

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT LAW SOCIETY

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SEPTEMBER: AGM



On September 27th, Doncaster Law Society held its annual AGM which marked the culmination of a great year which involved, to name just a few, a fantastic ball held at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, some well attended training and some very competitive quiz nights and sporting events.

In attendance as guest speaker was Dame Rosie Winterton, MP for Doncaster Central. Rosie's speech focussed on how the cuts to legal aid were having a significant effect on enabling vulnerable people to access justice and that opposing groups should continue to press the government for change.

She also spoke of her work to help improve problems with 'spice' in the town centre. Rosie quoted afterwards: "attending the AGM gave me the opportunity to thank Doncaster Law Society for all the work they do locally".

Outgoing president Sarah Naylor spoke of her year which she expressed she thoroughly enjoyed and had the opportunity to attend some fantastic events and meet some wonderful people along the way.

Tony Rawlings was welcomed as incoming president. He echoed the committee by thanking Sarah Naylor for all of her hard work over the year and expressed that he was honoured to accept the role.

EVENTS TO KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR

- November 1st - Quiz Night in aid of the Access to Justice Foundation at Lockwood's Gin Bar. Contact rharrison@malcolmcfoy.co.uk by 20th October to register your team!
- December - Christmas Wreath Making Workshop. Keep an eye out for more information!

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MEMBERSHIP



- Know anyone that isn't a member? Direct them to the join us page of our website!



MEET THE NEW COMMITTEE

- President: Tony Rawlings
- Vice President: Andrea Pashley
- Junior Vice President: Stephanie Veysey
- Honorary Secretary: Diane Parker
- Honorary Treasurer: Sarah Naylor
- Social Officer: Rachael Harrison
- Membership Officer: Angela Sandhal
- Training Officer: Alison Kitchman
- Parliamentary Liaison Officer: Tony Rawlings
- National Council Officer: Mark Newby
- PR Officers: Maria Dallas and Rachel Wilkins

Is your firm represented on the committee? Please feel free to enquire about joining us at our monthly meetings!



IN THE NEWS...

The Civil Liability Bill was read a second time without a division. It has now been committed to a Public Bill Committee and will report to the House by 9 October 2018.

The Law Society has condemned legal aid cuts stating that British Justice now exists 'only for the wealthy or the small number on very low incomes lucky enough to find a solicitor willing and able to fight a mountain of red tape to secure legal aid'. The Law Society's report is published to coincide with the deadline for submissions to the Ministry of Justice's review of LASPO 2012 due in January. Read more:

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2018/sep/28/justice-only-for-the-wealthy-law-society-warns-on-legal-aid-cuts>

IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT LAW - ALBUM REVIEW OF 'FIVE LEAVES'

Tony Rawlings, President and Partner at Paul Bullen and Co has shared his views on 'Five Leaves' by Nick Drake...

"In 1969, this album was greeted with mixed reviews and sold hardly any copies. Nearly 50 years later, Drake has acquired a reputation as a Folk God; in my view, an accolade well deserved (although apart from the opening track I really don't see how he can be regarded as a Folk artist).

Drake's first album is by no means an "easy listen" and 2 or 3 tracks in at first listen you may wonder what all the fuss is about. However, an attentive ear will I trust notice the simple genius of Day is Done (track 5) and the compelling melancholy of the last two tracks, Fruit Tree and Saturday Sun.

On a second listen, listen out for Three Hours (although there is a better version in the compilation album Nick Drake Treasury) and prepare to lose yourself in Way to Blue and River Man; but do please be prepared to listen-as you may have gathered, you won't hear this sort of material in a shopping mall. If anyone does acquire this masterpiece, please do let me have your views"

DAVID BARRACLOUGH: THE YORKSHIRE UNION OF LAW SOCIETIES

The Yorkshire Union of Law Societies was formed in 1900 after a somewhat protracted gestation period. The Yorkshire Post reported in 1970, when it did a full page spread on the centenary of the incorporation of The Leeds Law Society in 1870, that "In 1844, the idea of a union of all the law societies in Yorkshire received the cordial approval of the Leeds Society but, it was not until 1898 after concerted opposition to the Land Transfer Bill of 1877 had demonstrated the value of union, that the aim of a "Yorkshire Union of Law Societies" was actually achieved".

Though the total number of local law societies in Yorkshire has reduced in recent years due to amalgamations, the Yorkshire Union of Law Societies remains the umbrella organisation for all the local law societies in Yorkshire. The members now comprise Bradford Law Society, Doncaster & District Law Society, Halifax Incorporated Law Society, Harrogate & District Law Society, Huddersfield and Dewsbury Incorporated Law Society, Hull Incorporated Law Society, Keighley and Craven Law Society, Leeds Law Society, Scarborough Law Society, Sheffield and District Law Society, Wakefield and District Law Society and the Yorkshire Law Society.



