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Midland Bank Griffins, Hexagons & Horizons Newsletter

Hello

Thank you for taking the time to read the 83rd 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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Change regarding Pensioners Perks at Work (PAW).

I have received the following from HSBC. The Bank are currently negotiating a new benefits supplier and of course Horizons members will be included once that is agreed.

For now, anyone registered with PAW should follow their instructions to access the non-HSBC site. From 5th May, our relationship with perks at work will be coming to an end. Therefore employees and pensioners who have registered for perks at work will no longer be able to access the platform after that date.

We appreciate that members may have built up points over time, so these will be transferred to a new platform where they can continue to access and use them as normal.

Shortly, members will receive an email from the perks at work team, explaining how to access the new platform.

This email correspondence is scheduled to go to out on Thursday 16 April and another communication will be sent on 5 May.

Denise Bruss

Horizons' Chair



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On Thursday 16th April the Horizons Bristol branch did a four and a half mile walk around Devizes in Wiltshire and down the Caen Hill locks on the Kennet & Avon Canal.

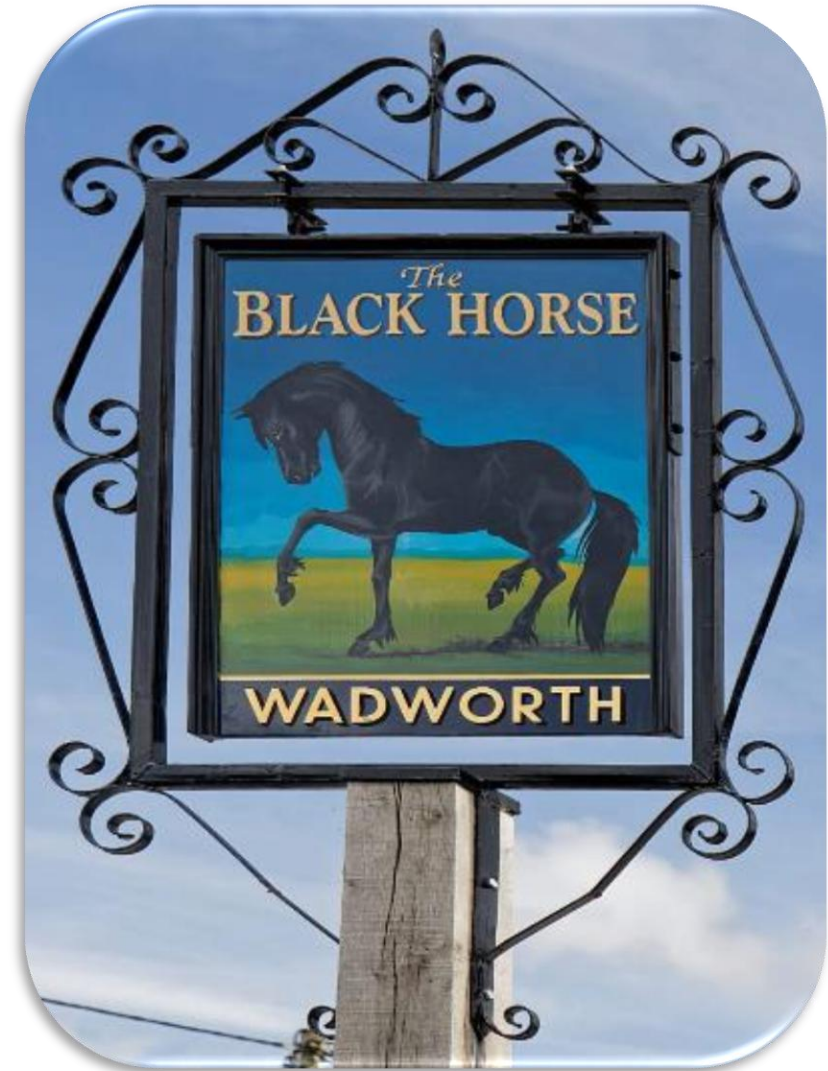
We stopped at the Black Horse pub on the way down and on the return had an ice-cream at the Caen Hill Cafe.

The weather was fine as well.

Kindly shared by Peter Weaver

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On 20th April 22 members joined the Bristol Harbourside Treasure Hunt [Take Two].

6 teams completed the course finding clues and answering questions along the way.

These ranged from finding the Famous Church Cat's grave stone at St Mary Redcliffe church, finding the Hermits cave, what the Hole in the Wall was and who was public enemy number 1.

A great time was had and all seemed to enjoy the challenge.

