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The association for former **HSBC** employees

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Midland Bank Griffins, Hexagons & Horizons Newsletter

Hello

Thank you for taking the time to read the 45th edition of this monthly newsletter.

We often receive feedback from our members who have friends and colleagues who prefer not to use social media but would really love to enjoy the happy nostalgic memories and reconnections that many of us get to experience.

The Griffins and Hexagons website, along with the monthly newsletters, are some of the ways we make this happen. We do this by sharing nostalgic stories and photos from social media, bringing you the latest updates from our friends at Horizons and appreciating the current and previous service of our friends and colleagues.

Please feel free to contact Anne and myself by email at midlandbankgriffins@gmail.com



Martin Ridley
Facebook Group Admin

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HORIZONS - CARDIFF



Our festive Christmas lunch was held today at the Manor Park Hotel for the Cardiff Group.

An afternoon that was well attended by our members and we were also lucky to have our guest for the afternoon, Len Aspell the Chair of Horizons.

As always a massive thanks to Gill Coward who organised it for us, without you it would not go so smoothly.

It was great to see old and new friends and colleagues catching up with each other and enjoying the festive cheer. The buzz around the room was brilliant to hear Glenda as always was in charge of our raffle, which was very much appreciated.

Thanks to Helen for taking the photos.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Kath

Kath's message and Helen's photos kindly shared by Barbara Belward

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HORIZONS - FYLDE & CENTRAL LANCASHIRE

Today we enjoyed our centre's Christmas lunch at Ferrari's in Longridge. My meal was lovely, and I hope everybody enjoyed their festive food.

My husband Tony will be having a ding-dinner this evening, I'm too full!

Thank you to members and guests who braved the arctic conditions to attend. It was lovely to see you all, and to welcome some new members.

Our lunches are always a good time to catch up with friends, and it's always great to see how well we all look.

Retirement certainly seems to suit us. Here are some photos from today, I'm sorry my photography skills leave a lot to be desired.

I send my best wishes to members who could not attend today, and wish a speedy recovery to our friends who are a bit under the weather.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year!

Nora xxx

Kindly shared by Nora Sopworth



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HORIZONS - HARROW

Andrew Riley, Chair of Northwood Hills Residents Association and Chair Horizons Harrow, together with Father Christmas (aka Gregory Farrell, former Chair of Horizons Harrow), presenting the Mayor of Hillingdon with a cheque for £250 at The Grand Switch on of The Northwood Hills Christmas Lights event.



Email kindly shared by Andrew Riley

HORIZONS - HARROW

I had a fantastic time catching up with some friends and former colleagues from Horizons' Harrow.

I was able to say a quick hello to Lorraine Holmes a few other London Horizoners via Zoom.

Many thanks to Andrew Riley for the kind invite and to the other Horizoners who made me feel so welcome.

It was a real pleasure to meet Andrzej, John, Susan and Yvonne for the first time.

Also delighted to catch up again with Keith Hale and Susan Thomas who both worked in Knightsbridge during my time in the bank. Really enjoyed reminiscing about the old days.

Looking forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Happy days!

Martin Ridley



HORIZONS - HARROW



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Harrow Christmas Lunch.



Kindly shared by Andrew Riley

HORIZONS - HARROW

Anne and I had a wonderful time at the Harrow Christmas Lunch. It was really great to catch up with friends and former colleagues. Many thanks to the Harrow Management team for our kind invite.

A most enjoyable day which was topped off with some fantastic entertainment. The festive dancing can be found in one of the videos I've uploaded. Thank you Harrow.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!



Martin & Anne xx

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HORIZONS - HERTS & BEDS

What a fabulous day, despite the freezing cold, Herts and Beds celebrated Christmas in style today with a delicious lunch at Knebworth House. It was such fun catching up with so many old friends and new Horizon members too.

The raffle raised £340 for the Knebworth House Education and Preservation Trust.

A few photos including the stunning Knebworth sunset which greeted us as we left the park.



Kindly shared by Sarah Evans

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HORIZONS - KENT

Our Christmas Lunch was held at the Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury where apart from enjoying ourselves we also raised over £600 for the Pilgrims Hospice.



