

Can I start by wishing you all at Tavcom congratulations on reaching 25 years.

Mike Tennent was a dear friend who I knew for a long time. In fact, I remember where Tavcom started all that time ago from a shop in Portsmouth that I visited.

I had known of Mike Tennent for some years prior to that when he came to sell me one of the very first slow scan systems, i.e. when an alarm went off this product would send you a picture of what caused the alarm, trouble was it lived up to the name "slow scan" cause it took forever to build the picture up, it was almost like saying go and make a cup of tea and when you get you might have the picture, my how times have changed

Mike used to write for the magazine and did a monthly crossword puzzle which we called Coffee Crossword. I could never answer any of the questions by the way. He was later a speaker and a chairman at our Security TWENTY conferences, before another Mike, Mike White took over

A few years ago, at one IFSEC when it was at Birmingham, they were celebrating their 40th year, I am going back now to 2013. Anixter asked me if I could set up a 'Have I Got News for You' style entertainment to help celebrate the anniversary after the show on the Wednesday night. They wanted an oldies versa a young one's team, so I invited Mike and Yash Patel to join me on the oldies team while guys likes of Jarod Booth formed the young ones team. It was very silly, and I can't find any photo-evidence on the Professional Security computers, which is perhaps just as well. I bought us oldies a flat cap each which we all wore. You could say we started the peaky blinders trend! I remember in rehearsal we were told frequently that we could NOT crack that joke or say those words by the chairperson, but needless to say we ignored that and said them anyway, it was a very funny skit.

Mike Tavcom and was a man who knew all about electronic security and who, even more impressively, kept in touch with all the developments in it, but that never got in the way of a light touch with people and a sense of fun. It's great to see that his legacy is still rolling on, so I raise a glass to your next 25 years.

I continued to maintain our relationship with the team at Tavcom and with Mikes sons, i.e. Phil and Paul.

