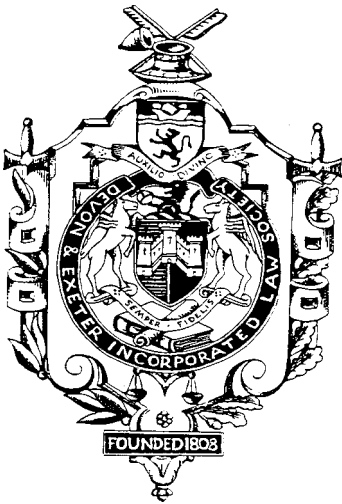


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15th April 2003** at **The Devon Hotel, Matford, Exeter, at 6.00 p.m.**

Guest speaker to be confirmed.

Would members please make a note of the date and time in their diary now. The Agenda and copies of the various reports will be circulated to the membership with the March Newsletter. The format will be a short business meeting followed by a members' dinner.

YOUR COMMITTEE

Nominations are invited for the General Committee of the Society. The Committee consists of the Officers of the Society (President, Vice President, Junior Vice President, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary) together with "our" member of the Council of The Law Society, the Society's representative to the Board of the Solicitors Benevolent Association, the immediate Past President of the Society, the Society's Public Relations Consultant, the Advocacy Training Officer and the Chairmen of all Committees and Sub-Committees.

In addition, there is a maximum of 40 elected members as well as any co-opted member. All must be members of the Society. The Committee endeavour to ensure that there is co-opted to the Committee each year a solicitor employed full time in local government, a representative of the Devon Young Solicitors Group, and a solicitor employed full time in the Crown Prosecution Service if no such solicitor is an elected member of the Committee.

In the year 2002/2003 there were 10 elected members of the Committee in addition to the Officers of the Society and any co-opted members. Members of the Society are entitled to nominate to the Committee any qualified member of the Society to serve on the Committee.

The Solicitors' profession is subject to many proposals for change and reform that will especially affect the careers of DELS younger members. Unless you are willing for others to set the future agenda you should make your views known. DELS Committee is the local forum for this.

The Committee needs more younger members to help mould the future of the profession. Devon & Exeter Law Society is highly regarded and its views are listened to at Chancery Lane. If you want to help shape the future start by completing the nomination slip herewith.

A form of nomination will be found below and this should please be returned to the Honorary Secretary by no later than:

5.30 pm on Friday 31st January 2003.

To: J A Spiers Esq,
DELS Honorary Secretary,
Suite 5, Renslade House,
Bonhay Road,
Exeter EX4 3AY

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I wish to nominate

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For election to the General Committee and I confirm that the nominee is willing for his/her name to go forward.

Signed

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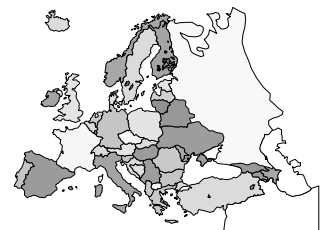
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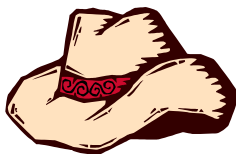
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FROM UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S HAT

Extending DELS Influence



For those who regularly attend Committee meetings or read this column, will know we have been extending our influence far and wide particularly by our presence and contribution at the Law Society Conference in Manchester, our International Relations and the Mediation Scheme.

By the time you read this you will I hope have all digested your Christmas dinner and be looking forward to 2003 with perhaps a bit more optimism.

Since I last wrote this column and under the careful and enthusiastic guidance of Michael Cosgrave, Gillian and I attended the Paris Bar Rentree. It was yet another very useful way of meeting and greeting people and getting the Society better known and a number of people from various countries to whom I explained our international contacts were mightily impressed. Verona still want to do something with us even if it is not exactly twinning and where I was able to express the UK view to other European delegates my views were received with attention and interest.

At the closing function we were joined by Ed Nally who had clearly remembered my name and my various interventions at the Law Society Conference. It is nice to be remembered!

The Mediation Scheme has continued to go from strength to strength, there will in fact be another mediation training course in March and the Small Claims Scheme is due to be rolled out in Barnstaple in March 2003 on exactly the same lines as that which has been operated in Exeter. Truro are also likely to take it up.

