

Hello Peter ,

Hope you are keeping well, (maybe a question I should not ask nowadays as I could be here for some time) anyway,

Just thought I would drop you a line to say thank you, for your efforts keeping the history going, but maybe I should start at the beginning, My wife wanted to go shopping to the new Shopping Centre, at Shepherds Bush on the old Wood lane site ,so many memory's came back. that I was prompted to have a web search and when I saw the list of names ,it was a blast from the past ,so many names of people ,that I had done job's for,albeit sometimes unknown to them.!!! I don't know if you would remember me (I have trouble remembering me at times .)

Roy Mc Donald ,I joined B.I.C.C in 1976 on the General Maintenance staff , my job title was handyman driver, Mr Littler ( John ) to those of equal rank !! was our boss, (we knew our place in those day;s )he came as site manager after Mr Bradbury retired, Ed Carter was my foreman. At that time ,(sadly no longer with us,)

I Guess it was a bit like upstairs downstairs, we were the guys who came in at 4 in the morning in the rain and snow, to turn on the boilers ,so you could all be nice and warm in your work place ,(where ever that was in the warren of hidey holes that was wood lane) we Came in on Saturdays +Sunday's to change things around,(those were the good old days ,never mind kids being up a chimney for 10 hours a day all for a cracker and a glass of water !! ( We were inside the boiler,the coal fired ones

Site'd by the old original chimney ,turned into a garden, wire brushing and cleaning, what lark's pip. And also doing various jobs like polishing the table in the boardroom ,the nice board room with wood panels and red real leather chairs.(not like the "new retro modern one it turned in to" I remember one time changing the loo seat

In the executive loo ,top floor Mr Bank's office what a honour ,(had I known maybe I could of sold it on ebay?)

Also as being a driver , was part of my job apart from going to Prescot Helsby Erith Bloomsbury.Hayling Island, picking up visitors at the station +airports and taking them to there hotels ect !!! I worked with Don Dawkins, anybody who had a Company car at that time would remember Don top lad!!,

Also as I was responsible for the van ,pre white van driver days!!!(it was orange white and brown ) I did a few small removal jobs for some of the staff (say no more)

I also remember driving so many nice people at that time Mr Stephen Verne's daughter to her Wedding,

Was one that stands out,as he was kind enough to bother to come outside to where I was sitting in the car

Waiting for the return journey,and invited me inside,not many people have time for that sort of thing nowadays

What a gent,

(whoops beginning to show my age )

Anyway just to let you know it was not site services!!! that was responsible for the two works of art( that was pre angel of the north day's !! ) Turning up on the front flower bed, and one inside reception (poseing as a giant heater over one weekend,(I hope that the etched glass window survived ) after the closure of wood lane,I think it did

I was one of the rear guard ,and after all the people ,had been scatterd to the ends of the earth,it was the only time I did not like ,going to work,I don't know about you but to me being surrounded by the railway and the lorry park and the hussle outside ,I always thought it was a very tranquil place to enter work,

came across this ,how appropriate that its Chapter11 hope you can play it.

NOW COMES THE BEST BIT FOR ME

Claiming title to be the longest still working at 68 ( through a tenuous thread) B.I.C.C EMPLOYEE !!!

B.I.C.C 1976-1987 RELOCATED TO HEMEL HEMPSTED

B.I.C.C 1987-1993 MOVED OVER TO B.I.S.S HEMEL HEMPSTED CAMPUS 500

B.I.S.S 1993-1995 B.I.S.S MERGED WITH WANG TO FORM WANG B.I.S.S

WANG B.I.S.S 1995 SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY WANG DROP THE B.I.S.S TO BE JUST WANG

THEN TAKE ON INET TO BECOME WANGINET ,THEN TO ONCE MORE TO BE JUST WANG ,WANG THEN TOOK OVER OLSY FROM OLIVETTI IN MILTON KEYNES are you keeping up ?

1995-1998 TO BE WANG GLOBAL  
1998-1999 GETRONICS BUY WANG GLOBAL  
1999-2007 GETRONICS SOLD TO KPN  
2007-2009 STILL HERE BUT AM DUE TO GO ON YET ANOTHER TRAINING COURSE

How much training can a person have ????(mind you my school report did say could do better need's to pay attention!!! So do I qualify for the title or what !!!!!)

Sorry it's been a bit long winded

When I retire I think I will write a book ,thanks to you I have my cast list ,and I can tell you some tales of my

B.I.S.S days be warned people ,ITS COMING BACK ALL THOSE SECRETS, !!!!! Or for the people with a guilty mind ,you know who you are !!! for a small fee to suppliment my pension I can be paid to forget I have no problem with this ,I can be reached at [roy.mcdonald@getronics.com](mailto:roy.mcdonald@getronics.com),

Take care live long

Best wishes Roy.

FOOT NOTE B I.S.S also formed BDN IN HEMEL HEMPSTED

One day I had the job of putting up a banner ,when all the staff were taken to brunch they left BDN but on return the banner displayed the message WELCOME TO 3COM ?hows that for a sellout !!

That was Despite being told 2 weeks prior that there was absolutely no truth in the rumor they were being sold,!!!