AWB Charlesworth Solicitors



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## AWB Charlesworth Solicitors News round-up for the year so far....

What a busy 2017 we have had so far! In January we welcomed two senior solicitors to our Skipton and Bradford offices, in March we were shortlisted in the Skipton Business Awards, in May we received reaccreditation for the Law Society's Legal Practice Quality Mark, in June we won two Awards at the Keighley Business Awards and in July we held and supported charity events to raise funds for Martin House Hospice and Manorlands Hospice, in addition to welcoming three new lawyers to the Firm.

## Our 4th Annual Charity golf event in aid of Martin House Hospice raised almost £2,200!



Alongside Pearson and Associates Accountants, we held our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July as part of our ongoing support for our chosen Charity Partner Martin House Hospice. The event took place at The Bradford Golf Club, where fourteen teams of local business men and women competed in the 18 hole game, which included an attempt at 'beat the pro' and a competition for the straightest shot and nearest the line. In total the event raised almost £2200 for Martin House.

The day would not have been a success without the generosity and contributions of the local teams of players, the businesses who sponsored and donated prizes and the wonderful hospitality shown by The Bradford Golf Club.

Teams supporting the 2017 Golf Day were Manse Capital, Credit Risk Solutions, Bluefin Insurance, LSI Gifts, Dinsdale Moorland Services, G.Clarke Landscaping, Stuart Mulligan IFA, Trio and Bulloughs Cleaning. Raffle prizes were generously donated by The Midland Hotel, Bradford Sytner Audi Group, Pennine Cycles, Timothy Taylors, Badgequo, and Keelham Farm. Other sponsorship was provided by Ashberry, Verner Wheelock, Adams Tebb, Bluefin, Craven Energies, G.Clarke Landscaping, The Kings Head, Alexanders Bar, Dragons Den, Bulloughs Cleaning, Bizzie Lizzies, LSI and Brook Taverner.

Book your 2018 Golf team early to avoid disappointment– Friday 13th July. John Haigh of Martin House Hospice joined AWB Charlesworth and Pearson and Associates on the evening. He said: "It was an absolute delight to be invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual corporate golf day organised by Pearson & Associates and AWB Charlesworth Solicitors at The Bradford Golf Club on Friday. Martin House has worked in partnership with both these firms for more than 5 years, and it is the long term nature of this relationship which brings real value to all of the 550 local children and young people with life limiting conditions who are cared for and supported by Martin House each year. *As we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary* year this year and look forward to the next 30 years, we also celebrate our *good fortune in having such sustained* support from two businesses of the highest integrity. Many thanks from all at Martin House to both firms and to the players who dodged the showers and made the day".

**Declan Hayes,** Director at AWB Charlesworth Solicitors said; "We are delighted to have hosted our 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf event alongside Pearson and Associates- and are thrilled with the amount we raised and the support we received from our players, sponsors and clients who generously donated raffle prizes. We feel honored to raise awareness for Martin House and to help provide much needed funding for the valuable services they provide for children with life limiting illnesses. We look forward to our 2018 golf event, as well as continuing to raise funds throughout the year, including our AWB Charlesworth bake off which will take place in October".

Paul Mason, from Pearson and Associates commented: "As ever our golf day turns out to be a very special day. Special because listening to John Haigh and the work of the fantastic team and Martin House Hospice really puts everything else very much in to perspective. Well done Martin House, well done everyone who dug deep in to their pockets. Thanks as ever."

The 5<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Event will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at The Bradford Golf Club.** Places are limited. To book a team onto the event or for more information email melanie.crewe@awbclaw.co.uk.





## Double Award wins at the Keighley Business Awards!

Apprentice of the year and customer service of the year winners! The KBA's were held on 30<sup>th</sup> June where Paralegal Charlotte Gooch picked up the award for 'Best Apprentice/Trainee 2017' and the Firm as a whole were awarded 'Customer Service of the Year 2017'. Charlotte joined the practice in August 2014 as an Office Assistant, became a Commercial Paralegal in June 2015 and will begin her Training Contract to become a Solicitor in September 2017. Charlotte has been studying to complete her Legal Practice Course whilst working full time.

This is not the first time that a trainee from AWB Charlesworth Limited has won this accolade- in 2014 Christopher Cooper trainee commercial litigator received the award. Umberto Vietri, Director, Head of Commercial Law and Charlotte's supervisor said: 'We are delighted for Charlotte- all her hard work in completing her exams and working hard in the corporate department have paid off. A great achievement on her path to becoming a solicitor.'

Felicity Green, Practice Manager said of the Firm winning 'Customer Service of the Year:

'What our clients think of our service matters to us. We consistently review and consider the feedback provided by our clients and our goal is to continue to meet and exceed client expectations. Thanks go to all our staff for their part in helping us reach the shortlist and receive the Award.'





## Meet our 3 newest Conveyancing team members!



**Diane Bootland** 



Julie Morris



AnneMaria Morrin

AWB Charlesworth Solicitors have recently welcomed three new recruits to join their growing conveyancing teams within their Skipton, Keighley and Bingley offices.

**Diane Bootland** joins the Firm after working for over ten years as a Conveyancing Executive at large legal practices in Bradford. Diane will be working in the Bingley office and will deal with all types of residential transactions including freehold, leasehold, shared ownership, transfer of equities and remortgages. Her client base has always been extremely varied and wide ranging and Diane said that she is very much looking forward to 'getting back to the grass roots of dealing with local people in a local office.'

Julie Morris joins the Skipton Conveyancing team. She qualified as a solicitor in 2014 and brings with her a range of Residential Property experience. Julie said: 'I took the role at AWB Charlesworth Solicitors due to the Firm's friendly and approachable reputation, in addition to the firm having a strong and growing presence in Yorkshire.'

AnneMaria Morrin joins the Keighley Conveyancing department, working closely alongside Directors Martin Wood and Alan Davidson and three other lawyers, taking the property team at Keighley to six lawyers plus support staff. AnneMaria qualified in 1994 and has over 10 years' experience specializing in residential purchases, sales, remortgages and shared ownership. AnneMaria is dual qualified in the Republic of Ireland and the UK and gained her Law Master's degree from the University of Leeds in 2014. Having taken time out to have a family AnneMaria has completed some further legal studies prior to taking up the position at AWB Charlesworth Solicitors.

Felicity Green, Practice Manager, said 'our property team provides expert legal support on a range of commercial and residential property transactions from each of our four offices. Every member of the department is committed to excellent client care and the Firm invests in training throughout the year to ensure our lawyers are able to offer both technical expertise and practical legal support to commercial clients and private individuals alike.'

**Coming up:** We are running some networking events and charity events throughout the autumn—follow us on Twitter @awbcharlesworth or check our website to get involved.

AWB Charlesworth Solicitors aim to make life easier for you. Our team will provide you with expert legal advice for your personal life and your business presented clearly and efficiently. Each with their own specialist skills, our lawyers provide friendly local support backed by skilled expertise in a comprehensive range of legal services.

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