



Bristol Medico-Legal Society

President: Mr. Tim Grice
Vice President: Dr. Judith Jones

Thursday 21 May 2015

Annual General Meeting

Alan Collins, Solicitor - "The Jimmy Savile Sexual Abuse Scandal"

For our final meeting of the season, we have Alan Collins, partner at Hugh James is one of the best known solicitors in the field of child abuse litigation and has acted in many high profile cases, including the Jimmy Savile and Haut de la Garenne abuse scandals. He also specialises in serious personal injury cases including head and spinal injury claims.

Alan represents clients in this country and internationally and has recently been working in Australia, Uganda, Kenya, and California on a series of sexual abuse cases.

His best career moment was acting for the victims of sexual abuse at Green Field House, a children's home in Berkshire. Occurring in the 1960s, it was considered to have been one of the worse cases ever to have come to public notice. As a result of the investigatory work undertaken by Alan, it was proved that the home had been the centre of what was a paedophile ring. All the victims that he acted for were compensated for the considerable harm they had suffered.

Alan is a fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and a director for the Association of Child Abuse Lawyers (ACAL). ACAL is a support group set up by solicitors and other professionals involved in the field of obtaining compensation for victims of abuse.

Alan regularly appears on television and radio in relation to his cases including the BBC and ITV national news, Radio 4 'Today', and media channels in Australia and US. Alan is a regular speaker on legal issues, and has recently spoken at the National Crime Agency, Aberystwyth University, the ACAL conference, and at a child safeguarding conference.

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I should like to have supper and will be bringing [] guests, as follows:

I enclose my cheque for £
(£16.95 per head - made payable to Bristol Medico-Legal Society)

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Please return to : **Hannah Volpé, BMLS Legal Secretary,**
DAC Beachcroft LLP, Portwall Place, Portwall Lane, Bristol, BS99 7UD
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Final return date: **Tuesday 19th May 2015**

It is also our AGM and it will be Tim Grice's last meeting as our President. I hope as many of you will attend to show your appreciation for all the hard work Tim has done during his tenure as President. Judith Jones takes over as President and Wendy Brown will take up the mantle as Vice President.

One of Tim's recent tasks as President is to update the Constitution. This has not really changed much since it was first prepared in 1975 and the Committee felt it was time to update it. Enclosed with this flyer is the present Constitution and the new version, together with a short explanatory note from Tim.

We will be putting the new Constitution to a vote and will also be presenting the Annual Accounts at the AGM, so do please come along.

Venue	Cost
<p>Our venue is the Engineers House, The Promenade, Clifton Down, Bristol, BS8 3NB</p> <hr/> <p>Please see www.eefvenues.co.uk for more information and maps.</p> <p>Car parking: Complimentary on-site car parking available. Car Park and Main Entrance accessed from Clifton Down Road. Alternatively, there is on-street parking – the area surrounding Engineers' House has some 250 free and unrestricted on street parking available.</p> <p>WIFI Internet Access: free internet access available in all rooms and breakout areas.</p> <p>Public transport: Rail - nearest train station is Bristol Temple Meads, a 10 minute taxi journey from Engineers' House. The on-site team can book you a taxi when you leave. We advise booking ahead to avoid waiting when you depart. The number 8 and 9 buses stop directly outside Engineer's House every 10 minutes and depart from the city centre and Bristol Temple Meads train station.</p>	<p>As usual, Members and their guests are invited to attend the buffet supper which will be served from 6.30pm.</p> <p>This costs £16.95 per person and includes a two course buffet with wine and coffee.</p> <p>It is best to arrive early so you have a chance to join fellow members and guests to enjoy a glass of wine or two or a soft drink if you prefer, before the meal.</p> <p>The talk starts at 8pm and is free to members and their guests, so please come along, even if you cannot make it for the supper.</p>

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