Kindly shared by Julie Whitmell

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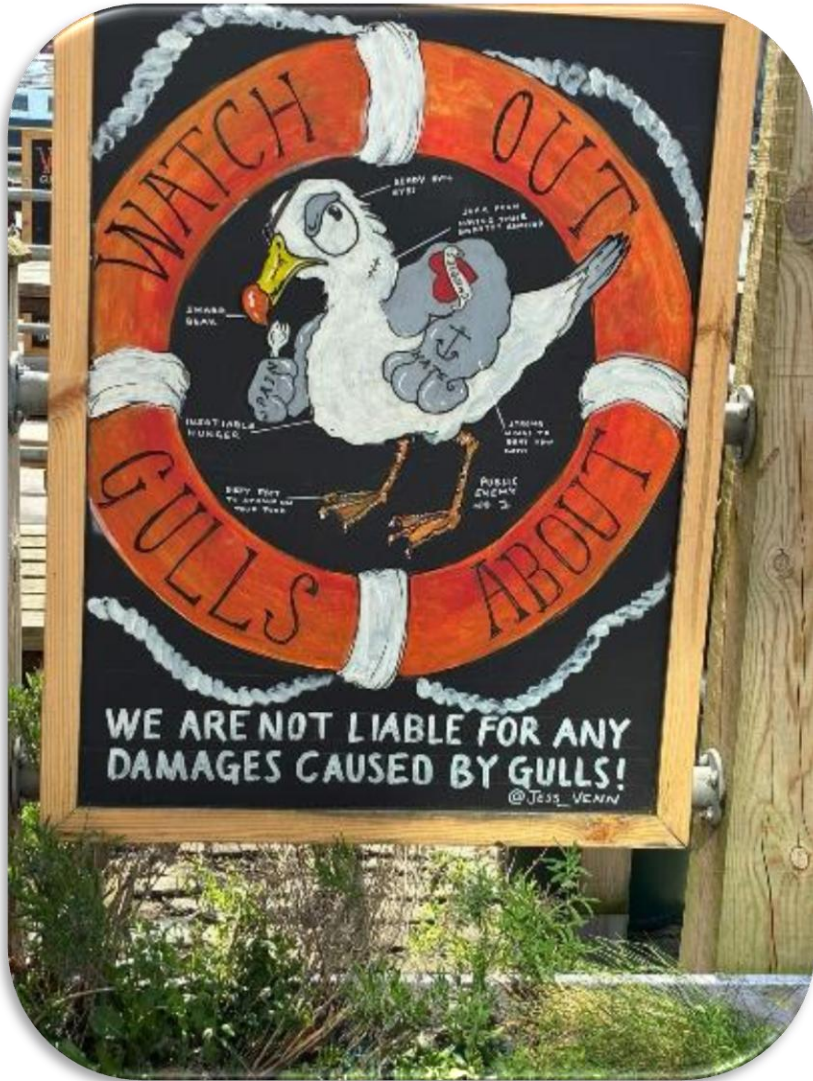
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Some of the Cardiff Horizons group had a morning out at the Physic Garden in the town of Cowbridge in the Vale of Glamorgan.

It is a garden that is run and maintained by volunteers with the layout designed as echos of earlier centuries.

A really informative morning with excellent tour guides to tell all about the plants.

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Cornwall Centre hosted their first Spring Lunch & AGM at their new venue of The Plume of Feathers, Mitchell. Thanks to Robin Bostock-Smith for making the lunch arrangements and to Des Moore for the photos.

Iain Tucker, South West Regional Rep, and his wife Carrie were welcomed to their first Cornwall Lunch.

This is also Cornwall Centre's second event of the year as members enjoyed a Brunch at a new venue of The Victoria Inn, Threemilestone, Truro allowing more of us to tuck in to a traditional Cornish breakfast. In fact everyone was so busy tucking in and talking about the new website that we didn't take any photos!

Kindly shared by Joanne Uden

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Horizons Devon AGM at The Fisherman's Cott, Bickleigh nr Tiverton on Wednesday 29th April.

We were joined by Iain Tucker our Regional Rep and his wife and our local Premier Manager. Lovely setting in Mid Devon.

We elected our officers and committee, agreed our 2026 programme. Had a decent two course lunch followed by a Quiz.

We hope you can join us at our next meet up as we move around this large County.

Kindly shared by Jeff Souch

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A lower than usual 35, due to the tube strike & holidays, not that people didn't want to hear Andrew's Chairman's report.



Kindly shared by Dale Allen

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30 Members of Horizons had an very exciting and educational visit to the Postal Museum in London yesterday.

This included an intriguing ride on the Mail Rail through the original tunnels under London.

Who knew it was Henry VIII who first introduced the post system over 500 years ago to keep him up to date to the countries affairs, a dangerous and difficult job.



Kindly shared by Anne Hudson

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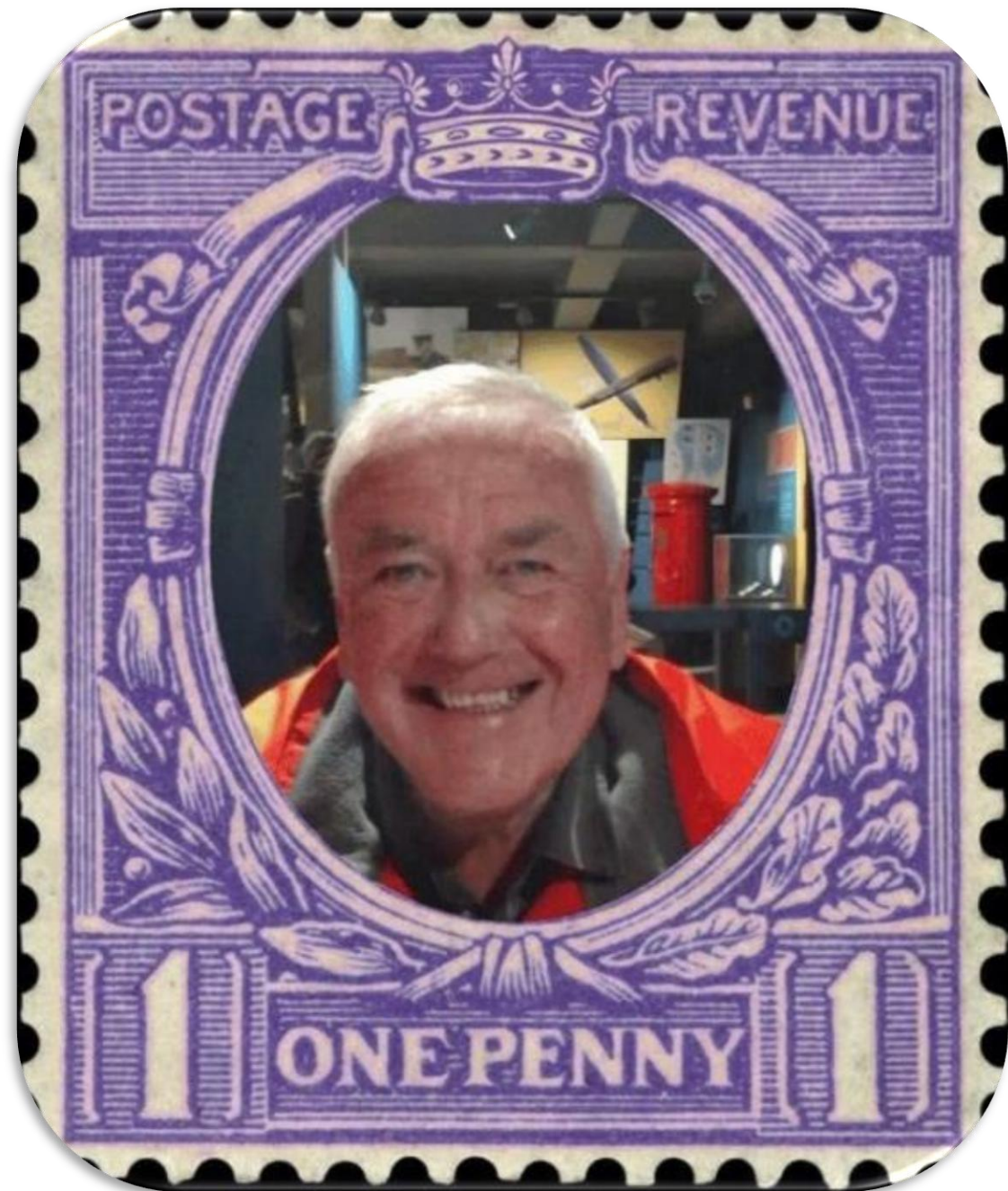
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All change at the Top!