The Yorkshire Union of Law Societies meets on a quarterly basis at the offices of Leeds Law Society. High profile speakers at meetings during the last two years have included Joe Egan, then President of the Law Society, Ann Charlton, Co-ordinator of LawCare for England and Wales, Kathryn Stone OBE, Chief Legal Ombudsman, Clare Grant, Director of Staffing at BPP University Law School, Neil Buckley, Chief Executive of the Legal Services Board and most recently, Paul Tennant, Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society. After serving as Interim Chief Executive Officer since January 2017, Paul was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society in July 2018. Paul spoke at the September meeting and gave a clear insight into the changes he proposes to introduce at the Law Society over the next five years to ensure that the Law Society is fit for purpose for tomorrow's profession.

The aim of the Yorkshire Union of Law Societies is to provide a conduit to facilitate co-operation between all the local law societies in Yorkshire and to provide a mouthpiece to ensure that the combined views of all the local law societies in Yorkshire are heard loud and clear. Consultations are being used with increasing frequency by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the Ministry of Justice and other bodies to solicit views from the profession and it is vital that the profession responds to those consultations. Discussions between the local law societies in Yorkshire and the distillation of the views of those local law societies have enabled the Yorkshire Union of Law Societies to produce joint Yorkshire responses to several recent consultations.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Do you have any legal news from your area of expertise? Either local or national? Contact us via social media so that we can feature your comments in the next issue!

Shelter

PRESIDENT'S CHOSEN CHARITY: SHELTER

Shelter is a charity that campaigns to end homelessness and bad housing in the UK.

President, Tony states that the charity is important to him as it is his view that 'homelessness and the related issue of poor housing is the prime cause behind a myriad of other social problems which we properly need to address before we can move forward as a society'.

To find out more about Shelter visit:
<https://www.shelter.org.uk/>



OUR NEW INSTAGRAM

DDLS now has instragram!

Follow us for updates, upcoming events, law society news and photos from in and around Doncaster!

We would love to see your pictures too. Tag us so that we can feature them
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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Atherton Godfrey LLP welcome:

- New Trainee Solicitor Emma Millington who is starting her career in the Personal Injury Department
- Michelle Lawton who has joined as a solicitor in the Family Department
- Frab Crabtree who has joined as a Chartered Legal Executive in the Personal Injury Department

Atherton Godfrey LLP congratulate:

- Rebecca Wharton who qualified as a solicitor in September

Malcolm C Foy congratulate:

- Nick Pashley who has been appointed as Head of the Commercial Property team
- Donna Moore who qualified as a Licenced Conveyancer in August

Has your firm had any new starters? Do you know anyone that has taken up a new position? Let us know!



SEPTEMBER QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night was a success yet again in September!

This time it was the Allots Allstars from Allots Accountants that took home the trophy - taking it away from the former champions Dawson and Burgess.

We hope to see you all when we take part in the Great Legal Quiz in November!

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: DIANE PARKER

What would you be if you weren't a lawyer

I think something outdoorsy - possibly running/owning a riding stables which would combine my love of horses with my love of training/education

Where do you work and what do you do?

My day job is Head of PI at Atherton Godfrey - with 20 fee earners and various support staff, that keeps me pretty busy. I am responsible for HR and my newest roles are as MLCO and MLRO. I am also the training principal at the firm - we currently take on 2 trainee solicitors a year. I am also Brown Owl at 24th Doncaster Brownies and the Division Commissioner for Doncaster East (covers town to Thorne) Girl Guides.



Tell us about your role on the Committee?

As secretary, my role is fairly straightforward, to organise venues for the monthly committee meetings, together with the AGM, liaising with the president to set the agenda, helping to organise speakers, taking and distributing the minutes etc. I also attend the Yorkshire Union meetings - which is a grouping of all the Yorkshire law societies and serves to provide a louder voice than we as a small society could manage on our own. The national Law Society holds an annual Presidents and Secretaries conference although I haven't yet managed to attend during my current tenure

Tell us an interesting fact about you?

In 2012 I went to India as part of a Girl Guiding trip - partly to be a tourist (the Taj Mahal is a must-see) and partly to do some community service which included a few days in an orphanage in the Himalayas and a few days in a women's refuge in Pune. I have recently been selected to lead a group of Girl Guides on an international trip to Europe next summer - possibly Romania although the destination isn't definite yet

Why do you think #DoncasterIsGreat?

Because I live here? I love that I can walk to work, but have Town Fields on my doorstep and that I can get into the countryside very quickly.

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