



Evolution LLP win Teesside Football Tournament



Teesside Rep John Howarth presents the trophy to the winning team

A number of teams of students from around the Teesside area turned up to compete in the Annual NCASS Teesside Football competition in November last year.

On a cold, windy evening at the Goals Football centre in Middlesbrough, five teams from across the Northern region gathered to play for the new Teesside NCASS football trophy.

Competition was fierce, with last year's

winner, Tindles LLP, fighting hard to retain their title against competition from Anderson Barrowcliff LLP, Evolution LLP and the National Audit Office.

The final was a close affair, with Evolution LLP winning on penalties to beat Tindles LLP into second place.

Congratulations to all the teams who took part. Watch out for details of the Newcastle tournament very soon.

Upcoming Events

- **16th February**
Wine Tasting Evening
- **22nd February**
Inter Professional Quiz
- **9th March**
Newcastle Annual Dinner
- **April—date tbc**
*Newcastle 5-A-Side
Tournament*
- **4th May**
Teesside Dinner
- **10th May**
Night at the Dogs Newcastle

Newcastle University and ICAEW working in partnership

The Flying Start degree at Newcastle University Business School received its 10th intake of students in September! This 4 year BA (Honours) Business Accounting and Finance degree is going from strength to strength and now boasts over 180 students across the four stages.

The new intake are excited about starting the Professional Stage (which forms part of their degree) and are looking forward to placements with PwC from stage 2 onwards.

The last cohort to graduate are now fully settled into full-time work after an outstanding set of final exam results. It was great to see some of our recent graduates at the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants' Annual Dinner.

The Newcastle University Business School is also delighted to welcome a new cohort onto the Graduate Diploma in Finance, Accounting and Business. This is a new 9 month qualification which

combines a Graduate Diploma from Newcastle University, the ICAEW's Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business qualification, and credit for the Business Strategy exam.

The new cohort are keen to develop both technical and professional skills whilst on the programme and have already gained an insight into the profession when they were given the chance to grill representatives from ICAEW about all things accounting related!

Your Committee

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| Andrew Jackson, President |
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| John Howarth, Teesside and Student Council Rep |
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| Lisa Guy, Pan Professional Rep |
| Ellen Thomson |
| Simon Keeling |
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| David Craggs |
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ICAEW Dates for your diary

- 20 January December Professional stage exam results dispatched
14 February Free online webinar - Improve your memory
16 February Deadline for registration for March Professional Stage
8 March Free online webinar - Strategic time management
17 March Newcastle Graduation Ceremony
19-21 March Professional Stage Exams
26 March ICAEW Annual Prize giving Ceremony
19 April Free online webinar - Improve your negotiating skills
27 April March Professional Stage results
10 May Deadline for registration for June Professional Stage

2011 Charity cheque handover

NCASS Chair Sam Chaney and Vice Chair Ele Brown visited the Neonatal Unit at the Royal Victoria Infirmary on 22/07/11 to hand over a cheque for £2,293.58 to the Tiny Lives charity.

The money was raised from your generous donations from last year's quiz and also at raffles held at our annual dinners in Newcastle and in Teesside.

We are all delighted with the amount we have managed to raise and would like to thank everyone for their support for Tiny Lives. Every year 600 premature or ill new born babies from right across

the North East are admitted to the Neonatal Unit at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle. Tiny Lives offers vital services like education and training, help with buying equipment, funding for research and help with expenses for those parents who have to travel a long distance to the Unit.

For Tiny Lives, their administrator Louise Carroll said:

"The amount raised by the Chartered Accountants Students' Society is great. All their hard work has paid off and without supporters like these Tiny Lives would not be able to

fund vital, cutting edge equipment for the Special Care Baby Unit, the cost of specialist staff training and conferences and helping parents from across the region with travel and parking costs." This year NCASS will again be supporting Tiny Lives and have already held our quiz. Watch out for the Teesside and Newcastle Annual dinners coming soon!



NCASS Committee welcomes new starters from across the region



Students enjoy their free drinks at the New Starters' Evening

The NCASS New Starters' Evening was a huge success with 45 new students attending from a number of firms, no doubt partly due to the free drinks kindly sponsored by Kaplan Financial and PwC!

Students were welcomed by our Chair, Sam Hill, and were introduced to the ICAEW Regional Director for the North, Keith Proudfoot. A great night was had by all and we look forward to seeing the new students at our future events!

Light relief.....

An accountant visited the Natural History museum. While standing near the dinosaur he said to his neighbour: "This dinosaur is two billion years and ten months old". "Where did you get this exact information?" "I was here ten months ago, and the guide told me that the dinosaur is two billion years old."

What is the definition of an accountant?

Someone who solves a problem you did not know you had in a way you don't understand.

The difference between the short and long income tax forms is simple. If you use the short form, the government gets your money. If you use the long form, the tax advisor gets your money.



North East Professionals' Ball raises £11,600 for North East Teenage Cancer Trust

The North East Pan Professional Group held The Glitz and Glam Grand Ball on Friday 14th October at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle to raise money for the new cancer unit that the Teenage Cancer Trust are building at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle.

