

Bill Morphew **A good news story:**

***86 year-old Bill has a secret
that not many people know,
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So what makes Bill special? His age? Well there are quite a few 86 year old men out there – no, not just that, the fact that he is still actively working at 86 years old, no, not just that either – the fact that he has never quit his job and is still working for the same employer and has done so for the last 71 years!

Bill was born in 1921 and commenced employment with CK Squirrel and Sons Ltd in 1936 at the age of 15. His first task was to light the fire and sweep the floor for his gov' nor and very soon he felt that he was part of the family. Bill was pleased to be involved in the grain trade where he learned his craft in a business he describes as a "free trade," and where Bill learned the importance of always sticking to your word – right or wrong.

His employment was interrupted for four years from 1941 to 1945 when he enlisted and was shipped out to fight in West Africa, moved then into Iran and Iraq and finally Italy before returning to the UK.

Sometime after returning, Bill, or Billy as he was often called then, was told to take the lorry down to Millwall and deliver some seeds, which he did after learning how to drive on the roads!

Ten ton lorries were hand loaded with sacks weighing up to 20 stones – carried on the shoulder. Bill was accepted and trusted by the farmers with his blend of charm, wit, and most importantly, honesty. He was always a straight as a die, which helped his move from the lorries into the granary and then onto grain trading, which he commenced in 1952 and which he has continued to this day some 55 years later.

Bill has traded with the same farms, but differing generations, over this time and is still a retained agent for Muntons in Stowmarket, who acquired Squirrels in 1991.

When asked what kept him working, Bill replied, "I have to keep active, I can't settle and I haven't thought of retiring" – not bad for an 86 six year old!

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