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## DO YOU VOLUNTEER OR WORK IN ANY WAY WITH CHARITIES?

### IF SO, OUR CHARITIES CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU

FIELDER CENTRE, HATFIELD TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 09:00–16:30

It's a hard time for all of us in this difficult economic climate. But it's been particularly hard for charities: fundraising is more challenging than ever yet there are more demands on the services they provide. For this one-day conference our impressive line-up of speakers will discuss some of the severe challenges facing charities at the moment and offer advice on what can be done to overcome them. The topical programme will tackle issues such as:

- fundraising, presented by Geoff Howard of Craigmyle, the UK's longest established fundraising consultancy;
- taxation; and
- the future role of charities in civil society – a thought provoking session presented by Andrew Hind, former CEO of the Charities Commission.

The day will be chaired by Caron Bradshaw, Chief Executive of the Charity Finance Directors' Group. And, as with all our events, you will also have the opportunity to network with fellow professionals and share ideas about the future. Tickets are £240 (incl. VAT) and includes refreshments, lunch and a delegate pack of useful and relevant information.

To book online please visit [icaew.com/bbhevents](http://icaew.com/bbhevents)

## NEW BUSINESS ADVICE SERVICE

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM, DUXFORD FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 13:00–15:15



The economy needs to grow and part of that growth will undoubtedly come from SMEs and an increase in the number of successful business start-ups. To be successful, SMEs need good business advice and who better to give it than ICAEW Chartered Accountants? The new ICAEW Business Advice Service (BAS) has been developed to put SMEs and ICAEW member firms in touch with each other. We will promote the service throughout the country with an advertising campaign which will encourage companies to search for firms in their area via the ICAEW online directory of firms.

#### Under BAS:

- the SME makes no financial commitment in the first instance; and
- there is no commitment by your firm to continue working with the SME. However, the service may provide you with a valuable introduction to a new client.

#### To be part of BAS, your office/firm just needs to agree to:

- offer local SMEs an initial consultation at no charge; and
- give general business advice to potential clients in that initial meeting.

For more details and for registration visit [businessadvice.service.com/register](http://businessadvice.service.com/register)

We invite you to find out more about the service, how it will work and what it will mean for you. We also have a keynote address from Dr Andy Wood, Chief Executive of Adnams and Chairman of New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. This launch is **free of charge** and, after tea, there is also an opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum. As there are a limited number of seats, please reserve your place early at [icaew.com/eastengland](http://icaew.com/eastengland)



## PATHWAYS – COMING TO AN END

The Pathways scheme — which offers a route for qualified members of ACCA, CIMA or CIPFA to join ICAEW through an Examination of Experience — closes to UK-based applicants on 16 December 2011. So if you know someone who is interested in becoming a member, please encourage them to send in their application now. To apply they need to be in good standing with their institute, have five years post-qualification experience and be sponsored by ICAEW members. For further information visit [icaew.com/pathways](http://icaew.com/pathways)

## NEVER MIND THE CALORIES – TASTE THE CHOCOLATE

**OLD ALBANIANS SPORTS CLUB, ST. ALBANS**

**THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER  
18:00 FOR 18:30–20:30**

Don't forget that you can spend an evening with a chocolate expert and discover the origins of chocolate as he demonstrates the manufacturing process of high quality, high cocoa content chocolate. You can also taste a selection of the wide variety of chocolate combinations now available.

Tickets are £15 (inc. VAT).  
To book online please visit  
[icaew.com/bbhevents](http://icaew.com/bbhevents)



## IT'S BACK... BEER, BRAINS AND BALTI GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

**OLD ALBANIANS SPORTS CLUB, ST. ALBANS**

**WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER  
18:00–22:30**

As the November evenings draw in and the weather cools what's better than to spend an evening at the society's quiz. The quiz – for both qualified accountants and trainees – is designed to stimulate the mind and to feed the body as a selection of curries will be served during the evening. Prizes are on offer for the overall winning team and the runners up. Tickets are £20 (inc. VAT). To book online please visit [icaew.com/bbhevents](http://icaew.com/bbhevents)



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT UNIVERSITY OF BEDS

Katarzyna Oczos, the top accountancy student at the University of Bedfordshire was presented with a cheque from BBHSCA at the recent graduation ceremony. The award is presented to recognise the excellence of the top student and to help support further training towards the qualification of ACA, entry into ICAEW and the ability to practice as an ICAEW Chartered Accountant.

Pictured is Katarzyna being presented with her cheque by immediate past president Beverley Turner looked on by Vice Chancellor, Professor Les Ebdon and Dean of the Business School Professor Paul Burns.