We held our 72nd AGM at Stubbs Restaurant in Kennington, Ashford yesterday April 21st. After a wonderful 3 courses (for some) we held the formal part of the meeting.



Our Chair, Jeremy Thompson, decided to hang up his boots after 20 years of serving with the last 4 as Chair.

Jeremy has agreed to stay as Vice Chair while our new Chair Trevor Bourne gets settled in.

Jeremy was presented with a voucher for a Formula 4 driving experience at Brands Hatch, a bottle of Malt Whiskey and a certificate of service in token of our appreciation.

Kindly shared by Mike Hook

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A well attended Manchester AGM.

Kindly shared by Allan Bird



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Over ninety members attended our Spring Lunch and 72nd AGM at West Lancashire Golf Club. The formal part of the meeting was conducted by our Membership Secretary Ruth Clare due to the absence of our Chair due to illness. (However, he did send along his strict instructions!). Well done Ruth. All went well.

Thanks to Peter Maguire who attended as our new RR and passed on the important dispatches from our National Chair of the Management Committee.

During the meeting we celebrated the service of two long standing committee members who are stepping down this year. Joyce Fleming who has served the last 14 years as our treasurer.

And Gill Muir who has served 15 years as well as serving as a pensioner visitor and vice chair for 4 years.

We thank Joyce and Gill for their dedication. A presentation of flowers was made on behalf of all Merseyside members. We look forward to seeing them at our future events.

We welcomed Martin Ankers into the role of treasurer.

After the formalities etc, a three course roast beef lunch was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to our hard working committee and all Horizons members who support us throughout the year. Thanks to Bill and Anne James for organising.

Great photos by Sarah Hill

Kindly shared by Peter Clare

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Members and friends from Suffolk and North Essex met in Manningtree this morning to meet our Blue Badge guide who led us on a very interesting walk to Misty along the banks of the River Stour.

In 1643-47 Matthew Hopkins the self styled Witchfinder General arrested and interrogated many women accused of witchcraft. Many of these innocent women were hanged, four of them in Manningtree on the Green.

The weather was fabulous and we all enjoyed our morning.

Kindly shared by Jane Smith

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North Yorkshire & South Durham AGM today at Headlam Hall Hotel, followed by a lovely lunch.

Kindly shared by Raymond J Alderson

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Plymouth Centre enjoyed their get together with almost a third of our membership enjoying a lunch at the 50 Degrees North Restaurant, The Copthorne Hotel after our AGM.

Thank you again to Jane Warlow for the photos - which we remembered to take before all we had in front of us was empty plates!

This was our second event of the year, other than coffee mornings, as we have also had an evening meal held at the same venue for those who weren't able to join us at our daytime Christmas Lunch or wanted a change from turkey!

We were clearly all too busy eating and catching up to remember to take photos, but everyone enjoyed the good food and good company and agreed we should do it again.

Kindly shared by Joanne Uden

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Great to see everyone at the Sussex Horizons coffee morning today at The White Swan Hotel, Arundel.

Kindly shared by Alan Moyce

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Sussex AGM 2026 at The Bent Arms, Lindfield. With the business of the day concluded, 33 members enjoyed a lovely 2 course lunch followed by a lighthearted quiz! It was so enjoyable, we've decided to do it all again next year!



Kindly shared by Anita Baker

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Few photos of Horizons Tyneside member spring lunch.



Kindly shared by John Brannagan

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On Thursday 29 of our brethren undertook a tour of historic Temple Newsam House in Leeds. The day started with coffee in the Hall followed by a tour of the main rooms, led by knowledgeable and informative guides, pitched at the perfect level. We then had a Buffet Lunch served in the Main Hall (dining room) of the hall, and some spare time to explore alone.

The quality and quantity of the spread exceeded all our expectations and was delicious. There was then a further Below Stairs tour, again mixing humour and information. To finish we had a tour of the gardens which are coming into their most colourful splendour.

A big thanks to Di and Diane for organising such a wonderful day out.

