

Beatons Group reflects on the last year

So with the year end out of the way I thought we could do a quick round up of the last year in our world and the world around us.

In our office, Haidee Everson, our Management Accountant, celebrated her 10th year at Beatons and 25 years of being qualified! Haidee will be seeking to share her skills in our bookkeeping course that she will be running in May, July and October this year. Our very promising Hannah Barley has recently completed and passed her AAT exams and has now started studying for her ACCA.

Our Head of Tax, Andrew Diver, along with the Ipswich Round Table managed to raise funds of approx £12,000 for Clic Sargent and Suffolk Family Carers, through their annual festive Rudolph project. Andrew also ran for Sport Relief in the Olympic park. As the team gets more active, especially as the sun comes out, we are hoping to help raise money for Clic Sargent by taking part in the Insane Mud Challenge on 18 May – if anyone is interested in joining forces with us on this then definitely give us a call. The more the muddier!

As a firm we took part in the Wear it Pink day and raised £390 for Breast Cancer Campaign. Other good news? Well, my horse came second last week in the office sweepstakes for the Grand National!

Our client, Simon Fraser of Lombard Shipping, hits the press again as he talks to Lloyds Loading List about the Felixstowe Port Users Association, its aims and objectives and his role as Chairman.

We secured sponsorship of a great Suffolk based networking event taking place at Seckford Hall on the last Tuesday of every month. 'Coffee Means Business' hosted by Menta, is just £2 to attend. It is not compulsory and is a great way for small businesses to discuss opportunities.

And what about the world around us? Well there has been a fair amount of news over the last 12 months, but to name a few...

Brittan put Suffolk on the map – again! The centenary of Benjamin Brittan took place last year with special events marking the occasion all over the world. Suffolk was at the heart of it all of course being the place that the famous composer lived and worked for most of his life.

Pope Benedict resigns, Lady Thatcher is saluted and the nation gets swept away by St. Jude's Storm. The Death of Nelson Mandela rocks all nations.

The Queen becomes a great grandmother as our future King is born. Little George makes the nation coo and in her speech to us all at the end of the year the Queen talks of new life and how it brings renewed happiness and hope to those around us.

Suffolk Raising the Bar at Sprites School in Ipswich

I would like to hope that we gave some hope and direction to the young children at Sprites School in Ipswich, where we attended a Suffolk Raising the Bar event.

As a local business we discussed the role of Maths in the workplace with 10 year olds! A much more challenging task than some may envisage! Although we did meet some very switched on children eager to know how to make a business work – some of our county's budding entrepreneurs maybe!? Employees from Beatons Group can be seen below enjoying the event with the children.

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Up and coming events

Tuesday 29 April

Beatons Sponsor Menta's 'Coffee Means Business' on Tuesday 29 April at Seckford Hall, Woodbridge, IP13 6NU. Time: 9.30am - 11.30am. Cost: £2. Just turn up and bring your business cards.

Wednesday 21 May

Bookkeeping & Financial Control Course, run by one of our Management Accountants, Haidee Everson, at Ip City Centre, Ipswich, IP2 8SD. Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm. Cost: £25. Go to www.menta.co.uk to book a place.

'Beatons Bag on Tour' competition
 Watch out for details of our 'Beatons Bag on Tour' monthly competition that we will launch next month.