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Welcome to those of you who have taken your first steps as a Trainee Solicitor. Welcome back to those of you now entering your second year of training or those who qualified this year – now the real hard work begins. To see the new legal year in with a flourish we have a variety of events to whet your appetite, starting with the inaugural IFT event of the new intake next Monday 12 September, along with our welcome to a new year at Chameleon on 22 September. Both provide the perfect opportunity to renew your relationships and friendships from last year or to begin your association with the BTSS and other members of the junior legal profession. I look forward to meeting you.

As an introduction to the wider Birmingham legal community, please find enclosed the details of a number of events with the Birmingham Law Society and Birmingham Solicitors' Group, our qualified counterparts. In collaboration with those groups we will be jointly holding the Legal Eagles Quiz on 29 September 2011, so, why not test your wits against the best and the brightest in our legal community (all proceeds of which go to charity). If you are interested in taking part but are unable to put together an entire team please contact me (alex.wild@nichollsco.co.uk) as we hope to put together a team to represent the BTSS.

As for the coming year, we have a number of events coming up to help you bed into life as a Trainee Solicitor or prepare you for qualification. With a number of skills events and value added events scheduled for the autumn we hope to help you develop those skills you will find useful as both a trainee and a solicitor in later life. For the time being however we wish you a happy and productive September and look forward to greeting you in the near future.

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Save the date – 28 October 2011

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Free drinks? Now we're talking

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WHAT'S ON IN BRUM

If it's not awesome, it's not going in.

KEY DATES

BLS Trimega Event

8 Sept 2011

Talk the Talk Welcome Event

22 Sept 2011

Legal Eagles Quiz

29 September 2011

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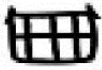
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BTSS ANNUAL DINNER



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THE



WELCOME DRINKS EVENT



We would like to welcome the new September intake of trainees to Birmingham!

To help them to get to know the trainees and NQs at their own and other firms, the BTSS would like to invite you to get your drink on and your talk on at an informal drinks and speed networking event.



FREE for members
(£5 for non-members)



Where:
Chameleon



When:
22 September from 6.30pm onwards

Why:
... why not?





**Birmingham
Law Society**



Birmingham Law Society, Birmingham Solicitors' Group & Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society Legal Eagles Annual Quiz

Date: Tuesday 29th September 2011

Time: 6.00pm onwards

Venue: Birmingham City Centre (TBC)

Ticket price: £10 per individual

Teams: Maximum of 8 people per team

Do you work for the smartest legal organisation in the West Midlands?

Birmingham Law Society, Birmingham Solicitors' Group and Birmingham Trainee Solicitors Society are hosting their second annual quiz to establish exactly who is the most knowledgeable firm/chambers in this region.

Teams must be entered on behalf of each legal organisation and should consist of between 3 and 8 people. There is no restriction on the number of teams entered by a particular organisation.

A trophy will be awarded to the winning team and there will be coverage in the next edition of the BLS Bulletin.

The quiz will be hosted by Ed James, Heart FM DJ.

For the past 8 years, Ed James has been waking up Birmingham and the Midlands on the regions biggest and most listened to Breakfast show. He's a keen supporter of local charities and over the past 12 months has helped raise money for amongst others Mencap, Acorns, the Terence Higgins Trust and is currently an ambassador for a charity very close to his heart the NSPCC.

To secure your teams place,

[click here](#) for the registration form and email to: events@birminghamlawsociety.co.uk

All proceeds from the quiz will be donated to Acorns Children's Hospice and Midlands Legal Support Trust.





SPORTS ROOM



- IFT POINTS**
- 42 Higgs & Sons**
 - 28 Shoosmiths**
 - 25 Anthony Collins**
 - 23 Wragge & Co**
 - 20 Gateley**
 - 19 Pinsents**
 - 17 Misfits**
 - 16 St Philips**
 - 16 Cobbetts**
 - 13 Mills & Reeve**
 - 13 Shakespeares**
 - 11 DBS Law**
 - 11 Squire Sanders Hammonds**
 - 9 Weightmans**
 - 5 Wilkes Partnership**
 - 2 Martineau**
 - DLA Piper**
 - Eversheds**
 - Irwin Mitchell**



Please contact Kay Patel on
kay_patel@wragge.com
 with score updates

FINAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Eversheds	10	10	0	0	88	42	46	30
Shakespeares	10	7	0	3	86	71	15	21
Mills & Reeve	10	6	2	2	85	51	34	20
Challinors	10	5	2	3	96	73	23	17
Anthony Collins	10	3	6	1	46	37	9	15
Pinsents	10	4	1	5	54	66	-12	13
Shoosmiths	10	3	3	4	90	96	-6	12
DLA Piper	10	2	3	5	53	59	-6	9
Gateley	10	2	2	6	62	75	-13	8
Martineau	10	1	4	5	33	64	-31	7
Weightmans	10	1	1	8	50	100	-50	4



