

HAVERHILL AT WORK

Christmas at work

...and more Christmas celebrations!

Atterton & Ellis



Addis: "Christmas dinner was always served by Senior Management."

Addis: "Mr Adams would come round to each person personally one by one at Christmas and say thank you for your hard work, and give you your Christmas box which in the early days would be wine and chocolates and possibly at least a week's pay on top, depending on the length of service. Then he would say to your supervisor that you could go home early for Christmas."

Some people had to work at Christmas!

Post Office: "We used to deliver on Christmas Day and on Boxing Day it was telegrams. It was quite a holiday! You got a few tips on Christmas morning; you'd also get quite a few drinks! I always remember this particular Christmas – it was getting quite late and I'd had a few drinks. I'd finished my delivery and was staggering back and when I got back they said 'Have you seen Phil?'. I said 'Yeah I've seen him. He was in a ditch near Approach Cottages. His bike was with him though. It's all right!'"

A foreman on the women's production line at Pye Telecommunications said, "Christmas time was purgatory. They had bottles of home made wine and all sorts!"

Pye Telecommunications: "Christmas was brilliant. We used to finish at lunchtime and go to the White Hart. They only had a licence until 2pm but because of the market laws you could go down to the Bell and sit there for the rest of the afternoon."



A Rubbolite Christmas



Halliburton: "At the end of the year they gave you an extra week's wages tax free."

Delta RA getting in the swing of things



"There is a small group called the 'Project Dinner Group' and we still get together twice a year in the summer and at Christmas."