

- January Edition -

## IRIS Eye newsletter

Look forward

In 2022, IRIS will continue to champion accountants as the backbone of Britain, driving businesses to growth as we look to recover from the pandemic.

Last year, we launched two new initiatives to support and celebrate the work you do.

[Your Accountancy Life](#), our new community publication shares the good news and success of stories of accountants around the country. Tell us your good news here.

Our brand new free-to-join Accountants Club, is designed to help you tackle the challenges facing your practice, providing exclusive content, insights and answers to help you grow. [Sign up for the club here](#).

In this edition, we tell you about our new community portal centre to help you get the answers you need when you need them. And on the theme of support, please check out our extended busy season hours below for any technical assistance you might need with the software at the end of tax season.

Plus, there's more on the latest IRIS Accountancy Suite release and food for thought on e-approvals, busy season challenges and much more. I hope you enjoy this edition and a very Happy New Year to you, your colleagues and your families!

[Do drop me a line on LinkedIn sometime.](#)

Have a great day,

**Jim Scott**  
Managing Director, Accountancy

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### Introducing IRIS Community portal Help Centre

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 Launch  3 minutes to read

## One stop help centre launches

We're really pleased to tell you about the launch of our brand-new IRIS Community portal Help Centre, which has now gone live. We have created this in response to requests from our customers. Designed for use by the IRIS team and our customers, it is a one stop shop help centre where no log in is

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### Busy Season, we're here to help

Look forward

 Opening Hours  1 minute

## Customer support: extended busy season hours

We know what a difficult time busy season can be normally, and this year is particularly difficult again with the pandemic still rumbling on. Our expert technical support team will be on hand for longer hours than usual over Christmas and through January to help

required. If you have any feedback, please let our team know. We aim to continuously improve the help centre.

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you with any problems that may arise. This includes opening on Sunday, January 30th from 10am to 4pm. Please find our full January opening hours below.

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Upload tax returns instantly and securely



Training Sign up

## Save time and money with e-approvals

Are you making the most of e-approvals yet? Did you realise e-approvals are seamlessly integrated into your IRIS software and part of the workflow? In recent Januaries, we've seen more than 200,000 made through IRIS OpenSpace. Upload tax returns instantly and securely to OpenSpace, then approve your tax returns with minimum fuss and obtain client approval quickly and legally. For 200 tax returns we estimate, it would cost £600 to get approvals the traditional way with print and paper expenses.

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Discover the newest features in IAS



Release 2 minute read

## Have you seen the latest Winter release?

A vital update to the Audit Report is among the changes in the IRIS Accountancy Suite Winter release version 21.4. Complete with all legislative updates to ensure you continue to be fully compliant, it contains various enhancements requested by customers. The changes include the highly requested enhancement to shared addresses, which means email details and telephone numbers are no longer automatically shared as part of the shared address. And you can now query client data in the Digital Tax Client List to identify which clients will be impacted first by MTD. Discover more in our webinar.

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Life

Accountants latest good news & success stories



Article 2 minutes

## Finding the best accounting software products on the market

That time has arrived again – it's the AccountingWEB Software Awards. We'd hugely appreciate it if you lent us your vote. Here's how the publication describes what's happening: "We're still collecting final votes before announcing the top products on the market as voted by you, the users. You're the experts on your favourite software, so whether you use it or not, let your fellow accounting and finance professionals know which products you'd recommend."

VOTE HERE

## Della Hudson on growing your practice

At Your Accountancy Life, we are dedicated to celebrating the [good news and success stories](#) of accountants across the UK and beyond. Recent content includes our interview with best-selling author and accountancy mentor Della Hudson, who talks about her experiences in starting and growing her own practices. Della tells us how she "never really planned to become an accountant" but how she developed a love for the profession and, in particular, for making a difference to business owners as a trusted advisor.

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### Time to Grow...

When you're busy fighting fires, treading water or sweating the small stuff, there's little time left for anything else. But what if you could get the gift of time? What would you do with it? Would you innovate, develop expertise or focus on your wellbeing and redress your work-life balance? We're launching the Time to Grow initiative and offering 50% off all business software up to the total value of £5,000 with no quibbles or loopholes, plus the opportunity to work with our Growth Specialists.

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 Blog  2 minutes

### Omicron's impact on busy season

So, here we are – the second tax busy season of the pandemic. While it looked like things were shaping up to be somewhat easier than the first, Omicron has emerged and thrown society into further chaos. With working from home returning in a more serious way again, how should accountants react and carry on with their busy season duties? Eva Mrazikova discusses her recent conversations with fellow accountants, who she says are feeling overwhelmed by the challenge ahead.

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