

We're excited to share the next step in the expansion of our Fareham office with the acquisition of JM Solutions a small business that has made a big impact.

JM Solutions will fit in perfectly with our growing team in Fareham. This acquisition marks another meaningful milestone in our ongoing investment in the Fareham office, which continues to grow as a centre of excellence and innovation. We're excited to welcome JM Solutions' clients into our broader community and are committed to delivering the same high standards.

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Win a copy of our book of the quarter!

What number should replace the question mark?



The answer to last quarters quiz was 4 mph! Congratulations to our winner, Tom

What Have The Team Been Up To?

It's Accrual World Makes a Splash at This Year's Dragon Boat Race



On 22nd June, It's Accrual World proudly took part in this year's exciting Dragon Boat Race at Chichester Canal. Our team came together to support two fantastic local charities: the Rotary Club of Chichester Priory and Cancerwise.

The day was full of energy, teamwork, and fun as we paddled through the races with great enthusiasm. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we've already raised an impressive £1,830 for these worthy causes and there's still time to donate! Every contribution will make a real difference to the charities we're supporting.



We had a fantastic time competing and connecting with the community, and we're already looking forward to hopefully joining the race again next year. A big thank you to everyone who cheered us on, donated, and helped make this such a memorable event!



Fiscal Festival 2025 – Fun in the Sun

Our first Fiscal Festival brought colleagues together for a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon in the beautiful grounds of our Chichester office. Blessed with warm sunshine, the event offered the perfect setting to unwind and connect outside the usual workday.

Over the past twelve months, these stunning grounds have become more than just a workplace setting – they've been a place for fresh ideas, everyday conversations, and moments of connection. The afternoon felt like a celebration of everything we've built together in our first year.

A delicious BBQ provided something for everyone, from freshly grilled favourites to lighter seasonal options. Friendly lawn games encouraged both teamwork and light-hearted competition, while conversations and laughter flowed throughout the afternoon.

The event was a great reminder of the value of taking time to connect as a team and enjoy each other's company.



Spotlight on Our Colleague: An Evening at the Theatre



A couple of weeks ago, some of the James Todd & Co team took an evening off to support one of our own. Our colleague, Alex Dassow, was performing in *Beauty and the Beast* with his amateur dramatics society on Hayling Island.

It was a fantastic show – full of energy, talent, and charm and a great opportunity for us to enjoy something a little different together. Watching Alex shine on stage doing something he loves was genuinely uplifting, and a lovely reminder that there's more to each of us than just our day jobs.

We're always proud to celebrate the passions and talents of our team, both in and out of the office.

To keep up to date with what we've been getting up to, be sure to follow us on our social media pages.

In Case You Missed It...

We are delighted to share the happy news that Hannah Berry and Rob Fincham were married on 31st May at the beautiful Bignor Park.

The occasion was truly memorable, with perfect weather and the stunning surroundings of the Sussex countryside providing an idyllic backdrop for the ceremony. Family and friends gathered to celebrate the couple's special day, enjoying a joyful atmosphere filled with warmth, laughter, and heartfelt moments.

From the elegant details of the day to the lively celebrations that followed, it was a fitting start to Hannah and Rob's new chapter together.

On behalf of everyone here, we extend our sincere congratulations to Hannah and Rob and wish them every happiness for the future.



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In the fast-paced world of finance and accounting, staying informed is key. That's why we invite you to connect with us on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook!

Follow us for expert tips on tax planning, financial management, business insights, and the latest industry updates. Whether you're a small business owner, an individual taxpayer, or just curious about how smart accounting can help you succeed, our social media pages are your go-to resource.

Join the conversation, ask questions, and get valuable advice from our team of professionals – all in real time.

Welcome, Baby Leo!



We are overjoyed to congratulate Charlotte Southam-Gisby on the arrival of her son, Leo, born on 22nd June. Weighing a healthy 7lb 14oz, little Leo has already brought so much joy and excitement to his family.

With Leo's arrival, we are delighted to extend the James Todd baby portfolio, marking the third new addition we have welcomed in 2025.

