

18 December 2015

**Dear PACE Member** 

It's a funny old time of year isn't it — the madness of Christmas is most definitely upon us all I suspect! There are just a few things to update you all on....

## **Christmas Party at St Johns**

Thanks to everyone who came along to our Christmas party at St Johns on 1 December, we certainly had a fun night and the food was fabulous! Photos from the night are on the website – check them out here!

St Johns have a great offer for PACE members – if you book a dinner there and mention you are a member of PACE they will give you a voucher for 10% of the total bill! This voucher you can use yourself or use towards another company event you may hold at St Johns.

## Save the Date - January meeting 26 January 2016!

We are currently working towards having a 'welcome back' meeting on 26 January at Cliftons. We'll send out a meeting invite in the New Year with the details.

## **2016 Meetings**

Your management team are putting a lot of work in to bring you interesting, information and fun events for 2016 and we've got some great ideas and interesting speakers lined up. We'll send out details in the New Year however don't forget if there's anything or anyone in particular you'd like to see us do let any of the team know.

## How to make yourself work when you're not in the mood

One of the LinkedIn groups I follow sent out this article recently – I thought it quite appropriate for this time of year – it does have a lot of advice that we probably all know but it's good to have a reminder from time to time! Have a read here.

As we all do at this time of year, I've been reflecting on 2015 and I have to say I'm extremely proud of what PACE has achieved over the year. The management team, current and previous, have worked incredibly hard to provide our members with a fantastic schedule of meetings, professional development, information and of course fun, reflected by increased membership numbers and increased attendance at our meetings. Members should be proud to say you are part of PACE, our voice will only get louder and stronger with your support.

From a personal note, my 2015 has certainly been filled with extreme highs and extreme lows, and sadly today I farewell my CE who is leaving after 21 years with our organisation, and I've been his PA for 9 of those years. The support I've received from fellow PACE members has been wonderful and it's nice to know you are all out there willing to provide support, advice or just lending an ear at the drop of a hat.

All that's left for me to say is Merry Christmas, and here's to a fabulous 2016! Wherever you are over the festive season I hope you have a relaxing, happy and safe time.

Rebecca Dobbs Chair