The Teenage Cancer Trust provide specialist services throughout the UK for young people with cancer, primarily through their units in NHS hospitals which are designed to offer an environment tailored for their needs and where they can be treated by teenage cancer experts. The Teenage Cancer Trust already have one unit at the RVI hospital in Newcastle which treats young people with cancer from towns across the North East and the new unit at the Freeman Hospital will further help the needs of young people in their fight against cancer.

The spectacular ball hosted over 200 guests from across the region and included a champagne drinks reception, three course dinner and a trapeze act from the ceiling of the Great Hall where the dinner was held. The evening was presented by Gary Philipson and Lisa Shaw from Real Radio and a raffle and grand auction were also held to boost the fundraising.

The ball was generously sponsored by local individuals and organisations including the Robert Young Charitable



Trust, NB Group and Co-operative Membership. The event also received significant donations to the auction and raffle from individuals and organisations across the region for which the committee were extremely grateful. Jonathan Wallis said: "The amount raised from the ball would not have been possible without the kind support from individuals and companies across the region who supported the ball and the generous deep pockets of our guests on the night, who not only purchased tickets to attend but also helped us raise over £6,000 in the raffle and auction."

Peter Collins of the North East Teenage Cancer Trust said "We are extremely grateful for the efforts in organising the ball as well as for the wider support from organisations and individuals. The amount raised is overwhelming and will make a significant financial contribution to the ongoing work we are undertaking in the North East."



NCASS is always trying to do more for our students, but we need your help! For any suggestions on articles for the newsletter, new events, or if you would like to join the committee, please contact us at NCASScommittee@gmail.com



NORTHERN CHARTERED
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Wine Tasting Evening

Join us at Lanchester Wine Cellars for a guided tour, dinner and tutored wine tasting all for just £20 per head, as well as discounted prices on their list prices

Date: 16/02/2011
Time: Leave Newcastle / Middlesbrough 6.00pm (location to be confirmed)
Evening ends approximately 10.00pm
Venue: Lanchester Wine Cellars Ltd, Greencroft Estate, Tower Road, Stanley, DH9 7XP

Details:

Lanchester Wine Cellars Ltd. was started back in 1980 by Tony Cleary and two colleagues from United Rum Merchants. By 1985, both of these partners had left the business and the company has since been owned by the Cleary family. This new event in the NCASS calendar promises to be a fantastic evening.

Upon arrival, we will be given a tour of the site including the bottling and gift operations. Lanchester Wines will then provide a buffet dinner, followed by a tutored wine tasting of approximately 10 wines, followed by tea and coffee.

Places on this event are limited so book your place early. Transport will be provided from Newcastle and Middlesbrough - please indicate when you book whether this will be required.

Since we will be entering a food preparation site, Lanchester Wines request that all attendees wear flat, enclosed footwear (no sandals or heels).

Please let us know in advance of any dietary requirements.

How to join in:

To book your space contact Eile at NCASScommittee@gmail.com Or telephone (0191) 2698889 / (07834) 609511

How to Pay:
BACS to Sort Code 40 34 18 : Account No. 31197215



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Northern Exam Success

Well done to all who passed exams in the second half of the year. Special congratulations go out to the following students who gained the highest mark in the Northern region in their respective papers:

June Professional Stage

Audit and Assurance - Mr J Meehan, PwC
Business Strategy - Miss S Stokes, Tindles
Financial Accounting - Mr J Meehan, PwC
Financial Management - Mr T Brown, KPMG
Financial Reporting - Mr C McEwen, KPMG
Taxation - Mr J Meehan, PwC

Financial Accounting Top-up - Mr D Graham, Armstrong Watson, **who also came first in the International Order of Merit, winning the Carter Prize**

July Advanced Stage

Business Reporting: Mr M Parry, Ryecroft Glenton
Business Change: Mr T McGuinness, PwC
Case Study: Miss S Nooney, KPMG

September Professional Stage

Audit and Assurance - Miss L Hedley, Deloitte
Business Strategy - Miss S Mullen, PwC
Financial Accounting - Mr J Bell, KPMG
Financial Management - Mr M Robson, PwC
Financial Reporting - Mr M Robson, PwC
Taxation - Mr A Scott, KPMG

PS I love The NCASS quiz



The 2011 NCASSSS quiz held on 15/11/2011 was our first charity event of the year. With 15 teams playing it was a close run race, eventually won by PS I love you from PwC with 57 points, closely followed by Sigma Gamma (ICAEW), The Dabbs (KPMG) and Quiz Team Aguilera (PwC) all with 51.

We were lucky enough to be joined by Andrea Atkinson from our chosen charity, Tiny Lives. Andrea judged and presented the prize for best team name, won by Not an 'Ope (National Audit Office).

Andrea is delighted that we are supporting Tiny Lives for the second year running. Last year students in the Northern region helped NCASS raise over £2,000 for Tiny Lives from the Quiz and Annual Dinners.

With this year's quiz making a profit of over £150 to be donated to the charity, this is a great start to our fundraising year.

NCASS is the official body that represents students under ICAEW training contracts in the Northern region, which covers Tyneside, Teesside and Cumbria.

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Dates for our annual dinners have been confirmed as:

Newcastle -9th March

Teesside - 4th May

More details to follow shortly