On your behalf I have collaborated with Exeter County Court and with Exeter CAB, a bid for CLS funding to continue the Scheme and to provide some remuneration for our members and also to extend mediation to CAB in major centres (at present we are thinking Exeter, Barnstaple and Torbay) at Legal Aid rates, will have been lodged with the CLS in mid-December and will be considered in the early part of the year with a decision in mid-April. Perhaps I am being unrealistic but I am optimistic that we shall get some funding to cover up to three years. I continue to get enquiries about our mediation scheme from other areas the latest one from Darlington, and Rennes and Barcelona are very anxious to know more about the Scheme because they think that there is a good chance that they could adapt our Scheme to their Court systems and make use of it on the continent.

We did of course get a good half page report on the Scheme in the Law Society Gazette and again that has not gone unnoticed.

I was invited to address a meeting of the Barcelona Bar at the end of November, I found them to be extremely friendly, very interested in my overview of Legal Aid in the UK at the moment, particularly in the light of changes which have taken place since franchising. I think had I not been fortunate enough to spot two extremely good articles in the Law Society Gazette in November, one being an article by Carolyn Kirby and the other being a warning of the criminal defence service overspend and possible consequences for the Legal Aid Fund, my presentation might have been greeted with polite incredulity but because I was able at the end of my presentation to waive the articles in question in front of my astonished audience I was able to give my point of view some additional credence and also incidentally found myself appointed Vice President of the Federation of European Bars Legal Aid Committee, where I shall continue to promote DELS.

It certainly has been an amazing Autumn for your President and his Lady and we have been very proud indeed to represent DELS members so frequently and so far! We do however need some younger members to take over from us "old fogies" so perhaps some of you can make a good New Year's Resolution albeit a few days late to help Jeremy Howell and Paul Derbyshire take on where I shall leave off in April.

What I need to know from you all is whether you want your President for the time being to continue to drive the Society forward in the directions I have taken in my year. For that reason I sought a debate in the November Committee meeting on "where do we go from here" but time prevented the debate being held and the item has gone over to January. Please, even if you cannot attend, do let me have your thoughts.

Jeremy Ferguson

DELS NEW MEMBERS

We welcome

Mr R Burnett

Roger Richards Solicitors, Paignton

Mrs M Hollies

Hansell Wilkes & Co, Dartmouth

Mr T Hubbard

Windeatts, Totnes

Mr C Kendall

Windeatts, Totnes

Miss H Mather

Eastleys, Paignton

Mrs S Trahair

Hollinshead & Co, Tavistock

Mr P Vassiliou

Charlesworth Nicholl & Co, Crediton

Mr I Walker

Tozers, Exeter

LUCK ON MY SIDE

Sir John Palmer who is a Past-President of The Law Society of England and Wales and Past-President of Devon & Exeter Law Society has published his wartime diaries in a book entitled 'Luck on my Side'.

Sir John joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in December 1939 and was at sea for virtually the entire war. He served on the Corvette HMS Clematis as a sub-lieutenant during the worst period of the Battle of the Atlantic and recalls Christmas Day 1940 when, whilst on convoy protection duty, they took on the mighty German battle-cruiser Admiral Hipper in the battle to become known as 'the little ship action'. The Clematis, armed with one four-inch gun, was joined by 3 light cruisers but the Royal Navy was still out-classed by the 14,000 ton German cruiser with a main armament of eight eight-inch guns. However, luck was on their side when the German Captain decided he did not want to become involved in a battle.

The book describes living conditions on board and how the open bridge was swept with green waves and his cabin and the wardroom was awash with fuel oil and water.

He later served in the frigate Exe and it was while on board HMS Amethyst that he took the first surrender of a German U-boat after the end of the war, which he boarded and took into Weymouth.

Luck On My Side is published by Pen & Sword Books Limited and available at £19.95. ISBN: 0-85052-910-7.



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Professional worries or Personal problems

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Susannah Lewis at The Law Society in confidence on
Tel. 020 7320 5795**

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

The Council met on 13 November and 5 December 2002. The former was a special meeting limited to finalising The Law Society's response to the consultation paper "In the Public Interest?" published by the Lord Chancellor's Department.