Kindly shared by Mike Hook

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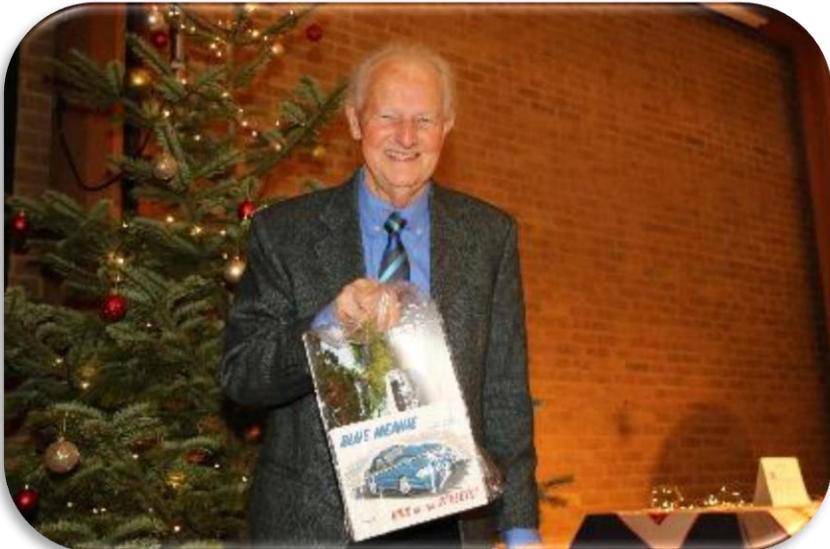
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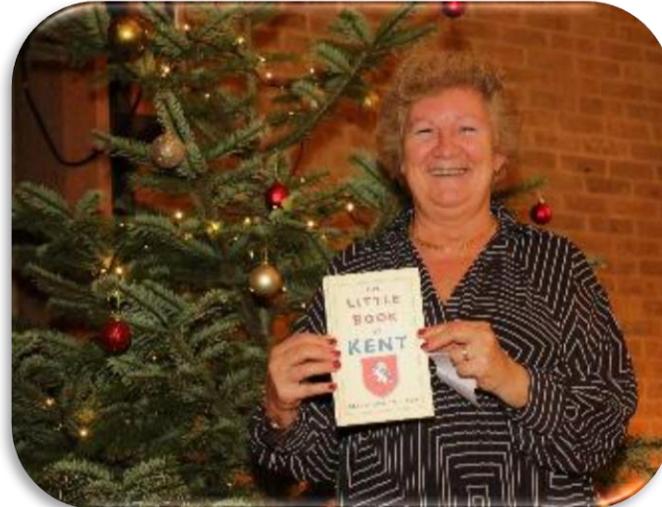
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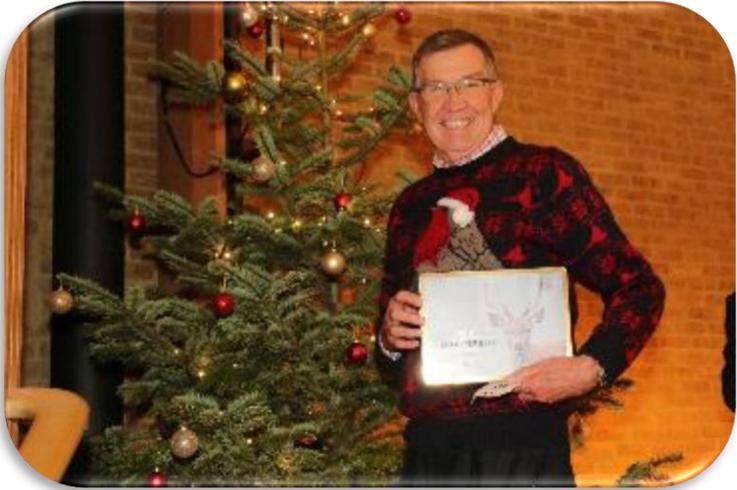
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HORIZONS - LONDON

BECKENHAM

My photos from Horizons lunch at New Inn Hayes.



Kindly shared by Janice Lakey

HORIZONS - LONDON



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Horizons London lunch.



Kindly shared by Lorraine Holmes

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HORIZONS - MANCHESTER

Manchester Horizons held their annual Christmas Lunch at Ringway Golf Club yesterday 14th December.

85 people attended along with 4 first time attendees. Allan Burdett provided his usual quiz and a hamper was provided to the winner of a Heads and Tails competition. Second and third places won a bottle of wine provided by Merseyside Horizons and a hand made reindeer provided by Ross Bullock.

We also had six guests from Merseyside Horizons including Peter Clare their Chairman and also the Regional Rep for our area who gave us a short version of some notes from Len Aspell.

A great meal and time was had by all.



Kindly shared by Peter Maguire



HORIZONS - MANCHESTER



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HORIZONS - MERSEYSIDE

Festive trip to York Christmas markets. Sixty three members left Liverpool by coach this morning for our annual festive trip to the City of York to visit the Christmas markets. An excellent day was had by all.

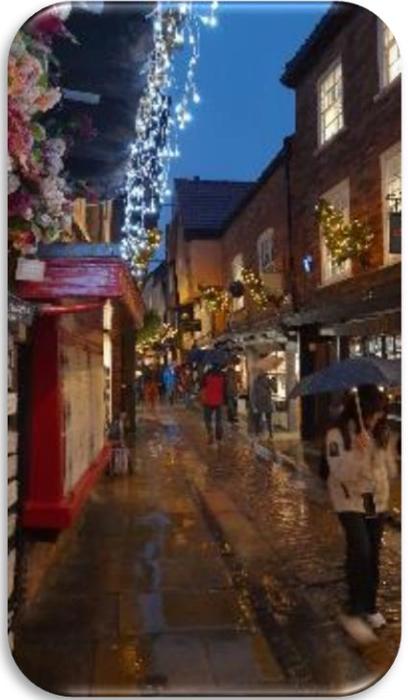
Some Christmas shopping was done whilst some Christmas drinking was also undertaken!!
Many thanks to Sandra Penney for organising.

Our next event is Christmas lunch next week
Friday 2 December at the world famous Adelphi Hotel,
Liverpool. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

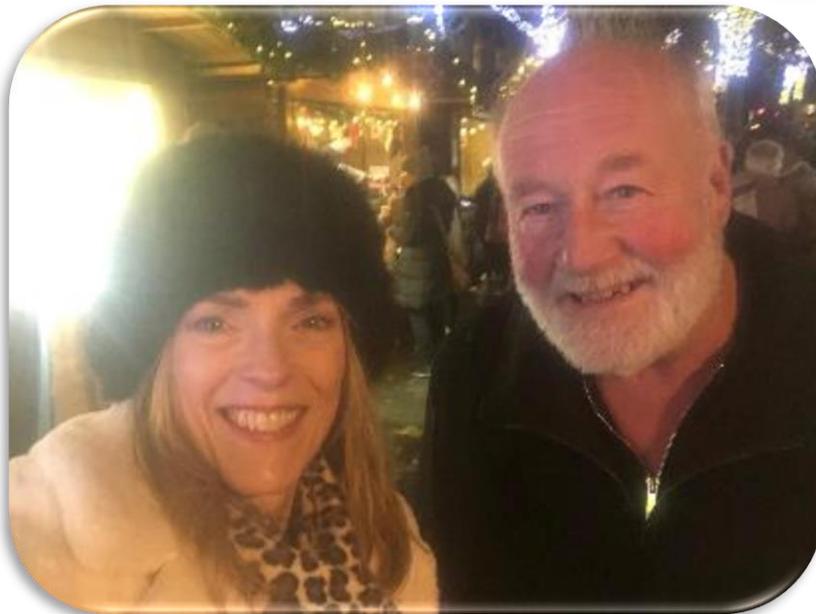


Kindly shared by Peter Clare

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What a fabulous day!