This is such a special time for Charlotte and her loved ones, and we wish them all the happiness as they embark on this wonderful new chapter together. May Leo's days be filled with love, laughter, and countless cherished moments.



Spring Brings New Joy with the Arrival of Foal Chilli

This spring, Julie Saunders celebrated a special milestone becoming a proud "granny" to a lively foal named Chilli! The energetic little foal has brought a burst of joy and excitement to Julie's life and everyone around her. With Chilli's playful spirit and curious nature, the new arrival has quickly become the center of attention at her home.

For Julie, welcoming Chilli is more than just about a new foal - it's a heartwarming symbol of new beginnings and family bonds.

This Summer promises many happy moments filled with laughter and plenty of adventures for Granny Julie and her spirited grandfoal.

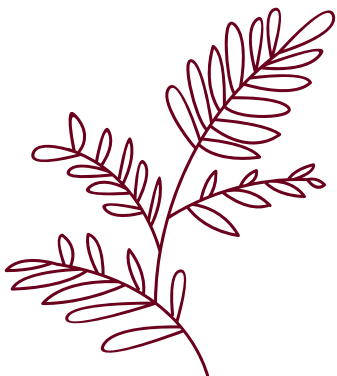


Exam Success...

We're delighted to share the fantastic news that Alex Dassow and Kai Mason have successfully passed their ACA Audit & Assurance exams in June!

This is a significant milestone in their professional journeys, reflecting months of dedicated study, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. The Audit & Assurance module is known for its depth and challenge, so this achievement speaks volumes about their hard work and determination.

Please join us in congratulating Alex and Kai on this well-deserved accomplishment!





Stay Ahead in Business with Our New Weekly Coaching Blog Series

Running a business can be both exciting and challenging but with the right knowledge, guidance, and strategies, you can take it to the next level. That's why we're thrilled to introduce our brand-new Business Coaching Blog Series, designed to give you practical tips, expert insights, and the confidence to grow and succeed.

Each week, we'll be sharing fresh, actionable advice on topics that matter most to business owners from financial planning and cashflow management to leadership, productivity, and long-term growth strategies. Whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your business approach, our blog will help you make smarter decisions and avoid common pitfalls.

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Visit our blog today or contact Michelle Buzzard to start your journey to better business.

Welcome to Our New Team Members at Chichester!

We're thrilled to announce the latest additions to our growing Chichester office team! Please join us in welcoming:

- Chloe Bailey, Client Administrator
- Amy Dance, Payroll Administrator
- Vicky Cooper, Accountant
- Rhys Fretter, Accounts Assistant
- Ben Mackley, Accounts Assistant

Each of these talented professionals brings valuable skills and experience that will strengthen our team and help us continue delivering exceptional service to our clients.

We're excited to see the positive impact Chloe, Vicky, Amy, Rhys, and Ben will make and look forward to supporting them as they settle into their new roles.

Welcome aboard – we're delighted to have you with us!



It's Not Too Late to Protect Yourself from the Cost of a Tax Investigation

An HMRC tax investigation can happen to anyone and professional fees can run into thousands. Our Tax Enquiry Fee Protection Service covers you for up to £100,000 of accountancy fees with no excess to pay, giving you expert representation from the start and complete peace of mind.

Investigations can be initiated at random or triggered by factors such as late submissions, public tip-offs, or working in a targeted sector. Regardless of the outcome, the costs for professional representation remain but with our Fee Protection Service, you won't have to face that financial burden alone.

It's not too late to subscribe! Get relief from the financial pressures of a tax investigation and avoid unnecessary stress and disruption.

For more information or to join today, email victoria@jamestoddandco.co.uk and take the first step in protecting yourself.



2024/25 Personal Tax Return Reminder

We would like to remind you that if you have not yet sent in your personal tax return information for the year ended 5 April 2025, please arrange to send it to us as soon as possible.

The official filing deadline is 31 January 2026. To ensure we have ample time to review your records, advise on any liabilities, and resolve any queries, we ask for your information at your earliest convenience.

You should have received an email containing an online checklist, which includes an option to upload any relevant documents. If you need us to resend this checklist or prefer to submit your information in a different format, please let us know.

If you have any questions about the documents required or the submission process, do not hesitate to contact us.

