

CORNWALL LAW SOCIETY

MIDWEEK UPDATE – 22nd February 2023 jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk



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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Managing Partners' Lunch – Thursday 25th May 2023

The second quarterly lunch of 2023 will be on Thursday 25th May in the Duchy Suite at the Alverton Hotel from 12 noon.



Unfortunately, Ryan Senior of Paragon was unable to be at the February lunch so we are hoping he will be well enough to join us at the May lunch.

I am delighted to confirm that Brad Osman, co-founder of Man Down Cornwall has agreed to speak.

Invitations will be going out in due course but in the meantime, I am taking reservations. (jan.long@cornwalllawsociety.org.uk)



What would you like Cornwall Law Society to do for you?

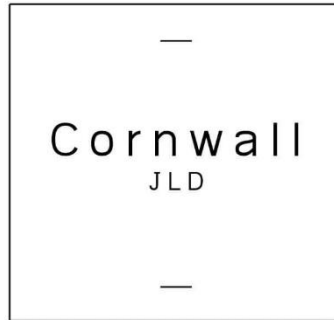
There are lots of things quietly being planned in the background – courses, networking and social events, but what would you like to see Cornwall Law Society do.

Would you be interested in attending a FIRST FRIDAY or THIRSTY THURSDAY gathering in a local hostelry once a month? If so, where is 'local' for you? Would Truro or St Austell or Liskeard suit?

- What ideas do you have?
- Courses you would like to see?
- Networking events?

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Cornwall Junior Lawyers Division



Invite you to attend
Afternoon tea



Atlantic Hotel, Newquay

Saturday 25th March 2.30pm

If you would like to attend, please email Clare Hall chall@cvc-solicitors.co.uk by 2nd March. We look forward to seeing you there!



In the UK, February is LGBTQ+ History Month, which was introduced to celebrate the history of people in the community and how far the movement has come. Below are some of the milestones. This year's History Month coincides with a major milestone in the UK - 20 years since Section 28 was repealed, a law which prevented the "promotion of homosexuality".

First gender reassignment surgery In 1948, the first ever gender reassignment surgery was performed on Roberta Cowell, a transwoman. Roberta legally changed her gender on her official documentation and lived until the age of 92 as 'Betty'. She passed away in her London home in 2011. In her autobiography, Betty wrote: "What I knew deep down inside me though not consciously: my nature was essentially feminine and in some way my world was out of joint."



Wolfenden Report published The Wolfenden Committee was formed in 1954 to look at the extensive laws in place banning homosexuality in the UK, as the number of gay men who were being imprisoned per year for 'homosexual acts' had reached over 1,000. The Wolfenden Report was then published on September 5, 1957. Partial decriminalisation in 1967 meant that it was no longer illegal to be gay but prosecutions for 'gross indecency' rose and the LGBTQ+ community continued to be persecuted. This term was not removed from the statutes until 2004.



Stonewall riots- Stonewall is often regarded as a watershed moment for LGBTQ+ history and although it was sparked in New York City, USA, the impact was felt in the UK too. Police raided The Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969, and arrested 13 people. Momentum gathered and a full-blown riot was happening within minutes, sparking numerous LGBTQ+ groups to galvanise and push to gain equal rights. On the first-year anniversary of the riots, the Christopher Street Liberation Day march was organised and marks the first ever gay pride parade in America. The chant, "say it loud, gay is proud" is still used today at pride, with many other iterations heard too. In 1972, on the third anniversary, London held its first ever pride parade - despite the fact members of the LGBTQ+ were still being arrested for their sexuality.

Section 28 introduced - The British government introduced Section 28 of the Local Government Act in May 1988, as an amendment to the existing act. It prohibited schools and libraries from the "promotion of homosexuality", meaning nothing could be taught about LGBTQ+ experiences or issues to the younger generation. It also meant support groups for teens struggling with their sexuality were disbanded. It was not until 2003 that Section 28 was repealed.

WHO declassified homosexuality - Up until 1992, homosexuality was defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as a mental illness. This allowed for practices such as conversion therapy and other so-called "cures" to be inflicted upon members of the LGBTQ+ community - some of which are still continued to this day. It was in 2019 that being transgender was no longer considered a mental illness by WHO.