It was so great to catch up with so many wonderful people and we always receive such a kind and very warm welcome from the lovely Horizoners from Merseyside.

Thank you to John Haynes and the Merseyside team for all your hard work in creating a fantastic day for about 320 attendees at The Adelphi.

It was a real pleasure and privilege to spend time with you all.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Love and best wishes.

Martin & Anne xx





Remembering the wonderful Fred Snelson who we had the pleasure and privilege of spending time with in Merseyside.

He will be sadly missed!

RIP Fred.

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Three Hundred and Thirty members met at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool for our Christmas lunch today.

Our members were greeted with a choir singing carols and a bucks fizz reception.

Many thanks to our guests, National Chairman Len Aspell and Deputy Chair Denise Bruss and Martin and Anne Ridley.

The winner of our raffle was Julie Webster winning a £200 voucher for the Panoramic 34 restaurant in Liverpool.

Other prizes of M&S vouchers went to Flo Rotherham, Ann Howorth and Pam Tunstall.

A bottle of Prosecco was won by Ann Shawcross.

Many thanks to all members supporting Horizons today. Merry Christmas to all.



Kindly shared by Peter Clare

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Sixty five members and families braved the cold and icy weather to attend our carol service down at the Liverpool waterfront at St Nicholas Parish Church tonight.

An excellent service of readings and carols.

Refreshments of wine and mince pies followed. Many thanks to our organiser Sheila O'Hanlon.

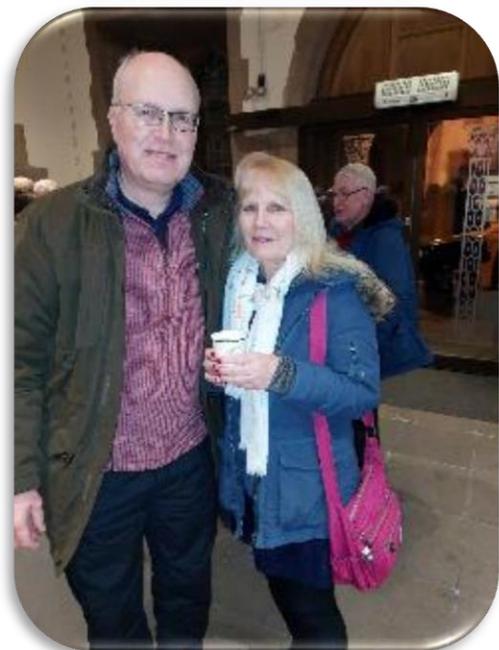


Kindly shared by Peter Clare

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We had a coffee morning today on the Liverpool side of the river at West Lancs Golf Club.

To be different, we arranged for a Christmas Buffet lunch. What a great success!

We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed the day.



West Lancs GC did us proud as usual and a big thank you to Ruth Clare for organising.

Chairman provided raffle prizes.

Pete's Christmas prizes which went down well.

Photos by Sarah Hill.

What a fab day.

Kindly shared by Peter Clare

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Our final event of the year saw 50 members attending our coffee morning and Christmas lunch at Eastham Lodge Golf Club today.

A great day with good fun doing the table quiz nicked from North Wales Horizons this week.

Thanks to Ruth Clare who organised the day. A great big thank you to the staff at the golf club for the excellent service but the biggest thanks goes to all those Horizons members who supported us today and throughout the year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.



Kindly shared by Peter Clare



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HORIZONS - MIDLANDS WEST

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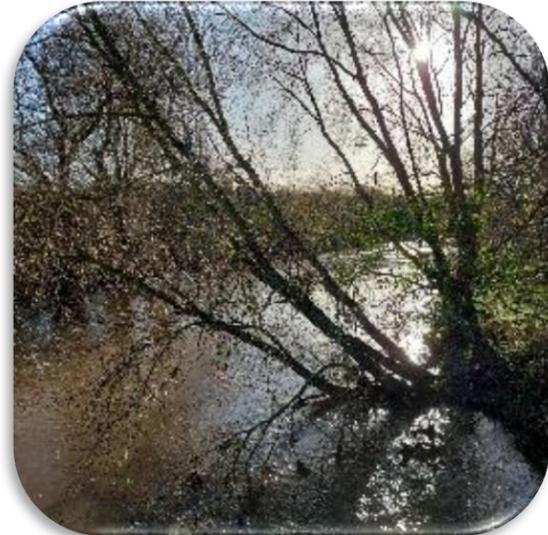
Sunny smiles and wet feet for this intrepid group of Midlands West members on their visit to RSPB Middleton Lakes on Friday.

The recent excessive rain had definitely made the going soft underfoot but spurred on by the glorious sunshine they spent several hours exploring the reserve before returning to the café (Bake 180) at the Courtyard at Middleton Hall for lunch and chat!



Kindly shared by Cynthea Ellwood

HORIZONS - MIDLANDS WEST



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Midlands West were pleased to welcome Alan Keir, Horizons President, to our Christmas Lunch held at Aston Villa Football Club on December 8th.

