

Welcome



A warm welcome to our Autumn 2018 Sheards Newsletter

What a wonderful summer we've all had! But now it's back to a topic we've been talking about for some time; cloud accounting. If your business turns over more than £85,000 then you will have to submit your VAT return through accounting software from April 2019. Logging into HMRC's Government Gateway will no longer be an option!

It is now time to put all we've said into practice. In this issue we'll guide you through the changeover process and we'll provide some feedback from our clients and staff, who are already working with cloud accounting software on a daily basis.

We believe that the benefits of cloud accounting far outweigh the effort it takes to make the move. For example, your employees will be able to record income and expenses from mobile devices, and as the business owner, you'll get real time insight into your business, to enable you to make well informed decisions, faster.

Cloud accounting also makes dealing with HMRC significantly easier; we think we all have a horror story to share! With Sheards as your accounting partner, we can take on much of the groundwork and provide training and ongoing support to you and your team. The deadline will be here before you know it, so get in touch with us and we'll give you the support you need.

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GIVING BACK



Thank you for helping us raise over £13,000 for Kirkwood Hospice in 2017/18 by supporting our calendar of events.

In 2018/19, we are fundraising for **The Welcome Centre**, one of the largest food banks in the Kirklees region. We will be running a series of events that we'd love you to be part of.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

WINE-ATHLON – Sept 2018

Some of the Sheards team 'begrudgingly' took part in 6 mile mixed terrain run/walk around Honley with wine stops every two miles to raise money for The Welcome Centre. We're competing in a 2nd 'Athlon' event in December. This time it's a Pie-athlon!

STILL TO COME...

QUIZ NIGHT – 18 Oct 2018

It's time to start swotting up on your general knowledge because our annual quiz night is fast approaching. Get ready for a night of fun and lighthearted competition.

For just £50 per team of four with a hot supper, it's a date not to be missed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

From Oct 2018 MAKING TAX DIGITAL WORKSHOPS

If your business turns over more than £85,000 you must keep digital records for VAT purposes from April 2019. If this applies to you, then you're invited to these 'not to be missed' free events.

19th October 2018 8.30am – 11am, at Sheards

SAGE EVENT

We're offering a free event in partnership with Sage to demonstrate how you can use their business cloud software for completing your VAT returns.

March & October 2019 VITAL SUPPORT FOR PROPERTY LANDLORDS

In September we (partnered with Ridley & Hall Solicitors) packed out Huddersfield RUFC for a seminar on how to avoid the pitfalls of property tax, with an update on current legislation and a landlord's responsibilities during the conveyancing and rental process. **Look out for our next workshops in March and October 2019.**

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR ANY OF OUR EVENTS, EMAIL
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A WARM SHEARDS WELCOME TO...



ALICE SPENCER

A belated welcome to Alice who joined Sheards in Spring. As an apprentice accountant, she is studying towards the AAT qualification as part of her role in the Cloud Accounting team. With an impressive academic record and experience in customer service, Alice is a great support to our clients who are already using cloud products.



JENNY ASTON

After a year on maternity leave, we're delighted to welcome Jenny Aston back to the team. Jenny has been with Sheards for over 15 years, beginning in 2003 as an apprentice, so we've definitely missed having her around. Jenny is back working with her solicitor and other regular clients.

CONTACT US

Whether you are a new start up, keen to expand, or would like some business advice, then please do get in touch, as our team are happy to help.

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MAKE THE MOVE

YOUR GUIDE TO CLOUD ACCOUNTING AND DIGITAL TAX

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UP, UP AND AWAY...

Digital accountancy is here and now is the time to make the move.

HOW CAN SHEARDS HELP YOU MOVE TO CLOUD ACCOUNTING?

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Set up live bank feeds and manage your bills & bank transactions online.

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Add opening data to get you started.

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Initial training from the cloud accounting team.

"Until recently we'd never used an accountancy firm, but after 50 years in business, we knew we needed some help to move the business forward. We chose Sheards who recommended a suitable online software platform. We had no financial information 18 months ago but now I have access to everything, I'm a proficient user of cloud accounting and have a dedicated contact on the end of the phone who knows my business inside and out."

Kelvin Gillespie, Dixon & Franks

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Time to get the software up and running, with our support.

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Ongoing support for you and your business.

"My client has just been in for his training session with me on QuickBooks. He has been using it for about month now and finding it very useful. Prior to this, he used a spreadsheet to record his income and expenditure

He is now able to record 'billable expenses', send out his invoices quicker, and get paid quicker. I also demonstrated the mobile app, where he no longer has to search for missing receipts, as he can take pictures of his receipts and throw out the paper copy."

Mia Baptiste, Cloud Accounting Manager

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Let us help you choose the most appropriate cloud software for your needs.



WHY SHEARDS?

As a leading accountancy practice, we are supporting an extensive range of businesses on their journey to digital tax. We understand the software options available to you and can help choose the best service for your needs.

Our dedicated cloud accounting team has been set up to support you through the changeover process. With a number of our clients already using the cloud, our friendly team offers training to suit your needs and are at the end of the phone if you get stuck.

GOODBYE TO RECEIPTS
HELLO TO REAL TIME RECORD KEEPING

PROFIT, AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

LIVE BANK FEEDS

SIMPLIFY VAT RETURNS
AUTOMATIC MILEAGE TRACKING
DRIVE UP TAX DEDUCTIONS

COLLABORATIVE WORKING
WITH YOUR ACCOUNTANT