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is fully open
and staffed –
with everyone's
safety in mind

a quarterly newsletter from CBSL Accountants | **Winter 2020**

Welcome to the Winter 2020 edition of our Newsletter.

This Winter edition is a little different to our normal newsletters. We have still included our usual dates and reminders, and have shared some news about what our team have been doing, but it has been an unusual year and in late November as this goes to press, it doesn't seem to be the right time to stay with our usual format.

When you read this, we are hopefully out of Lockdown II, (possibly the only sequel this year to eclipse "Cats & Dogs III: Paws Unite!" – one of the 'joys' of having young children).

We do though want to stay in touch. So, instead of the usual newsletter, this shorter version starts with my take on 2020, and thoughts for 2021 which is almost upon us. 2020 has brought new ways of working. Even saying hello to a client is different... handshakes, (hugs and kisses too – yes, with some clients we did) have gone for now.

There is the rule of six, but with masks in place and it sometimes being harder to hear what people say, the rule of three has prevailed: Three being the maximum number of times that you normally can get away with saying 'pardon', before you look silly.

Some businesses will have had bumper years – supermarkets, manufacturers of hand sanitiser & PPE, and the like – but most will have faced challenges of some sort. That will always be the case but how we deal with those challenges is what defines us. Indeed, it has certainly been a year of hairy moments... not least of which have been home haircuts & colouring, or a lockdown beard here and there.

Whilst I wish the circumstances had been different, I have enjoyed spending more time talking to clients, and helping them work out what they need to do. We have all needed to be adaptable, and a major part of our support to clients this year has been interpreting the complex ever changing business situations and then explaining them with simplicity, so that they can adapt and go forward. It has categorically been a year to invest. Not financially; rather in relationships - with employees, and with customers & clients. For those of us that have benefits, will accrue (I hope) over the next few years.

Mainly though, it has been a year for family: few of us will have avoided upset, and most will have been affected in some way by the pandemic. But at the same time there have been more cheerful events and experiences. I can think happily within our own team at CBSL Accountants, of Aran with her beautiful baby girl, Aria, and those in new homes for Christmas. Some of us in new and loving relationships and the happiness that brings.

So, with the thought of new children, new homes, happiness and love, it just leaves me to wish you a Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2021.



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Free to
attend
45 minute
webinars

Business Growth for 2021

- Webinar 1
Going from a blank piece of paper to making a clear plan.

Monday 25th January
at 12.30pm

- Webinar 2
How do you deal with the bumps in the road?

Monday 15th February
at 12.30pm

- Webinar 3
What you can measure, you can manage.

Monday 8th March
at 12.30pm

If you'd like to log on
and attend please call
01743 249 992 or send
Adrian an email.

Updates and Reminders

- **PAYE** – PAYE for your November Payroll is due by Monday 21st December.
- **Furlough claim** – claims for the December payroll can be made 14 days in advance of your payroll pay date (but must be completed by 14 days after your pay date).
- **Corporation Tax** – 1st January 2021 – deadline for payment if you have a 31st March year end.

If your year end is 31st December and you are required to pay corporation tax by instalments, your third instalment for the year ended 31st December 2020 is due on or before 14th January 2021.

- **Accounts** – Companies House have extended filing deadlines for company accounts by 3 months – therefore the filing date for December 2019 year ends is 31st December 2020. March year ends have until 31st March 2021 to file accounts with Companies House (although the tax is still due by 1st January 2021).
- **Personal Tax** – 31st January 2021 – deadline for filing your 2019/20 self-assessment tax return & paying the tax.

Festive opening hours

Our offices will be closed from 12pm on Thursday 24th December and will reopen on Monday 4th January. We will send reminders but please ensure that you send your payroll information as soon as possible so that we can process everything for you before the Christmas break.

Get in touch

If you need to contact us, please email Adrian.Barker@cbslgroup.com or Louise.Osselton@cbslgroup.com or you can phone us on **01743 249 992**.

Look out for our latest **updates for business** via email and Adrian's blog posts. If you haven't already signed up for updates please let us know and we'll make sure you get them.



And the winner is...

Sandra Lowers, whose entry was a Stem Ginger & Mascarpone Cake – it was amazingly light & fluffy & absolutely delicious!

And a unanimous choice amongst the Judges!