Following a traditional Christmas meal, Rob Newman entertained us by playing seasonal music on his keyboard and a choir of volunteers led the singing of carols and Christmas songs.

The 12 Days of Christmas will never sound the same again!!



Kindly shared by Cynthea Ellwood

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HORIZONS - NORTH WALES

89 Horizoners from North Wales had their Christmas lunch today at the Kinmel Hotel in Abergele.

We were joined by Peter Clare and his wife Ruth from Merseyside and an enjoyable meal was had by all.

Thanks go to David Ogden-Jones for organising the event and to Ken Simms for running the raffle.

We also had a quiz this year on a Christmas theme and this seemed to be well received too so it may well become an annual event providing my husband Roy will do the questions and also take the photos!

Many thanks to everyone that came today and I hope to see some of you at our next coffee morning which will be on the 10th January at North Wales Golf Club Llandudno.

Happy Christmas to you all and all the best for 2023.



Kindly shared by Yvonne Macdona

HORIZONS - NORTH WALES



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HORIZONS - NORTH YORKS & SOUTH DURHAM



Fantastic festive Christmas lunch today at Judges Country house hotel for 65 members of North Yorks and South Durham.

Thank you to all those who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets. Today's raffle brought our fundraising total to £600, to be shared between the Great North Air Ambulance and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Happy Christmas and Best wishes for 2023 to those who weren't able to join us and those who were!

Hope to see you all next year. xx

Kindly shared by Fran Whitecross

HORIZONS - NORTH YORKS & SOUTH DURHAM



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HORIZONS - SOUTH SUFFOLK & NORTH ESSEX

South Suffolk and North East Essex Christmas Lunch at Stoke by Nayland Resort and Spa today. A lovely time was had by all. The meal was excellent and so was the company.

A chance to catch up with some ex colleagues who we only get to see once a year.

A special thank you to Don who can be seen being presented with a certificate to celebrate 20 years as Social Secretary. I'm carrying on the job assisted by Maureen and Jo. Looking forward to arranging lots of different visits next year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all Horizon members wherever you may be.

Kindly shared by Jane Smith



HORIZONS - SOUTH SUFFOLK & NORTH ESSEX



HORIZONS - SOUTH SUFFOLK & NORTH ESSEX



HORIZONS - SUSSEX

The first two Christmas lunches for Sussex Horizons: Bexhill and Eastbourne.

A good time was had by all and another two Sussex lunches to look forward to next week.



Kindly shared by Alan Moyce

HORIZONS - SUSSEX



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Great to see so many members enjoying the Chichester Christmas Lunch at the Chichester Park Hotel.



Kindly shared by Alan Moyce

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Some great pics of Sussex Christmas Lunch at Singing Hills Golf Club Lunch.

Another fine turnout.

Thanks to everyone for your support.

Kindly shared by Alan Moyce

HORIZONS - SUSSEX



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HORIZONS - THAMES VALLEY

Thames Valley Christmas lunch at Shillingford Bridge Hotel.



Kindly shared by Janet Trinder

HORIZONS - THAMES VALLEY



HORIZONS - TYNESIDE & DISTRICT



Horizons Tyneside Christmas lunch at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle.

6th December 2022.



*Kindly shared by
John Brannagan*

HORIZONS - TYNESIDE & DISTRICT



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HORIZONS - WESSEX

Wessex Centre Xmas lunch attended by 156 members. Great to see so many people. A big thank you to Len Aspell for his thought provoking speech.

A special huge thank you to Wendy Wood & Steve Cluitt for organising the lunch & the massive amount they do year on year.



Kindly shared by Gary Walshe

HORIZONS - WESSEX



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HORIZONS - WEST YORKSHIRE



The Centre held its annual Christmas Lunch at Headingley Stadium on Thursday 8th December.

135 attended and enjoyed an excellent meal, taking the opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues.

Kindly shared by Charlie Creek

HORIZONS - WEST YORKSHIRE



HORIZONS - WOODFORD GREEN

Enjoyed a splendid Christmas lunch with my Woodford Green group friends and collected £141 for the Haven House hospice. If you live nearby and wish to help support, we would love to hear from you, as illness and Covid has restricted our efforts of late.

Contact details in the magazine.



Kindly shared by Richard Hester

HORIZONS - WOODFORD GREEN





GRIFFINS & HEXAGONS

Reconnecting friends and colleagues



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BRANCH CLOSURES 2023

HSBC have announced 114 branch closures for 2023.