A number of people had worked very hard, and quickly, to draft the response. This followed extensive consultation, including "roadshows" around the country which were attended by many practitioners. Although the consultation period was short, I believe that The Law Society, on this occasion, produced a well thought out and reasoned approach to the proposals which, principally, were that conveyancing and probate work should be undertaken by "authorised practitioners", i.e. non-lawyers employed by, for example, banks, building societies and other financial institutions.

The text of the response can be found on The Law Society's website. That is www.lawsociety.org.uk The foreword to the response contains the following statement:-

"We have been particularly concerned to ensure that the benefit the public gets from the core values of the solicitors' profession (independence of advice; integrity; and the avoidance of conflict of interest) are preserved whatever new providers are allowed to enter the market. Solicitors' clients benefit also from a comprehensive range of consumer protections: including mandatory indemnity insurance ... a compensation fund ... and a free complaints handling service. The cost of all these provisions is borne by the solicitors' profession itself. It is essential that any new entrants to the market should guarantee the equivalent protections ... The Law Society has concluded that whatever services new entrants are permitted to provide the vehicle through which legal services are provided should be an incorporated solicitors' practice regulated by The Law Society. This will ensure that the consumer benefits from the full range of protections applying to existing solicitors' firms; avoid confusion as to where to go if there is any problem with the service; and remove any need for public funding to support a new regulatory structure. The Law Society accordingly believes that the existing legislative provisions for Authorised Conveyancing Practitioners and Authorised Probate Practitioners should not be implemented. There is a risk that there may be long term structural effects that destroy service provision and the fabric of small communities. Put bluntly,

new entrants might cherry pick more profitable and less complex areas of work, driving down the profitability of established local firms who offer a full range of service at the heart of their communities ... Further work arising from the consultation must also focus on the need to deal with unqualified advisers, some of whom behave unscrupulously and who provide little or no consumer protection ... These unregulated providers pose a far greater threat to consumers and the public interest than any perceived lack of competition in the regulated sector. The Government needs to ensure, particularly in the fields of claims management and Will writing, that effective legislation is introduced for all commercial providers of businesses, so that vulnerable members of the public are not put at risk by fly by night operators.”

There was a very full agenda for the meeting on 5 December. Two items, which were discussed and voted upon, were of particular importance and interest. The decisions made do show, perhaps, that the Council is prepared to be “independent” (rightly or wrongly) and not necessarily to follow the recommendations of the senior management team/main board.

Midland Relocation

The Law Society has three offices in the Midlands. They are Ipsley Court, Redditch; Victoria Court, Leamington; and Tachbrook Park, Leamington. All three sites are occupied to maximum capacity and the occupancy density exceeds industry standards. The Council considered the recommendation that The Law Society should purchase a single site to enable the Regulations Directorate to be brought together. Many Council Members were concerned over the size, cost and re-sale value of the proposed building in the current property market. Twenty-seven Council Members (including myself) voted for the recommendation: 52 voted against. A further paper will be brought back to the Council in March with other options for dealing with the problem.

Although the Council’s role should be more than that of a “rubber stamp” I voted for the proposal on the basis that it had been researched fully by, and was the recommendation of, both the senior management team and the main board. However, I was concerned at the size of the proposed expenditure and the likely impact on the practising certificate fee.

Introduction and Referral Code

In March the Council decided to retain the ban on solicitors paying referral fees. The standards board asked the Council to reconsider that decision and to choose between two options:-

1. Retaining the ban in its current form
2. Abolishing the prohibition and replacing it with a rule requiring solicitors to inform clients, before accepting instructions of any payments and to ensure that their independence is not compromised by the referral arrangements.

The standards board recommended option 2. It concluded that payments for referrals were not themselves the mischief at which the current code is, or any future rule should be, aimed. The board believed that the most important issue in relation to any referral is that the solicitor remained independent in acting for the referred client and acts in the client’s best interests. The fact that the referral has been paid for did not, in the view of the board, necessarily mean the solicitor’s independence had been compromised.

The standards board did not consider that retaining the ban in its current form was a viable option because the code as it stands is difficult to interpret and to enforce. The board’s view was that it is unacceptable in regulatory terms to continue with a ban which is in practice unenforceable as a result of uncertainty.

