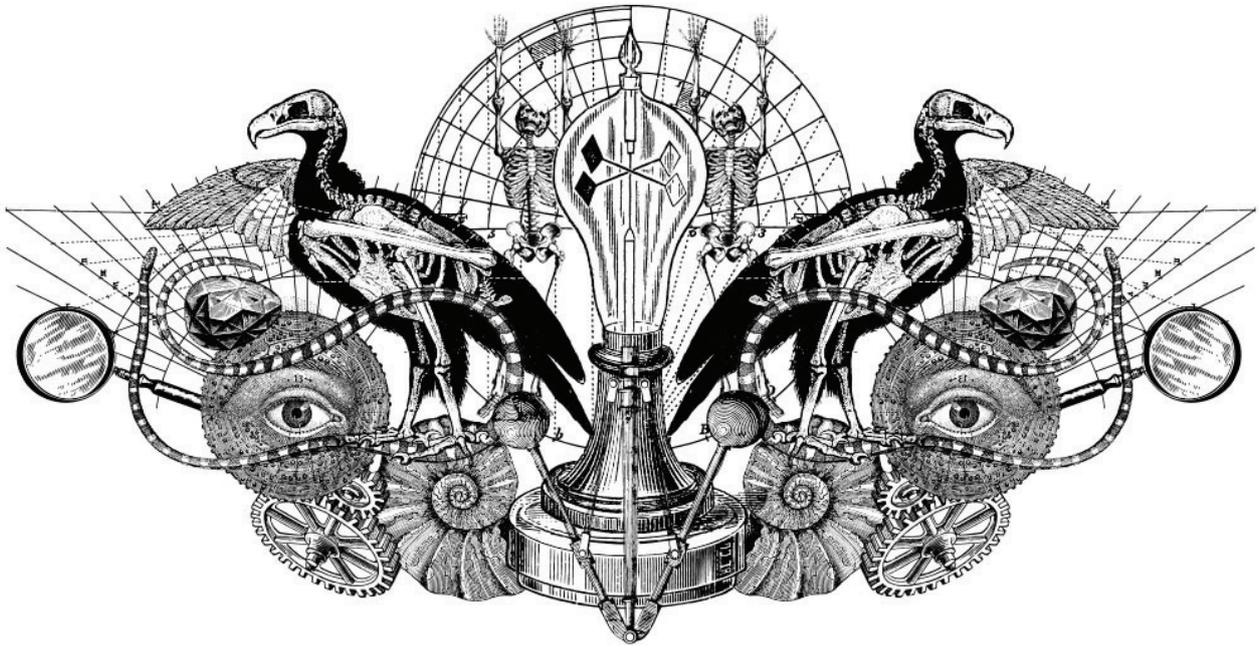


# Peaches, Cream & Smoke



It is perhaps unclear what Don Draper (of Mad Men fame) would have made of his drink of choice, the Old Fashioned, being served 'smokey.'

Nevertheless, this was what was on offer at the Alchemist on Brunswick Street in December at a joint Christmas drinks event between the Liverpool Society of Chartered Accountants and the Merseyside Branch of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and Association of Taxation Technicians.

Despite being modern chartered accountants and tax advisers, rather than 1960's admen, we took it all in our stride. Indeed quite a number of White Cosmos, Peaches and Creams and Screwballs were also observed slipping down rather nicely.

Regular readers of Chartered One will be aware that the Liverpool Society and the Merseyside Branch have been working together for some time to deliver high quality and relevant continuous professional development. The most recent example of that is the joint annual conference that took place in October, which you can read

about elsewhere in this edition. It is extremely pleasing that we are now able to extend this co-operation into the field of professional networking.

Just as the CIOT and ATT are represented on the Liverpool Society's Learning & Professional Development Committee, there is also now similar representation on the committee of the Liverpool Chartered Accountants' Network. Indeed it is a CIOT member, Mark Kearsley of DSG, who should be credited with most of the hard work organising and promoting the event. Thanks are also due to Hays Recruitment who very generously sponsored the evening.

Even though most of us are bombarded with invitations in the run up to



Christmas, it was great to see 40 people on the guest list and to hear all the positive comments around the room. More to the point, the Smokey Old Fashioned not only literally smoked, but it was also served in an old school chemistry flask. You simply do not see that every day of the week.

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