No need to File a Tax Return: not the same as no tax bill

The government announced earlier this year that up to 300,000 people would no longer need to file a tax return.

It was billed as particularly good news if you have a side hustle, like making extra money through sales on eBay, dog walking, or creating content online. 'We are changing the way HMRC works to make it easier for Brits to make the very most of their entrepreneurial spirit', the government said.

But tax wouldn't be tax if there wasn't some small print. Not needing to file a tax return is not the same as there being no tax to pay on money received. There are two allowances of £1,000 each, which can be set against trading and property income, but income from a side hustle above this level is likely to be taxable.

What the government is going to do — and it hasn't happened yet — is put up the Income Tax self assessment reporting threshold for trading income from £1,000 to £3,000. HMRC expects that though 300,000 people may not need to file a return, 210,000 of them may still need to pay tax, and the plan is that they will be able to do so through a new online HMRC service yet to be unveiled.

New Rules for Making Tax Digital

Starting April 2026, the UK government will expand Making Tax Digital (MTD) to include self-employed individuals and landlords earning over £50,000 annually. This initiative aims to modernise tax reporting, reduce errors, and improve compliance.

Key Changes

- Mandatory digital record-keeping for income and expenses.
- Quarterly tax updates submitted via MTD-compatible software.
- End-of-year finalisation to confirm tax adjustments and non-business income.

Who Is Affected?

- From April 2027, those earning over £30,000 will be included.
- From April 2028, the threshold lowers to £20,000.
- Business partnerships will be required to comply at a later date.



If your income exceeds these limits we need to ensure that from 1st April 2026 you are in a position to be using software for your bookkeeping to enable you to make these quarterly submissions as the penalties for failing to comply will be onerous. We can assist with making the quarterly submissions by either carrying out the bookkeeping for you from start to finish or can provide training on the software if you would like to do the bookkeeping yourself.

Please do contact us to discuss how we can be of assistance.



New Lease Accounting Rules Under FRS 102

The Financial Reporting Council (FRC) has introduced significant changes to FRS 102 as part of its Periodic Review 2024, aligning lease accounting with IFRS 16. These new rules will take effect from January 1, 2026, with early adoption permitted.

Key Changes

- On-balance sheet lease accounting: Lessees must recognise leases as a right-of-use asset and a lease liability, rather than distinguishing between finance and operating leases.
- Lease expenses: Presented as depreciation and interest, impacting EBITDA and financial metrics.
- Exemptions: Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets can remain off-balance sheet.

This will mean that the majority of leases will need to be recorded as an Asset and Liability on the company balance sheet similar to how a Hire Purchase agreement would currently be treated.

Transition Period

- No restatement of comparatives required.
- Companies can use IFRS 16 carrying amounts for group reporting.
- Any cumulative effect of applying the new standard will be recorded as an adjustment to opening retained earnings.

These changes aim to enhance financial transparency and consistency across accounting standards.

We will be in contact when preparing this years accounts to discuss the changes if this is likely to impact your accounts going forward however if you have any concerns regarding this then please get in contact with your portfolio manager.

Errors in HMRC's 2024/25 Tax Calculations

HMRC's recent self-assessment calculations for 2024/25 have erroneously included Class 2 National Insurance contributions, despite compulsory Class 2 NICs being abolished from 6 April 2024.

What Went Wrong?

- HMRC's systems have fabricated Class 2 NIC liabilities of £179.40 or double that amount (£358.80) on SA302 statements for taxpayers who did not tick the voluntary box.
- Taxpayers receive a message stating "Your Class 2 National Insurance figure has been corrected in line with the information we hold," adding confusion to the incorrect figures.
- In some cases, profits equal to or above the small profits threshold still trigger a Class 2 NIC charge on the calculation, even when no contribution is due.

Who Is Affected?

Self-employed individuals and business partners filing 2024/25 self-assessment returns may see an unexpected Class 2 NIC liability. The glitch does not impact those who voluntarily opted to pay Class 2 contributions, but it can create a misleading tax bill for everyone else.

HMRC has acknowledged the glitch and is urgently investigating the root cause. A formal fix is in progress, and amended calculations will be issued as soon as possible.