Blandford Forum - 18/04/2023

St Austell - 18/04/2023

Fakenham - 23/05/2023

Bristol Downend - 25/04/2023

Wilmslow - 02/05/2023

Launceston - 02/05/2023

Bexhill on Sea - 18/04/2023

Stamford - 16/05/2023

Sudbury - 23/05/2023

Leominster - 25/04/2023

Whitley Bay - 02/05/2023

Arnold - 09/05/2023

Abergavenny - 18/04/2023

Whitby - 16/05/2023

Liskeard - 23/05/2023

Market Bosworth - 25/04/2023

Coleraine - 02/05/2023

Didcot - 09/05/2023

Cromer - 18/04/2023

Bridport - 23/05/2023

Bristol Filton - 30/05/2023

Alton - 25/04/2023

Bideford - 02/05/2023

Brecon - 09/05/2023

St Ives - 18/04/2023

Hove - 23/05/2023

Dundee - 30/05/2023

Shaftesbury - 25/04/2023

Gainsborough - 02/05/2023

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Minehead - 09/05/2023

Twickenham - 20/06/2023

Oakham - 20/06/2023

Waltham Cross - 30/05/2023

Pocklington - 06/06/2023

Penarth - 13/06/2023

Dover - 09/05/2023

Ross on Wye - 20/06/2023

New Milton - 27/06/2023

11 Hinckley Road (Leicester) - 30/05/2023

Chepstow - 06/06/2023

Ilkley - 13/06/2023

Halesowen - 16/05/2023

Hertford - 20/06/2023

Lewes - 27/06/2023

Market Harborough - 30/05/2023

Knutsford - 06/06/2023

South Shields - 13/06/2023

Stroud - 16/05/2023

Wells - 20/06/2023

Pontypool - 27/06/2023

Stourport on Severn - 30/05/2023

Frome - 06/06/2023

Skipton - 13/06/2023

Brighouse - 16/05/2023

Bicester - 20/06/2023

Beccles - 27/06/2023

Stirling - 06/06/2023

Portadown - 06/06/2023

Honiton - 13/06/2023

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St Neots - 27/06/2023

Bognor Regis - 18/07/2023

Norwich Mile Cross - 25/07/2023

Sleaford - 13/06/2023

Coalville - 04/07/2023

Long Eaton - 11/07/2023

Wadebridge - 27/06/2023

Marlow - 18/07/2023

Ripley - 25/07/2023

Portishead - 04/07/2023

Park Gate Southampton - 11/07/2023

Bromborough - 18/07/2023

Horsforth - 18/07/2023

Christchurch - 25/07/2023

Tonbridge - 25/07/2023

Droitwich - 04/07/2023

Wetherby - 11/07/2023

Bristol Westbury on Trym - 01/08/2023

Gosforth - 18/07/2023

Seaford - 25/07/2023

Bethnal Green - 15/08/2023

Leatherhead - 04/07/2023

Port Talbot - 11/07/2023

Ormskirk - 01/08/2023

Harpenden - 18/07/2023

Blackwood - 25/07/2023

Hornchurch - 15/08/2023

Palmers Green - 04/07/2023

Kingswinford - 11/07/2023

Putney - 01/08/2023

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Colwyn Bay - 15/08/2023

Windsor - 22/08/2023

Oxted - Date TBC

Ashton under Lyne - 01/08/2023

Henley on Thames - 08/08/2023

Hythe - Date TBC

Dorchester - 22/08/2023

Cardiff Rhyd y Penau - 29/08/2023

Epworth - Date TBC

Kenilworth - 01/08/2023

Denbigh - 08/08/2023

Cowbridge - Date TBC

Morley - 22/08/2023

Leighton Buzzard - 29/08/2023

Holsworthy - Date TBC

Reigate - 08/08/2023

122 Finchley Road - 15/08/2023

Settle - Date TBC

Wymondham - 22/08/2023

Eastwood - 29/08/2023

Tenby - Date TBC

North Finchley - 08/08/2023

Chippenham - 15/08/2023

Ryde - 22/08/2023

Cirencester - 08/08/2023

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Today I had lunch at the Steam Bar with 4 of my ex Betchworth tutors colleagues from the early 1980s. Tom Haddon, John Hawley, Jon Morton Smith and John Clare.

We have been friends for 40 years.

Whilst crossing London Bridge I took a picture of St Magnus House and the Montague Blue Building, both of which I worked at in 1991 and 1992 respectively.

A memorable day.

Kindly shared by Bob Knox



Message Board

GRIFFINS & **HEXAGONS**

In my three weeks of meeting ex colleagues in London, today I have been with Helen Roberts. Helen was the HR support for the PAPS team in the early 90s, managed Leeds CSC for me from 1996 to 1998 and later was a member of the CSC management team. Since my retirement nearly 18 years ago she has been a senior change manager based in Sheffield.

She retired early last year. Again we remain close friends. A brilliant person.

The building is Park Street where many of us worked from the early 90s until we moved to Canary Wharf in September 2002. More great memories.

Kindly shared by Bob Knox



Message Board
GRIFFINS & HEXAGONS

Today had another lunch in London. This time with some senior branch bankers who I hadn't seen for 20/30 years.

Those present were John Davies, Jim Wells, Tony Fuller, David Westlake, Alan Barber, Barry Seymour, Peter Davies, Gordon Marples, Eddie Watson, Tony Hallett and myself. There was a lot of reminiscing particularly about Betchworth and Oxted Colleges and other colleagues.

Despite our different career paths it was an enjoyable day.



Message Board

GRIFFINS & **HEXAGONS**

Kindly shared by Bob Knox



Photo from our regular meet up from Canary Wharf.

Kindly shared by Pat Palser

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GRIFFINS & **HEXAGONS**



Another memory and another night out.

Me, Anita Robert's and Steve J Davies

Message Board

GRIFFINS & **HEXAGONS**

Kindly shared by Pat Palser



A lovely Christmas catch up with ex colleagues of Midland Bank, Walsall, West Midlands at The Broadway Pub in Willenhall!

A fabulous night was had by all!

Kindly shared by Caroline Hughes

Message Board
GRIFFINS & HEXAGONS

Another Christmas bash!! Turkey & Tinsel lunch for ex Walsall, West Midlands 404519 Midland/HSBC colleagues!

What a ball we all had!!



Kindly shared by Caroline Hughes

Message Board
GRIFFINS & HEXAGONS



A lovely Springboard Girlie
Catch up with Patricia Porter
and Marie Murphy.



Kindly shared by Kairen Wilson

Message Board
GRIFFINS & HEXAGONS



Blandford Forum (40-12-18) mini reunion today, from 1988 ish.

Fellow colleagues may recognise Mike Pugsley and Andy Gwillam.

I took the photo. Mike's wife, Chris was also with us.

Message Board

GRIFFINS & **HEXAGONS**

Kindly shared by Jayne Gwillam



Xmas get together for some who passed through Kingston & Richmond Area office/SWLAO in the 80s!

