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Dear Colleagues

## POST OFFICE: THE GREAT POST OFFICE TRIAL – RADIO 4 SHOW

Branches are advised on Monday at 13.45, a ten part series called *The Great Post Office Trial* begins on Radio 4.

The series covers the extraordinary story of a decade-long battle with the Post Office, fought by hundreds of Postmasters. The trial is considered to be one of the biggest miscarriages of justice in UK legal history as Postmasters were wrongly blamed, dismissed and in some cases convicted for accounting shortfalls with some ending up in prison.

The series will go out at the same time for ten consecutive days (weekends excluded) with an omnibus edition going out on Radio 4 at 9pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The ten shows are entitled as follows:

The Imaginary Heist	War of Attrition
The Bloodiest Mind in Wales	A Call for Help
I Love My Post Office	The Big Green Button
Navigating the Matrix	Extremely Aggressive Litigation
Follow the Money	What the Hell Had Happened.

### Post Office executive who tried to mislead judge in Horizon case trial leaves by back door

The above is the title of a Computer Weekly article published earlier this week which can be accessed via the link below.

[https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252483344/Post-Office-executive-who-tried-to-mislead-judge-in-Horizon-trial-leaves-via-back-door?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=the\\_great\\_post\\_office\\_trial\\_begins\\_on\\_monday&utm\\_term=2020-05-22](https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252483344/Post-Office-executive-who-tried-to-mislead-judge-in-Horizon-trial-leaves-via-back-door?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=the_great_post_office_trial_begins_on_monday&utm_term=2020-05-22)

Computer Weekly has reported that Angela van den Bogerd, a senior Post Office Executive at the centre of this scandal, who was blamed by many of the Postmasters for

the Post Office failings has left the organisation without fanfare despite many years' service. She was the most senior Post Office executive who gave evidence and was cross-examined in court during the litigation action.

In the Computer Weekly article, it was highlighted that when High Court judge Peter Fraser handed down his judgment in the court action, he was highly critical of van den Bogerd accusing her of seeking to "*obfuscate matters and mislead me...*".

Karl Flinders, the Computer Weekly journalist, goes on to say that whilst the Post Office state that "*Angela van den Bogerd has left the Post Office to explore other opportunities*", it is thought "*her position became untenable after her role in the Horizon scandal*".

Branches and Representatives are encouraged to listen to the Radio 4 shows and to draw these to the attention of our members.

Hopefully this radio coverage will help to bring about the public inquiry promised by the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

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