



Horsing around



❑ **Duncan Ferris quizzes Pensions Administration Standards Association (Pasa) chair, Kim Gubler, about her fondness for horses, rescuing pigeons and trying to be a princess**

❑ **What's your employment history (including jobs outside of pensions)?**

I was a Saturday girl at a hairdresser, worked on the till in a petrol station and was a retail trainee at Harrods. After that I went into banking, became an accountant and then it has been pensions, pensions, pensions.

❑ **What's your favourite memory of working in the pensions sector?**

Getting the award for outstanding contribution to the Pensions Management Institute (PMI) from my colleague, friend and (at the time) president of the PMI, Lesley Carline. It was totally unexpected and when I look at the picture they took, you can see how happy we were.

❑ **If you did not work in pensions, what sector do you think you would be in instead?**

The equestrian sector obviously! But

the likelihood of earning an equivalent living in this sector is low and it's mostly outdoors. I can do outdoors, but a 17-hour day in winter is beyond me. So, I'll stick to pensions.



❑ **What was your dream job as a child?**

I wanted to be a princess, failing that a lawyer. Clearly, the lawyer option was the one I should have gone for. Sadly, I waited too long trying to be a princess.



❑ **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Taking my horses out competing is great, but there's nothing like being with your horse in the middle of the countryside and watching nature go about its business without noticing you.

❑ **Do you have any hidden skills or talents?**

Not quite a talent, but sometimes it needs a bit of skill – I rescue pigeons.



❑ **Is there a particular sport/team that you follow?**

Nope.

❑ **If you had to choose one favourite book, which would you recommend people read?**

Station Eleven by Emily St John Mandel. I read it before 2020 – that's a clue!

❑ **And what film/boxset should people see?**

Sliding Doors.

❑ **Is there any particular music/band that you enjoy?**

Muse.

❑ **Who would be your dream dinner party guests?**

It changes over time, but I think I'd go for Henry VIII, Helen Mirren, Dave Allen and Shirley Bassey – should make for an interesting evening.

❑ **Is there an inspirational quote/saying you particularly like?**

Where there's a will, there's a way!



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