On a vote forty Council members were for retaining the ban and thirty-five against. I voted to abolish the ban, subject to disclosure to the client and provisions to reinforce solicitors’ independence. I now understand, from the Gazette, that the standards board will come back to the Council in the spring with a proposed rule to clarify the ban so that it can be properly enforced.

The next Council Meeting is not until 6 February although I will be attending a meeting of the representation board on 8 January.

Happy New Year.

Christopher Palmer

Law Society Council Member

Constituency: West Country and Gwent.

December 2002.

QUOTE OF 2002?

Regular readers will know that your President together with Tony Spiers, Monique Bertoni and Tony Steiner made a presentation to delegates at The Law Society 2002 President's & Secretaries Conference in Manchester. All four still have inflated egos following one delegate's comment: "*attending this session alone has made my trip to Manchester worthwhile!*"

UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S CHEF'S HAT



MONKFISH WRAP

Ingredients for two: 2 lemons, 2 oz fresh white breadcrumbs, 3 level tps flat leaf parsley chopped, 1 crushed garlic clove, 1 tbs olive oil, Salt & pepper, 1 lb Monkfish tail, 6 slices Parma ham or equivalent of thin-cut smoked bacon

Method

Grate the lemon rind into a bowl, add the breadcrumbs, chopped parsley and crushed garlic. Add one tablespoon of olive oil, salt and pepper; mix well.

Lay two Monkfish fillets flat side up on a board. Make a cut in the centre of the fillet to about half the depth of the fillet. Fill with the breadcrumb mixture and lay the other fillet on top.

Wrap the fillet in Parma ham or bacon (easiest if laid in a herring-bone fashion). Try and ensure that the Monkfish parcel is completely covered. Lay the parcel on a piece of oiled foil, sprinkle olive oil over and fold the edges of the foil together to make a parcel. Place in a pre-heated oven at 190°C or Mark 7 for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Remove fish from the oven and serve immediately.

BAKED RATATOUILLE

Ingredients for two: 1 lb small tomatoes, 2 courgettes, 1 aubergine, 1 red pepper (deseeded), cut into squares, 2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped, 2 red onions, peeled and chopped, 3 Basil leaves (optional), 3 tbs olive oil

Method

Place the aubergine slices in boiling salted water for two minutes, then dry. Put the tomatoes, aubergine, roughly-chopped courgettes, pepper and onions in a roasting tin. Sprinkle with the chopped garlic, put the basil leaves in the olive oil and drizzle over. Season well. Roast in the top of the oven pre-heated to 190°C or Mark 7 for about 45 mins or until the vegetables are roasted and brown at the edges. Remove and serve.

RATATOUILLE

This is a recipe that Gillian and I concocted on our holiday in Paxos and named it 'Paxos Slosh'.

Ingredients for two: 2 large beef tomatoes, 2 medium courgettes, 1 aubergine, 1 red pepper (deseeded), roughly chopped, 2 cloves of garlic, 2 red onions, peeled and chopped, 3 tbs olive oil

Method

Cut the aubergine into 'pennies' and place then into boiling salted water for two minutes and remove. Slice the tomatoes, courgettes, pepper and onions. Heat the olive oil in a frying pan or shallow saucepan and add the vegetables and garlic with plenty of salt and pepper. Bring up to a good heat and then turn back to simmer for half an hour, checking from time to time. When the onions and aubergine feel cooked, the dish is ready.

CHANGES AT EXETER COMBINED COURT CENTRE

Members may already be aware that as from 3 January 2003, District Judge Andrew Moon has transferred to Plymouth County Court. We wish him well in his new post and welcome District Judge Andrew Harvey to Exeter. Judge Harvey has transferred from Reading.

LEGAL SUNDAY SERVICE

Would members please note that this will be held at Exeter Cathedral on **Sunday 15 June 2003**. We need volunteers to take part in the procession.

Would anyone who is prepared to process, fully robed, **please advise the Administrator by Friday 28 February 2003**.

A LOCAL AUTHORITY VIEW

LOCAL LAND CHARGES:

PERSONAL SEARCHES

Local authorities in the South West have always been impressed by the way in which DELS has improved the dialogue between private and public sector practitioners by inviting a local authority representative to sit on the Executive Committee of DELS and otherwise contribute, and learn from, the affairs of the Society. As the current local authority representative I have always been met with a warm welcome from Society members and have found the exchange of ideas and information very useful and stimulating as well as nourishing the firm belief that I hold, that wherever we practise, whether it be in the private or public sector, we are all members of the same single profession. I endorse entirely the view that DELS holds that there is much we can do to help each other.

