



# The Bottom Line

November 2018

## MURDER MYSTERY FOR CHARITY

The 3rd annual Charity event organised by us in support of Cancer Research UK was held at the Last Drop Village Hotel & Spa, Bolton on Friday 5th October.

Past events have entertained with live music, magicians, comedians – but the recent ball featured an ‘Ello Ello’ themed performance by After Dark Murder Mystery Events Ltd of Morecambe. Over 80 guests were challenged to decide ‘whodunnit’, whilst enjoying a sumptuous 3-course meal. A speech by Ruth Stafferton, Senior Research Nurse at the Liverpool Lab, CRUK, reminded everyone where the proceeds for the event were

going, she said, “The money you raise at the events you organise, is spent on research which is making a real difference to people affected by cancer.”

With over £4,000 raised on the night – added to previous events – Northern Star have raised nearly £20,000 for Cancer Research.

Leigh Dickinson, Managing Director of Northern Star, commented, “It is a source of great pride that we can raise this money – our small business has lots of friends and to see them coming together to support these events is a real indication of community spirit – thanks everyone!”



### LEIGH'S TAKE ON THE (NON) BUDGET...

There was little or no mention of the P word in chancellor Philip Hammond's Budget speech this afternoon (29 October). Pension allowances and tax relief were left well alone.

However, pensions were not ignored altogether, as a trawl through the Budget documents reveals x3 mentions.....

#### The Pensions Dashboard

Hammond has committed to a consultation later this year on the implementation of the Pension Dashboard, and to the inclusion of state pension information in it.

#### 'Patient capital' funding

The government has hinted the 0.75% charge cap for contributions to companies' auto enrolment schemes could be increased next year. It also promised to consult into encouraging pension funds to invest more into high-growth small and medium enterprises.

#### Cold-calling ban

The government is publishing a response to its consultation alongside the Budget, and promises that it will shortly be implementing legislation to ban cold calling – an announcement that has been a long time coming.

If you require clarification on any of the issues raised here – do not hesitate to call in for a chat.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

We are organising a second annual QUIZ NIGHT on behalf of Papyrus (a national charity totally committed to reducing suicide rates in young people – [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org))

The date will be Thursday 31st January and will be at Greenmount Cricket Club. A pie and pea supper and raffle will accompany the traditional 'pub' quiz. Minimum 4 / Maximum 6 per team - £10 per head – all profits to Papyrus.

Hope you can make it! Book with Sarah – [sarah@northernstarifa.co.uk](mailto:sarah@northernstarifa.co.uk)

More details will follow



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