



NORTHERN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT STUDENTS' SOCIETY

Newsletter- Spring 2009

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NCASS Newsletter

Welcome to the third NCASS members newsletter. Following our relaunch and recent strategic review we aim to send an update to you every three months.

We welcome any feedback on the newsletter. Please send any comments to Ellen Thomson, e.a.j.thomson@ncl.ac.uk

Welcome from NCASS Chair



Gemma Rigby, NCASS Chair

Hello I'm Gemma Rigby and this is my first newsletter as Chair of NCASS. I would like to start by thanking all of you who have supported the events

NCASS has organised for you over the past months. The committee and I aim to put on events that give you a break from your studies and also a chance to socialise with fellow chartered accountants who are experiences the same highs and lows that you are. If there are events you would like to see us organise then please get in touch and also send in your feedback on events you have attended.

Remember life is about balance so I hope to see many you at our various upcoming events before you have to get back to your studies. Good luck with your upcoming exams!

National Student Council

NCASS would like to offer a big thank you to Ross Parker for his sterling efforts as National Student Council Vice Chair over the past year. Ross has now served his full term on the committee but NCASS will still have strong representation on National Student Council through Samantha Chaney. Please contact us if you would like Sam to raise any ICAEW issue for you on a national level.

Support for members on Teesside

Members based on Teesside are encouraged to support NCASS events. NCASS has always had a strong presence on Teesside and the committee is delighted that we currently have three committee members from the region. If you have any suggestions for events in the Teesside/ Darlington area please contact one of the following reps:

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Look out for details of forthcoming events on our website.

Student Deals

The Institute continues to improve its offers for students and members, which are accessible by logging onto the website and if you and don't forget if you are still in your training contract you can apply for an NUS Associate card, which is fantastic for student discounts and can pay for itself in no time.

Recent NCASS Events

New Starters Evening 24th September 2008

The New Student Evening saw about 65 students from local firms, the National Audit Office and Newcastle University's Flying Start degree join us in Mr Lynch, Jesmond to welcome them to NCASS.



NCASS were also able to recruit a new committee member, Andrew Cruikshank, Rycroft Glenton, during the event. 'Having experienced the first of many intensive periods at Kaplan, the most recent student members of the ICAEW were treated to an introductory presentation followed by drinks at Mr Lynch in Jesmond. The evening proved to be a great success in raising the awareness of the society and in doing so has set the scene for future events which are now sure to be well supported. Not to mention the complimentary drinks, the evening was a fantastic opportunity to share views with fellow students and it is certainly reassuring to know that everyone is in the same boat. There seems to be a great sense of spirit amongst the society and its students within the North East, without which the prospect of facing another 3 years worth of study

would be a lot more daunting. Three cheers to NCASS!'

Wine Tasting Evening Thursday 6th November 2008

The latest NCASS Wine Tasting event was a great success with over 50 attendees from a number of firms and training providers across the region. The event was hosted by Richard Grainger Wines, West Jesmond and sponsored by St James Place. The winning team were students from Newcastle University's Flying Start degree which is run in conjunction with the ICAEW and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.



The winning team, Newcastle University 'Flying Start' degree

Careers Events 11th December 2008

Newcastle University Business School and + Catalyst sponsored and were host to another successful careers evening in December. The event included presentations from The National Audit Office, The Sage Group Plc and Newcastle University Business School's David Levinson who led an interesting and motivational session on Career and Life Planning.

**Graduation Event
24th September 2009**

Supported by Newcastle University Business School, the event recognised the 74 candidates in the North East and Cumbria who last year completed the ICAEW's (final) Advanced Stage and the 71 who passed the (interim) Professional Stage.



Guest speaker at the event was One North East board member Ian Brown and the event was hosted by the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants and Newcastle University Business School.

**Newcastle Annual Dinner,
3rd April 2009
A night at the Circus!**



Roll up, Roll Up! The 2009 NCASS Newcastle Annual Dinner was another resounding success. This year the Civic Centre was

transformed into a magical big hat with circus inspired performers and decoration. Guests were welcomed by fire breathers and were kept entertained throughout the evening by a lively troop of jugglers, stilt walkers, balloon artists and magicians!



However, the event also had a more serious purpose and we are delighted to announce that guests raised £1030 for local charity Grace House. Funds were raised through a Heads and Tails game and raffle with prizes donated by a number of firms and local businesses.

NCASS Chair Gemma Rigby reported: "It was great to see so many guests at the dinner especially in these difficult economic times. We were delighted that the event was so well supported by firms and we would like to say a big thank you to all of those who gave generously in aid of Grace House."



Over 215 guests attended the dinner from a range of firms across the region. The Teesside Annual Dinner is scheduled for 8th May 2009. Detail to follow.

For further information on Grace House, please visit:

www.gracehouse.co.uk/

Please visit www.ncass.co.uk to see many more photos from the Newcastle Annual Dinner and other events.

NCASS have also been involved in a number of pan-professionals networking and social events including a Halloween Ball in October and a sell out Charity Quiz in aid of Shelter in February. A number of events are planned over the coming months. Keep checking our web site for full details.

Forthcoming NCASS Events

Mixed Netball Tournament,
18th April 2009
11am-2pm
Royal Grammar School,
Newcastle upon Tyne
£35 per team of 7-10 players.
www.ncass.co.uk for further
details

Night at the Dogs,
With NEYCAG
7th May 2009
Brough Park, Newcastle
6pm to late
£5 per person to include
entry, drink, pie and peas
supper.
www.ncass.co.uk for further
details and booking form.

Teesside Annual Dinner.
8th May 2009
7pm for 7.45pm dinner
Riverside Stadium
Middlesborough.
£33 per person
www.ncass.co.uk for further
details and booking form.

Plus lots more to be
confirmed. For full details,
please visit our web site,
www.ncass.co.uk

And finally....
NCASS are always looking
for enthusiastic new
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