I hope I do not take the theme too far in offering a local authority concern on the increasing use by conveyancers of personal local land charge searches, usually undertaken by company agents.

There are no doubt occasions when the demands of time make a personal search of the local land charges register inevitable. With turnaround times generally very good within the South West (a maximum of 6 days in my own authority) it is difficult to understand however why personal searches have in recent years increased so much in popularity. Again, in my own authority they have increased from what used to be the norm of 70 a year to over 500 last year.

Price may have something to do with it as the current statutory fee of a personal search in no way accords with the actual costs and disruption of a personal search. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has promised a review of the statutory fee but nothing so far has emerged. The price differential usually largely disappears however once the agents fees have been deducted.

In comparing prices for a personal compared with an official search it would be very tempting to believe one was comparing like with like. Nothing could be further from the truth. A personal search is simply nowhere as comprehensive as an official search with its associated enquiries and that ought to be a critical consideration on behalf of the client. There is a real risk of some kinds of existing material adverse circumstance affecting a

property not being disclosed if one solely relies on a personal search. Indemnities have their place but they must surely, in the ordinary scheme of things, come second best to actual knowledge before significant contractual commitment.

Speed is often quoted as a justification but it is quite clear from local authority experience that personal searches often take longer than the traditional route but with far less protection to the client.

Most authorities (my own included) are investing very considerable sums in digitising local land data and exploiting geographical information systems to provide a speedier and more accurate response to the customer. We have also introduced an expedited search service. The trend towards personal searches seems to represent a march away from those higher standards.

Local authorities are all in favour of retaining choice. But how many clients realise that within the same timescales and very largely at the same price they could obtain a full picture rather than the obscure one that so many of them appear to be getting with the risk of trauma and costs which must accompany the latter?

I did confess from the start that this was a local authority view. As such I realise it may not be complete. If anyone feels that to be the case I would be very pleased to hear from them and share those views with my fellow local authority practitioners.

Graham Rowe

*Chief of Legal and Property Services
South Hams*

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THE GREAT DEBATE **WHITEHALL OR TOWN HALL?**

SPEAKERS:

**The Rt. Hon Ann Widdecombe MP
Benjamin Bradshaw MP**

**Friday 25th April 2003 at The Palace Hotel,
Torquay. Full details will be circulated soon.**

VISIT TO PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LAND REGISTRY

The Non-Contentious Business Sub-Committee had its annual visit to Plymouth District Land Registry on 25 November 2002. Those in attendance were the Chairman, David Wheaton, the Chairman-Elect, John Pearn, along with Margaret Anstey, Stephen Lawson and myself.

The Registry demonstrated how it is computerising all of its mapping processes, with a view to increasing accuracy and efficiency. The Land Charges Department is now housed at Tailyour House along with the other Land Registry offices; the visit to it showed that certain processes are still labour-intensive, but here, again, computerisation is in the offing.

A discussion with the Registry's Corrections Team showed again that the Registry is keen to assist practitioners in making necessary amendments to documents but is equally keen to obtain expeditious responses from solicitors. As members will know, the time for dealing with requisitions is becoming ever-shortened and this pressure is being exerted by the Registry with a view to speeding up its processes generally, since it is very statistically led. The Registry and members both expressed frustration at dealing with lenders which were slow in issuing forms END 1 and DS1; this was causing considerable difficulty for all concerned and was responsible for the raising of a great many requisitions. In this context, if members are experiencing difficulty with a particular lender, the Registry is happy to assist since it has contacts within various different lending organisations which can chase matters up. If there is such a problem, it can be referred to the Registry's Customer Service Manager, Richard Moore, who will be happy to assist; this facility should not be abused and only used where there are real difficulties being caused.

The Committee will probably arrange another meeting next year and if anyone has any issues which they wish to be raised with the Registry, then they can be channelled through the Chairman of the Committee, or myself.

