

# TEESSIDE SOCIETY NEWS

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## FOOTBALL!

At the time of writing my previous article for this magazine, I did plan to follow it up in the autumn edition with a sincere and generous account of the commencement of Sunderland and Middlesbrough's respective relegation battles! As I write this article (in mid September), the "Mackems" and "Smog Monsters" are "struggling" substantially higher up the table than my own team. (What's the difference between Newcastle and a cocktail stick? - a cocktail stick has two points!) All I can say is that Newcastle's relegation battle has started somewhat earlier than Middlesbrough and Sunderland's!

## TEESSIDE SOCIETY DINNER

By the time you receive this magazine, the Teesside Society Dinner will have occurred on the 8 October. I can confirm to you that the 50th Anniversary Dinner was a roaring success with scintillating and sparkling speeches from our guests including Miles Middleton and Dame Sheila Masters. The guests were further entertained by a caricaturist Tim Leatherbarrow and magicians which were supported by appropriate sponsorship from Wise Speke and Hays Accountancy Personnel. If you are not going/or been, then you will have missed/enjoyed a great night!



## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PARTNERSHIP (NORTH EAST) LIMITED

As part of my duties as Chairman of the Teesside Society, I was invited to join the board of this august organisation, which is very ably chaired by one of my predecessors, David Swallow. I was not particularly too keen to get involved, not because of David Swallow's involvement, but because of the time required, although I was persuaded essentially by the promise of financial remuneration, for which I and my managing partner are extremely grateful!

On a serious note, I would point out that this organisation has carried the banner of entrepreneurship in The Teesside Society, which is not something that you might normally associate with Chartered Accountants, and has maintained an excellent relationship with Tees Valley TEC. It is in turn providing an excellent source of assistance and support to new businesses under the Start Right in Business Scheme and has also created tremendous interest from our Institute, because of the uniqueness of the scheme and its practical application. Whilst we are anticipating, from recent government announcements, a change in the emphasis on business support generally, we consider the Professional Services Partnership is ideally placed to continue and hopefully expand its services.

## TEESSIDE TOMORROW LIMITED

I understand there is about to be a major initiative lodged by the Institute, launched by Gordon Brown the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Dame Sheila Masters the President of the ICAEW. The aim is to encourage more of our members to become active in the community giving their time and skills to make a real difference to the communities in which they live and work. This I understand has been badged as "everybody counts". I can report that the above company has been very active in the Teesside area for a number of years now, with the aim of matching up professional skills to a community requirement and therefore assisting charitable and community organisations to develop their own projects. The interesting thing from our point of view is that the majority of the firms of Chartered Accountants in Teesside appear to be subscribing to this scheme, which is a substantial credit not only to them but also to our own profession.

## AN OPEN DEBATE - MAIN SPEAKER JOHN COOK FCA

The Teesside Society is pleased to announce that John Cook FCA who practices in Liverpool, has agreed to attend an open forum debate on the 13 January 2000. This is an opportunity for all members, not just in the Teesside Society to attend and listen to the discussion on Education and Training as well as other matters and to contribute to that debate, as well as hopefully to become more informed as to the future of our Institute as we move into the next millennium.

## ..... AND FINALLY

I am well aware of the historical coincidence which has allowed me to be Chairman of the Teesside Society not only in its 50th anniversary year, but also at the time of the new millennium. There are many challenges facing our profession as we move into the new millennium ..... actually you know all about that!

What is really important is that we have three teams in the premiership next year! Perhaps in a few years Darlington will join them - and Newcastle might win some silverware - well we can all dream!

