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When I joined Tavcom, we had just a small office in Abbey Mill, Bishops Waltham where I joined Mike, Jane and Liz. Just a few hours per week printing and putting together training material and our prospectus; all hand prepared and bound with a plastic comb. Occasionally I would even put the Hoover round! There was a cake making business below us so we spent our days breathing in the beautiful smell of cakes baking. Over the years, I increased by hours to full time and become active in Sales and Business Development attending Trade Shows and conferences along side Mike in the early days, and then Paul when he joined us.

I visited Berlin with Mike for a conference. We had some time to visit CheckPoint Charlie, the Wall and Wall museum, both Mike and I left in tears! He had a fantastic night out, Mike said “find us a sausage and sauerkraut restaurant”, we took along with us some business contacts and had a jolly nice time!

We used the Marwell Hotel for our training facility, it was a beautiful run out on a Summers day into the Hampshire country side. However, the day Mike and Jane took us to see our new offices and training centre at Unit 10, Claylands Road, I can remember being very excited, the business was growing and we were ‘moving on’.

The busiest time, was when Tavcom were providing Control Room Operators training for SIA Licencing, the team were buzzing! We had in-house courses all over the country and little Hollie was processing certificates at break-neck speed!

I met some wonderful people during my time, some ‘characters’ too! Strong relationships built with colleagues and business contacts, people I will remember for the rest of my life with fondness. Some still with us and some unfortunately not.

My 16 years with Tavcom, was time well spent! I learnt a lot. I grew a lot. And we had some great Christmas Parties! Thank you Tavcom!

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Love Chris x