Kindly shared by Charlie Creek

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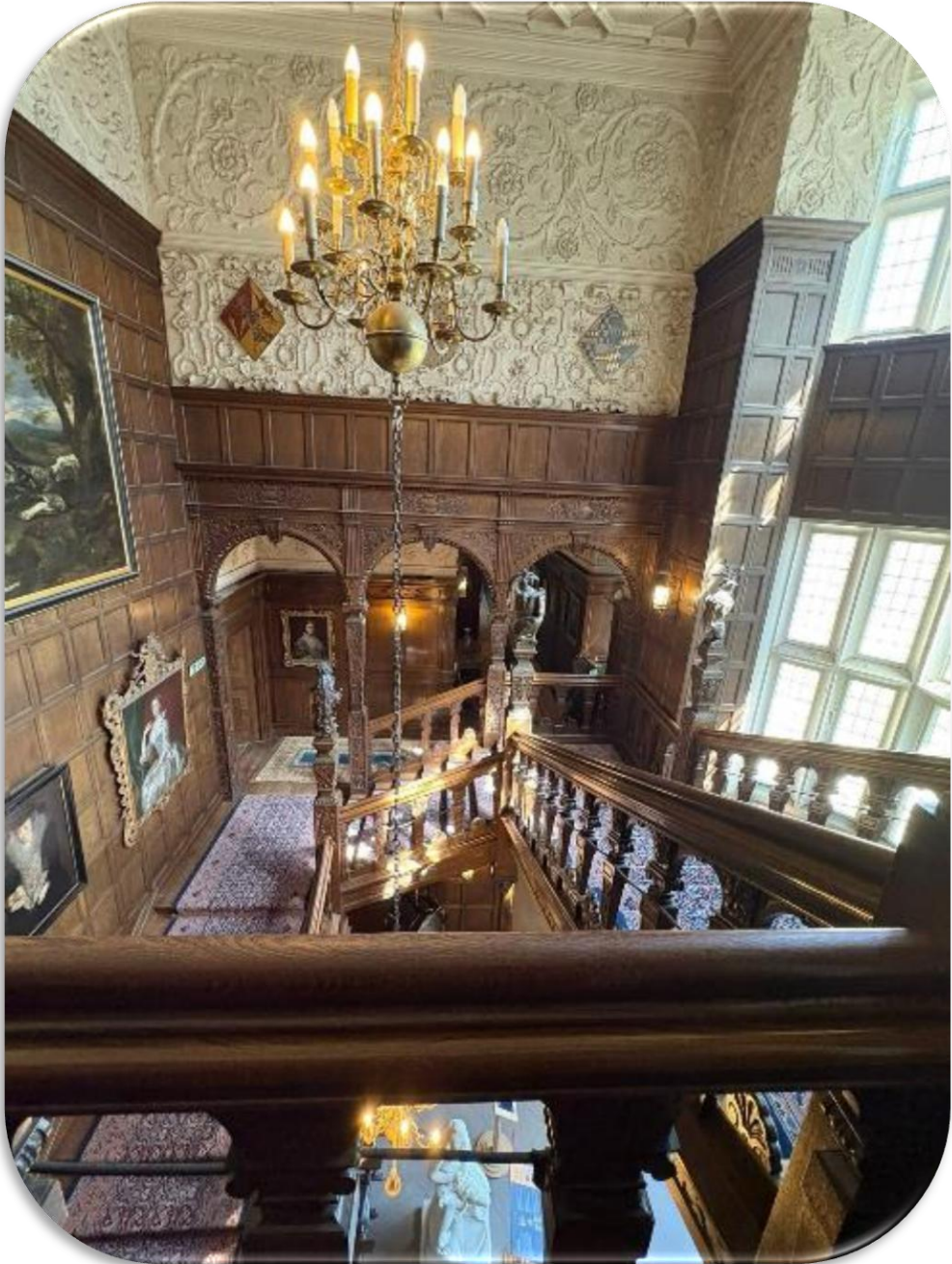


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HSBC South West Golf Society playing for the Alan Troop Trophy at Okehampton Golf Club.

Secretary John Pearce handing the cup to the winner Jeff Souch.

Kindly shared by Jeff Souch

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Donna Beschizza

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My maiden name was Hornby and first married name Barrell. I worked in Personnel Dept in London as secretary/PA, starting in Suffolk House in 1978 at Central Recruitment Office, then Management Succession and Planning at Old Jewry, moving to Head Office from 1980 to 1985 when I left on maternity leave.

Still in contact with Wendy Eustace, Carol Camozzi-Ward, Michele Churchill and Julie Orbell. What a time we had, loved it all, especially our trips across Cheapside to the Mithras wine bar!!

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Janette Weatherer

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I started working at Market Place branch in Sheffield city centre straight from school in 1987 on a YTS. A few months later I got a permanent job at Woodseats branch and worked there for 6.5 years. Then when branches became more like shops and DSCs came along I got a trainee programmer role at Griffin House and it was the best move.

I worked at Griffin House until it closed then moved to Grosvenor House until I was made redundant in 2020 during lockdown after nearly 33 years (it was strange going into a deserted office to hand my laptop into security!).

I met some wonderful people at the bank and am still in touch with some (good times).

When I started my surname was Freebre, then Dawson (from 1995) and then Weatherer (from 2005)

Vicky Marshall

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I retired from Braintree 2017, having started my journey in August 1969 at Netherfield Branch.

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and that's a wrap!!

40 years & 10 months later I'm hanging up my boots and retiring. Starting as a young 16 yr old at Midland Bank Loughton Branch to then finish as a PA at HSBC Head Office.

Ive had a fab career working with some lovely people over many years, some of whom are life long friends. Had the best day at work Thursday and have really felt the warmth and love from everyone.

A few tears have been had but happy ones. Leaving drinks to follow next week. End of an Era....

Now looking forward to the next chapter.....

Andrea Neve

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Carol Barry

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After 53.8 years I have finally retired. I joined Midland Bank in 1972 and spent 16 years at Marylebone High Street 3 at Marylebone Rd and 3 at Notting Hill Gate. Then on to Paddington Craven Rd which moved to Praed St in 2018.

A lot of great times and some not so good. Met so many people over the years.