Also in the mid-Nineties, the age of consent for same-sex relationships between men was lowered to 18 from 21 thanks to advice given in the Wolfenden Report, and in 2001 that it was reduced to 16 to match those of heterosexual relationships. This paved the way for a slew of rule changes such as in 2000 when the ban was lifted on gay or bisexual people joining the armed forces. The year 2002 saw a major win with the legalisation of adoption for same-sex couples and unmarried couples who were also barred.

Same-sex marriage legalised – On 29th March 2014 the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act, legalising marriage for same-sex couples in England and Wales, came into force with couples saying their vows at midnight, hoping to be the first legal same-sex marriage.

In January 2023, UK Culture Secretary Michelle Donelan said **in a written statement** that the bill to ban conversion therapy would be published shortly would "protect everyone, including those targeted on the basis of their sexuality, or being transgender".



The LGBTQ+ Solicitors Network is the community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) lawyers and our allies. We provide an opportunity for LGBTQ+ solicitors to have their voice heard.

[About the LGBTQ+ Solicitors Network | The Law Society](#)



THIRTY UNDER THIRTY 2023 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations are now open for Cornwall's 30 under 30 – a celebration of the Duchy's brightest young business talent.

Now in their eighth year, the awards, which are organised by Cornwall Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Whyfield, Business Cornwall magazine, Pirate FM, Coodes and Truro and Penwith College recognise 30 of the Duchy's most innovative young businesspeople in Cornwall. This year 30 under 30 will also be supported by Chamber Surge of Entrepreneurs.

To be eligible for the award, 30 under 30 candidates must be employed, or self-employed, under the age of 30 on March 18th 2023 and living and working in Cornwall.

Nominations can come from friends, family, employer, colleagues or the individual themselves. The judges are looking for nominations that represent the true diversity Cornwall has to offer and the unique contribution these passionate and talented people are adding to the Duchy.

Nominating yourself or your Thirty Under Thirty Candidate is easy! Simply download and complete the Nomination Form by clicking [HERE](#) and return via email to ella@cornwallchamber.co.uk.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday 28th February 2023!!

Courses

25 April 2023, Early Evening - Accounting for Solicitors – everything you need to know. Speakers from PKJF Francis Clark, Truro.

20th June 2023 – Commercial Property Update 2023 by Hannah McKinlay, St Austell Conference Centre

Sponsored by X-Press Legal Services. Initial flyer circulated last week.

12th September 2023 – Private Client Update 2023 by Lesley King. Truro Venue TBC

Sponsored by Kin Probate.

19th October 2023 – Residential Property Update 2023 by Davide Keighley, St Austell Conference Centre

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JOB VACANCIES

Cornwall Council, Truro – Senior Lawyer – Planning & Highways (flexible working available)

Coodes, Truro – Private Client Solicitor, Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

Coodes, Truro/St Austell/Falmouth – Family Solicitor Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

Coodes, Holsworthy – Commercial Property Solicitor, Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

Coodes, Mid-West Cornwall – Commercial Property Solicitor, Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

Coodes, Cornwall – Dispute Resolution Solicitor, Full time (Part time and/or other locations will be considered)

C Nicholls Solicitors, Bodmin – Private Family Lawyer and Duty Solicitor for Partnership

Neil Gilbert Solicitors, Helston – Probate Practitioner

Penderlaw, Truro – Various positions available, please visit their website for more details

Walters & Barbary – Family Solicitor/Legal Executive

Parnalls, Launceston – Experienced Residential Property lawyer

CVC Solicitors, Penzance – Commercial Lawyers

Parnalls, Launceston - Experience Commercial & Residential Property lawyer

Randle Thomas, Helston – Residential Conveyancer

Randle Thomas, Helston – General Commercial lawyer

Hine Downing, Falmouth – Experienced Commercial Property Solicitor / CILEx

Merricks, Wadebridge – Commercial Property Solicitor

Merricks, Wadebridge – Full-time Residential Conveyancer

Paddle & Cocks, Truro, across county and nationally, offering flexible working – Recruiting across several sectors, Employment, Corporate, Commercial, Commercial Property, Commercial Disputes (more details on their website)

Locums are always welcome to register with CLS. It will come as no surprise to you that there is a shortage of locums. If you know of anyone working in this way, please have them get in touch with me. Thank you.