



# NORTHERN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT STUDENTS' SOCIETY

## Newsletter- Winter/ Spring 2011

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### NCASS Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the NCASS members newsletter. We welcome any feedback on the newsletter. Please send any comments to Ellen Thomson, [e.a.j.thomson@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:e.a.j.thomson@ncl.ac.uk)

### Welcome from NCASS Chair



*Andrew Ferguson, NCASS Chair*

Congratulations to everyone who has had exam success since the last issue of this newsletter, and good luck to all those who have just taken or are about to take exams. I hope to be able to meet as many of you as possible at the

next Newly Qualified Ceremony.

Since the AGM we set up another busy calendar of events for the year, and have already hosted a 'new starters' evening as well as a Teesside 5-A-Side competition and a highly successful Quiz evening.

Our nominated charity for the year is "Tiny Lives" at the RVI Newcastle, for which we have already raised a substantial sum for through the quiz. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the course of the year, cumulating of course at our Annual Dinners in the spring.

**Andrew, March 2011**

### Twitter Competition

Time for some 'creative accounting'. We want you to identify the best songs that could reference the world of accounting. An obvious example being the Beatles "Taxman", but also Kelis' "Depreciate Me"...

To be in with a shout of winning need to tweet your suggestions to @followNCASS using the #NCASSSongs hash tag.

Deadline: April 7th 23:59 - winner to be announced at the NCASS Dinner! (winner will also be contacted via e-mail)

Prize: Two tickets to the NCASS 'Night at the Dogs' event.

### **Institute Student Council**

My role involves representing the NCASS Society at Institute Student Council Meetings (ISC). These meetings are held in order to discuss the ACA qualification as well as a forum for society representatives across the UK to meet up and share success stories of past ICAEW student society events. These updates on other student society events are useful in developing our own events and provide new ideas to increase awareness of NCASS.

If you have any questions or points you would like me to raise at the ISC, please contact me at:

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Jade Loney.

### **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 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 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

The ever successful New Starters welcome drinks took place at Northern Stage this year. The NCASS committee were delighted to meet and welcome new student members from across the region including students from Ernst and Young, National Audit Office, PwC. The committee were also delighted to meet students from both the Flying Start degree and the newly launched Graduate Diploma on Finance, Accounting and Business, both programmes are delivered by Newcastle University Business School.

### **Charity Quiz Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

The quiz saw around 100 people assemble to raise money for Tiny Lives. In total, on the night, we raised £150 for the charity. Thank you to everyone that turned up, showed their support and battled for supremacy.

Congratulations to all the teams who took part in a closely fought contest: a team from the National Audit Office narrowly bagged a victory and a first prize of £50. Ryecroft Glenton took the runners up spot. Well done!

### **Football Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

The annual Teesside Football Tournament was held at Goals in Teesside. 8 teams turned up on the day, and despite heavy rain and wintry weather, a great time was had by all. Tindles won the final, while Anderson Barrowcliff came in a hard fought second.

### **Networking Event Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

We were delighted to welcome Alison Johnson from Exceptional Networking to deliver a lively skills session on professional networking. Employers are increasingly looking for staff to be adept at communicating with clients and developing key contacts in professional setting. This session aimed to give student

accountants the confidence to network with confidence.

John, a student who attended said of the event: *"It was a very good introduction to networking, which introduced a lot of interesting ideas on how to approach people you don't know and how to make the most out of meeting people. Alison was also very good in dealing with each individual's pet hate about meeting people, in a very informal style, which I think on the whole will have made people feel more confident when put in that sort of situation, it certainly did for me."*

### **Forthcoming NCASS Events**

**5-a-side Football- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 (North Shields)**

**Newcastle Annual Dinner- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 (Newcastle)**

**Teesside Annual Dinner- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Night at the Dogs- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May (Brough Park, Newcastle)**

### **Ideas for Events**

If you have any ideas for events you would like to see us arrange, please drop us an e-mail. Remember, NCASS is here to support members and we are keen to put on events that you would

like to attend. To keep up to date with NCASS events please visit our web site:

[www.ncass.co.uk](http://www.ncass.co.uk) or join us on Facebook:



Or Twitter: @FollowNCASS

### **Meet our Administrator**

All NCASS events are ably supported by our Administrator, Dawn Seymour. Dawn also runs her own events management company so if you are ever in need of anyone to help you organise an important event, she may well be able to help!

**Profile :** Dawn Seymour  
NCASS Administrator

**Background:** I was a PA in the Chemical Industry on Teesside for over 10 years but when I was made redundant in 2005 I decided to work from home as a Virtual PA. Since then I have built up a steady flow of clients requiring a range of admin services, including a psychotherapy centre, Renewable Energy Project, a global construction company and the FSB.

**What is your day job?:** In 2010 I launched Red Ribbon Events – an event management company organising both corporate and private events. In the first 9 months Red Ribbon Events raised over £5000 for various charities in the north east through fundraising in the various events organised. I joined NCASS as their administrator in the Autumn of 2009

**Other Interests:** I am on several committees including Norton Village Association

whose interest is preserving Norton Conservation Area.

**Likes:** Music, dancing, travelling, gardening, and learning Spanish. I'm married to a Farmer and have a Labrador called Danny Boy!



### **And finally....**

NCASS are always looking for enthusiastic new committee members; if you would like to be part of the team please contact Dawn (NCASS Administrator) at [ncassadmin@btconnect.com](mailto:ncassadmin@btconnect.com)

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