Looking forward to the next chapter.

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Dipna Varsani

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Today, my 15-year HSBC service coin arrived, and it brought back memories of starting out at the HSBC Training Centre in Bricket Wood - it's hard to believe how quickly the time has passed.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of working with hundreds of talented colleagues and made some great connections.

I'm grateful for the opportunities, the friendships and the experiences that have helped shape me both professionally and personally. Thank you to everyone who has supported my development along the way.

Whatever comes next, I'll always look back on these 15 years with real pride and a smile.

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27 years ago, I walked through the doors of Midland Bank in Merthyr to begin my banking journey — starting on one of the busiest days of the year, the Thursday before the Easter break. Looking back now, it's hard to put into words just how much this journey has meant to me. It's been more than a career - it's been a huge part of my life. It's a career that has given me the opportunity to grow and build something meaningful, while also supporting me in building a family and raising our two wonderful children — something I'm incredibly proud and grateful for.

The people I've met along the way have shaped me, supported me, challenged me, and lifted me in ways I'll always be thankful for. Some have become lifelong friends, and others have left a lasting mark on the person I am today. There have been so many moments — the highs, the challenges, and the lessons — all of which have helped me grow both personally and professionally. I truly wouldn't be where I am today without the belief, encouragement, and trust shown to me by so many incredible people over the years. Thank you for backing me, guiding me, and giving me the opportunity to keep progressing. A very special shout out to my longstanding work wingman Wyn Griffiths, who started this journey with me — sharing those early days and the years since has meant a lot. From my early days as a Cashier, through roles as Senior Branch Clerk, Customer Service Representative, Mortgage Manager, Business Specialist, and Personal Assistant - to today, working as a Broker Support Manager, a role I genuinely love. It's fast-paced, varied, and gives me the chance to work with such a fantastic broker network every day.

This journey has taken me far and wide — from Merthyr, Aberdare, Pontypridd, Talbot Green, Ebbw Vale, Brynmawr, Tredegar and Blackwood, to Cardiff (Albany Road, Whitchurch & Churchill Way), Swansea Commercial Centre and Ty Dyffryn, and further afield to Bristol, Birmingham and London. I feel incredibly proud, but more than anything, deeply grateful - for the people, the opportunities, and the life this career has helped me build. Here's to the memories so far... and whatever comes next.

Kathryn Dulini

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As March comes to a close, so does a significant chapter of my life. After almost 29 years with HSBC, my time with the bank comes to an end. This isn't a transition I had planned. Due to ongoing health challenges following Covid, I've had to step away from a career and role I truly loved.

While I leave with a heavy heart, I also feel incredibly fortunate — to have been given so many opportunities, to have worked on meaningful initiatives, and to have built a career that has shaped me both professionally and personally. Most importantly, I've had the privilege of working alongside some truly exceptional people. To my colleagues — particularly within Intermediaries — thank you. Your passion, commitment and teamwork made my experience what it was, and I'm incredibly proud to have been part of it. I'm especially grateful for the support and understanding shown by colleagues and leadership when the unexpected happened. That compassion made a difficult time far more manageable and is something I will always value.

A special thank you to the Admin & Ops team. Building this function with you, supporting the business together, and watching so many of you grow and progress has been one of the highlights of my career. For now, my focus is on recovery - taking the time I need to rebuild my health, while staying optimistic about what the future may hold. I still have a strong desire to contribute and to be part of meaningful work again when the time is right. I'll leave you with two principles that have always guided me:

"Aim to delight, not just deliver"

" If it's the right thing to do, find a way"

Thank you to everyone who has been part of my Journey.

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Rebecca Pearce

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Pastures New....After an incredible 12 years with HSBC, it's time for my next chapter...

As I head into my final week with the Bank following a short period of garden leave, I've been reflecting on what a rewarding journey it has been. I've had the privilege of working alongside some fantastic colleagues across the Bank.

Thank you to the many leaders who have supported and challenged me along the way, and to the clients who have trusted me to play a small part in their growth stories - it's been a genuine pleasure.

Now, I'm looking ahead to an exciting new challenge... more on that to follow... but for now, have a sneak peak into how I've been making the most of my time off...!

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After 23 years, today marks the end of my journey with HSBC and HSBC Life. Leaving on ill health grounds was never how I imagined my career would end, but with HSBC Life no longer existing in its previous form and my fellow SBDM colleagues having already gone through redundancy, it feels like the end of an era in more ways than one. And honestly... I'll miss all of it.

The targets, the travel, the events, the hotel stays, the client meetings, the late-night debriefs, the team nights out and the social life that came with spending years on the road together. But more than anything, I'll miss the people.

Over the last 23 years I've been lucky enough to work with some amazing colleagues who became true friends for life.

Looking through these photos reminded me just how many laughs, celebrations and memories we shared along the way.

I feel incredibly grateful for the opportunities, the experiences and the friendships that came from this career. Thank you to everyone who was part of the journey.

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Tamsin Shaw

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Today marks my final day with HSBC, bringing to a close an incredible 33-year journey.

I joined Midland Bank back in the early 90s on a temporary contract. Back then, transactions were entered via Nixor terminals, separate to the Customer Information System, Statements were held on Microfiche and fax machines were essential in every branch and office. Fast forward three decades, having experienced firsthand the evolution through digitisation, big data and cloud transformation, we now stand on the brink of another exciting era shaped by AI. It has been a privilege to be part of this remarkable journey.

Whilst there have been challenges along the way, these are far exceeded by the high points, the fun, the laughter, and the frankly remarkable things we have achieved together. I'm deeply grateful for the support, collaboration and friendship built over the years. Working with talented colleagues across the globe and connecting with so many parts of the organisation has been the highlight of my time with HSBC.

I leave with great pride and appreciation - and with excitement for what lies ahead, including some time to travel and reconnect with family and friends. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey.

