



# ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

## FEBRUARY 2025



### **Keith Traynor**

Retired Software Developer

***My key lesson is that 'work is a journey take something from every job & manager and try & find something that suits your interests.'***

I started off in Lloyds Bank in Rayleigh, through a couple of

moves ended up as Financial Adviser at Bradford & Bingley Building Society in Colchester, at that stage I realised that I didn't enjoy the selling element of the job. I then went to evening classes and retrained as a software developer, retiring at 55, now 57, here are my more recent roles which included being a Treasury Developer at Jeffries, a Senior.Net Developer at Natwest and some Analyst Developer roles.

The knowledge I gained in finance really helped me work as a software developer in that field. Although it's tricky (financially to change career) you don't have to end up where you started.

In my 40s my employer undertook personality tests & I didn't until that point that I was naturally blue/yellow which suited being a software developer. But the previous experience selling I believe helped my confidence.

<https://www.workstyle.io/best-personality-test>

Sometimes knowing your personality type can really help you choose a career that will suit you, don't be afraid to change your mind if one particular career doesn't suit you.

#### **PROFILE:**

**NAME: Keith Traynor**

**JOB: Retired Software Developer**

**When I left STM:**

**Went into the world of work straight from school after completing A Levels in Maths and Physics at St Bernards.**