L to R Professor Les Ebdon CBE, Vice Chancellor of the University of Bedfordshire, Katarzyna Oczos, Beverley Turner, past President Beds, Bucks and Herts Society of Chartered Accountants Professor Paul Burns, Dean of the University of Bedfordshire Business School.

*Photograph courtesy of Ede and Ravenscroft Ltd.*



John Townend, Jacqui Dodds and Kim Shield

## RETIRED MEMBERS' FORUM – CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN

Jacqui Dodds from Royston succeeded John Townend as Chair of the Retired Members' Forum on 1 September. Jacqui has been a staunch supporter of RMF and has attended many of its events since its formation in 2009.

John Townend said: 'RMF has been a most successful new communications venture, enabling retired BBH members to meet about three times per year over lunch and hear guest speakers on a wide range of interesting topics. Also we have held 'days out' on the Grand Union, at a preserved railway centre and this year a tour of the London Olympics site and Greenwich Park.

I am delighted that Jacqui has agreed to take over my chairmanship and I'm sure we all look forward to future events under her leadership.'

Details of the 2011–2012 programme will be published on the BBH website, [icaew.com/bbhevents](http://icaew.com/bbhevents), around the end of October and emailed to existing members. The next lunch will be on Monday 28 November at Hitchin Priory when our guest speaker will be the former Libyan hostage Robin Plummer. To register your interest in attending, please email [bbhsc@icaew.com](mailto:bbhsc@icaew.com) or call +44 (0)1223 654 682

If you are a BBH retired member and have not yet attended an RMF event, please email Kim Shield on [kim.shield@icaew.com](mailto:kim.shield@icaew.com) or call her on +44 (0)1223 654 682 with your personal details to ensure you receive RMF information. There is no charge for membership.



## BBHSCA REGIONAL HEAT OF BASE (BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING AND SKILLS EDUCATION) NATIONAL BUSINESS GAME COMPETITION

Thursday 9 February, University of Hertfordshire, Club de Havilland

Would you like to build sustainable relationships with students considering their future careers in business and finance? Why not attend BASE; the ICAEW's interactive national business game competition. Giving you direct access to this target audience and building your organisations recruitment pipeline.

### What is BASE?

In its fourth year, BASE is an interactive national business game competition for sixth form students designed to develop employability skills and introduce chartered accountancy as a desirable career path. The competition is aimed at students in years 12 and 13 (aged 16/18) that are keen to enhance their understanding of business and finance. Students work through a case study, and compete in teams of six to win their place at our National Final in June 2012. Here they will compete against teams across the country to gain the prestigious title of ICAEW BASE Champions.

### How do I get involved?

If you would like to know more about the competition go on our website [icaew.com/base](http://icaew.com/base) or contact your local BASE champion Kim Shield [kim.shield@icaew.com](mailto:kim.shield@icaew.com)

For further information on national sponsorship packages please contact Samantha Knopp Commercial Partnerships team on +44 (0)207 920 3522 or [samantha.knopp@icaew.com](mailto:samantha.knopp@icaew.com)

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## 2012 SPRING EVENTS

### 2012 MAY SEEM AGES AWAY BUT IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Register now if you are interested in these events. Email us at [bbhsca@icaew.com](mailto:bbhsca@icaew.com) or call +44 (0)1223 654 682.



### PAMPER YOURSELF AT CHAMPNEYS

Prepare your mind and body for spring at our exclusive evening event at Champneys Town & City Spa in St. Albans. As well as workshops, mini treatments and discounts for you, it's also the perfect place to shop – you'll find the Champneys Spa Collection, a range of pampering spa products and gifts, plus a wide range of beauty products from high-end beauty companies such as Elemis.

The evening will include:

- a glass of wine
- make-up and skincare workshops
- mini facial
- goody bag
- 50% off Champneys treatments
- 20% off Champneys Spa products.

It's a great opportunity to be pampered and preened ... and have some fun!

To register your interest, please email [bbhsca@icaew.com](mailto:bbhsca@icaew.com) or call +44 (0)1223 654 682.



### BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

This was such a successful event the last time we ran it that we've decided to run it again next year.

Discover what goes on behind the scenes at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, on a guided tour of the backstage and front of house areas of one of the world's leading theatres. The tour will include an introduction to the colourful history of the theatre, an insight into its redevelopment and a look at aspects of current productions. As the Royal Opera House is a fully working theatre, each tour is a unique experience, and you may even be able to see The Royal Ballet in class, or the magnificent backstage technology in operation. Join fellow members and their guests in the ROH restaurant for lunch and a glass of wine before the tour.

To register your interest, please email [bbhsca@icaew.com](mailto:bbhsca@icaew.com) or call +44 (0)1223 654 682.



### ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday 10 May

The President's Annual Dinner will take place on at Knebworth Barns, two 400-year-old Tithe Barns, lovingly restored to create a unique setting within walking distance of Knebworth House. One of England's most beloved stately homes, Knebworth House is a beautiful gothic mansion situated 29 miles north of London off the A1(M) at Stevenage. Famous worldwide for its rock concerts, it has been the home of the Lytton Family since 1490, including Victorian novelist Edward Bulwer Lytton – author of the words 'The pen is mightier than the sword'. More recently it has been seen as the royal residence of Balmoral in the film The King's Speech.

To register your interest, please email [bbhsca@icaew.com](mailto:bbhsca@icaew.com) or call +44 (0)1223 654 682.

### AGM

Monday 28 May

Our AGM will take place on Monday 28 May 2012. The statutory notification and call for nominations will be mailed to all BBH members in April.

To register your interest, please email [bbhsca@icaew.com](mailto:bbhsca@icaew.com) or call +44 (0)1223 654 682.

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DATE	EVENT	SPEAKER	VENUE	TIME	CODE
<b>OCTOBER 2011</b>					
4 (Tues)	Acting for Doctors	Bob Trunchion	Hatfield	09:30–13:00	18/11
4 (Tues)	Acting for Dentists	Bob Trunchion	Hatfield	14:00–17:30	19/11
6 (Thurs)	Accountancy, assurance and audit update	Andrew Güntert	Luton	09:30–13:00	20/11
6 (Tues)	Tax update	Francesca Lagerberg	Luton	14:00–17:30	21/11
10 (Mon)	Tax update	Francesca Lagerberg	Newport Pagnell	09:30–13:00	22/11
10 (Mon)	Accountancy, assurance and audit update	Andrew Güntert	Newport Pagnell	14:00–17:30	23/11
18 (Tues)	Small business taxation	Rebecca Benneyworth	Luton	14:00–17:30	24/11
20 (Thurs)	Chocolate Evening	David Stone	OA St. Albans	18:00 for 18:30	
25 (Tues)	Charity Conference	Various	FC Hatfield	09:00–16:30	25/11
<b>NOVEMBER 2011</b>					
2 (Weds)	Beer, Brains and Balti	Quiz Night	OA St. Albans	18:00–22:30	
10 (Thurs)	Audit problem areas and developments	Alan Bonham	Luton	09:30–13:00	26/11
10 (Thurs)	VAT update and potential problem areas	Neil Warren	Luton	14:00–17:30	27/11
16 (Weds)	Corporation Tax update	Giles Mooney	Luton	14:00–17:30	28/11
16 (Weds)	St. Albans Discussion Group	TBC	St. Albans	19:45 for 20:00	
17 (Thurs)	Bucks & SW Herts Discussion Group	Anita Monteith	Watford	18:15 for 18:30	
22 (Tues)	Regulatory update for practitioners	Andrew Güntert	Hatfield	09:30–13:00	29/11
22 (Tues)	International Accounting Standards for SMEs	Phil Frost	Hatfield	14:00–17:30	30/11
23 (Weds)	General Practitioners' Discussion Group	TBC	OA St. Albans	18:45 for 19:00	
28 (Mon)	Retired Members' Forum	Robin Plummer	Hitchin	12:30 for 13:00	
<b>FEBRUARY 2012</b>					
9 (Thurs)	BBHSCA regional heat of BASE		University of Hertfordshire		
15 (Weds)	General Practitioners' Discussion Group	TBC	OA St. Albans	18:45 for 19:00	
22 (Weds)	St. Albans Discussion Group	TBC	St. Albans	19:45 for 20:00	
27 (Mon)	Cradle to the grave	Tim Good	Luton	09:30–13:00	1/12

For further details of courses and events or to book online using a debit or credit card please visit [icaew.com/bbhevents](http://icaew.com/bbhevents) or call Regions Central Events T +44 (0)1908 248 179 E [regions.bookings@icaew.com](mailto:regions.bookings@icaew.com)

## VENUES AND INFORMATION

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Hatfield Business Park  
Hatfield  
AL10 9TP

**Hatfield**  
Beales Hotel  
Comet Way  
Hatfield  
AL10 9NG

**Hitchin**  
Hitchin Priory  
Tilehouse Street  
Hitchin  
SG5 2DL

**Luton**  
Riverside Suite  
Vauxhall Recreation Club  
20 Gypsy Lane  
Luton  
LU1 3JH

**Newport Pagnell**  
De Vere Harben House  
Tickford Street  
Newport Pagnell  
MK16 9EY

**OA St. Albans**  
Old Albanians Sports Club  
Woollam's Playing Fields  
160 Harpenden Road  
St. Albans  
AL3 6BB

**St. Albans**  
Ardmore House Hotel  
54 Lemsford Road  
St. Albans  
AL1 3PR

**Watford**  
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