Graham Carey

Non Contentious Business Sub-Committee

DEVON YOUNG SOLICITORS GROUP

I am pleased to report that the re-launch of the Devon YSG on 22 November was a great success. The re-launch event was a Casino Evening held at the Southgate Hotel in Exeter. The evening was attended by approximately 60 young solicitors, barristers, paralegals and legal executives. It was also very encouraging to see that the people had travelled from all over the county to attend the event. A Black Jack table and a Roulette wheel provided all with the chance to try their luck at winning a prize.

With the re-launch party now behind us and the New Year upon us the Devon YSG Committee are hard at work planning a full schedule of events for the forthcoming year.

The next event is to be a Valentines Ball to be held on 15 February at Reed Hall at Exeter University. Details are being finalised and will be available very soon. To ensure you receive these details please contact the secretary of the Devon YSG, Hannah Lush, with your contact details (hmlush@wbw.co.uk).

The Devon YSG are also planning to hold events throughout the county and details will be made available when they are ready.

With the New Year comes the time when subscriptions are due for membership of the Devon YSG. Membership is £15 per annum. I hope that firms throughout Devon will encourage their young solicitors, paralegals and legal executives to join in order to ensure that the Devon YSG's future is a bright one (membership is open to anyone under 40 or less than 5 years qualified) and associate membership is open to paralegals, legal executives and barristers.

Anyone wishing to join the Devon YSG should forward their details to Hannah Lush at the above e-mail address.

Darren White

Vice Chairman and PR Officer to Devon YSG

FRIENDS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

The Law School has been exploring ways of fostering closer, more meaningful links with local legal professions and in furtherance of this aim has held exploratory and consultative meetings with local solicitors and members of the Bar. The consensus in these consultations suggests that:

1. An effective avenue for collaboration would be through a framework organisation and the Law School is proposing the establishment of the '*Friends of the Law School*'.
2. This organisation will initially operate as an informal, inclusive meeting group open to all members of the local legal community and members of the Law School.
3. The purpose of the '*Friends of the Law School*' would include the following:
 - To explore topical issues of mutual interest
 - To establish a network of expertise
 - To organise social events
 - To identify and undertake joint research initiatives
 - To contribute to exchange initiatives between the professions and the Law School
 - To facilitate career development for students, staff of the Law School and members of the professions
4. We should aim to launch the organisation early in the New Year with an invitation to a local expert to deliver a short lecture of topical interest to be followed by a short discussion and drinks.

I am writing now to invite members of the Devon & Exeter Law Society to support the *Friends of the Law School* by joining as members. It is envisaged that members of the local Bar and judiciary will also be invited shortly, and later on we intend to broaden membership to include other lawyers working in the region and beyond who might be interested in our Law School. Benefits of membership that will be by subscription (yet to be determined) will include:

- Invitations to public lectures, seminars and social events;
- Opportunities to seek practitioner, academic and research collaboration amongst members;
- Opportunity for members of the local professions to participate in the teaching programme and extra-curricular activities at the university; and
- Contributing to the transformation of the Exeter Law School into a first rate centre of international excellence and an intellectual meeting ground for lawyers throughout the Southwest.

Please direct your membership enquiries to:

Mrs Liz Balloch
School of Law
University of Exeter
Amory Building
Rennes Drive
Exeter EX4 4RJ

Tel: 01392-263366 Email: E.A.Balloch@exeter.ac.uk

I do hope you will consider joining in this new, exciting and rewarding initiative.

Professor Kim Economides

THE DINNER AND DANCE

We are pleased to announce that the Society's Dinner and Dance will be held on **Friday 7th March 2003** at 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. at **The Saunton Sands Hotel**, Braunton.

The Dinner and Dance is, of course, open to all members of the Society together with their personal and professional guests. Tickets are available at **£40.00** per head (inclusive of VAT). Applications should be made now using the form enclosed.

No later than Friday 14th February 2003.

Music and Dancing will be provided by a leading Jazz Band

The John Morgan Band!



In accordance with established tradition, the Society will also be inviting distinguished guests from the profession.

Our **guest speakers** are **Carolyn Kirby**, President of The Law Society and **David Morgan**, President of the Federation of European Bars.

