurse if necessary.

You can't but have helped notice all the discussion surrounding pensions recently. At present you would need savings of a £100,000 to generate a pension of approximately £6,000 per annum so if you want to retire on approximately £13,000 per annum you will need to have saved £200,000 over your working life.

As most of us are self employed then that money has to come out of our earnings we don't have the benefit of employer contributions.

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By the end of the year it is highly likely that this government will have raised public borrowing to nearly a Trillion pounds, this along with a rapidly rising level of unemployment and a declining tax take will see a great deal of pressure on public spending over the foreseeable future.

We may not see the end of universal pensions but more emphasis will be placed on pension credits and an increase in the retirement age.

Presently there are four people in work to fund every pensioner. Due to an aging population by the time I get to retirement age in 2025 it is forecast that only two people will be in work for every pensioner.

You probably get the picture by now, your pretty much on your own!

Oh the link between testicles and pensions? simple really, you need to keep a bloody close eye on both.

See the doctor about your balls see a financial expert for your pension, don't get the two mixed up, if you go waving your pension in front of a nurse she will probably wet herself when she sees how small it is!!!!

If you need to talk to someone on pensions then let me know I can put you in contact with the gentleman who has looked after mine for years. It doesn't cost anything to get an appraisal carried out.

Clearance Bargains

Check out the website for a link to our E Bay shop (or type in stony heating in the shops section of e bay) we have over 40 items at really silly clearance prices. Definitely worth a look!!!

MK Dons

The new season is well under way and after a few games they find themselves in the top five. If you were lucky enough to be at the Huddersfield game you would have seen the fly past of a Lancaster which was on its way back from Bletchley Park in fact this was the highlight of a pretty mundane first half, the second half saw the sparks fly with the game ending 3 - 2 in Huddersfields favour. Don't forget we have a pair of season tickets for the Cow Shed get your requests in early for specific games.

Don't forget the golf!!!!

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Plumbers in the News

Olive bellowed in my ear "BREATHE" just after the nurse had shouted down the corridor of the emergency room somewhat dispassionately "can I get some help in here" needless to say a deep breath followed which saw the ill fitting oxygen mask cling to my face. A big "thank you" to all the A&E staff at Northampton General for their help, they were brilliant. Unfortunately they lost the test results so we are still non-the wiser as too the cause of me having a ride in a nice shiny ambulance and a 24hr stay in an isolation room. The funny thing was as they took me out of the ambulance the Paramedic says "whatever you do don't let them give you Tamiflu".

Big shout out to Pete on the marriage of his daughter Sarah to Adam, excellent speech given by very smartly turned out beaming father only to let himself down with his crap dancing.....

Deliveries

We try to be as flexible with deliveries as possible. Unfortunately our insurance does not cover us for entry to a customer's property ONLY for delivery to the property boundary. We are of course quite happy to help further as long as health and safety isn't compromised. It isn't acceptable to expect Kathy to help carry heavy materials up stairs. If you expect this to be the case then please let us know and we will come "mob handed".

It is strict company policy that we will not tolerate abusive behaviour to any member of staff. We have installed CCTV at the Stony shop for the safety of everyone and this will shortly be extended to the Towcester showroom.

Band B & other endangered species!

The government is presently floating ideas for the modification of Part L due to be made law in October 2010. It is pretty much a dead certainty that we will see the death of the Band B boiler with all new boilers having to be Band A whether for refurbishment or new install. By October 2010 we will of course have a new government in power, however, it appears that these proposals have cross party agreement and regardless of who makes the majority in the Houses of Parliament it will become law.

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As of October this year new legislation will see the fitting of a thermostatic mixing valve becoming obligatory with the installation of any new bath. A TMV2 valve will need to be fitted in all domestic applications and TMV3 fitted in all public access and medical establishments. For a more comprehensive discussion on this subject please see the website, www.stonyheating.biz

Olives Bathrooms

We have put the ever popular Armitage Shanks Sandringham Suite on display at Olives Bathrooms. This quality suite is competitively priced at £299.00.

For every customer you put our way who buys this or any other suite over £300 then you get a case of lager/beer, decent bottle of wine or a bottle of PIMMS



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