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Tracy Johnson

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New Chapter.....After 25 rewarding years at HSBC UK I am delighted to say that today I retire and open up a new life chapter.

When I joined HSBC UK all those years ago I never imagined the incredible journey this would be. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities I have had, from managing branches, to the International Business Development role. I have worked alongside the most incredible people who I am very lucky to call colleagues and friends.

Thank you to those leaders and managers who encouraged my development and championed my success. To my colleagues and clients who entrusted me with supporting many international journeys and being a small part of their experience to help customers settle well in a new country.

Onto pastures new as we tour the UK and Europe in our motorhome. The opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends and loved ones has never been more important.

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

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GRIFFINS & HEXAGONS

Remembering our friends and colleagues

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/griffinshexagonsrememberingourfriendsandcolleagues>

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 and the Griffins & Hexagons - Remembering our friends and colleagues Facebook group.

<https://www.griffins-hexagons.com>

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

Remembering our friends and colleagues
GRIFFINS & HEXAGONS

Bernard Kelly

2026

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the death of my uncle Bernard Kelly some of you may have worked with him.

He used to be a messenger on the bullion vans and worked at City Branch Leeds before retiring.

He was 94 and had a very happy and long life with no illness until this past year, he passed peacefully which I am so grateful for.

Kindly shared by Deborah Bowden

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Bernard Kelly

2026

So sorry to hear this Debs. Didn't realise he was your uncle. He was a lovely guy. Sending my condolences. - *Alison Birkett*

So sorry to hear this Debs. Like others have commented, he was such a cheerful and happy fella who would do anything for you. A great innings too. May he RIP. - *Andrew Deakin*

RIP - *Beata Halliwell*

I am so sorry to read this. Bernard was always so smiley and always had time for everyone. He brought a lot of cheer to work, and I can still still remember today how smart he always was. Thinking of all of his family and friends at this sad time. X - *Bev Knaggs*

So sorry to hear. I knew Bernard from my Personnel Office days in Leeds. Thinking of you and his family. X - *Bev Middleton*

I didn't know your uncle, but condolences on your loss Debs. xx - *Carol Harper*

So sorry. Such a lovely man, a big loss. - *Charlie Creek*

Deborah I'm sorry to hear this, we always got on well, such a cheerful happy man. I'm glad he got a good long life, he deserved it.! My condolences too the family. - *Dave Robinson*

Aye, nice bloke - glad he reached such an age. Rest in peace. - *David Robertshaw*

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Bernard Kelly

2026

So sorry to hear this Deborah, sending love to you and your family. - *Dawn Livingstone*

So sorry to hear this Deborah - Bernard was such a lovely man xx - *Deborah Stanley*

Sincere condolences to Bernard's Family. Bernard was a character and I remember him from both the bullion van/cash centre work at Leeds City and also as messenger in the branch. RIP Bernard - *Donna Rainey*

So sorry, I worked with him at Hunslet Road when I first started in 1967, lovely helpful man. - *Doreen Illingworth*

So sorry to hear that Bernard has passed away. He was a lovely man who I remember well. I didn't know that he was your Uncle Deborah. Condolences to you and the rest of your family. xx - *Elaine Whelan*

Aw, so sorry to hear this. Thinking of you all. xx - *Julie Lucas*

Deborah so sorry to hear of your loss. I may have briefly come across your uncle but don't recall knowing him. However wonderful to hear that he had a wonderful long life. Condolences to all your family. Hope that you and all of yours are keeping well. Much love. xx - *Lindsey Sullivan*

So sorry for your loss Deborah. Sending condolences. I remember him at Burley Road, he was always so cheerful. X - *Margaret Marshall*

So sorry for your loss he sounds like a wonderful gentleman.
- *Marine Moors*

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Bernard Kelly

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I never saw him without a smile on his face!! Lovely bloke. - *Mick Appleby*

I remember him he was a lovely man. Condolences to you all. x - *Pam Wilson*

Hi Deborah. I remember him well. One of the good guys. Had a really good innings as well which must be something you can look back at with much fondness. - *Peter Heckingbottom*

So sorry for your loss Debs. Bernard was such a nice friendly man and so well liked. What an amazing life to reach 94. Sending you much love. - *Sharon Royston*

Martin and I remember Bernard as a kind gentleman. Very proud of his job and always smart. Sending our condolences to you and the rest of the family. xx - *Sue Burridge*

RIP, Condolences to all his family. - *Theresa Robinson*

I didn't know Bernard but send my condolences. - *Tracy Bowen*

Thank you so much everyone for your kind words he would have loved every message, 94 is a grand age but I am so sad that he is gone. xx - *Deborah Bowden*

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I have been advised of the passing of Carole Hudson. Carole worked at Securities Department in Birmingham. Previous to that, she worked at New Street, Birmingham branch.

Carole's funeral is due to be held at Fradley Crematorium, Lichfield at 2:30 pm on Friday 1st May.

There will be a celebration of her life afterwards. The location is yet to be decided. Family flowers only.

Any donations will be split between Cancer Research and St Giles Hospice.

Kindly shared by Val Graham

Carole Hudson

2026

RIP - *Beata Halliwell*

RIP. A lovely lady. - *Mary Sansom*

Very sad news, a lovely lady and pleasure to work with. Thoughts with family and friends. - *Kevin Smith*

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Gill Senior

22 March 2026



Gill Senior RIP

It is with great sadness that I report that our long time friend Gill Senior passed away suddenly in hospital on Sunday 22nd March. I have passed our condolences to Jim on behalf of all those who knew and worked with Gill and the wider Horizons family.

Funeral arrangements will be advised when finalised.

Our thoughts are with Jim and family at this time.