New Identity Verification Rules for Company Directors

Starting from Autumn 2025, Companies House will introduce mandatory identity verification for company directors and people with significant control (PSCs). This change aims to enhance transparency, deter fraudulent activities, and improve trust in company registrations.

Who Needs to Verify?

- New directors and PSCs must verify their identity before a company can be registered.
- Existing directors and PSCs will have a 12-month transition period to complete verification by Autumn 2026.
- Anyone filing on behalf of a company, including company secretaries must also verify their identity.

How to Verify?

James Todd & Co are registered as an Authorised Corporate Service Provider (ACSP) and can therefore verify your identity on your behalf. If we prepare your annual Confirmation Statement (CS01) then we will complete this as part of the process however if you currently prepare your own CS01 then you will either have to register to verify your own identity or we can take over the filing of your CS01 and complete this at the same time. Please do get in touch if you wish to discuss this.

If you want to verify this yourself then there are two ways to register:

- Online via GOV.UK One Login, using a passport, UK driving licence, or other biometric ID.
- In person at a Post Office, if online verification is not possible.

Failure to comply with these new rules could result in penalties and restrictions on company filings.

Mandatory Payrolling of Benefits in Kind delayed

The UK government has officially delayed the introduction of mandatory payrolling of benefits in kind from April 2026 to April 2027 following feedback from employers, payroll software providers, and professional bodies who requested more time to prepare for the transition.

What Is Mandatory Payrolling of BIKs?

- It refers to the real-time reporting and taxation of employee benefits (like company cars, health insurance, etc.) through payroll, rather than via annual P11D forms.
- From April 2027, most BIKs will be taxed via payroll, and Class 1A National Insurance Contributions (NICs) will be paid during the tax year.

What Will Change?

- P11D forms will largely be phased out, except for certain benefits like:
 - Employer-provided loans
 - Accommodation
- These will remain voluntary for payrolling and still require P11D reporting unless otherwise updated.

A “soft landing” period is expected in 2027/28, meaning penalties for inaccuracies will generally not apply unless there is deliberate non-compliance.

PAYE for High Income Child Benefit Charge

As announced at the Spring Statement 2025, HMRC will be providing a new service to allow employees to pay High Income Child Benefit Charge (HICBC) through their PAYE tax code. The service is expected to go live from summer 2025.

Details are yet to be released, but what it's likely to mean is that you will report Child Benefit payment received – either by you or your partner – to HMRC via a new digital service: and where liability to HICBC occurs, it will be factored into your PAYE code and processed like any other deduction from pay.

At the moment, the system is cumbersome. If you are liable to HICBC, there is an obligation to register for self assessment and complete an annual tax return — even if all other income is taxed under PAYE. The new service will therefore take some people out of self assessment and all the deadlines involved.

The HICBC applies where one of a couple claims Child Benefit payments and either one of the couple has what is called adjusted net income over £60,000. Adjusted net income is broadly income after pension contributions, payments under Gift Aid, and some other deductions. It is the higher earner who is responsible for paying the Charge, even if they are not the one claiming Child Benefit.

Do please contact us for more information.



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Important Dates to Remember:

1 September: Corporation tax payment due for year end 30 November 2024

7 September: VAT return and payment due for period ending 31 July 2025

19 September: Postal deadline for PAYE, NICs, and CIS payments for month ending 5 September

22 September: Electronic deadline for PAYE, NICs, and CIS payments for month ending 5 September

1 October: Corporation tax payment due for year end 31 December 2024

5 October: Deadline to register for Self Assessment if you're newly self-employed or have other untaxed income

7 October: VAT return and payment due for period ending 31 August 2025

19 October: Postal deadline for PAYE, NICs, and CIS payments for month ending 5 October

22 October: Electronic deadline for PAYE, NICs, and CIS payments for month ending 5 October

31 October: Deadline for filing paper Self Assessment tax returns for 2024–25

1 November: Corporation tax payment due for year end 31 January 2025

7 November: VAT return and payment due for period ending 30 September 2025

Important Rates:

Bank Base Rate: 4%

EUR to GBP = 0.86 | USD to GBP = 0.74

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