A good time at the Eel Pie, Twickenham.

Message Board

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Kindly shared by Ian Littlejohn

Lovely catch up with ex HSBC Milton Keynes colleagues 40-33-33. Merry Christmas all.



Message Board

GRIFFINS & **HEXAGONS**

Kindly shared by Deb Keech



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Appreciating current and previous service

If you or a friend would like to share your fond memories of previous and current service through this newsletter, please feel free to make contact by email at:

midlandbankgriffins@gmail.com

Thank you for your service!

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Angie Lamb

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Good morning everyone from a snowy Dorset. I don't know if any of you will remember me.

As a young Angela Beckett from Grimsby my Midland Bank career started in Chief Inspector's Department in Norfolk House then on to Poultry where I more or less remained until leaving in 1991.

Happy days, great memories and my best friend for life - thanks for the introduction Irene Mumby.

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Bob Hemmings

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I started my banking career at Cornmarket Street Oxford branch in October 1963 and subsequently had transfers to Chipping Norton and Leighton Buzzard, from Leighton I had my first appointment at Woodbridge Hill, Guildford with two further appointments at High Street, Guildford and Walton on Thames.

However I had always had an interest in horticulture and after 22 years in the bank decided to quit the rat race and follow my dream, We sold our four bed roomed house in Surrey and purchased a 3 bedroom house here in Shropshire with 7.5 acres of land and 10,000 square feet of glasshouses, hard work and long days but very rewarding.

We sold the nursery in 2002 and for our next adventure bought a derelict barn and converted it with the help of a self employed builder and a carpenter. Now retired, we moved to Church Stretton - still in Shropshire some eight years ago.

It would be good to talk about old times and I would be interested to hear from anybody who I worked with over my 22 years in the bank.

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As I enter my final working week at HSBC I took some time at the weekend to clear out my office ready for the next chapter of my career.

What started with gusto soon slowed and turned into a trip down memory lane and I'm not ashamed to admit a few tears were shed as I stumbled across a variety of items from the last 21 years. Since those early days on the graduate programme in Bricket Wood I have held 18 different roles so it's no surprise that I have made memories that will last me a lifetime, learnt lessons that I will take with me and most importantly met some amazing people who I will never forget.

I can't possibly name you all but special mentions have to go to Gregg Carnaffan, Marie F., Jayne Smith, Amanda Murphy, Laura Anderson, Lynne Burns, Emma Holloway, David Harris, Nicola Thompson, Neil Beetlestone, Paul Haynes, Sam Robinson DIP CII, Theresa Gibbon, Sally Williams, Kate Daniels, FIA CERA, Jason Reynolds, Natalie Scott, Matthew Taylor, Carmen Guzman, Karen Jenkins, Kellee Perkes and Mike Hughes.

In the new year I will open the door to my future at Yorkshire Building Society but I don't think I'll ever truly close the door on my time at HSBC.

Thank you for the memories.

#thankyou #people #career #future

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The association for former **HSBC** employees



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The Horizons website is the place to sign up and connect with your local Horizons' centre and also obtain the latest news and views from the Horizons Management Committee.

There are many social activities such as coffee mornings, centre lunches, social excursions and of course the AGM and annual luncheon.

Log on to the website for further information on how to sign up and connect with your friends and colleagues.

Remembering our friends and colleagues through fond memories

It is with great sadness that we often receive news of the passing of our friends and former colleagues.

Thank you to our many members who kindly take the time to share this sad news with us. It gives us all an opportunity to reflect and fondly remember the life and service of our friends and colleagues who have passed on.

It's clear that our members welcome the chance to be able to pass on their respects and condolences at the earliest possible moment as opposed to doing so when they find out at a much later point in time.

Remembrance posts are also available on the Griffins & Hexagons website.

The following messages are of those who have been sadly taken from us over the last couple of months.

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Alan Bebbington

2022

Attended the funeral today of Alan Bebbington in Newcastle Under Lyme. Alan was Assistant Branch Manager at Crewe when I took over as a newly appointed BM of Nantwich.

He was a great guy and gave me the support I needed at that time. Today would have also been his 72nd birthday. Taken too soon. Condolences to his family.

Lots of folk there although I only saw two from the bank, Sue Reeves and Peter Griffin.

Rest in peace Bebbo.

Kindly shared by Gary Howorth

Remembering our friends and colleagues
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Alan Bebbington

2022

I worked with Alan at Crewe Branch and sat on the desk in front of him in the old batch room. He was always running up and down the stairs all day long. I used to think how fit he was. I always remember him saying 'Don't break your leg ' as I was going out of the door to go on a two week skiing holiday and I did break my leg. So sorry to hear this sad news that he has passed away. He was always so helpful and approachable. My sympathy goes out to his friends and family. - *Hilary Smith*

Hilary Smith, I remember the don't break your leg comment and many others. - *Denise Graham*

Very sad news, unfortunately I was unable to go today, Alan was very good to me when I worked at Crewe, a real gentleman - *Pat Jerome*

I am so shocked to read this sad news. As well as about four years or so at Crewe in the late 80's we also were at Hanley in the late 70's. He was always such a friendly chap and he shared many a joke with me over the years. After my bank days, I used to see Alan jogging past my house nr Alsager and a few quick words were said in between breaths. Too young to leave us, my thoughts are with Sheila, another Crewe girl, and her family. - *Paul Proom*

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Alan Bebbington

2022

Like Pat Jerome sadly I was unable to attend but i do know there were lots of olde Crewe branch staff there and Barbara Bunn represented me and Alison who couldn't make it.

One of our lasting memories of a very helpful very busy manager was we used to call him Mr Muscle. As he loved the jobs you hated and he would do anything to help his staff from cleaning the fridge to running around the branch helping everyone. Taking staff to hospital.

