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NEW YEAR FINANCE TIPS FROM DAVIS BURTON SELLEK

With Christmas (and the December Pre-Budget) just a distant memory everyone knows we're in for a tough time in 2010. So grab yourself a coffee and read my top tips for this year. Acting now could avoid costly mistakes during these challenging financial times - especially if you're a high earner!

Please remember to seek the latest professional advice from your accountant before acting.

VAT Returns Go Online

Don't forget if your business is turning over £100,000 or more, you must file VAT Returns online from 1 April. All newly VAT registered businesses must file online from this date.

Make Pension Contributions now

If you're earning £10,000 and your total income (including your employer's pension contribution) comes to £150,000 - then talk to your accountant for the latest advice on pension contributions.

Make the most of Capital Gains Tax

Consider fixing the Capital Gains Tax rate to 18% even if you still want to keep hold of the asset.

Start Tax Planning now

If you're facing the prospect of higher income tax rates in April then don't delay. Talk to your accountant now about ways to minimise tax from this date.

Bring dividends forward Shareholders who take money as dividends should do so before 6 April 2010 to avoid the higher rate of tax.

Tell us what's important to you right now

Contact me on 01344 620495 or dawn.oleary@dbselek.co.uk
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Showing the snow spirit

THE wintry weather brought out the good in people with a real sense of community spirit coming through.

Sean Kyrle, who co-owns Pink and Brown in Sunninghill, wanted to thank several unnamed heroes who did their utmost to get the village moving in the snow last month.

Volunteers stood at each end of the village trying to prevent more cars getting on the High Street and causing more traffic chaos.

He said: "There was a chap in his 4x4 towing cars up the High Street with ropes - no-one knows who he was and many benefited from his presence."

"There were people pushing cars but at times it was impossible to move them so without him, nothing would have moved."

There was also a man helping people get across the bridge.

Mr Kyrle added: "No-one knows who you are - but thank you from all those who you helped."

Meanwhile people living in Oakdene in Sunningdale were completely stranded after heavy snow prevented them from opening their doors or using their cars.

But thanks to a team of six volunteers living in the cul-de-sac, people could get out and about after being trapped for nearly three weeks because of icy roads.

Lizzie Herberts-Brown, who lives in the road, said: "Wonderful communal help was at hand when a team of people dug a channel in the road so we could get in and out. Thanks to Mark, Jay, Freddie, Paul and two other whose names I don't know"

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