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Served in a bed of Lettuce



ROASTED DUCK A L'ORANGE

Breast of Duck served with a Grand Marnier Sauce

Petit Pois, Courgettes and Sliced Mushrooms with Sauté & Cream Potatoes



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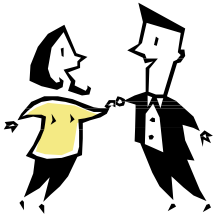
COFFEE AND MINTS

DISCOUNT OFFER TO ALL YOUNG SOLICITORS!

The Society is offering **Tickets*** at the special price of **£10.00 per person** (incl. VAT) to non-partner solicitor members** practising in DELS area who are 36 years of age or under.

**Offer excludes spouses'/partners' meals, accommodation and all drinks.*

*** Please ring the Administrative Office if you wish to complete an application form for membership.*



Devon & Exeter Incorporated Law Society

**THE DINNER AND DANCE
Friday 7th March 2003**

Please return this form to:- Miss Monique Bertoni, Administrator, Devon & Exeter Incorporated Law Society, Suite 5, Renslade House, Bonhay Road, Exeter EX4 3AY.
DX 8361 Exeter 1 - Tel. 01392 411585 - Fax 01392 431511
e.mail mail@devonlawsociety.org.uk

BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2003

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We require..... places at **£40.00 incl. VAT** and places at **£10.00 incl. VAT**. We enclose a cheque for a total of £..... in favour of the **“Devon & Exeter Inc. Law Society”**.

Our party will comprise:-
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Non Partner Solicitor
Member 36 & under?
If yes please tick to receive
your discounted ticket

- 1. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....
- 2. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....
- 3. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....
- 4. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....
- 5. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....
- 6. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

The **Format** will be Top Table(s) and Rectangular Tables.
Please indicate if a **vegetarian or any other special meal** is required.

Overnight Accommodation - For those wishing to stay overnight, The Saunton Sands Hotel have applied a special rate for the night of 7th March, being £45.00 per person, per night, inclusive of VAT. Please make your bookings direct with the Hotel (Tel. 01271 890212 / Fax. 01271 890145 / E-Mail. reservations@sauntonsands.com) who will allocate rooms on a first-come, first-served basis. The majority of rooms are inland facing.

Wines will be available for selection on the night.

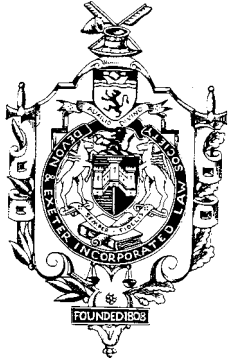
DEVON AND EXETER MEDICAL SOCIETY
with
DEVON AND EXETER INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY

FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2003
at
The Duckworth Suite, Exeter Golf & Country Club, Topsham Road, Exeter
Dinner - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm - will be followed by a talk on

'THE SHIPMAN INQUIRY'

given by

RICHARD LISSACK Q.C. AND HARRIET JERRAM
of 35 Essex Street Chambers, Temple, London
Both have been closely involved with the above inquiry



MENU

✠ Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables (*with feta cheese and basil pesto*) ✠

✠ Grilled Supreme of Chicken (*with lemon and thyme sauce*) ✠
Selection of vegetables

Vegetarian Alternative: Mushroom & Mixed Pepper Stroganoff

✠ Fresh Fruit Vacharin Chantilly ✠

✠ Freshly brewed Coffee & Mints ✠

If you would like to attend dinner before the lecture this must be pre-booked on the form below. Please indicate if attending lecture only. Members of both Societies are requested to return their cheques and booking forms to: **THE HON. SECRETARY, DEVON & EXETER MEDICAL SOCIETY, POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE, ROYAL DEVON & EXETER HOSPITAL, BARRACK ROAD, EXETER EX2 5DW** to arrive **BEFORE FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2003.** No late bookings can be accepted.



DEMS & DELS COMBINED MEETING – FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2003

Name of Member.....DELS / DEMS

No. of Dinners Required (£15.50 per person).....

Cheque Enclosed (payable to 'Devon & Exeter Medical Society') £.....

VEGETARIAN ALTERNATIVE: Please state number required.....

NUMBER(S) ATTENDING LECTURE ONLY

Please return this form with your payment to: The Hon. Secretary, Devon & Exeter Medical Society, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Barrack Road, Exeter EX2 5DW