A true gentleman who will leave a legacy with lots of his friends and colleagues. Rest in peace Alan xxxx - *Denise Graham*

Very sad news. I worked with Alan at Newcastle, then he was one of my Premier clients at Crewe. - *Chris Gater*

Remembering our friends and colleagues

GRIFFINS & **HEXAGONS**

Fred Snelson

December 2022



It is with great sadness that I report the death of our very good friend Fred Snelson.

Fred didn't work for the bank but was the husband of Vera who was very active with the Pensioners Association then latterly Horizons Merseyside holding a number of roles over 20 years after retiring from the bank.

Fred gave immense support to Vera and was a regular at our events.

Fred was 83 and will be missed by all of us on Merseyside.

Kindly shared by Peter Clare

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Fred Snelson

December 2022

It is with much sadness that we have learnt of the passing of dear Fred Snelson.

Anne and I first met Fred on the 7th December 2018 when we attended our first Merseyside Christmas lunch. We had the pleasure of sitting next to Fred and Vera.

Fred left an impression on us that day. He had a twinkle in his eye and told us some wonderful stories.

It was only a few days ago that we got to spend some time with Fred at the Merseyside Christmas lunch.

It was a very emotional moment in time as Fred gave us an update on some personal matters. He really touched our hearts and reflecting back on this time, it was a privilege to have been by his side to talk to him and provide him with some small comfort.

Fred, we will miss you.

Anne and I send Fred's family and friends our deepest condolences.

Martin & Anne xx



Remembering our friends and colleagues

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Fred Snelson

December 2022

Martin Ridley what a nice tribute, you've captured the essence of such a lovely man.

Pete what a great picture of him, RIP lovely Fred - *Gill Muir*

Very sad news about Fred. What a gentleman and character. Please pass on my condolences to Vera and her family and friends. - *Len Aspell*

May he rest in peace. Condolences to his family. - *Tudor JL Jones*

So sorry to hear this very sad news Fred was such a lovely gentleman. - *Kathleen Clements*

So sad to hear this, he was a nice, genuine man x - *Pamela Beesley*

I'm so sorry to hear about Fred. Dave had known Vera and Fred for many many years and he taught both our girls to drive. We met them at Aintree hospital not that many years ago. My deepest condolences to Vera. - *Susan Berry*

Oh so sad to here of this. He was a lovely man. I met Fred via Vera, who I worked with at Bootle .

RIP Fred, sorely missed. xx - *Barry Winrow*

Lovely tribute Peter. Please pass condolences to Vera. They both worked hard for us all. RIP - *Helena Carroll*

Very sad news. - *Gill Rowland*

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Fred Snelson

December 2022

So sad, one of life's true gents. Will be sadly missed by everyone. - *Sandra Worsley*

A lifetime of wonderful memories that he was pleased to share I will miss our chats Fred so much. You were a wonderful Husband Father and Brother while being a great friend to all those who knew you. You will be sorely missed by us all.
- *Bill Penney*

Condolences to Vera who I worked with at Bootle. Thoughts are with all the family. - *Christine Dewhurst*

Although I never met Fred or Vera but Vera we all are a family so to speak as we all worked with HSBC/Midland Bank, i am sorry to hear the sad news. Condolences to you and your family. - *Batock Raval*

Such sad news Vera and Fred were the start of Merseyside Pensioners before the concept of Horizons . We have a lot to thank them for. RIP Fred and love to Vera. Always in our thoughts Angela and Rob xx - *Robert Cottrell*

So very sad to hear this. True gent. RIP Fred. - *Liz Emery*

Condolences to Vera. - *Ray Newton*

Rest in peace Fred. - *Chris Jones*

My condolences to Vera. Rest in Peace Fred. - *Jan Stanley*

Remembering our friends and colleagues
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Fred Snelson

December 2022



Devoted husband to Vera and a lovely Dad to Lyn so sorry to hear this bad news RIP Fred xx
- *Menna Caton*

RIP - *Beata Halliwell*

2 photos above were taken December 2021 at Coffee Morning at West Lancs Golf Club. I never worked with Vera, but have lovely fond memories of both Vera and Fred at our Coffee Mornings. Thank you for your company.

RIP Fred xx - *Sarah Hill*

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Geoffrey (Geoff) Culverhouse

19 December 2022

Sadly I have been contacted by Sheelagh, Geoff's wife, advising that he passed away at 4:30 this morning.

He has been unwell for a couple of days and unfortunately collapsed on the bathroom floor and didn't recover.

If my calculations are correct he was 75 years of age.

Rest in Peace Geoff.

Kindly shared by Andrew Riley

Remembering our friends and colleagues
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Geoffrey (Geoff) Culverhouse

19 December 2022

That's so sad, both my husband and myself remember him. RIP Geoff. - *Jo Dart*

RIP Geoff. Met them at the AGM in October worked with both at Covent Garden. - *Toni Anne Skeete*

Sad to hear this. I saw them both at the AGM in October. Please pass on my condolences to Sheelagh - *Janice Lakey*

I'm sorry to hear this. It's more than 40 years since I last saw him, I think. But I remember him as a pleasant, likeable gentleman. R.I.P. - *Patrick Driscoll*

So sad, I worked with Geoff in Bedford Row, when on London Relief in 1973, lovely man. Thoughts are with Sheelagh x
- *Doreen Illingworth*

I remember Geoff at P&P - was it Business or Corporate - one or other, quite a gentleman. - *Stuart Pearkes*

I remember Geoff when he was at Poultry and Princes Street Branch. Nice man. RIP. - *Patricia Winfield*

I remember Geoff from the late 60's early 70's. We both worked in the very old London West Region of good old Midland Bank. Condolences to the family - *Keith Wilson*

