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Winter 2019

Stopfords - Chartered Accountants & Business Development Specialists

## Merry Christmas... Bah Humbug!!

I must admit that I'm feeling a bit like Scrooge, I think this is down to "BREXIT" fatigue.

I know I'm not alone in wanting it just to be over. We have made ourselves a laughing stock with the rest of the world. But it's just not funny. As I write this, we are awaiting the outcome of the election on 12 December. Let's hope that this is decisive and we get an effective government.

I couldn't even cheer myself up with a Budget! It was cancelled due to the election. No doubt we'll get one early in the New Year, when the Election is decided.

I think the prospects for the coming year are very uncertain. What with Brexit, America/

China, and a new government who would want to predict the outcome! What we need is the Ghost of Christmas *Yet to Come*, to show us the consequences of our actions (or inactions).

Well, like Scrooge, I hope to wake up on Christmas morning a changed man! Let's hope the same is true for the Country!!

Brian Stopford



### FESTIVE SHUTDOWN

Our office will be closed from lunchtime on Tuesday 24th December until Thursday 2nd January. We hope you all enjoy the festive period and look forward to working with you in 2020.

# Stopfords

CHALLENGE

# 25

### THANK YOU

To everyone who supported and donated to our challenge.

Find out how we did inside.....





# Stopfords CHALLENGE 25

We are sure you have all seen through our Social Media and E-newsletters about the Challenge we set ourselves for being in business 25 years, 25 YEARS = 25 MILES

At the end of October Phil undertook 3 challenges over 3 days, running the Chesterfield Half Marathon, a one mile swim and then lastly a bike ride around Mansfield covering over 11 miles visiting our local clients who generously donated on the day. Phil was not alone, the swim was completed with Tricia (Tax Manager) and the bike ride with Glen (Director) and Dylan (Payroll Assistant). They all did an incredible job!

We are delighted to have exceeded our target set and raised an amazing £2,591 which will be split between the 3 local Charities we are supporting this year, Rumbles Catering Project, S.H.E UK and Mansfield Street Pastors.

If you would like further information on the Charities please visit our website and you will read about the amazing work they all do for Mansfield and the local area.

Finally, can we thank everyone that donated and supported Phil and the team on this Challenge, we know that the Charities would also want us to say thank you on their behalf, every penny donated will be going to help so many deserving individuals.

*Photos from top left to bottom right: Phil, Glen & Dylan with, Alpin UK Limited, Atmospheric Interiors Limited, Jephsons Shopfitters Limited, Smarties Private Day Nursery Limited, Midland Insurance Services, Mansfield Engine Centre Ltd, Pellacraft Limited, Onesite Solutions Limited, CCIB Ltd. Phil & Tricia after completing the swim at Water Meadows.*





***That's Good News...***

# **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS**

## **MIDLANDS INSURANCE SERVICES**

**Stopford's client Midlands Insurance Services is raising a glass to their customers this year, in celebration of their 25 years in business.**

Broker Chris Needham runs the business with his wife Jennifer and their team, and over the years they have engineered a business transformation into a commercial and corporate insurance broker, specialising in high risk insurance for businesses that use heat and height.

Chris said "We are all so proud to be reaching this milestone this year. We work extremely hard to assess and meet the needs of our customers and I would like to reiterate just how important our customer base is to our longevity. Midlands Insurance Services retains the traditional values of personal service and bespoke portfolios for our clients; however we also operate in a dynamic environment where we all constantly strive to provide the best modern answers to our clients' business insurance needs.



## **EXPRESS COACHING**

**Another Stopford's client Express Coaching Services Limited is also celebrating 25 years in business!**

Express Coaching Services Ltd is a nationally recognised company with a proven track record that takes pride in supporting; Local Authorities, Youth Services, Primary and Secondary Schools, Clubs, Colleges, Universities, National Governing Body's and other sport related organisations to deliver Sport Specific & Multi-Sports activities including the DARE Active program.

Director Ian Richards said "We pride ourselves on quality, reliability and accountability. All delivered through our quality DBS checked coaches to a set budget provided."



## **TAX RETURN DEADLINE**

**The Tax Return deadline of 31st January will be here before you know it!**

Don't suffer any unnecessary HMRC penalties - get your information to us fast, if you haven't already.



## **ARE YOU USING STOPFORDS PORTAL?**

**If you currently use the portal please keep a look out for our E-Newsletters over the next few months.**

We'll be giving you information about the move over to the new Oneclick facility.



# MEET THE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL

Mandy Jo Charlton, Joe Cherry & Dylan Garfoot

Mandy Jo is head of our payroll department and has worked to develop and ease the burden of payroll for our clients.

She has over 25 years of experience and recognises that attention to detail is key to producing prompt and accurate information.

Since joining the team back in 2016 Joe has achieved his Level 4 AAT qualification. Joe also has extensive knowledge of Auto Enrolment Pension Regulations which has become a key factor in his role in the payroll department.

Our third member of the team is Dylan who has recently joined us in June 2019 being completely new to payroll. Dylan is currently working towards his Level 3 Business Admin qualification.

Outsourcing to our specialist payroll team will ensure that your payroll is processed on time, accurately and confidentially.



## DYLAN

In his free time he enjoys mountain biking, playing video games, buying new trainers and seeing his friends.

## MANDY JO

Away from work she enjoys meals out with friends and family and travelling when possible.

## JOE

He enjoys spending time with his family and watching TV series. A few of his favourite is Prison Break, Suits & Vikings.

## That's Good News...

### PROUD TO SPONSOR MANSFIELD RUGBY CLUB

We are always proud to sponsor Mansfield Rugby Club each season and the game against Southwell on 28th September was no exception.

The players performed exceptionally well but unfortunately the score didn't reflect this as they lost 10-26.

Pictured are Man of the Match Kian Johnson (Left) and second team Man of the Match Danny Duncan (Right). Their trophies were presented to them by Brian Stopford.



### CUTTS ABOVE THE REST

Away from work, Tricia (Tax Manager) travels the country supporting her husband Gary in his passion for motorbiking. Gary has secured the Senior Championship (50 and over) in the 'Suzuki GB Motul Bandit Challenge' motorbike race series, run by Formula Prostocks Racing Club in association with NG Road Racing. What a fantastic achievement, well done from All the Team at Stopfords!



All the team at **Stopfords** are always happy to handle your queries

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