

#### Getting to know us...

2019 has been an interesting year for us at CED Accountancy Services Ltd, and possibly the busiest on record! We have had lots of new faces among the team, exam success, charity fundraisers and two babies arrived!!

## The Appointment of Peter as Aled takes a Back Seat

Firstly, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Aratoon as Director this year.

Peter joined in 2018 bringing a wealth of commercial experience. Peter works with investors and owners, management teams to businesses grow and realise their potential. Prior to joining CED Peter worked in industry number completing а of management buy outs.

Peter brings enthusiasm and technical expertise to the firm, it's great to have him onboard.

In his spare time Peter enjoys spending time with his young family. He enjoys sport and is a keen runner.

We also announce that Aled Roberts is reducing his involvement with the practice and will spend a couple of days a week at CED from early next year.

When Aled joined the practice in 2001 the firm was based in Cliff's study, and during his 18 or so years with the firm, Aled has helped the firm develop into a multidiscipline firm serving clients in many sectors with many different services. We are delighted Aled is staying involved with the firm until next year.

In his free time, Aled enjoys spending time with his family and cycling. When asked about his post-retirement plans, he answered "I intend to see the parts of the world that I have not yet seen, while I am still young enough to fully enjoy them."

#### **Staff Hellos and Goodbyes**

It was goodbye to Suzie who left us in the Summer after many many years with the firm. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for all of her hard work over the years!

We are very pleased that Paul, Eva and Diana joined the accounts and auditing department over the past six months. We also welcomed Sarah to the payroll department and Billie-Louise as our new apprentice.

All new members of staff have all settled in brilliantly here and we wish them the best as they pursue their careers.

### **Birth of Two Baby Boys**

Congratulations to Laura and Paul on the birth of Teddy in March 2019. Paul joined the firm shortly before the birth of Teddy. Laura is returning to the office on a part time basis after Christmas and both proud parents thank everyone at CED for their good wishes. It will be good to have Laura back in the office.

Congratulations also to Georgina and Jamie whose baby boy Harvey was born in April 2019. Georgina also intends to return to the office in the new year. Everyone is very pleased that Georgina will be coming back, initially on a part time basis.





## **CED director raises money for charity**

Duncan a director here at CED raised over £600 for Cynthia Spencer Hospice charity after completing The Dulux London Revolution which involved cycling 300 km around London in 2 days. Starting at Lee Valley Athletics Centre, the route went through Central and heading out to tackle the stunning climbs and descents of the North Downs before heading West towards Windsor Racecourse for the overnight basecamp to relax.

Following a night's rest, it was time to get back in the saddle for the shorter day back via the Chiltern Hills and ancient Epping Forest.

Speaking about the event Duncan said 'I decided to support this charity due to the fantastic support given to a family member recently'.

### **More CED Cycling Exploits**

Aled recently joined hundreds of other cyclists to complete a ride of a lifetime covering 980 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats in 9 days.

Aled trained hard throughout the summer which included a week of cycling with the other keen cyclist in our practice, Duncan, in The French Alps.

#### Sponsorship of Towcester Town FC

Towcester Town Football club show off their new football kit sponsored by CED Accountancy Services Ltd.



The new kit, which will be worn by the team for the next two seasons, has CED's logo emblazoned on the front of the shirt.

# **CED's close ties with Towcestrians Sports Club**

Cliff was a player for the Rugby Club for 20 years and he is now integral to the huge amount of work in progress to greatly expand the facilities on offer not just to Towcestrians but to the wider community. Cliff was instrumental in obtaining a generous grant of £250k from London Marathon Trust.

#### **Exam success at CED**

We are delighted with the progress of our team during the year.

Kira, a trainee accountant who started at CED as an apprentice has just passed all of her level 3 AAT exams and has already sat 2 modules for Level 4. Kira is also Xero and Sage Payroll certified, and has Quickbooks certification also.

Will has nearly finished his level 3 exams including a fantastic result in Management Accounts and Costing of 98%, with results in 2018 of Advanced Bookkeeping 97%, Final Accounts Preparation – 97% and Indirect Tax 90%.

Adam passed Advanced Audit in March and Advanced Tax in June. Advanced tax with 87%! Adam is now close to qualifying as a certified accountant.

Peter said 'We value all our staff highly and it's extremely satisfying to see them achieving exam success. As a firm we are committed to staff progression, so they can fulfil their potential and provide a first class service to our clients. Well done to them all'.

#### **Events held so far**

CEDAS held a seminar earlier in the year entitled Making Tax Delightful. We pulled together a panel of experts in their field to talk about what's happening now, on the horizon and what it means to you, the solutions and provide case studies. The event was interactive, and we demonstrated the latest software designed to assist businesses comply with digital tax rules, save time and get paid more quickly. There was also a chance to mingle with business owners, network and to ask questions informally.

### **Upcoming events**

Come and enjoy refreshments at our very own adopted seminar venue Towcestrians Sports Club and meet likeminded individuals and businesses in a series of CED sponsored free events designed assist you achieve your potential and achieve business hope growth. We that investment of two hours of your time will assist you achieve your potential. The next event is to be held December 10 at 4.00.



As a valued client, contact or friend we welcome your input so we can make our services even better in 2020.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, if you have any questions, please contact one of our team.









