

Chit chat



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Hello

Around Town, team retreats and more running than Mo Farah. It's been a busy few months! Have a read and find out what we've been up to.

New faces, new events and even more impressive achievements from both our staff and our great clients. This issue of Chit Chat is sure to keep you up-to-date with new technical news along with thing going on at Crowther!

Do you have some exciting news? Get in touch! We love sharing our clients successes.

Other Bits and Bobs:

- Huddersfield Food & Drink Festival was a great success, and Crowther were a proud sponsor.
- Michelle took part in a triathlon at Castle Howard in August and came fourth in her category. Well done!
- Lee has taken to fell running. Tackling challenges such as running up the Pyrenees. Is he mad?



Out and About

Around Town held an event at Rosenbauer UK in Meltham – attendance for the event was higher than ever, although this could be partly down to the opportunity to see some brand new state-of-the-art fire engines!

In the summer, the Crowther team went away to a lovely house in the Peak District. It was an opportunity to sit back, unwind and enjoy a few drinks together. We ate lots of great food (including some lovely BBQ courtesy of Steve!) and plenty of laughter was had by all. It was such a great weekend that we are currently in the process of booking the next one!

On Friday 29th September we partnered with Huddersfield Lawn Tennis and Squash Club, rallying together clients, business associates, partners and contacts. The day raised £365 from donations, a raffle and advertising opportunities.

Commencing at 11.30am with coffee, attendees of all skill levels were then invited to play doubles tennis against each other, in a bid to clinch the 'most outstanding player' accolade. Other awards included 'hardest working', 'noisiest' and 'smartest dressed' players, to name a few.

An extra £840 was raised on the same day by Huddersfield Lawn Tennis Club for Macmillan Coffee Morning, with Crowther Accountants pledging £100 towards the final sum.



Celebrating Our Clients

Growing Big & Strong

Anthony, of Asparagus Green Catering, has now opened Liquorice Café in Pontefract along with running the café at the National Coal Mining Museum.

Asparagus Green have an excellent reputation for providing a range of outside catering including corporate events. They were finalists in this year's White Rose Awards and were voted New Business of the Year 2016 at the Wakefield Business Awards.

A Home by The Sea

50 Degrees North design consultants have been featured in Ideal Homes magazine for their innovative eco-friendly renovation of a 1970's house.



Bottling Success

Holmfirth Vineyard is back up and running with a newly designed restaurant after experiencing a devastating fire in 2016.

A visit is a must as they have a fantastic range of English wine, vineyard tours and wine related gifts, along with luxury holiday accommodation within the vineyard grounds, which makes a great place to enjoy a few days away. A unique wedding or events venue.

As if that's not enough, Becs and Ian are also currently working hard on creating their 2nd vineyard and venue in Robinhood's Bay.

Holmfirth Vineyard were also recently featured on ITV1's 'Robson Green's Coastal Lives'.

Upcoming Events



Around Town at Huddersfield Winter Festival

The next Around Town Huddersfield event will be on Thursday 14th December and hosted by Huddersfield Live! in St George's Square.

Huddersfield Live brought you this year's Huddersfield Food & Drink Festival, and they are excited to announce that they will be organising the first ever Huddersfield Winter Festival.

Join us as we take over the cosy Winter Festival tipi in the centre of St George's Square for a warm night of interesting talks and socialising.



KACCL Christmas Event!

SOLD OUT

Due to the success of the Kirklees and Calderdale Charity Lunch we are once again proud to support and be the main sponsor of this event for a second year, which takes place on Thursday 7th December.

Spring Ladies Charity Cocktail Lunch

Keep your eye out for this one ladies. A chance for you ladies to wear your posh frocks in aid of Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

04/05/18 | The Arches, Dean Clough, Halifax



Team Achievements

Qualifications All Around!

- Chris and Steph completed a 3-day first aid course with Purple Dog Ltd.
- Steph, Danie, Gemma and Chris all passed their course on how to be an effective line manager. Well done to all of them!
- Caroline Pinder and Ben have successfully passed their AAT Level 2.
- Kristian, having successfully achieved his AAT qualification, is now embarking on the 3-year journey to become a Chartered Accountant and has already passed 2 ACA exams over the last 6 months with flying colours.

A Sad Goodbye

Leonie, who has been with us for 3 years, has decided to venture to pastures new. We would like to wish her all the best!

Join The Team!

A huge welcome to:
David Busfield, Louise Hitchens,
Molly Graham & Nicole Bland!



It's Your Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our clients and our team who have milestone birthdays in the next three months.



Happy 30th to:
Danielle Sowerby

The Big 50

It's our very own
Steve Crowther!

(Shh! we said we wouldn't tell anyone)



Also a happy 50th to:

Robert Berry
Hita Brahmbhatt
Clare Busfield
Phil Look
Sarah Lamont

Happy 60th to:

Paul Allen
Colin Hart
Richard Peel

Happy 70th to:
Terence Newman



Client News

Wedding Bells

We've had plenty of clients getting married over these last few months.

A Huge Congratulations to:

Dan Schofield of DS Recruiting Services Ltd
Lenny & Michaela Davis of MND Floors
Nigel Pamment of Inspirational Financial Management
Raj & Sarah Uthayashanker of RBU Solutions Ltd



Technical Updates

New Rules on Buy to Let Interest

From 6th April 2017 the amount of tax relief available for interest on buy to let mortgages is changing, these changes are being phased in over the next four years, with the amount of mortgage interest tax relief being steadily reduced each year.

Mortgage Interest Tax Relief:

2017-18: You can claim 40% tax relief on 75% of your mortgage interest

2018-19: You can claim 40% tax relief on 50% of your mortgage interest

2019-20: You can claim 40% tax relief on 25% of your mortgage interest

From 2020 you will be unable to claim any of your mortgage interest

Tax relief at 20% of the reduction in mortgage interest allowance will be available as a deduction against tax liability regardless of which tax band the landlord falls in.

New Tax Rates

From the new tax year 2017/2018, the corporation tax rate will be reduced to 19% down from 20%.

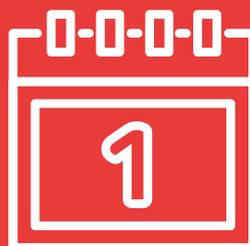
The new rate comes into effect from 1 April 2017.

Further cuts are planned over the next few years, with 2020 seeing the rate being cut to 17%.

The government explained that the measure is designed to attract inward investment, particularly in the light of the current Brexit environment.

AIA (Annual Investment Allowance) will remain the same at £200,000.00

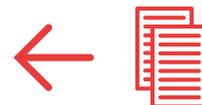
This means that the United Kingdom now has the lowest corporate tax rate in the whole of the G20.



Tax Return Deadline

If you haven't already filed your tax return for this year, you need to sort it soon. The deadline is 31st January. Don't be late as you could face serious financial penalties.

If you take dividends your first £5000 is tax free. However, under new law all dividends above £5,000 at the rate of 7.5%.



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