RIP - *Beata Halliwell*

Remembering our friends and colleagues
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Countdown to Christmas 2022

Stay relaxed during the festive season with our healthy little helpers

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Please note: We'll be open until 2pm on Friday 23rd December 2022, and then as usual over the rest of the festive period. If you'd like to speak with an adviser, you can call our free and confidential Helpline on 0800 0234 834 or head over to our website to use Live Chat. We're available Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm (except bank holidays). If you need to talk to someone during the times we're closed, you can call the Samaritans for free at any time on 116 123.</p>			1 Set your budget now so you don't overspend for the festive season	2 Relax - don't feel pressured to always be doing something	3 Don't abandon healthy habits - get plenty of sleep and eat healthily	4 Catch up with a loved one - give them a call or send a text
5 Move more, head outside for a stroll or do some gentle exercise indoors	6 Let go of the things you can't control and focus on the things you can	7 Tackle negative thoughts with mindfulness and relaxation	8 Take each day one step at a time - focus on the present moment	9 Lend an ear to someone who's feeling down, listen to them carefully	10 Unplug from technology - give your mind and body a break	11 Show yourself the same love you give to others - self-care isn't selfish
12 Don't take on more than you can manage - it's OK to say 'no'	13 Challenge beliefs that anything 'needs' to happen over Christmas	14 Contact someone who lives alone and check-in on them	15 Step back from stressful situations to help calm anxious feelings	16 Take a moment to reflect on what you've achieved this week	17 Plan a fun or relaxing activity this weekend with loved ones	18 Give yourself a break and don't feel guilty about it - rest is productive
19 Put down your to-do list and allow yourself to be spontaneous	20 Listen to what you want, and worry less about what others will think	21 Share how you're feeling - it's OK to ask for help and support	22 Prioritise your own happiness - do more of the things you enjoy	23 Stay connected. Support from our loved ones is essential	24 Head to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	25 Christmas Day is here. Have a happy holiday and enjoy yourself

Christmas is said to be the most wonderful time of the year, but it can also be a difficult time for some.

Whatever your situation, it's important to think about the small things we can do to look after our wellbeing.

Take a look at the Bank Workers Charity countdown to Christmas calendar – there's lots of ideas to help you focus on self-care, staying connected to others and managing any feelings of stress or anxiety.

#wellbeing

#christmascountdown2022

Their team of trained Client Advisors and Visiting Caseworkers, work alongside a range of partners to provide you with specialist support to suit your needs.

BWC helps current and former bank employees, and their families by providing advice, expert support and, in some cases, financial assistance.



Beckenham branch staff at the Sports Club 1987.



Kindly shared by Caroline Cob O'Brien

Memories
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They won the Cup!

■ The Bath Spa Hotel staged their Vellore Cup golf day at Cumberwell Park Golf Club on August 22. Our picture shows Robin Sheppard (left), Bath Spa Hotel General Manager, with the winners Russel Abel and David Winnie of the Midland Bank. Both are also members of the Executive Committee of the Chamber, Russel being the Treasurer.

Well, here's one from deep in Abel's Archives and takes us back to 1995.

This trophy presentation followed a quiet round of golf partnering my Area Manager, David Winnie, at Cumberwell G. C., Bradford-on-Avon in a Charity Event run by the 5* Bath Spa Hotel.

We played a foursome stableford competition winning with about 47 points, beating a team of England Rugby Internationals who were 2nd.

Being Welsh I really appreciated the result!

Kindly shared by Russell Abel

Memories
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Me in 1990s Cradley Heath branch with Levene Fletcher.



Kindly shared by Sarah Burdis

Memories
GRIFFINS



This was taken at Dewsbury branch I am in the middle with the white shirt and navy bow.

I started at Midland Bank Batley in July 1974 straight from school, worked at the Morley branch before moving to Dewsbury.

I transferred to First direct in 1990 and HSBC Penzance in 2005, I retired in 2016 after 42 years service.

Kindly shared by Sandra Thompson

Memories
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Pinner branch 40-36-21
taken in 1933.

Far left of the photo.

It later expanded to include
the butcher's shop premises
to the right.

Kindly shared by Laurence Cunnington

Branches
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Midland Bank Burbage branch, near Hinckley, Leics.



Kindly shared by Nick Bates

Branches
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The branches of North East London Area in the early 2000s.

Southgate



Stamford Hill



Kindly shared by Jonathan Burchill

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Peckham Branch.

Kindly shared by Cliff Bownes

Branches
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Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, my first branch Oct. 69.

Now renamed after the side street but it never really had a Parisienne feel about it!

Kindly shared by Paul Proom

Former Branches

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Bought this Home Bank File off ebay.

Now all my HSBC statements and cheque book are kept nice and tidy within!

It came with some 1977 Queen's Jubilee coins and plastic cash bags.

Kindly shared by Neil Fisher

Memorabilia

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Spotted in shop window on a visit to Hunstanton.

Kindly shared by Roy Lewis

Memorabilia

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Another relic from my parents house. Prior to my following my father's footsteps and starting my banking career in July 1977 Bank Messengers were issued with one (this one being my father's) of these for use during cash in transit runs between other banks and standing guard duty outside the branch during bullion van deliveries.

This was stopped just before I started my career as a messenger but my first uniform did have a cosh pocket which hung loosely down to just above the right knee and wrapped itself around the leg when putting the trousers on.

I used to keep my loose change in my right pocket but some of it fell into the cosh pocket so I swapped to the left.

Kindly shared by Steve Packham

Memorabilia

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Thank you all for your wonderful contributions across social media.

It's a great pleasure to see you enjoy many rekindled memories and reconnections.

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