FINAL NETBALL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Higgs & Sons	13	12	0	1	254	68	186	36
Weightmans	13	9	0	1	181	92	89	36
S S Hammonds	13	8	1	4	143	153	-10	25
Wragge & Co	13	8	0	5	184	134	50	24
Eversheds	13	8	0	5	193	147	46	24
Anthony Collins	13	7	0	6	144	162	-18	21
Martineau	13	6	1	6	146	108	38	19
Shakespeare	13	6	1	6	138	113	25	19
Pinsents	13	6	0	7	135	191	-56	18
DLA Piper	13	5	2	6	104	157	-53	17
Cobbetts	13	3	1	9	94	136	-42	10
Gateley	13	2	2	9	62	131	-69	8
Mills & Reeve	13	2	0	11	85	249	-164	6
Shoosmiths	13	0	1	12	23	72	-49	1





Trimega Laboratories BBQ & Cocktails Event



Date and Time: Thursday 8th September 2011, 6.00pm onwards

Venue: Mint Hotel, 1 Brunswick Square, Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2HW ([Click here](#))

Ticket price: Free for members, £15 plus VAT for non members

Come and join us at Mint Hotel in Birmingham for our barbeque and cocktails networking event.

Trimega Laboratories is a leading provider of substance misuse testing services. The company's UK clients include family law practitioners, courts, social services, local authorities and the NHS. In addition to sponsoring Birmingham Law Society, Trimega is also a contributor to a number of children's charities including the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, National Association of Children's Contact Centres and Red Balloon.

To confirm attendance, please email Melanie Yuill events@birminghamlawsociety.co.uk

Places are limited so reserve your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



Great North Run sponsorship Michael Linford



Mike, a member of the BTSS, is currently in the final stages of training for the GNR and is running in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. He's hoping to raise as much money as possible, so would be grateful for any support he receives.

His donation page is www.Justgiving.com/Michael-Linford and he would be extremely grateful if you'd make a donation!



BTSS 11-a-side Football

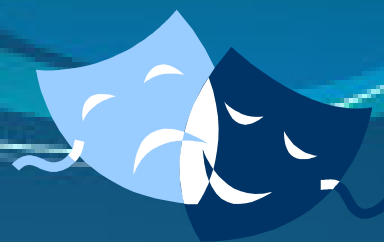


The BTSS 11-a-side football team has existed for over 10 years and continues to play in the Birmingham Office Football League. The League consists of a number of teams from offices around Birmingham, including Wragge & Co, Ernst & Young and KPMG, and involves 11 a side matches played at Hadley Stadium (on Astroturf) on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

The team is always looking for new players, and is open to all. The captain of the BTSS team is David Curtis, and he would be interested in hearing from you if you would like to play.

Any interested players should please contact David Curtis, Senior Crown Prosecutor at CPS Birmingham, 0121 262 1671, David.Curtis@cps.gsi.gov.uk.

WHAT'S ON IN BRUM



COMEDY

NIA

Lee Evans (22-26 Sep)
Paddy McGuinness (6 Oct)

Glee Club

Sean Collins, Marty McLean,
Steve Shanyaski and Ninia
Benjamin (18-20 Aug)
Chris Ramsey, Lucy Porter
and Phil Nichol (13 Oct)

CINEMA

Broad Street

www.cineworld.co.uk

New Street

www.odeon.co.uk

Star City

www.myvue.com

Birmingham Great Park

www.empirecinemas.co.uk

Films currently showing

A Better Life
Beautiful Lies
Bodyguard
Captain America: The
First Avenger
Conan the Barbarian
Cowboys & Aliens
Delhi Belly
Final Destination 5
Harry Potter and the Deathly
Hallows Pt 2
Horrible Bosses
The Inbetweeners Movie
Larry Crowne
Mr Poppers Penguins
One Day
One Life
Rise of the Planet of the Apes
The Smurfs
Super 8
The Tree of Life

MUSIC & DANCE

HMV Institute

Hayseed Dixie (21 Sep)
Guillemots (9 Nov)

LG

Rihanna (15 Oct and 18 Nov)
Britney Spears (30 Oct)
The Saturdays (8 Dec)

NIA

Katy Perry (26 Oct)
A Question of Sport (9 Nov)
Kasabian (6 Dec)

O2 Academy

Noah and the Whale (14 Oct)
The Pigeon Detectives (15 Nov)

ARTS

ARTSFEST

<http://www.artsfest.org.uk/>

10 - 11 September (all day)
Centenary Square, Victoria
Square and New Street

A free annual festival of arts
held in Centenary Square in
the heart of the city which
includes comedians, bands,
dance, orchestras, artists
and singers.

<http://www.bmag.org.uk/>

Free entry to Birmingham
museum and art galleries.

THEATRE & MUSEUMS

Alexandra Theatre - <http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com>

The Jungle Book (20-24 Sep)
Legally Blonde (4-12 Oct)

Crescent Theatre - <http://www.crescent-theatre.co.uk>

Talking Heads (10-17 Sep)
Macbeth (29 Oct-12 Nov)

Hippodrome - <http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com>

Evita (12 Sep - 24 Sep)
The Nutcracker (25 Nov - 11 Dec)

REP - <http://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk>

Ostrich Boys (9 Sep - 22 Oct)
The Importance of Being Earnest (9 Sep - 22 Oct)

<http://www.thsh.co.uk>

Discounted tickets available to under 25's to watch productions
at Town Hall and Symphony Hall.