

## **Hull Incorporated Law Society**

### **President's report for May 2018 Annual General Meeting**

I have really enjoyed being President of the Hull Law Society for 2017/2018 and would like to thank the members, the Council and Bunty and Suzi for their support and assistance. Sarah Thomsen has also worked incredibly hard in ensuring the building is kept well maintained and has ensured the society can run smoothly day to day, as and when problems arise. Nathalie Stewart has also worked very hard in ensuring there is a constant stream of relevant courses for our members, building on her work as president from last year. Sarah and Nathalie have together also been very busy behind the scenes looking into the potential of Hull Incorporated Law Society assisting the court in their mediation service.

At the beginning of the year I conducted a survey to see what members really want to see from Hull Incorporated Law Society and was delighted to receive all positive feedback on the level of courses and social events organised.

Hull Incorporated Law Society has continued to be member of the Yorkshire Union of Law Societies and we are pleased to see Mr David Barraclough of the Yorkshire Union of Law societies, attending our AGM again today.

We continue to have strong ties with our regional Law Society managers, in particular Catherine Carter who has been in touch, attended meetings and kept us up to date with any developments.

We are pleased to welcome one of the three Yorkshire representatives, Mr Peter Wright, who is going to tell us a bit about what is happening at the

Law Society, on the Law Society Board and the recent changes business need to take as a result of GDPR.

In respect of our own events, the Ball was held at Hymers College in September 2017. We were blown away by the support of our sponsors and for our raffle and managed to raise £2,153.00 for Dove House Hospice! We were again very grateful for all the prizes we were given for the raffle and in particular the donation of £750 for a holiday through Andrew Earles and with the help of IFP.

We also managed to attract 176 guests, 60 or more or so than the previous year, reaching maximum capacity at the venue and also had to turn some people away! Even with a reduction in the ticket price we managed to make a profit of £1,900.00. Mr Richard Taylor has for this year secured a venue to accommodate more of you but I will let him tell you all about that.

We were also delighted to bring the Willis Mills prize back to life after a number of years. Our winner was Rachel Joyce of Andrew Jackson Solicitors. Please ensure all your current trainees apply this year and don't miss out on the opportunity of winning £100.00 and being on the council for one year.

As part of my year I have also started a Facebook page for Hull Incorporated Law Society which has now reached 101 members. We value the importance of keeping the society current and would love anyone who has not already done so to search for the Facebook group 'Hull Incorporated Law Society' and request to join. The group is a private group formed just for those who work at local firms. We have also had new members join throughout the year. I cannot emphasise enough on the importance on joining your solicitors from trainees to get advantage of the courses and keep the society running.

Lastly, I have attended some very interesting and varied events as the President. I've attended the Accountants' Annual ball, A Yorkshire Union of

Law Societies meeting, the Hull Remembrance Day Service, the Trinity Church Carols service, the Hull University Student Advice Centre opening night and the Holocaust Memorial Service. I will in October be a Judge at the Yorkshire Legal Awards and hope to see Hull represented there.

I know that our new nominated President Richard Taylor has lots of plans and good party planned. I wish him the best of luck and again would like to thank everyone for their support.