Kindly shared by Peter Clare

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Gill Senior

22 March 2026

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF *Gillian Senior*

30 November 1960 - 22 March 2026



MEMORIAL SERVICE

15 April, 2:00pm at Landican
Crematorium, CH49 5LW

REMEMBRANCE RECEPTION

Queen's Royal Hotel, New Brighton,
CH43 2JT

*In Gillian's memory, please consider a donation to the British Heart
Foundation or RSPCA in lieu of flowers. Donations to be made with J.W.
Griffiths & Son Ltd.*

A CELEBRATION OF THE

Queen of Craft



*Gillian's crafting, crocheting, wrapping and card making was loved by
many and she made some fabulous gifts over the years. Please bring along
any craft of hers that you may have to celebrate her talents on the day -
they will be yours to take home again after her celebration of life.*

Hi All.

Thank you for your kind wishes.

Attached are Gill's funeral details.

*Kindly shared by
James Richard Senior*

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Gill Senior

22 March 2026

Shocked to hear this sad news. Such fond memories of working with Gill at London Road. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Jim and his family x - *Adele Candiano-Davies*

So sad to hear this news. Thinking of Jim and his family. xx - *Ali Hayes*

So sad. Thinking of Jim and family at this sad time. X - *Angela McLaughlin*

So sad to hear this news. Sending heartfelt condolences at this sad time to Jim and family. Rest in peace Gill. x - *Ann Howorth*

Oh I am so sorry to hear this. My thoughts are with Jim and all his family. Condolences. - *Barry Winrow*

RIP - *Beata Halliwell*

Such sad news worked with Gill and Jim. My sincere condolences go to Jim and family. xx - *Cathy Kavanagh*

Oh very sad news. So sorry to hear and sending condolences to Jim and the family x - *David McInerney*

Such very sad news. My condolences to Jim and family. X - *Debbie Healey*

So sorry to hear this sad news. Sending love to Jim and family. xx - *Diane Wilson*

Such a shock. So sorry to hear this sad news.
Condolences to her family. RIP Gill. xx - *Elaine Gallagher*

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Gill Senior

22 March 2026

So sorry to hear such sad and shocking news. Chris you will always be thought of fondly. x - *Elaine Neary*

So sorry to hear this - thinking of Jim and the family. xx - *Fee Dutton*

So sorry to hear this, condolences to Jim, family and friends. xx - *Fiona Wilson*

Sorry to hear this sad news. Thinking of Jim and his family. xxx - *Gill Bellion*

Such a shock, and so very sad. Sincere condolences to Jim and all the family. Thinking of you Jim. X - *Gill Hart*

Such sad news condolences to Jim and all the family at this sad time x - *Gill McGurgan*

Very sad news. Sincere Condolences to Jim & family. RIP Gill. x - *Hazel Sephton*

Sincere condolences to Jim and any of her family. rest in eternal peace Gill. - *Helen Coleman*

Very sad news. I didn't work with Gill at the Bank but knew her well at Land Registry.
Condolences to Jim and the family. - *Helen Peters*

What a shock. How sad. RIP Gill. - *Jackie Wagstaff*

So sorry to hear the sad news about Gill. Sincere condolences to Jim and family at this sad time. X - *Jacky Stuttard*

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Gill Senior

22 March 2026

Heartfelt condolences to Gill's family. Rest in peace Gill. - *Jan Stanley*

Such awful news. Our condolences go out to Jim and family at this terrible time xx - *Jane Mercer*

Sad news! Thoughts are with Jim and family. X - *Jenny Cruickshank*

Such sad news worked with Gill at Hamilton Street. Thinking of you Jim. xx - *Jenny Jones*

So sad to hear this. My condolences to Jim and his family at this difficult time. - *John Walton*

So sorry to hear this sad news, my thoughts go out to all her family. - *Julie Barry*

Such sad news Sending love and condolences to Jim and his family. xx - *Karen Shorrock*

So sorry to hear this very sad news. Rip Gill, thoughts to Jim & family. - *Karen Smith*

Sincere condolences to Jim and family. - *Kay Thompson Salter*

Such sad news, RIP Gill. Thoughts are with Jim and his family. X - *Lesley Aldred*

Very sad news, worked with both Gill and Jim at Hamilton Street.
Deepest condolences to Jim and family. xx - *Liz Roberts*

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Gill Senior

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Such sad news! RIP Gill. x - *Lorraine Madigan*

So sorry to read this, sending all our thoughts to Jim and the family. - *Martin Webster*

Sending all my condolences to the family at such a sad time. - *Nic Vagianos*

Very sad news. x Worked with both Gill & Jim at Hamilton Street. x Thinking of Jim and all the family at this sad time. X - *Nichola J Brittain*

I never worked with Gill but I had many dealings with jim and this is such sad shocking news. My condolences to jim and his family. - *Philip Hewitt*

Such sad news - condolences to Jim and family. x - *Philip McLaughlin*

Very sad news. Sincere condolences to all Gill's family. xx - *Rita Hale*

Such sad news. Sending sincere condolences to Jim and the Family at this very sad time. X - *Sandra Blower*

So shocked to read this, my heart goes out to Jim and all his family. Thinking of them all at this very sad time & sending big hugs. xxx - *Sharon Jones*

So very sorry to hear this sad news. Worked with Gill in Norton Street. My sincere condolences to her family. x - *Sue Donnelly*

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Such sad news. RIP Jill. xx - *Sue Handford*

So sorry to hear this very sad news. Deepest condolences to all Gill's family. X - *Sue Hughes*

Such sad news. Thinking of Jim and his family. xx - *Sue Jones*

Sending heartfelt condolences to Jim and family. I worked with them both at Ham Street. Such very sad news. Rest in peace Gill. Xx - *Susan Rowlands*

Oh my God, No, How dreadful, am in such shock right now. Her poor family, she has just retired from her job. I am so sorry, may her family find strength, its such a terrible loss. - *Suzanne Karbach*

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Jack Daniels

8 March 2026

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF

JACK DANIELS

28th March 1942 – 8th March 2026



Service and Committal to be held at
Dukinfield Crematorium
On
Thursday 2nd April 2026
At 11.30am

A sad farewell today to Jack Daniels whom I worked with at Midland Bank Rochdale on the counter when he was Chief Cashier.

