



We're delighted to introduce Phil Taylor, a Senior Advisor in our Business Growth Team, who has been with Ducketts for over five years. With a background in commercial banking, Phil thrives on variety, problem-solving, and helping businesses grow.

His approach? Analysis, Advising, Action.

Phil's insights on teamwork, leadership, and learning from setbacks make him a valued part of our team. And if you ever need a recommendation for a classic TV show—he's a Last of the Summer Wine fan!

Get to know more about Phil in our latest blog post [HERE](#)



Other Team News

Team Quizzes – If we keep entering in quizzes, surely one day we'll win?

We had a great time at the [Harrison Clark Rickerbys](#) Charity Quiz, held on 23rd January at [The Shack Revolution](#). A wonderful event, with an incredible atmosphere, and superbly compered by Christopher Finch.

Our 2 teams "enjoyed" almost polar opposite results, with second place and wooden spoon finishes – the second place was the bigger surprise!

Congratulations to HCR Law for organising a fantastic evening and raising £2674 for [Be More Frank](#), a wonderful local charity.

Book/film/podcast of the month --

I recently read an article, (presumably written by an old person) suggesting that no great films have been made since 1975. The era before special effects, in other words.

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Tax Tips 2025:

Below is a summary of the issues we think are relevant now and going forward:

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The New Tax Rules for Double Cab Pickups :

What You Need to Know from 6th April 2025.

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Events you missed;

16th January - Cocktail Party at the Green Dragon

At Ducketts we always throw a cocktail party at the busiest time of the year.

Thank you to Julian and his team at [The Green Dragon Hotel](#) for providing us with delicious cocktails and fabulous grazing boards in the Offa Bar.



27th March 2025 – How much is your business really worth?

We had the pleasure of spending the evening at the stunning [Newton Court](#) for our March Business Development Event. A big thank you to Tom McCarthy at [Clairfield UK](#) for giving us an insight into how businesses are valued and how you can maximise the value of your business, ahead of sale.

A big thank you also to everyone who attended, and to the fabulous team at Newton Court for the wonderful food and exemplary service.



3rd April - Core Connections at The Tipsy Kat

The Core Connections group had a fantastic time on the 3rd April at [The Tipsy Kat](#)! A huge thank you to Karen, Alex and the team at The Tipsy Kat for having us and sharing their amazing story of how they created a unique and vibrant cocktail bar. We also had the chance to mix our own delicious cocktails!

It was great to catch up with everyone, and we look forward to seeing you all again at the next one.



Ducketts Away Day

On the 9th April the team got together for our annual Ducketts Away Day. This year we decided to put our teamwork and puzzle-solving skills to the test! We started the day at [The Shell Store](#) with some updates on the world of Ducketts, accompanied by a great breakfast from [The Munitions](#).

In the afternoon, the team made their way to [Escape Hunt](#) in Worcester to see just how many accountants it takes to find their way out of a locked room. Everyone had a great time, and those who managed to escape were rewarded with a delicious dinner at [Seven Stars](#) in Ledbury to finish off the day.



Upcoming events

10th September 2025 – Charity Golf Day at Burghill Valley Golf Club

October 2025 – Posh Dinner at The Bookshop

View all future events [HERE](#)

Disclaimer

Everything is nothing. Nothing is everything. But sometimes it's fun.
Somebody said that on the BBC. Incidentally, if you think the newsletter is too long, then don't read all of it?