Peter Maguire and I paid our respects at a lovely service for him.

Condolences to his lovely wife June and their family.

Jack was a real character and I have many great memories of him.

RIP Jack.

Kindly shared by John Cannon

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Jack Daniels

2026

So very sorry to hear - sending sincere condolences to June, his family and friends I worked with Jack at Sutton Way. - *Margaret O'Neill*

RIP Jack you were a Great Character and a former work colleague.
Condolences to your family. - *Ged Barron*

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Supporting the banking community past and present



April is Stress Awareness Month – a good reminder that stress can affect all of us in different ways. It might be tight deadlines at work, challenges at home, or simply the pressure we put on ourselves to keep everything going.

While a little stress can sometimes help us get things done, too much over time can take a toll on our mental and physical wellbeing.

Today, take a moment to think about one small thing that could help.

A walk outside, a better night's sleep, catching up with family or friends, or saying no without guilt.

Small steps can make a real difference.

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Stress is normal and can help push you to do something new or difficult, but too much can take its toll.



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Richards. Walters. Novakovic. Connell. Winnie. Corp. Harper. Dunning.

Here is a "I wonder where they are now?".

The first Lending and Finance course, with one of the participants then producing a specially designed tie for us.

The only person whose name I recognise is my own!!

Kindly shared by Andrzej Warhaftig

Memories
GRIFFINS

Amazing to see Bob James at the Christmas lunch. Bob kindly shared a few photos with me from Project Tier in the 1990's, the front runner to what later became MPFS. The wonderful Phil Whitehead led the team and what fun we all had, so many laughs. If anyone knows where Phil is now do let me know.



People we recognise- Anne Williams, Noelle Thompson, Alison Mundy-Gill, Doreen Elboth Tamiko, June Toseland, however, we can't name the others any help well received.

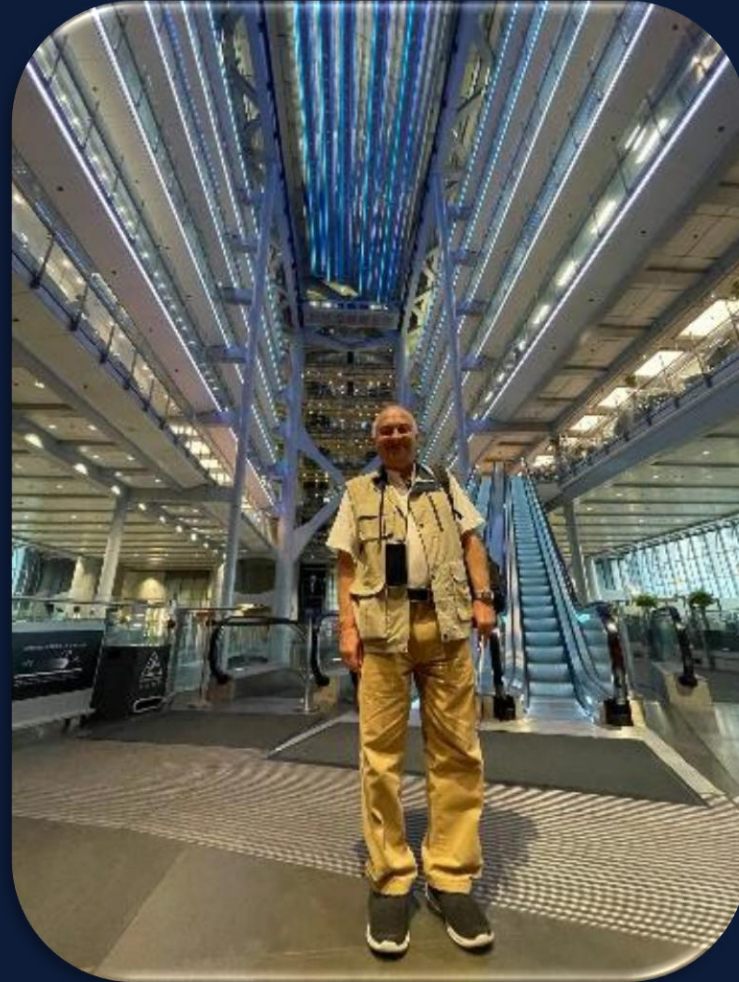
All staff would have been around Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire & Middlesex from memory.



Kindly shared by Jacqueline Planner

Memories
GRIFFINS

Visited HSBC Tower in Hong Kong. Last photo taken at old HSBC building in Shanghai.



Kindly shared by Naresh Tailor

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My one and only international cap.

We extend a warm welcome to our colleagues
from London and look forward to an enjoy-
able and sporting game.

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H. MILES	..	..
P. WILLIAMS	..	..
S. SLOCOMBE	..	..
D. UZZELL	..	..
J. EVANS	..	..
G. ATTWELL	..	..
G. PRANKARD (CAPT.)	..	..
A. DAVIES	..	..
G. MORGAN	..	..
G. DAVIES	..	..
M. JOHN	..	..
M. GRIFFITHS	..	..
R. LILLY	..	..

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N. LONGHURST
M. BODDEY
B. THOMPSETT
R. KING
M. GANGE
B. MILDON
B. BUTLER (CAPT.)
M. JACKSON
T. EDWARDS

REFEREE: MR. T. GRIFFITHS W.R.U.

Memorabilia

GRIFFINS & HEXAGONS

Kindly shared by David Richard Lilly



Just found this in branch.

Memorabilia

GRIFFINS & **HEXAGONS**

Kindly shared by Glenda Pears



Thank you all for your wonderful contributions that are kindly shared through social media.

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

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